

The Alleghany News

AND STAR-TIMES—(CONSOLIDATED ON SEPTEMBER 2, 1941)—ALLEGHANY COUNTY'S ONLY NEWSPAPER.

Buy more War Bonds now for future security, too!

VOLUME 55, NO. 48

\$1.50 a Year in Alleghany County

SPARTA, NORTH CAROLINA

\$2.00 a Year Out of County

THURSDAY, AUG. 17, 1944

Ceiling Price On Potatoes Raised By Doughton

Raise Effective Only During August; Early Market Is Advised

Farmers of Alleghany and other surrounding counties will welcome the news that the ceiling price on Irish potatoes has been raised from \$2.70 per hundred to \$3.80 until August 31. The 90 cent boost in price for August was made due to the drought throughout this area, it was explained.

Following closely a series of conferences with Representative Robert L. Doughton, OPA announced, effective Thursday, a price increase of 90 cents per hundred weight from the shipping point in the maximum prices for potatoes produced during August in North and South Carolina and Georgia.

The increase was permitted in order to allow for a substantial reduction in yield due to drought, and OPA further explained it was in accordance with the new stabilization act, it was quite obvious however that the pressure of Mr. Doughton and other leaders had had a telling effect.

The action puts North Carolina potato growers on a price parity with those of Virginia and Tennessee and answers the objections of those who had complained strongly and with great justification at price discrimination against Tar Heel potatoes.

The new price for potatoes in (Continued on Page Four)

Mrs. Absher Dies Suddenly, Thurs.

Faded Away At The Home Of Her Sister While Visiting At Laurel Springs

Mrs. Roxie Miller Absher, of Washington, D. C., died suddenly at the home of her sister, Mrs. Belle Johnson, of Laurel Springs, on August 16. She had been visiting in Alleghany for several weeks. Mrs. Absher, who was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John S. Miller, of Laurel Springs, was well known in the county and moved to Washington several years ago.

Funeral service was held at Pleasant Hill Baptist church near Statesville on August 17, with Eld. B. P. Broadway officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Surviving are seven sons: Edgar, George, Vernis, Adam and Thomas Absher, all of Washington, D. C., and Spencer Absher, of Pocatello, Idaho and one daughter, Mrs. O. R. Davidson, of Washington, D. C.

She is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Alice Joiner, of Forest Hill Md., and Mrs. Betty Blackburn, of Trap Hill. Four half brothers, Horst Miller, Fred Miller, Sid Miller and Ed Miller, all of Laurel Springs; two half sisters, Mrs. F. C. Johnson and Mrs. Paul Church, of North Wilkesboro and a niece, Mrs. T. S. Moxley, of Laurel Springs, also survive.

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

Holy Stone

Cleanliness is the first order of every American soldier and sailor and the United States Government spends millions upon millions of dollars to keep our fighting men as clean and as healthy as circumstances will permit.



"Wash the deck!" cries out a petty officer and the men fall to with their "holy stone" equipment and in a short time everything is spick and span.

Buy War Bonds and more War Bonds and you know that you are sharing in the effort that will free the world from war and domination.

Allies Meet Slight Opposition In New Landings In France

INJURED IN ACTION



Lt. Bower A. Irwin, of Stratford, was wounded in action in France in July, according to a message recently received by his wife. Lt. Irwin has been in service since 1933. He was stationed in Hawaii for some time before receiving his commission in 1943.



Pfc. Bert Oscar Evans, brother of Mrs. Kilby Atwood, of Twin Oaks, is now serving on the Italian front, after recovering from wounds he received in action in February. Pfc. Evans took part in the battle of Rome and was with the first American soldiers who entered the captured city.

Miss Truitt Is Member Of Spars

Miss Myrtle Truitt, of Sparta, was sworn into the Women's Reserve, U. S. Coast Guard Reserve, as an apprentice seaman in the Spars last Friday in Raleigh, and will soon be ordered to the U. S. Coast Guard Training Station at Palm Beach, Fla., for indoctrination.

Miss Truitt, Alleghany's first woman to join the Spars, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Truitt, of Sparta. She is a graduate of Sparta high school with the class of '40 and attended business college in Akron, Ohio. She was secretary to Mayor R. F. Crouse for a number of months, after which she was employed in Akron as a stenographer.

Will Elect Soil Conservation Supervisors; Good Record

The N. C. soil conservation committee announced yesterday, in Raleigh, that an election would be held in the New River Soil Conservation District to elect three supervisors to serve on the five-man board of supervisors for a term of three years. Dillon Edwards, Alleghany county; J. C. Little and J. W. Gambill, of Ashe county were elected when the district was organized to serve a three-year term which expires this month. Wade Eller, Ashe county, chairman of the Board, and Alton Thompson, Alleghany county, secretary of the Board, were appointed by the State Committee to complete the five-man

Are Reported To Be Within Thirty-five Miles Of Paris Yesterday

Thousands of allied troops, mainly Americans and French, swarmed onto the south coast in the second invasion of France on a broad front between Marseille and Nice Tuesday, seized and extended firm beachheads against inconsequential German opposition, and drove northward with the avowed intention of joining the allies in Northwestern France.

An allied communique at 10:40 p. m., said American and French troops before dawn took the Sentinel islands of Port Cros and Levant, ten miles off the coast, and seized Cap Negre, on the mainland due north of the islands and 28 miles east of Toulon.

The German high command reported Wednesday that Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's tanks had smashed within 35 miles of Paris in an explosive new offensive into Central France on a 100-mile front, leaving far behind the beaten remnants of the German seventh army in the Falaise trap.

Other specific locations were not given, the beaches being placed merely in the 125-mile strip of coast between Marseille and Nice.

The Germans caught in the Normandy death trap were being hammered mercilessly yesterday in the climactic battle for Northwestern France and an American officer declared the enemy forces "have ceased to exist as an army."

Rain, which fell in sheets across the battlefield and sent the swarms of warplanes back to bases, was the only hope of Field Marshal Gen. Guenther Von Kluge, trying to extricate his forces through a shellfought gap below Falaise now narrowed to nine miles.

DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAS MEETING

Ira T. Johnston attended the N. C. Democratic Executive committee meeting in Raleigh this week, when William B. Umpstead was named as chairman. He succeeds Monroe M. Redden. Mrs. B. B. Everett was chosen as vice-chairman. Her name was placed in renomination by Mr. Johnston.

County Exceeds Aug. Bond Quota

Alleghany county has already surpassed the August war bond quota of \$5,975.00 by more than \$700.00 with the month only half gone, chairman Alton Thompson announced late yesterday afternoon.

Sales of "E" bonds in the county thus far have amounted to \$6,712.50 and the quota is expected to be doubled before the month ends, he pointed out.

The county has never failed to meet and exceed the monthly bond quotas as well as all quotas in the special drives, he reminded citizens.

"It is a record of which we may be proud and I want to thank every person who has bought bonds for their co-operation in making the drives a success," Mr. Thompson stated.

Fleas, Rats May Transmit Polio

It was revealed this week by Dr. John S. Gault, that many experts now believe that infantile paralysis may be transmitted by fleas, as well as rats.

It was pointed out that a large number of the children admitted to the hospital at Hickory showed traces of flea bites.

These, as a usual thing, come from pets, such as cats, dogs, rats, or other animals. Parents are asked to use insecticides on animals, particularly cats and dogs, to rid them of fleas.

Fleas have long been considered to be unhealthful, as well as annoying, to animals and particularly to humans. Authorities urge that buildings infested with fleas be thoroughly cleaned and treated.

Japanese Vessels Are Trapped Off Saipan



U. S. Marines have a grandstand view as artillerymen shell Japanese vessels in Tanapah harbor. Fleeing Japs tried to escape from Saipan in a few ships they had anchored in the harbor but they didn't quite make it. The puffed oil drums in the foreground are part of an enemy dump which suffered direct hits from American naval gunfire. (Marine Corps Photo)

County Paper Is Commended For Service Rendered

Receives Certificate Of Appreciation From 4th Service Command Of Army

The Alleghany News has received a certificate of appreciation from headquarters of 4th Service Command of the Army Service Forces, located in Atlanta, Ga.

The certificate addressed to the paper is signed by Major General F. E. Uhl, commanding officer, read as follows: "For public service rendered under adverse conditions in time of war: The news media in the Fourth Service Command have rendered valued patriotic service by keeping the civilian members of the national military team intelligently informed both of the news and the needs of the military. Their sustained, energetic support contributes directly to our certain victory."

Applications Of Farmers Wanted

Farmers of Alleghany who sold milk or milk products during the months of May and June, and have not filed an application for payment on these sales, should do so as soon as possible.

The last day on which payment can be made for dairy products sold during these two months is August 31, 1944, according to C. G. Collins, chairman of the AAA committee.

Blanks on which applications are to be filed may be obtained at the AAA office in Sparta. The rate of payment for this period of sales is 65 cents per hundred pounds of milk and 6 cents per pound for butterfat in butter or cream sold, it was explained.

Mrs. Ed Taylor and daughter, Shirley Ann, and Mrs. Bessie Critcher, left Monday for Bel Air, Md., where Mrs. Taylor will join her husband and Mrs. Critcher will visit relatives.

Sugar Stamp 33 Is Valid Sept 1

Washington—Sugar stamp No. 33 in War Ration Book Four will be valid September 1 for buying five pounds of sugar, the Office of Price Administration announced.

The stamp will be good indefinitely. Other sugar stamps usable now are No. 30, 31, 32 as well as the "canning sugar" stamp No. 40.

Anderson Speaks To Alabama Press

Ed M. Anderson is in Birmingham, this week, where he is a guest speaker on the program of the Alabama Press association.

Mr. Anderson, who is chairman of the legislative committee of the NEA, is also a member of the advertising committee. He will speak to the Alabama group on newspapers and postwar planning.

84 County Men Are Classified By Board; 37 Are Placed In I-A

Davis Family Has 4 Sons Serving In Army, Navy

One Son Recently Returned From 29 Months' Duty In The Southwest Pacific

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Davis, of Whitehead, join the ranks of Alleghany families with four sons in service. "We are mighty proud of them," Mr. Davis stated, "but we are looking forward to the day when we will have them all home again."

The four boys, all of them in different parts of the world, have seen action on one war front or another, one in France in the invasion, one in Italy, another in Guadalcanal and the other, who is in the Navy, in South America, has been on board ship for a number of months but has engaged in no actual battles.

The oldest son, Cpl. Earl Davis, entered the service in 1941 and has been overseas for the past two years. His parents were recently notified that he was wounded in action on June 6, (D-Day), in France. He is now in a hospital in England recovering from a broken arm and leg. Cpl. Davis received his training at Fort Meade, Md.

Pfc. Bert Davis, who recently (Continued on Page 4)

Anderson Speaks To Alabama Press

Ed M. Anderson is in Birmingham, this week, where he is a guest speaker on the program of the Alabama Press association. Mr. Anderson, who is chairman of the legislative committee of the NEA, is also a member of the advertising committee. He will speak to the Alabama group on newspapers and postwar planning.

Rules For Mailing Christmas Packages Overseas Are Cited

It is a long time until Christmas, in the minds of most Americans, particularly those who wait until the last minute to do Christmas shopping, but regardless of the hot weather, it is not too early to begin thinking about those packages to be sent overseas. These must be mailed between September 15 and October 15 to be assured that they will be delivered on time, it was announced today by postal officials.

Urging that more care be taken in wrapping and packing parcels securely and addressing them clearly and correctly, the following rules were suggested:

The address of the sender and the addressee should be written

Seventeen Classified In 4-F; Complete List Is Published Today

The local board announced classifications of 84 Alleghany men for military service this week when 37 were placed in I-A and 17 in 4-F.

The classification list is as follows:

- I-A: Joe W. Finney, Emmitt R. Andrews, Oscar W. Billings, Barber T. Andrews, Talmadge R. Burchette, Edwin J. McKnight, Guy W. Wagoner, Gwyn D. Moxley, Charles K. Evans, Felix Loggins, Leonard M. Triplett, Charles B. Gentry, Hoy Ellis, Garnie D. Bryant, James H. Spurlin, Eldon W. Pruitt, Otis M. Brinegar, Wayne Smith, Claude M. Farmer, Franklin C. Shaw Thomas Spurlin, Elgin J. Bennett, Bane R. Roberts, George E. Crouse, Roscoe M. Crouse, James R. Crouse, Charles R. Whitaker, Steve Loggins, Joe H. Bobbitt, Bert O. Evans, Garcia G. Burchette, Wayne Roberts, Burnette J. Wilson, Paul V. Rash, Cecil E. Crouse, William Crouse and Dean M. Bell.

I-A (L): Leroy D. Baugus.

2-A: Joe C. Kenney and Howard B. Gaylord.

2-A (F): William L. Hudson, Sam Barker and Larry W. Brooks.

2-B: Alton G. Landreth and Howard F. McMillan.

2-C: Robert L. Evans.

(Continued from Page One)

Sugar Stamp 33 Is Valid Sept 1

Washington—Sugar stamp No. 33 in War Ration Book Four will be valid September 1 for buying five pounds of sugar, the Office of Price Administration announced.

The stamp will be good indefinitely. Other sugar stamps usable now are No. 30, 31, 32 as well as the "canning sugar" stamp No. 40.

Rules For Mailing Christmas Packages Overseas Are Cited

It is a long time until Christmas, in the minds of most Americans, particularly those who wait until the last minute to do Christmas shopping, but regardless of the hot weather, it is not too early to begin thinking about those packages to be sent overseas. These must be mailed between September 15 and October 15 to be assured that they will be delivered on time, it was announced today by postal officials.

Urging that more care be taken in wrapping and packing parcels securely and addressing them clearly and correctly, the following rules were suggested:

The address of the sender and the addressee should be written

inside the package as well as outside to assure delivery in case the outside wrapper is lost. Containers made of metal, wood or fiberboard are preferable. Parcels must not exceed five pounds, nor be more than 15 inches in length or 36 inches in length and girth combined. "Christmas Parcel" should be marked plainly on the outside. One sender must mail no more than one parcel a week to the same addressee. Perishable goods, intoxicants, inflammable materials and anything that may damage other mail, may not be sent. Sharp instruments must be protected carefully.

Lambs Sold In Pool Bring More Than \$7,400.00

Average Around \$9.25 Each In Sale; Duncan Makes The Largest Shipment

Lambs which were pooled here recently, were sold last week to the Kerns commission company, Jersey City, N. J., and netted Alleghany sheep growers \$7,470.00, R. E. Black, county agent, announced yesterday.

In this second shipment of the summer, farmers pooled 810 lambs, three times as many as in the previous shipment. Blues brought 15c per pound, reds, 14c and yellows, 11c, Mr. Black pointed out. Lambs averaged around \$9.25 each.

The largest shipment in the pool was made by Edwin Duncan, who shipped 77 lambs, 53 of them graded as choice.

Men Are Injured In Wreck Sunday

Cars Met In Head-on Collision At Twin Oaks; Hare In Hospital

A car driven by Jay Duncan, of Sparta, met in a head-on collision with another driven by Arthur Hare, of Wagoner, on Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock, in a curve near Green Gables, when several men were slightly injured.

Occupants of both cars were given first aid treatment for cuts and bruises here and Hare was carried to the Wilkes hospital, suffering from internal injuries.

Officers investigating the wreck stated that Hare, who was driving toward Twin Oaks, was on the wrong side of the road. Duncan, in an effort to miss the oncoming car, swerved to the left, just as Hare cut back to his side of the road and the two cars met head-on. Neither car was a fast one, they hit, but...

Hare, who was driving on a license, was reported to be under the influence of liquor. There was also evidence of whiskey in the Duncan car, but the driver had not been drinking, officers testified. Hurst Bennett and Glade Caudill were riding in the Duncan car but Hare was alone.

Duncan is scheduled to leave for induction into the Navy on Friday. No charge were preferred against either party, pending the condition of Hare. Further investigation of the wreck is being made, officers said.

TO CLEAN ZION CEMETERY

It was announced this week that all interested persons would meet at Zion church on Tuesday, August 29, for the purpose of cleaning the church cemetery.

Everyone interested in the upkeep of the cemetery is urged to be present.

Mrs. C. A. Thompson is visiting her sister, Mrs. Bryan Collins, in Asheville.

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

Powder Monkey

On board ship and in the artillery their buddies call them "powder monkeys." Not disrespectful, just a personal, intimate term between friends. Civilians call them gun crews. During a battle the crews of "powder monkeys" must work like trojans bringing the ammunition to the guns.



The gun crew are on and abroad. 50 caliber shot or a grenade from the 18 inch guns of a great battleship, but in either event the "powder monkey" must pass millions of dollars' worth of ammunition to make the gun effective, and your savings in War Bonds are necessary to supply the ammunition that provides the power.

U. S. Treasury Department