

## List Of County Teachers Announced By Board

### Bus Drivers For County Schools Announced Today

Drivers Are Well Trained; County Operates 16 School Buses

School bus drivers for the approaching school term were announced today by Supt. Clyde Fields.

Before being permitted to drive a school bus, each driver had to attend a special school conducted by the state safety division and the highway patrol. They must pass two tests, a written and road test and every driver must have a certificate.

In Alleghany county at present, there are 16 school buses, operated by an identical number of regular drivers. Buses make 25 trips daily, averaging 30.3 miles per trip, making a total of 485 miles daily mileage. The average number of pupils per bus is 78; average number per trip is 45. The total number of pupils transferred daily is 1,132.

Buses are kept in excellent condition at the county garage, under the direction of J. Paul Miles.

Drivers, together with the schools served are as follows:

Sparta—Rex Richardson, Wayne Carpenter, Frank Richardson, Kyle Gentry, Oliver Sidden, Elmer Blevins, Clell Caudill, Tom Handy and Lon Reeves.

Piney Creek—(Incomplete): Edward Woodie, Fred A. Pugh and R. L. Souther.

Little Pine—Worth Medley, Rich Hill—Ray Wagoner, Laurel Springs—Robert Bowens.

### Alleghany Men Leave For Army

25 Men Classified This Week; 12 In 2-A; 13 In Various Other Classes

Eight Alleghany men left Monday for induction into the army at Camp Croft, following physical examinations several weeks ago.

Those leaving included: Thomas Ray Joines, Willie Wayne Smithers, James William Shaw, Jessie McOsborne, George Ed Irwin, Wallace Beverly Halsey, Clive Walter Stoker and McKinley Robert Williams.

The local board this week also announced classifications of 25 men for military service.

Classifications are as follows: 1-A: David D. Duncan and Willie L. Maines.

2-A: Arlice D. Farmer, Lake K. Boyer, Sam L. Porter, Folger T. Wagoner, Gilbert H. Noonkester, Everette J. Houck, James L. Joines, Jefferson L. O'Neal, Thomas E. Atwood, Howard W. Dowell, Lee G. Edwards and Thomas E. Miller.

2-A (F): James A. Richardson and Fred F. Johnson.

2-B: Bert A. Combs, Charles K. Evans and Roscoe E. Williams.

2-C: Joseph W. Holloway and Arvil Lyon.

2-C (F): Martin E. Serber.

1-C (Ind.): Robert R. Allen, Thomas Ray Joines and James H. Honaker.

### Congress May Aid Claude S. Crouse

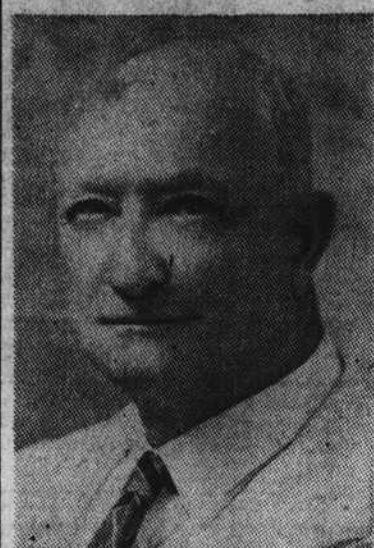
Washington—Congressman R. L. Doughton has introduced in the House a bill for the relief of Claude S. Crouse, formerly of Sparta, now of Woodstown, N. J., victim of an accident five years ago in which he suffered serious injuries, never collected a dime of damages and felt he was justified in pushing a claim against the Government.

The accident occurred in September, 1939, when Mr. Crouse crashed into a WPA truck improperly parked on the Sparta highway. Chief injuries were to his face. He sued the driver in Superior Court, got a judgment of \$4,000 damages but that was that. The driver was unable to pay the judgment. Now, Mr. Crouse, through the medium of Congressman Doughton, is asking the Government to reimburse him.

The bill has gone to the Claims Committee for review.

## Alleghany Baptist Association Will Convene Next Week

DIED WEDNESDAY



Dr. B. E. Reeves, who died at his home in West Jefferson, Wednesday afternoon.

### Dr. B. E. Reeves Died Wednesday; Funeral Friday

Service To Be Held At West Jefferson Baptist Church; Burial At Cranberry

West Jefferson—(Special)—Dr. Benjamin Everett Reeves, 77, pioneer physician and one of the most widely known men in Northwestern North Carolina, died suddenly at his home Wednesday after a period of serious illness.

According to present plans, the funeral service will be held at the West Jefferson Baptist church on Friday afternoon at two o'clock, and burial will follow in the Cranberry church cemetery.

Dr. Reeves had been active in the practice of medicine for the past half of a century and was widely known to thousands whom he had served, not only as a physician but as a friend.

He had been active in public (Continued on Page Four)

### BROTHER OF ENNICE MAN DIES IN WILKES

Spicer Higgins, aged citizen of Wilkes county, who lived near Trap Hill, died suddenly on August 20 and was buried at Walnut Grove on August 23, with Rev. W. H. Handy conducting the service.

Mr. Higgins was an unusually strong man and his health had been excellent all his life. It is said that he never required the service of a physician during his entire life of 92 years.

He is survived by one brother, David Higgins, of Ennice and one sister, Mrs. Luther Brannock, of Grayson county.

### Good Program Is Planned For Two-Day Session Of Missionary Baptists

Despite hampered travel conditions, a good attendance is expected for the forty-eighth annual session of the Alleghany Baptist Association to be held September 9 and 10 at Mt. Carmel church, Cherry Lane post office, ten miles east of Sparta near the Sparta-Elkin highway.

Many state leaders of the denomination are expected to attend and many outstanding speakers will be present for the two-day session.

The opening sermon on Saturday morning will be preached by Rev. L. E. Sparks, of Moxley, following the opening of the association business session when Rev. G. R. Blackburn will conduct the devotionals. An address by Smith Hagaman, superintendent of the Baptist hospital at Winston-Salem, will be given in the morning session, along with the roll call of the ten churches in the association. One new church has been added recently, making a total of eleven churches in the association. (Continued on Page Eight)

### Funeral Is Held For Mrs. Roupe

Service Was Held At The Landmark Regular Baptist Church

Funeral service for Mrs. Nannie Crouse Joines Roupe, of Whitehead, who passed away Saturday, August 19, at the age of 94 years, was held August 21 at Landmark Regular Baptist church with Elds. Wiley Combs, A. C. Wooten, Walter Evans and Floyd Adams officiating. Interment followed in the Union Primitive Baptist church cemetery.

"Aunt" Nannie, as she was commonly known, had made her home with her nephew, G. C. Atwood, for sometime. She had been in ill health for about four weeks before her death.

She was first married to Calloway Joines, who preceded her in death several years ago. She was then married to John W. Roupe, who also preceded her in death. Surviving are several nieces and (Continued on Page 8)

### CHANGE IN DATE FOR LAMB POOL WEIGHING

R. E. Black, county agent, announced today that a change had been made in the schedule for weighing lambs for the final shipment in the cooperative pool and will be on Monday, September 4, instead of Saturday as was previously announced.

He explained that letters were being mailed to all farmers noting the change of dates.

## Ban On Ammunition Sales Is Lifted; Hunters To Get More

Washington—The ban on sale of ammunition to hunters was lifted Tuesday by the War Production Board, opening the way for the nimrods' first real-season since the war began.

At the same time, WPB also boosted quotas of ammunition for farmers and ranchers to use against predatory animals.

Ammunition production this year is expected to be about 62 per cent of prewar output, WPB said. Chairman Robertson (D-Va.) of the House Conservation Committee, estimated that between 450,000,000 and 500,000,000 shotgun shells will be offered for sale and said an "adequate" supply of rifle cartridges will be available.

Until Dec. 31, farmers and ranchers and hunters will have the following quarterly quota: 150 rounds of .22-caliber rim-fire cartridges, 40 rounds of cen-

ter-fire rifle ammunition (or 50 rounds if customarily packaged 50 to a box), and 100 shotgun shells of any gauge.

The previous quarterly quota for farmers and ranchers was 100 rounds of .22 rim-fire cartridges, 40 rounds of center-fire ammunition and 25 shotgun shells.

The entire quota need not be purchased at one time. Before any sale of ammunition is made, the purchaser must sign a certificate stating that he is entitled to the ammunition. Sellers are required to keep complete records of inventories and sales, including the certificates.

The WPB said recently that the temporary removal of the ban on ammunition sales to hunters was prompted because animals and birds were causing widespread destruction to crops and livestock in all sections of the country.

## Commandeered Jap Transport On Saipan



These Marines found this ancient ox-cart and ox after they fought their way ashore over the bloody beaches of Saipan. It had been used by the Nips to haul their supplies so our boys are using it to haul water. Sgt. Robert L. Bell, Mason City, Ill., leads the ox while Cpl. Richard W. Bremmer, 2640 North Sawyer Ave., Chicago, Ill., gets the ride. (Marine Corps Photo)

### Dr. T. R. Burgiss Is Vice-President Of N. C. Ph. Group

Prominent Sparta Pharmacist Is Named By State Group

T. R. Burgiss, pharmacist and civic leader of Sparta, was elected first vice-president of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association for the 1945-46 term, it was announced this week by Chairman W. S. Wolfe, Mount Airy, of the board of tellers.

Burgiss, along with other officers-elect will be installed next year during the association's annual meeting. Nominations were made this spring during the meeting in Raleigh and balloting was conducted by mail.

The new first vice president (Continued on Page 4)

### Little Pine To Organize Grange

L. C. Jones Is Assisting; Meeting Is Planned For Friday, September 8

Farmers of the Little Pine community will hold a meeting on Friday evening, September 8 at 8:30 o'clock at the school house for the purpose of organizing a Grange unit.

At a previous meeting last Wednesday, L. C. Jones, state Grange deputy and organizer, met with about 35 farmers and their wives at Little Pine school for a discussion of the organization. Following a period of questions and answers, most of those present indicated their desire to join the Grange. Music was furnished by the Smith brothers and Andrews string band.

Mr. Jones, who will be present for the organization meeting on Friday, is a farmer himself, living on route 4, Winston Salem. He understands the farmer's problems and is interested in organizing this farmer unit in Alleghany county, it was pointed out.

All farmers and their wives in the Little Pine community are urged to attend the meeting. Music will again be furnished by the Smith brothers and Andrews band.

### China Is Subject For Church Group

Mrs. E. L. Rice, of Elkin, will talk on "Conditions in China" Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock at the Sparta Methodist church. Mrs. Rice, who was formerly a missionary to China is well known in Sparta, having been here a number of times as a guest speaker.

Rev. C. E. Allison will conduct the regular church service on Sunday morning in addition to the talk by Mrs. Rice.

A picnic dinner will be served on the church grounds following the meeting. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Allies Marching On To Belgium; Reds Take Romanian Port

### Jury List Drawn For Fall Term Superior Court

Board Names 37 Men To Serve; Judge J. H. Clement To Preside

Thirty-seven men were named last Wednesday by the board of county commissioners to serve on the jury for the fall term of the semi-annual Alleghany county superior court, which is scheduled to begin here on October 2. Judge J. H. Clement, of Winston-Salem, will preside and Erle McMichael, also of Winston-Salem, will be solicitor.

Neither the criminal or civil docket has been drawn up as yet, but both are expected to be light. (Continued on Page Four)

### Harry Bowman Passes Suddenly

Harry Bowman, 40, of Ennice, died suddenly of a heart attack at the George Todd store, August 19. Funeral service was held August 21 at Mt. Carmel church near Mt. Airy and interment followed in the church cemetery.

The deceased was originally from Mt. Airy, but had made his home in Alleghany county in the Ennice section for the past three years.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Peggy Britt Bowman and three children, Constance, Hobert and Virginia Lee.

## Lt. Bower Irwin, Wounded, Tells Of Battle Experiences

Lt. Bower Irwin, who was recently wounded in action in France, tells of his experiences on the battlefield there in a letter to his wife, the former Miss Lois Smith, of Stratford. He is now in an army hospital somewhere in England.

He writes: "Old Lady Luck has surely been with me. I spent three weeks, day and night, at the front in France. Of course, I was in France longer than that, but for those three weeks there was nothing in front of me but Germans. I saw a lot of Germans and got several of them myself.

There were plenty of bullet holes in my clothing, and one big piece was torn from my pants by shrapnel from a shell. I was knocked down and was out twice from the explosion of shells near me. Then came the big shell and knocked me for a loop. My right

### Gen. Patton Re-Enacts History As He Takes Belleau Wood Chateau Thierry

The American third army in a swift 25-mile smash across hallowed battlefields of the World War captured Belleau Wood, Chateau-Thierry and sons yesterday, rolling north along the historic Ardennes invasion route within 55 miles of the Belgian border.

Covering miles for each bloody yard their fathers won in 1918, the Americans under Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., encountered only minor resistance, and Associated Press Correspondent Edward D. Ball reported from the front that the Germans were "in headlong flight" toward Belgium and their homeland.

Turning northward from their positions east of Paris and advancing at a rate of better than a mile an hour, the third army threatened to flank the Nazis' rocket bomb (Continued on Page Four)

### GRADUATES FROM BUSINESS COLLEGE

Miss Donna Lou Rutherford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Rutherford, of Twin Oaks, was a member of the class of twelve who received their diplomas at the midsummer graduating exercises held at Draughon's Business College, Winston Salem, on August 23.

Miss Rutherford is a member of the graduating class of '42 of Sparta high school, where she was salutatorian of her class. She entered school at Draughon's in September 1942.

## Plans For Opening Of Schools Sept. 18 Are Discussed

Irwin And Stratford Are To Be Combined This Year; Short Three Teachers

The Alleghany Board of Education met Tuesday and approved the teachers, whose names had been submitted by various school committees in the county, for the school year of '44-45.

Plans for the opening of schools on September 18 were also discussed and it was announced that Irwin school was being consolidated with the Stratford school. This action, members stated, was taken since it was felt that the children would receive better opportunities and since a majority of the parents of the community approved the consolidation. The action has been approved by the transportation division and the highway commission has made it possible by rocking the road leading to the school, it was pointed out. The school bus will be re-routed and sent through the Irwin community and by the school.

Supt. Clyde Fields again pointed out that the schools of this county were opening on the date set by the State Board of Education due to the polio epidemic existing in the state and in Alleghany county. She also explained that three teachers had not yet been secured.

An official list of the teachers for Alleghany elementary and high schools for the 1944-45 term is as follows:

Sparta high school—C. R. Roe, principal; Roy Ellison, C. H. Landreth, Robert Reed, Miss Eula Kennedy, Ralph B. Check, Mrs. Ida J. Warren, Miss Minnie Lou Edwards and Mrs. Flora Dutton.

## Choate Missing

Staff Sgt. Grady Beeker Is Missing In France After 60th Mission

Staff Sergeant Grady Beeker, 33, brother of Mrs. P. L. Choate, of Sparta, and holder of the Silver Star, the Air medal and seven Oak Leaf clusters, has been missing in action over France since August 10, his mother, Mrs. C. T. Beeker, of Salisbury, has been informed. He was lost on his 60th mission as top turret gunner of a B-26.

Following graduation from Boyden high school in Salisbury, Sgt. Beeker became assistant manager of the Capitol theater, then became connected with theaters in Columbus and then in Greenville, S. C. At the time of his enlistment in the Army Air corps, August 26, 1942, he was manager of the Carolina theater at Greensboro.

He was transferred overseas January 24, 1944 and immediately entered upon missions carrying him over numerous continental targets. He was decorated with the Silver Star, one of the highest of military awards, given only for outstanding gallantry under combat conditions.

He has two brothers, Sgt. Harold Beeker, of the Army Medical corps, stationed in France, and G. E. Beeker, of Gastonia and three sisters, Mrs. C. M. Gillespie, of Mill Bridge, Mrs. P. L. Choate, of Sparta, and Mrs. T. L. Choate, of Whiteford, Md.

## Business Houses To Close Monday

Looking forward to next Monday as the last holiday of the fading summer season, Sparta merchants, together with a large number of county office staffs, have announced that their establishments will be closed on September 4 in observance of Labor Day.

The board of county commissioners and the board of education plan to hold their regular first-Monday meetings on Tuesday, following Labor Day, it is understood.

Filling stations and garages, along with the post office and drug store will remain open.