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Hundreds To Enter Schools Of County Next Week

More Inclusive Lunch Program In County Schools

Lunchrooms Planned For Sparta, Piney Creek, Laurel Sps., Rich Hill, Little Pine

Miss Clyde Fields, superintendent of schools, said this week that when plans were completed she hoped to have more Alleghany county school children eating hot lunches than ever before, during the coming session.

Sparta school is ready and particularly anxious to begin serving meals, it was pointed out and a number of other schools are expected to open at an early date. Piney Creek and Little Pine are preparing to open a lunchroom for the first time and there is a possibility that Rich Hill will also serve hot lunches. Laurel Springs school will carry on the program as they did last year, it was announced. A number of other schools, including Stratford, will possibly participate in the program.

School lunchrooms in the county, however, will not be able to open on Monday when the school session for the year begins, Miss Fields explained. Since all lunchrooms are operated under the auspices of the state child feeding program, applications for such must be approved by the state authorities and returned before the school may serve lunches. This approval has not been received, she pointed out.

Last year, only two lunchrooms were operated in the county; these were at Sparta and Laurel Springs. Many improvements have been made in the Sparta lunchroom, including painting (Continued On Page Four)

Union To Hold Three-Day Session To Be Held At Meadow Creek Church This Week End

The seventh annual meeting of the Union Baptist Association will be held tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday at the Meadow Creek church, two miles from Galax on the low Gap road.

Eld. C. S. McKnight, of Independence, moderator, and J. R. Miles, clerk, of Sparta, will be in charge. Eld. G. M. Tedder, of Sparta, will preach the introductory sermon on Friday morning at the beginning of the three-day session.

A number of visiting preachers from the Primitive Association in Wilkes county and also several from Maryland are expected to attend. Representatives from the nine churches in the Association will also be present.

Alleghany Girl Is Making Record

One young Alleghany girl making good in an aircraft plant is Ruby Gallagher, daughter of W. C. Higgins, of Ennice, a radial drill press operator at the Glenn L. Martin company in Baltimore. Entrusted with the operation of a \$12,000.00 machine, Ruby drills engine bearers for PBM Mariners to a tolerance of a thousandth of an inch. She and Grace Webb of Linden, Tennessee, are the only two girls in the metal bench and welding department to operate these machines.

Before working at Martin's, Ruby and Grace both were waitresses, but they soon "caught on" to using the giant radial drills with ease. Both girls have won merit awards for their outstanding workmanship. Cranes lift the heavy engine bearers into place on the drill, and the girls find it little effort to operate the many controls which easily move the machine heads around.

Ruby and Grace have good reasons for wanting the war over soon and for helping to speed up the peace. Ruby wants her Navy husband to come home safely so they can set up in a home of their own, and Grace has a brother and uncle in service as well as a cousin who is a German prisoner.

Americans Move Into Germany; Big Battle Now Expected Soon

FOUR-STAR GENERAL



Photo from the China-Burma-India theater shows Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell wearing the four stars of his new rank. He joins a rank held by only five other Americans in active service.

Glade Valley To Open On Sept. 19; Teachers Named

W. C. Thompson Will Serve As Principal; E. B. Eldridge Is Superintendent

The thirty-fourth annual session of the Glade Valley high school will open September 19. Students are expected to arrive on the campus, Monday, Sept. 18. Supt. E. B. Eldridge announced. The following faculty will be in charge: W. C. Thompson, principal, and teacher of science; R. L. Joines, mathematics; Rev. C. W. Ervin, Bible and history; Miss Helen Thomas, home economics; Miss Sarah Moseley, language; Mrs. Ellen A. Guerrant, music and dean of girls; Mrs. E. B. Eldridge (Continued on Page Four)

COOPERATIVE ELECTED SAME DIRECTORS, SAT.

At a meeting of the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Cooperative at Lenor on Saturday the following directors were re-elected:

A. G. Beach, Lenoir; D. R. Moore, Granite Falls; G. W. Sullivan, Yadkin Valley; C. C. Poovey, Granite Falls; Clyde Perry, Sugar Grove; Bert Mast, Mabel; R. E. L. Plummer, Crumpler; C. B. Graybeal, West Jefferson; A. B. Hurt, Nathan's Creek; R. C. Halsey, Sparta; C. G. Collins, Sparta; A. W. Greene, Boone; J. C. Goodman, West Jefferson; D. M. Edwards, Ennice; Clarence Newton, Shulls Mills.

Only a small percentage of the members were present for the meeting.

Interesting Letter From France Written By Pvt. Odell Crouse

Pvt. Odell R. Crouse, formerly of Sparta, who is stationed somewhere in France, writes of conditions existing there and of the backwardness of travel in the liberated country:

"I can't ever catch up with my correspondence but after I received the long letter you wrote, I feel ashamed not to write a decent letter. I am writing by a tiny candle, but maybe you can read it. We see so many boys who have no one to write them, and it just makes one's heart ache."

"I just came back from rest, although when we have a pass there's no place to go except to the movies or Red Cross center. We have a theater at camp now. We have gotten settled long enough to build one, but I don't believe it has any top on it. Everything is G. I. made these days. "There is a lot of destruction, grief and suffering in these war torn countries, but despite the

MacArthur Blasts Anew At Enemy In Path Of The Philippine Islands

The American first army carried the war onto the "holy soil" of Hitler's reich for the second time in 24 hours Tuesday, driving at least six miles eastward beyond the Belgian border city of Eupen and plunging into the Nazi homeland against relatively minor resistance.

This second penetration of Germany was 65 miles north and slightly west of the invasion pathway northwest of Trier which other first army units blasted into Germany Monday evening from Luxembourg.

Other American forces were at the Germany border at a third point, massed in Luxembourg within a mile of the Siegfried line, and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, advising inhabitants of the Nazis' Rhur and Rhineland border regions to evacuate immediately, announced that "the battle of Germany is about to begin."

The embattled luftwaffe rose (Continued on Page 4)

R. L. Doughton On Committee For Inaugural

Committee Will Make Plans For Ceremonies At Capitol On January 20

Washington.—Representative Robert L. Doughton has been selected as a member of a six-man congressional committee to make preliminary preparations for the presidential inauguration ceremonies at the Capitol on January 20, 1945.

Senator Harry F. Byrd (D-Vir) was appointed chairman of the committee, on which Senators Arthur H. Vandenberg, (R-Mich) and Kenneth McKellar (D-Tenn) will also serve.

In addition to Doughton, the House will be represented by Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.) and Minority Leader Joseph W. Martin Jr. of Massachusetts. (Continued on Page 5)

Stoves Not To Be Rationed, Later

Mrs. Robert Fleetwood, clerk of the Alleghany ration board, announced this week that coal and wood stoves, both cooking and heating, would not be rationed after October 15.

She explained that the applications now in the office will be taken care of and that any person who wishes to buy a stove before October 15, may still apply and receive a permit.

U. S. Marines Are Pushing Forward Into Battle



Here, marine-man half tracks move along up the front on a dirt road on Saipan. Note the effect of the shelling on houses on both sides of the road. (Marine Corps Photo)

Doctors Advise Danger Of Polio Epidemic Is Past

Ask Parents Not To Keep Children Out Of School Because Of Polio

Drs. C. A. Thompson and B. O. Choate, prominent Alleghany physicians and members of the county board of health, this week issued statements concerning the polio situation to all parents in the county who will send their children to school on Monday.

Dr. Thompson said, "There has been no case of infantile paralysis in the county for the past two months, an ample time for any contacts from any of the cases to have already taken the disease. There is little likelihood of any cases developing in the county and I feel that there is no danger at all in the children going back to school on schedule." Dr. Thompson also pointed out that (Continued on Page 8)

Many Attended Association At Mt. Carmel, Sat.

The Alleghany Baptist Association met for the forty-eighth annual session last Saturday and Sunday with a large and attentive audience on both days. John M. Cheek was re-elected moderator and Van Miller, clerk.

The eleven churches in the association were represented there by letters and delegates. One new church, the Osborne Memorial, with a membership of more than 70, was admitted into the association.

Inspiring and informative addresses were delivered by Smith Hagaman, of the Baptist hospital, Winston-Salem; Dr. I. G. Greer, superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville; Dr. R. H. Satterfield, of Meredith College, Raleigh and L. A. Martin, of the Allied Church League, Lexington. The final sermon was (Continued on Page 8)

Postwar Plans Are Made For Parkway

Raleigh—The State Highway Commission has obtained right of way privileges to more than 150 miles of the Blue Ridge Parkway route through Western North Carolina, Chairman Charles Ross said.

Construction work on the parkway was suspended shortly after the war began but work on securing right of ways has continued in preparation for a resumption of paving when hostilities end, Ross said.

Approximately 250 miles of the scenic route through Virginia, North Carolina and Georgia are located in this State. Under terms of the construction program the State obtains the right of way and the Federal Government does the construction.

A policy of obtaining rights of way from 800 to 1,000 feet wide so as to preserve natural growth and scenic possibilities, are being continued, Ross said.

County Curb Market Having Successful Season; Will Be Continued Through Sept.

Some Change In Allotment For County Teachers

Total Remains The Same; Some Districts Get More; Others Less

Alleghany county this year received an allotment of 59 teachers and two vocational agricultural teachers, the same as last year, but several changes have been made since some districts gained teachers and others were reduced in number, Supt. Clyde Fields pointed out this week.

Rich Hill and Little Pine each gained an extra teacher this year, since there was a reduction of elementary teachers in district No. one. However, it was pointed out since both Irwin and Vox schools have been consolidated, the number in district one remains the same.

In district one, 35 elementary and six high school teachers were allotted. Of this allotment, Sparta school received six high school teachers plus the vocational agriculture teacher and 13 elementary (Continued on Page 8)

Sparta C. Of C. Postpones Meet

The September meeting of the Sparta Chamber of Commerce which was scheduled to meet tomorrow night has been postponed, due to the arrangements concerning the meal to be served at the meeting, it was announced yesterday.

The October meeting will be held as scheduled on October 13 at the community building. An interesting program is being planned.

Roosevelt And Churchill Plan Utter Destruction Of Japan

Quebec—President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill in conference with the highest military experts of their nations, got down to the "real business" of the Quebec war council—plotting the utter destruction of Japan's dwindling power.

For the second successive day all possible official stress was laid on the idea that the deliberations here are predominantly military and directed chiefly at crushing Japan.

But Mr. Roosevelt's map room in the Governor-General's residence mirrored the march of Allied armies everywhere and was not confined to the Pacific theater.

The President and Prime Minister talked privately during the morning. They posed for pictures and Churchill watched Mrs. Roosevelt put Fala, the White House Scottie, through some ty-

Will Be Operated Again Next Year; Plans Are Made For Enlargement

The cooperative curb market at Roaring Gap continues to meet with much success and will be operated through this month, Miss Frances Capel, county home agent, announced.

The inclusive report for the month of August shows that sales for this period totaled \$1,519.25. This amount was received by the women participating in the market, for fruits, vegetables, poultry, eggs, dairy products, baked goods, flowers, handicraft and other items.

The month of August showed an increase over July. Sales for July totaled \$1,291.13. Sales for the season through the month of August, reached \$2,810.25.

Miss Capel said she was highly gratified with the fine co-operation shown in the venture, as well as the results achieved. According to the present plans the market will be continued next year on an even bigger scale if possible. (Continued on Page 8)

Luther Gentry Buried Tuesday

Funeral service for Martin Luther Gentry, 75, of Sparta, who died Sunday, September 10, was held Tuesday at two o'clock at Crab Creek Primitive Baptist church with Eld. C. B. Kilby and Rev. E. W. Thompson officiating.

Well known in the county at large, Mr. Gentry was the son of the late Richard Gentry and Lovina Collins Gentry. His wife preceded him in death a number of years ago.

Surviving are three children, two daughters and one son: Mrs. E. M. Carico, of Elbert W. Va.; Mrs. Reeves McCann, of Bel Air, Md., and J. R. Gentry, of Sparta.

Blue Tokens To Be Dropped Soon

Washington—Use of one-point blue ration tokens, used in making change for processed foods ration stamps, will be discontinued beginning Oct. 1 in line with the removal of 17 foods from the ration list, OPA, Administrator Chester Bowles announced.

Retailers are being instructed to discontinue issuing blue tokens after Sept. 17, when the 17 items are made ration free, and Bowles urged consumers to dispose of their supply as rapidly as possible.

The OPA said that future food values will be arranged so that most items will have point values in multiples of 10. This will enable consumers to use 10 point blue stamps without the necessity of making change.

All Ready For School Opening Monday Morning

Most Positions Are Filled; County-wide Teachers' Meeting Today

OPENING IS LATE

Hundreds of school children will go back to school in Alleghany county next Monday, September 18, when all of the county's 21 schools will open for the 1944-45 school year.

This is the latest date that Alleghany county schools have opened for some years. The delay, however, was caused by the infantile paralysis epidemic in the county this summer. As far as it can be learned, no cases have been reported for several weeks and authorities believe all danger has passed.

All teachers in the county are expected to meet at the Sparta high school library today, for a work-planning conference, at which time plans for the school year will be made. Expected to be present are Wade H. Eller, sanitarian; Miss Pearl Weaver, health nurse and Swanson Edwards, Alleghany welfare superintendent.

On Friday, all teachers have been asked to go to their respective schools. This will be a regular school day, without children present, it was explained, and it is expected that every teacher will work a full day, making plans for the year, getting books and materials ready, working out (Continued on Page 8)

Grange Units To Hold Meetings

State Grange District Meeting Spgs., Rich Hill, Sparta

Schedules for meetings of three of the five Grange units to be organized in Alleghany county, were announced this week by A. Crouse Jones, State Grange Deputy.

Mr. Jones will be present at each of the meetings to assist in the organization. All persons interested in the establishment of Grange units in the county are urged to attend the meetings.

The first meeting will be held at Laurel Springs school house, tomorrow night. At this time it is hoped, Mr. Jones pointed out, to actually start the unit.

On Tuesday, September 19, a meeting of the Glade Valley unit will be held at Rich Hill school and on Wednesday night, September 20, at 8:00 o'clock, Sparta citizens and other interested persons are invited to attend a meeting at the community building.

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TELEPHONE MEETING AT TWIN OAKS, FRIDAY

A representative of Central Electric and Telephone Co., Elkin, will meet with the phone holders and other interested parties at Irwin Hotel, Twin Oaks, Friday evening, Sept. 15 at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of working out a co-operative plan for improving and extending rural telephone lines and service. All interested parties are requested to be present.