

## War Fund Drive Opens Monday

## Superior Court Ended Here Early Monday Afternoon

### Shortest Term On Record; Few Cases Are Tried

Several Others Are Continued; Judge J. H. Clement Presided At Court

Ending the shortest session in its history, the fall term of the semi-annual Alleghany county superior court adjourned early Monday afternoon after opening on Monday morning.

Only six criminal cases and two civil cases were heard by Judge J. H. Clement. Erle McMichael served a solicitor.

Charged with assault with a deadly weapon, Raymond Crouse was sentenced to four months in jail.

Dean Bell and Gwyn Whitaker, charged with assault, were given a prayer for judgement for two years on the condition that they stay away from the Parkway Cafe and remain law abiding citizens and that each pay a fine of \$25.00 and one-half the cost.

Britt Clemmons, charged with larceny, was given 60 days in jail.

Charged with manufacturing whiskey, Blain Wagoner was given a six-months' jail sentence, suspended on the condition that he does not violate the prohibition law for a period of three years.

Crockett Hines, who was charged with injury to public property, was given a three-months' jail sentence and Herman Hudson charged with assault while intoxicated, was given a fine of \$50.00 and 30 days in jail under his driver's license.

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### Tank Goes Through Siegfried Line



Following a path blasted by U. S. army engineers, an American tank passes through a belt of concrete and steel dragons teeth obstacles in the Siegfried line near Aachen.

## Americans Pouring Through Siegfried Lines; Reds Gaining

### Dutch Islands Bombed By Allies; Japs Are Halted At Paoching

American Fifth Air Force bombers blasted the Dutch islands north of Java, and broke through the Siegfried line.

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Japanese installations at Santa Ana, near Davado, are bombed by U. S. army Fifth air force of the far eastern unit. Santa Ana is on Mindanao, southernmost island of the Philippines.

### Several Men Are Classified Here By Local Board

10 Are Placed In I-A; Other Classifications By Board Are Announced

The local board this week announced classifications of 67 men for military service, when 10 were placed in I-A and others in various other classifications.

The classification list is as follows:

I-A: Page G. Stoker, Walter C. Royal, Herbert C. Lyon, John F. Delp, Clifford E. Rector, Joseph O. Ray, Olen R. Black, Robert S. Frazier, Wayne C. Carpenter and John F. Billings.

I-A-O: Robert R. Greene and Clayton T. Sheets.

I-A (H): Haywood Y. Tompkins.

I-A (Ind): Fred J. Caudill.

2-A: Dillon A. Poole, Robert L. Joines, Thomas Ralph Edwards, Wayne B. Waddell, Richard E. Finney, Talmadge C. Hamm, John H. Porterfield, William C. Caudill, Clifford G. Pruitt, Rex W. Billings and Bert Sturgill.

2-A (F): Thomas E. Woodie, Delmer I. Maxwell and John R. Williams.

2-A (H): Clayton H. Bennett.

2-B: Bower F. Hoppers.

2-C: Arthur T. Gambill, Dean Bedsaul, Rufus C. Gilliam, Johnnie C. Bryant, Boyd D. Roberts, Fletcher A. Church, Carl H. Anthony, Charlie C. Scurlin, Harry H. Choate, Don K. Smith, Roby J. Tompkins, Adlai M. Spurlin, Willard P. Dixon, Velter Dowell, John P. Evans, Oscar G. Nichols, Frank J. Hodge, Otis J. Wilson, Dewey R. Evans, Robert B. Taylor, Estel R. Billings, William M. (Continued on Page Four)

### Lt. Mitchell To Speak To C. Of C. Here On Oct. 13

Former Sparta Merchant To Be Guest Speaker At First Fall Meeting

Lt. Jimmy Mitchell, of the U. S. Army, and a former resident of Sparta, will speak to the Sparta Chamber of Commerce on Friday night, October 13, when the organization meets for the first time this fall.

Lt. Mitchell, former manager of Kay's 5 and 10c store, is now stationed at Colorado Springs, Colo., and is expected to make an interesting talk on his experiences in the army since leaving Sparta in 1941.

In addition to Lt. Mitchell, L. E. Ivey will speak to the group on a state approved water system in Sparta. R. L. Allison will talk on a clean up program for the town and R. E. Black is expected to speak on the United War Fund Drive, which is being conducted in the county. Joe Bill Reed is also expected to speak briefly to the group.

Members of the entertainment committee announced this week that special entertainment had been arranged for the meeting. The young women of the Wesleyan (Continued on Page Four)

### Rally On Oct. 12 For Democrats

It was announced this week that plans were being completed for a Ninth District Democratic Rally to be held in Statesville on Thursday, October 12 at 11:30 A. M. at the county courthouse.

It was announced that the State chairman, leaders of the party as well as candidates would be present and all interested Democrats are cordially invited to attend. Wm. D. Kiziah, of Salisbury is chairman of the district.

Counties included in the district are Alleghany, Ashe, Alexander, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Iredell, Rowan, Stanly and Watauga.

## More Alleghany Men Reported Casualties Of War This Week

### IN FOREIGN SERVICE



Roland F. Andrews, Petty Officer 3-C, U. S. Navy, entered the service in September, 1942, and is now serving overseas on a Destroyer Escort vessel. He is the son of Mrs. Blain Andrews, of Sparta.

### Press Is Highly Praised By War Bond Chairman

Attention Called To Service Rendered In Observance Of Newspaper Week

Washington—Ted R. Gamble, director of the Treasury's War Finance Division this week lauded the nation's newspapers for their "amazing support" of the five war loan drives.

In a statement observing National Newspaper Week, he reported that newspapers have published more than \$77,000,000 of war bond advertising since May, 1941.

Text of the statement: "On this, National Newspaper Week, I would like to express the gratitude of the Treasury for the amazing support newspapers have given the five war loan drives. In the last four drives alone the daily and weekly newspapers published a total of 589,623 separate war bond advertisements with a value of \$31,213,760.

"A total of over \$77,000,000 in newspaper advertising has been (Continued on Page 4)

### Sgt. Robert Ford Has Been Seeing Plenty Of Excitement

With almost four years of service behind him, Sgt. Robert Ford, of Fries, Va., is still in the thickest of battle. He has been overseas for the past fifteen months and in actual combat for the most of that time on such fronts as Sicily, Anzio and Salerno.

The son of Mrs. Etta Ford, of Fries and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Osborne, of Independence, Sgt. Ford has many relatives in Alleghany county.

Before going overseas in May, 1943, Sgt. Ford was stationed in various camps in Pennsylvania, Colorado, South Carolina, Virginia, Louisiana and Florida. And then in May he took a much longer trip landing in Oran, North Africa on June 22. Here he fell into the line of a new and rugged life, experiencing for the first time, the hardships of a soldier.

It was a few minutes past 3:45 a. m., on the morning of July 10 that Sgt. Ford and his comrades in the 45th Division saw their first action off the coast of Sicily.

The night gushed fire and the roar of the artillery pounded their (Continued On Page Four)

### Sgt. Claude Andrews Killed In France; James G. Evans Dies In England

War casualties continue to mount in Alleghany county with two deaths and one injury reported during the past few days.

Sgt. Claude W. Andrews, son of Mrs. Charles G. Andrews and the late Rev. Mr. Andrews, of Sparta, was killed in action in France on August 28, according to a message received here by his mother. Sgt. Andrews entered service in October, 1941, at Fort Bragg and was later assigned to stations in Camp Wheeler, Ga., Carolina Beach, Fort Jackson, S. C., Camp Forrest, Tenn., Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., Fort Benning, Ga., Yuma, Arizona and Nashville, Tenn. He went overseas in Dec., 1943, as a radio operator and in June he landed in France.

Sgt. Andrews is survived by his mother, two sisters, Rita Andrews, of Independence, Va., and Dorothy, of the home. One brother, Charles G. Jr., and his grandfather, W. M. Andrews, also survive.

Pvt. James G. Evans, son of Mrs. Carrie H. Watson, of Cherry Lane, died in England as a result of pneumonia on September 12, according to a message received by his mother. He entered service in April, 1943 and had been overseas since December, 1943.

Sgt. Garnet Glenn Wagoner, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Wagoner, of Sparta, was seriously wounded in France on September 2, according to a message received by his parents from the War Department. He is now receiving treatment in a hospital in England. Sgt. Wagoner has been in service for the past three years, going overseas in September, 1942.

### Wanda Truitt Is Contest Winner

Miss Wanda Truitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Truitt, of Sparta, Rt. 2, was the winner in the Alleghany county dress revue contest sponsored by 4-H clubs of the county at the community building last Saturday.

Miss Truitt, along with three other contestants who were county blue award winners went to Lenoir to enter the district dress revue which was held there yesterday. Billie Richardson, Naomi Douglas and Reba Edwards were blue award winners.

### Dr. Abrams Meets With NCEA Group

Dr. Amos Abrams, head of the English department of Appalachian State Teacher's College, Boone, met with the Alleghany unit of the North Carolina Educational Association yesterday afternoon at Sparta high school, when he gave helpful suggestions for the success of the organization.

Dr. Abrams, a member of the State N. C. E. A., talked to the Alleghany unit in connection with a closer coordination with the state unit. He is also working with local units in Ashe, Watauga and Wilkes counties.

Committees, which were appointed at the initial meeting of the organization this year, were discussed along with their duties and the possibilities of service.

About twenty teachers were present for the meeting.

### Goal For County Is Set At \$1,400; Need Help Of All

Initial Gifts Are Being Sought; Joe Bill Reed Is Chairman

Plans are now being perfected for the opening of Alleghany's United War Fund Drive on Monday, when the goal has been set for \$1,400, Joe Bill Reed, chairman announced yesterday.

This drive includes nineteen different war agencies and needy organizations and the cooperation of every citizen is asked to help raise the county's quota.

Included in the nineteen agencies are service to the armed forces, aid to prisoners of war, relief to citizens of occupied countries and many other for which separate drives were once held.

Civic, social, educational and religious groups are asked to aid in the drive.

At a meeting of the committee chairmen on Tuesday night at the community building, special instructions and suggestions were given and other workers appointed.

It was pointed out at the meeting that a board containing the names of all Alleghany county men and women in service would be placed in the window of Smith's Store. For each contribution of \$2.00 to the fund in honor of one of these service men or women an American flag will be pasted beside that name. For any contribution over \$2.00, an additional star will be placed by the name.

Contributors are asked to designate the name of the person in whose honor the money is donated when the donation is made. (Continued On Page Four)

### Yellow Jackets Will Play First Game On Oct. 14

Sparta High Football Team To Meet Booneville High There Next Friday

Coach Roy Ellison buckled his Sparta Yellow Jackets down to tough drills at the Sparta high school field this week in preparation for their first football game of the season, as the Black and Yellow lads travel to Booneville to meet the Booneville High team on Friday, October 14.

Co-captains Wade Irwin and Junior Gentry have been on the hospital list after undergoing operations and Gentry is not expected to be in the line-up until late in the season. Irwin, however, expects to be with the team next Friday when they play their first game.

Coach Ellison is being assisted by W. O. Hooper, who plans to accompany the Yellow Jackets to all the games, it was announced (Continued On Page Four)