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THURSDAY, SEPT. 21, 1944

Richardson Made Town Marshal On Full-Time Duty

To Serve Also As Town Tax Collector And Supt. Of Water System

Glenn Richardson was named full-time marshal for the town of Sparta at a meeting of the Town Council last Friday, and will assume his duties of office on October 1, Mayor R. F. Crouse announced this week.

Mr. Richardson, who has been serving since March on part-time duty as town marshal will also take over the work of the superintendent of water works and the tax collector of the town of Sparta, it was explained.

Mayor Crouse also pointed out that this will be the first time in 15 years that the town has had a full-time officer of the law. Richardson will have his office in the courthouse.

Lee A. Woodruff, who now has charge of the water works of the town, will turn over his duties to Richardson on October 1. The new superintendent will take charge of the reading of meters and the collection of water bills. Office hours for such collections will be announced later, he stated. He also stated that since no effective (Continued On Page Four)

British Pressing On Banks Of The Rhine; Finns Fight Germans

KILLED IN ACTION



Seaman 2-C James Lee Crouse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Crouse, who was listed as missing in action, July 10, 1943, has been awarded the Purple Heart, posthumously. He was serving on the USS Maddox, which was bombed and sunk off the southern coast of Sicily.

U. S. Marines Drive Steadily Forward On Two Of Palau Islands

The British second army, racing to flank the northern end of the Siegfried line, has completed a new junction with allied airborne troops in Holland and now is fighting on the southern banks of the Waal Rhine, field dispatches said early yesterday.

Reports received from the front by Reuters said Lt. Gen. Sir Miles C. Dempsey's forces had reached the last large pocket of the airborne army on the edge of Nijmegen, forging a solid link with Lt. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton's sky troops with whom a union was made first in the vicinity of Eindhoven.

Dempsey's swift armored units advanced more than 37 miles during the day to cap a 50-mile drive in the last 48 hours.

Finland announced that under the terms of its armistice with Russia it would immediately withdraw to its 1940 frontier, surrender the ice-free port of Petsamo, disarm its army, lease the strategic Porkkala peninsula and a "fairly large" land and sea area to the Soviets for 50 years, and give the allies airdromes in the south and southwest.

The Germans in desperation have turned flying bombs onto American troops in the Meuse valley, headquarters disclosed last night.

Information at headquarters was that flying bombs as well as continuing artillery and tank fire had been turned on Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's third army.

While American marines and doughboys pressed their conquests of two of Japan's strategic Palau islands, Tuesday, the U. S. navy disclosed loss of a minesweeper in the operations there and announced the sinking of 29 additional Nippon ships by Yank submarines.

The first ship lost in the Palau campaign was the mine sweeper (Continued on Page 5)

Men Classified By Local Board

Out Of A Group Of 29, Only One Placed In I-A; 25 In 4-F

The local board this week announced classifications of 29 Alleghany men for military service when 25 were placed in 4-F, two in I-C (Ind.), one in 2-C (F) and one in I-A.

The classification list is as follows:

- I-A: Reece W. Billings.
- I-C (Ind.): Calvin E. Pierce and Oscar C. Nicholson.
- 2-C (F): James H. Spurlin.
- 4-F: Yarker T. Andrews, Guyva D. Maxley, Felix Loggins, Eldon W. Pruitt, Otis M. Brinegar, Wayne S. ...
- Franklin G. Shaw, Thomas Spurlin, Elgin J. Bennett, George E. Crouse, Roscoe M. Crouse, James R. Crouse, Charles R. Whitaker, Steve Loggins, Joe H. Bobbitt, Bert O. Evans, Garcia Burchette, Wayne Roberts, Paul V. Rash, James W. Shaw, Cecil E. Crouse, William Crouse, Clifton C. Sidden and Robert H. Choate.

Bledsoe Child Dies In Norfolk

Danny Bledsoe, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bledsoe, of Norfolk, Va., was instantly killed last Friday when the dual wheels of a large transfer truck passed over his body twice.

Funeral service was conducted on Sunday at Roanoke Rapids. He is survived by his parents and one brother, George, Jr. His grandmother, Mrs. Dema Bledsoe, of Sparta, also survives.

Miss Sally Bledsoe, of Sparta, attended the funeral.

Plans For School Year Are Made At NCEA Meet Here

Committees Appointed And Plans Made For School Year

Plans for meeting during the year, a uniform grading scale and the appointment of committees, highlighted the first meeting of the Alleghany chapter of the North Carolina Educational Association last Friday at Sparta high school.

Joe Bill Reel, president, was in charge of the meeting, with Miss Clyde Fields, superintendent of schools, present to give instructions and hand out supplies and records to the teachers for the school year. Other officers include Mrs. Ida J. Warren, vice-president and Miss Minnie Lou Edwards, secretary and treasurer.

Rev. C. W. Irwin conducted the devotionals and Wade H. Eller, (Continued on Page Four)

Mrs. Nuckolls, Buried Tuesday

Funeral service was held on Tuesday morning at 11:00 o'clock at the Cranberry church for Mrs. Sarah Jane Nuckolls, 90, of Scottville, who died at her home on Saturday, September 16, after an attack of pneumonia. Rev. Herbert Caldwell conducted the service and burial followed at the Cranberry cemetery.

Mrs. Nuckolls, who was the daughter of the late Welburn Shepherd and Elizabeth Jones Shepherd, was preceded in death by her husband, William Nuckolls. She is survived by two sons, Edison and Robert Nuckolls.

Supt. Of Welfare Leaves For Army

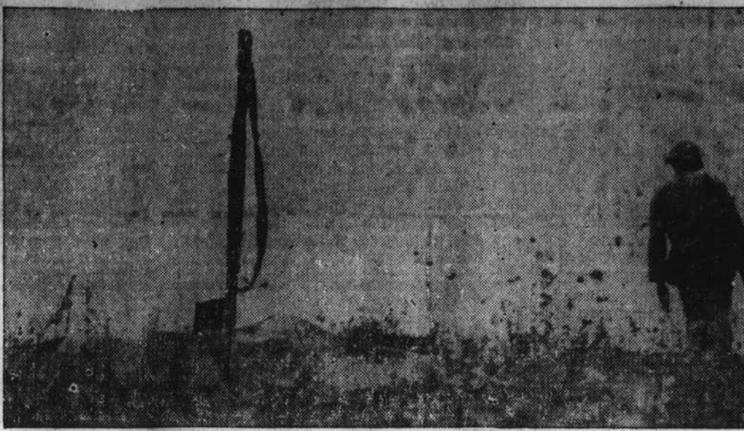
Swanson Edwards Granted Military Leave-Of-Absence; Miss Wagoner Now Supt.

Swanson Edwards was granted a military leave-of-absence from his position as superintendent of public welfare of Alleghany county, yesterday, and will leave for induction into the army on September 27, members of the welfare board announced.

Miss Doris Wagoner, stenographer to Mr. Edwards, has been named acting superintendent until a further appointment can be made, it was pointed out.

Mr. Edwards came to Alleghany county as superintendent of welfare in February and has made an excellent record in that capacity. He has been an active member of the Sparta Chamber of Commerce and has worked in cooperation with various other clubs and organizations of the county.

Resting Place For Fallen U. S. Soldier Of The Sea



A bayoneted rifle marks the spot where the poncho-covered body of a fallen U. S. Marine was buried on a battle field of Saipan. (Marine Corps Combat Photo)

Standard Prices Must Be Charged For Cigarettes

Dealers Advised Of Selling Prices By Local Rationing Board

The Price Division of the local War, Price and Rationing Board this week advised cigarette retailers that they may not sell "popular" brands at more than 16 cents per package or 31 cents for two packages.

At the same time, the rationing board said the maximum price on "economy" brands is 13 cents for a single package and 25 cents for two packages.

These prices include all taxes. The board pointed out that cigarettes are covered by the General Maximum Price Regulation, and that on "popular" brands retailer's March, 1942 ceiling price, plus the additional Federal excise tax placed on cigarettes since March, 1942 is the ceiling price today.

The excise figures one-half cent per package over the March, 1942 price; therefore, when a dealer is selling only one package he may charge a full cent.

Since 15 cents was the standard price in March, 1942, the present ceiling in most cases will be 16 cents per package, and 31 cents for two packages.

Board spokesman said that in the case of "economy" cigarettes, a flat national price of 13 cents per package has been established by the Office of Price Administration (Continued on Page Four)

Masons To Have Picnic Sunday

A Masonic picnic will be sponsored for all Masons of Alleghany county and their families on Sunday, September 24 at Bluff Park, Ralph Gentry, secretary, announced this week.

The committee in charge of arrangements, consisting of R. F. Crouse, L. E. Ivey and Robert Allison, urged that those who wished to get transportation to the picnic grounds meet in front of the courthouse in Sparta at 11:00 o'clock on Sunday morning. Dinner will be served around 12:30 p. m., it was pointed out.

All Masonic members and their families are urged to attend the county-wide picnic and to bring filled baskets.

John Tucker is Grand Master of the Lodge in the county.

Laurel Springs And Glade Valley Grange Units Hold Meetings

NOW IN ENGLAND



Pvt. Andrew Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Taylor, of Laurel Springs, is now serving somewhere in England. He entered service in February and trained at Camp McCain, Miss.

Eldon Estep Is Hurt In Wreck

Is Now Recovering In Elkin Hospital From Injuries Sustained In Wreck

The condition of Eldon Estep, who is in the Chatham Memorial hospital in Elkin suffering from injuries sustained in an automobile accident last Thursday night, is improving.

Estep, 16 year-old son of Kemp Estep, of Hickory and formerly of Alleghany county, sustained three broken ribs and a slightly punctured kidney when he ran off the Sparta-West Jefferson highway on a straight section near Ore Knob, plunged down an embankment and turned over. He was driving the Alleghany News car and apparently fell asleep. The (Continued on Page 4)

Officers Elected And Entertainment Planned, Under Direction Of Deputy

Edward J. Pugh was chosen master of the Laurel Springs Grange at the organization meeting last Friday night, with Van Miller elected lecturer and Mrs. T. S. Moxley, secretary.

A. C. Jones, state Grange deputy, in charge of the meeting, announced that the charter membership list would be held open for a short while and those desiring to enroll as charter members should do so by getting in touch with any of the officers of the Grange unit or with either, Mrs. R. L. Pugh or John Tucker before the next meeting, which is scheduled to be held Saturday, October 14 at 8:00 o'clock.

Mr. Jones announced that he would meet with the Grange at that time to install the officers and give further instruction on (Continued on Page 4)

Welfare Meeting Plans Are Made

The officers of the Northwestern Welfare district met Monday at the Robert E. Lee Hotel in Winston Salem to discuss final plans for the district meeting to be held there, September 29.

The officers of the Northwestern District are Mrs. Blance Carr Sterne, Greensboro, president; Miss Clyde Narcom, Graham, vice-president, and Miss Ruth Tugman, of West Jefferson, secretary.

Mr. A. W. Cline, superintendent of the Forsyth County Welfare Department, is in charge of the arrangements for the meeting.

An outstanding program has been arranged for the conference and around 250 are expected to attend.

The counties included in the Northwestern District are Alleghany, Ashe, Davie, Davidson, Alamance, Caswell, Forsyth, Guilford, Rockingham, Surry, Stokes, Wilkes, Watauga and Yadkin.

WAR BONDS in Action

Points For Some Processed Foods Are Sharply Increased

Washington, — The office of price administration Saturday ordered sharp increases in point values for those processed foods still rationed in a companion move to elimination of points on a wide variety of other canned foods.

Both the higher points and removal of many items from rationing are effective Sunday.

Doubled or boosted even more sharply in most cases, the new point values apply to all canned and bottled juices, four fruit and vegetable juices tomatoes, catsup, and chili sauce.

The new ration value on a number two can of tomatoes is 20 points, up from 5, while the coupon cost of peaches, pears and pineapple is hiked from 43 points to 80 for number two and one half cans. Pineapple juice goes to 50 points from 25 and tomato juice to 20 from 4 points for 18-ounce cans.

All of the new values are fixed in multiples of ten because the system of blue tokens as ration change is being discontinued Sunday. Blue tokens may be in units of ten until October 1 in buying processed foods. After that they will have no value.

As announced earlier, processed foods being removed from rationing are all jams, jellies, fruit butters, asparagus, lima beans, corn, peas, pumpkin and squash, mixed vegetables, baked beans, tomato sauce, paste and puree, and all varieties of soups and baby foods. Other vegetables except tomatoes have been ration-free for some time.

In announcing the new ration values, effective through September 30, OPA Administrator Chester Bowles said: (Continued on Page Four)

NEWS IS NOW TESTING ADVERTISING POWER

The Alleghany News is limping along this week without the use of an official automobile since the News car was totally demolished in an accident last Thursday night.

Appearing elsewhere in this issue is a classified advertisement which states: "Wanted to buy—1936, 1939, 1940 Chevrolet, Ford, Plymouth or Dodge car. Will pay cash. Emoryetta Reeves, The Alleghany News, Sparta."

We know that it pays to advertise and now we'll find out just how well it pays, since used cars are scarce commodities these days.

"The purpose of the News is to report news, but it seems that the News' made news this week," Miss Reeves said.

County Schools Open On Monday; Good Attendance

Lunchrooms In Several Of The Schools Expected To Open At Early Date

Monday was back-to-school day for hundreds of Alleghany county students after a prolonged vacation and in spite of the pouring rain, the attendance was reported unusually good.

School buses were on the job rounding up the pupils and transporting them to their schools so they could get the registration details out of the way.

Out at the schools, things were humming with timid first-graders sitting in school desks for the first time and experienced boys and girls trying not to get excited at the prospect of another school year.

There were several parents on hand, too. Many of them allegedly to look after the children, but they seemed to get a thrill from the first-day-of-school excitement.

Tuesday, books were issued and on Wednesday, school days started with lessons in earnest.

Supt. Clyde Fields announced that although schools opened with three substitute teachers, the positions have been filled by today. Mrs. R. E. Black and Mrs. Reid Hampton were substitutes at Laurel Springs and a substitute was also secured for Prather's Creek colored school.

Miss Fields also pointed out that several lunchrooms in the county are expected to open soon. The Sparta lunchroom is in readiness and Piney Creek, along with a number of others are expected to be ready for operation soon.

Drive For Waste Paper Continues

Urge Citizens To Bring In

Jess Moxley, commander of the Alleghany Post of the American Legion that the waste paper drive now being sponsored by this organization would continue through September 30.

Commander Moxley pointed out that the response had been good, but due to the lack of transportation there was still much to be collected. He asked that those who had made collections that had not been called for, to please be patient and that the paper would be picked up as soon as possible. He also reminded citizens once more that rural mail carriers would bring the paper in, if it were tied securely and placed by mail boxes.

Approximately 3,000 pounds of paper was gathered during the three days the campaign was in progress, it was explained. Prof. John M. Cheek brought in the largest amount of paper, with 1,500 pounds to his credit.

Mrs. R. L. Doughton spent Saturday night in Sparta.

WAR BONDS in Action

FSA Makes Inclusive Health Survey Of Families In County

During the time that a recent survey was being made of Alleghany county farm families, and FSA families in particular, a special study of the health problems was likewise made.

The records from the state health department show that the 1941 infant death rate for the county was 57.7. Since the county has no health nurse, prenatal clinics and vital information pertaining to child care which the health nurse is able to give, are no longer available to farm families. Immunizations against diphtheria, small pox, scarlet fever, whooping cough, and typhoid fever likewise are not available from this source. For these reasons it was felt that there is a vital need for a full-time nurse in the county. By providing for a health nurse, we may not only reduce the infant death rate but lessen the danger of epidemics of contagious diseases.

Throughout the year, many work days are lost by farm operators because of illness. After consulting the local doctors, it was discovered that the five ailments which cause the greatest loss of time from farm work are: Common colds; injury; rheumatism; tonsillitis; and indigestion. Bad teeth, infected tonsils, exposure and poor eating habits were largely responsible for these ailments it was thought.

In many families there are adults as well as children who need glasses fitted. Each year the Farm Security Administration, in cooperation with the Welfare office, conduct an eye clinic for those individuals who are not able to consult a specialist. Because they are participating in the (Continued On Page Four)

Signal Corps Photo
The dogs of war are of many breeds but alike in faithfulness, loyalty and bravery.
Tin Tin III is one of those hand-picked, highly trained dogs of the army. Their service saves many a life. Your War Bonds pay for the training. Buy Bonds and Hold 'em!
U. S. Treasury Department

U. S. Coast Guard Photo
The open jaws of the LSTs pour out Marines, tanks and fighting equipment on the far side of the world at Cape Gloucester, New Britain.
We must keep the flow of supplies steady if our men are to hold. Buy your War Bonds and Hold 'em!
U. S. Treasury Department