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## War Fund Total Nears Half Way Mark

### C. Of C. Hears Major B. Napier At Friday Meet

Members Plan Important Improvement Program For Town; War Fund Report

"The first line of defense of America lies in civic clubs and organizations such as you have here," Dr. Bennett Napier, of Knoxville, Tennessee, told members of the Sparta Chamber of Commerce last Friday night at the community building.

Dr. Napier, retired Major of World War I and representative of the Lions International, pointed out the advantages such organizations had in influencing the lives of the boys and girls of their community to make better men and women.

R. L. Allison, local manager of Belk's Department Store, spoke to the group on a clean-up program for the town. A committee of three, consisting of Mr. Allison, Glenn Richardson and W. K. Sprinkle, was appointed to supervise the marking of the streets of Sparta for parking and were instructed to report on the progress of the movement at the next meeting. Paint for the work was donated by Farmer's Hardware and Implement Company.

L. E. Ivey also addressed the club concerning the erection of four signs at the Sparta city limits welcoming visitors to the town and sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Appointed to serve with him on a committee to carry this project through were Dr. N. D. Fox and Clennel Richardson.

R. E. Black, chairman of the United War Fund Drive in the organization, spoke briefly on the campaign and instructed that all donations be taken by the secretary of the drive Miss Clyde Fields. A total of \$44.00 was collected at the meeting.

It was also unanimously agreed by the club that all stores in town would close for all home football games played this season by the Sparta Yellow Jackets.

The young women of the Wesleyan Guild of the Methodist church served dinner to the group. They will again serve the meal at the November meeting which will be held Friday, November 10.

### Grange Organized At Laurel Springs

The organization of the Laurel Springs Grange unit was completed last Saturday night, when Grange deputy A. Crouse Jones presided at the installation of the officers.

The next meeting of the Laurel Springs unit will be held on Friday night, November 3.

Officers include: Ed J. Pugh, master; Robert Joines, overseer; Van F. Miller, lecturer; Van F. Miller, Jr., steward; Jack Osborne, assistant steward; W. F. Doughton, chaplain; Mrs. R. L. Pugh, treasurer; Mrs. T. S. Moxley, secretary; T. S. Moxley, gatekeeper; Mrs. Ed J. Pugh, Ceres; Mrs. Van F. Miller, Pomona; Mrs. Robert Joines, Flora; and Miss Tommie Sue Moxley, lady assistant steward.

An executive committee, consisting of three members to serve certain lengths of time, include R. G. Taylor, three years; Van F. Miller, two years and John M. Tucker, one year.

Mrs. Gavin Dortch and Mrs. Roy Harrell, of Elkin, are spending sometime with their father, Dr. J. L. Doughton.

### Nichols Rites To Be Held Today

Funeral service for George W. Nichols, 80, who died on Wednesday, will be held today at 2:30 o'clock at his home in Beaver Dam, Va.

Mr. Nichols, who was born and reared in Alleghany county, was the brother of the late Thomas, Richard, Hiram and David Nichols, all of this county.

Surviving are thirteen children G. Glenn Nichols, Silas Nichols, Lundy Nichols and Smith Nichols, nephews of the deceased, all of Sparta also survive.

### Two Hundred Flying Missions



Lieut. Gen. Carl Spaatz (right), commanding general of the U. S. strategic air forces in Europe, chatting with Maj. P. Samarin, representing Russia, and Col. A. Shawky, representing Egypt, during "Allied Nations Day" celebrating the completion of the Eighth's 200th mission.

### Alleghany County Wins In Fat Stock Contests Being Held At Elkin This Week

#### Public Relations Panel Is Formed On Price Control

#### Miss Fields Heads Group Proposing To Clarify Control Rollings On Prices

A public relations panel, the object of which is to pass out information to the people concerning prices and price control, was organized in Alleghany county this week with Miss Clyde Fields serving as chairman.

"It is our duty," Miss Fields stated, "to pass on the information of price control to the citizens of this county." "What's New", a weekly pamphlet on the subject of price control, will be distributed to all school principals, who will act as assistants to the public relations panel, she explained.

Also the Woman's Club and the Chamber of Commerce are requested at each meeting to discuss facts that might have come up during the month which are vital to price control in this county.

Those serving with Miss Fields include Miss Frances Capel, rural representative; Miss Emoryetta Reeves, press representative; Mrs. R. F. Crouse, Woman's Club; R. L. Allison, Chamber of Commerce and Mrs. Robert Fleetwood, general information clerk.

Mrs. Lon Folger, who assists in aiding with volunteer workers for price control met with Miss Fields on Tuesday and helped to complete the organization.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Richardson are spending this week in Kingsport, Tenn., as the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Robert Andrews and Mr. Andrews.

### HOLDERS OF "A" GAS BOOKS Must File New Application

All holders of "A" gasoline ration books must file application for new books by November 9, when stamp number 13 will become valid and will entitle holders to four gallons of gasoline instead of the present three gallons. Mrs. Robert Fleetwood, clerk of the Alleghany ration board, announced yesterday.

Application blanks have been distributed throughout the county in every post office, at a number of service stations and garages and rural carriers have been instructed to leave a blank in each box on the rural routes, she explained.

The applications must be filled out and returned with the old

#### Many Prizes By Different Classes Of Stock Carried Off By Alleghany

Alleghany county marched away with first prize in the contest of county groups of five animals in the second annual Elkin Fat Stock and Wool show, which started at Elkin yesterday, while R. L. Souther took first place in showmanship as he marshaled his calf through the contest for individual animals.

In the prize-winning group of five animals from Alleghany, calves belonging to Robert Gambill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Gambill; R. L. Souther, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Souther; Nancy Gambill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Gambill, Dwight Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cary Brown and Walter Jones. Other counties entering the contest were Wilkes, second; Iredell, third, and Stokes, fourth.

Of the seven animals from Alleghany that were entered in the show with 41 others, four ranked in the top nine of the championship contest. All seven calves were awarded ribbons of some sort.

The grand champion baby beef of the show was owned by Sammy Lee Myers, of Yadkin county. Second prize went to Ruby Hutchinson, of Wilkes; third to Harold Layne, of Surry, and fourth to Robert Gambill, of Alleghany.

Meanwhile, Watauga county took the championship for wool entries with Ashe second and Alleghany third.

W. H. Mast, of Watauga county exhibited the grand champion fleece. This fleece was shown in class No. 4, a commercial ewe fleece from an animal one-half blood or finer. Everette Hendrix, Alleghany county, exhibited the reserve champion fleece, his entry exhibited in the same class as that of the grand champion. (Continued On Page Four)

### Yellow Jackets Prepare For Tilt With Boonville

Will Play Undeclared Team Here October 27; Stores To Close

The Sparta Yellow Jackets, under the direction of Coach Roy Ellison and W. O. Hooper, stepped up the tempo of preparations this week for their meeting with the undefeated Boonville high team here on October 27.

The Sparta eleven were defeated 33-0 last Friday in the first game of the season when they met the powerful Boonville team at Boonville.

However, Coach Ellison declared that the Yellow Jackets were in much better condition and were expected to make a good showing against the Boonville team next Friday. "Several of the boys had never been on the field against such strong opponents," Ellison said, "and they are now in much better condition to meet the veteran team."

Work with the backfield has been stressed this week through long, hard drilling. Fullback Wade Irwin, whose shoulder was slightly injured in the game last Friday, will be in the line-up for the all-important game.

Sparta stores, as voted at the last meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, will close for the game, which will begin around 2:30 in the afternoon.

The Sparta eleven will meet Elkin here on November 3 and will play a return game there on November 17. To date, a game has not been scheduled for Thanksgiving day, but it is hoped that some team will meet the Yellow Jackets here on that date.

### DIES IN SERVICE



Sgt. Claude W. Andrews, who will be honored at a memorial service on Sunday, October 22.

### Memorial Service For Sgt. Andrews

Memorial service will be conducted at Shiloh Methodist church on Sunday, October 22 at 2:30 p. m., when friends will pay tribute to Sgt. Claude W. Andrews, who was killed in action in France on August 28. Rev. C. H. McKnight, Rev. C. R. Allison, Rev. Lee Hampton and Eld. G. M. Tedder will be in charge.

Sgt. Andrews, son of the late Rev. Charles G. Andrews and Mrs. Andrews had been in the service since October, 1941, going overseas in December, 1943 as a radio operator. He is survived by his mother, two sisters, Miss Rita Andrews, of Independence, Va., and Dorothy of the home; one brother, Charles G. Andrews, Jr., and his grandfather, W. M. Andrews.

Sgt. Andrews is a graduate of Sparta high school.

### WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET

The Sparta Woman's club will hold the November meeting tomorrow after noon at the community building when Mrs. Wayne Waddell, Mrs. Walter Osborne, Mrs. Lon M. Reeves, Mrs. P. L. Choate and Mrs. Lola Womble will be hostesses.

An interesting program has been planned and all members are urged to attend.

### British Push Drive As Germans Dig In For Winter Plans

#### New Landings Made In Carolines; Russians Penetrate German Territory

On the war fronts of the world the British continue their drive toward the Ruhr Valley in Germany, while the Germans form their winter line behind the West Wall and Yankee airmen continue their great assault on the Philippines.

In a new drive toward the Ruhr, British tanks struck out to where the Germans are dug in east of Aachen behind the torn west wall on a "movable winter line." Enemy remnants inside Aachen are supplied by air and a few trucks which survived the dash through the American siege lines, lashing out in sorties from their last pill boxes, setting the pattern for German do-or-die resistance.

Sustained action by carrier-based planes against the Philippines and a new landing in the Western Carolines is reported by Admiral Nimitz, the attacks extending operations which have been in progress against Japan's inner defense ring since October 8. These attacks are meshed with land-based strikes by Gen. Douglas MacArthur in a sweep over Mindanao.

On September 20 and 21 only now made public, a landing was achieved without opposition on Ulithi atoll in the Western Carolines. (Continued on Page 4)

### Mrs. Warden Dies At Elk Creek Home On Friday, Oct. 13

#### Burial Awaits Arrival Of Son In Naval Service At California Base

Mrs. Donna M. Lambert Warden, 59, well-known woman of the Elk Creek community, died suddenly at her home there on Friday, October 13. Funeral service was conducted on Monday at the Elk Creek Baptist church with Rev. C. H. McKnight officiating, after which the body was placed in the Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home at Sparta to await the arrival of her son, Seaman 2-C Ralph M. Warden, U. S. Navy, of San Francisco, Calif., who expects to arrive by plane at an early date.

Mrs. Warden was born in Mercer county, Gialto, West Virginia, on April 16, 1885, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel P. Lambert, now deceased. She was married to the late Grover Cleveland Warden in April, 1917.

Surviving are three sons, two of whom are now serving in the U. S. Navy; Apprentice Seaman George Lambert Warden, of camp Peary, Virginia; Seaman 2-C Ralph M. Warden, San Francisco, California; and B. B. Warden, who lived with her. Another son, Rondon Paul Warden, died a number of years ago.

Also surviving are five sisters. (Continued on Page Four)

### Lions Club Is Organized Here; Is Headed By Dr. N. D. Fox

A Sparta Lions club with a membership of fifteen and under the sponsorship of the North Wilkesboro club, was organized here Tuesday night when Dr. Bennett Napier, of the Lions International, spoke to the group at a dinner meeting.

Dr. N. D. Fox, who was elected president of the organization, said that meetings would be held twice each month, on the first and third Tuesdays at 7:30 p. m. "We are proud to have a branch of this nationally known civic organization in our town and feel sure that our membership will increase as our club begins functioning," Dr. Fox said.

Other officers elected include:

### DIED MONDAY



Mrs. J. M. Wagoner, of Sparta, who died at her home in Sparta, on Monday.

### Funeral Rites Held For Mrs. Wagoner Here Wednesday

#### Member Of Prominent Alleghany Family; Celebrated Golden Wedding In 1938

Mrs. Charity Alice Wagoner, 74, beloved Sparta woman, died at her home here on South Main street on Monday, following an illness of several weeks. Funeral service was conducted yesterday at 1:00 o'clock at the Little River Primitive Baptist church with Eld. C. B. Kilby and Eld. S. G. Caudill in charge. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Wagoner, daughter of the late Center Edwards and Mary Jane Choate Edwards was born, February 16, 1866 in Alleghany county and was married to James M. Wagoner in January, 1888. For the past nineteen years she had made her home in Sparta. She had been a member of the Little River Primitive Baptist for the past 52 years. In 1938 she and Mr. Wagoner celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary at their home here.

Surviving in addition to her husband are eleven children: Mrs. J. A. Higgins, Sparta; Mrs. Alex Coomes, Greensboro; Mrs. Dewitt Sparger, Dobson; Mrs. Raymond Cook, Westfield; Mrs. Roscoe Childress, White Plains; Dr. B. A. Wagoner, Wytheville, Va.; Dr. W. G. Wagoner, Bluefield, W. Va.; Oscar Wagoner, Sparta; J. B. Wagoner, Logan, Ohio; R. Earl Wagoner, China Grove and Edwin R. Wagoner, Athens, Ohio.

She is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Emma Mitchell, of Sparta and one brother, C. J. Edwards, of Bel Air, Md. Thirty grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren also survive.

Pallbearers were grandsons of (Continued On Page Four)

### More Than \$675. Reported Raised; Rallies Planned

Much Interest Shown In The Service Board Naming Those Honored

The United War Fund Drive, launched a week ago, is well underway and at noon Wednesday, approximately \$675.00 had been raised toward the \$1,400.00 goal set for the county, Joe Bill Reed, county chairman of the drive, said here yesterday.

A special USO drive will be held at Little Pine school on Saturday night at 8:00 o'clock with a string music contest, cake walk, bingo game and several other features of entertainment planned. Proceeds will go to the USO, it was stated. A square dance will be held at Laurel Springs the following Saturday night, October 28, with proceeds to go to the drive. Reece Miller, chairman of Cranberry township, announced this week.

A special appeal is being made to parents and relatives of boys in service, Mr. Reed stated. The service board in the window of Smithey's store, containing the names of all service men and women from this county, has been the special feature in the drive. "For donations of \$2.00 or more a flag is placed by the name of the person you wish to honor," Mr. Reed pointed out. Much interest is being shown in the board, which, it was explained had a number of flags already.

Incomplete returns from groups throughout the county accounts perhaps for the slow growth of the total, work continuing by (Continued on Page 4)

### Caldwell To Speak On Postwar Farms At Tuesday Meet

#### State Grange Master To Address Farmers At Courthouse Tuesday Night

Harry B. Caldwell, of Greensboro, Master of the state Grange, will address the farmers and business men of the county at the courthouse on Tuesday, October 24 at 8:00 p. m., it was announced this week.

Mr. Caldwell, an outstanding speaker, will talk on general agriculture conditions that exist today, postwar farming and the Burley tobacco situation in this county.

As State Grange Master, Mr. Caldwell is the farmer's representative on the committee to determine the ceiling price on North Carolina Burley tobacco, which up to this time has not been determined. Tobacco growers will be especially interested in the discussion.

The public is cordially invited to attend and all farmers in the county are urged to be present.

### Price Panel Is Lauded By Moore

"Alleghany county has a greater number of Price panel assistants in proportion to the number of stores than any county in the state," J. M. Moore, OPA field officer for this district, told members of the price panel, ration board chairman and community service members at a meeting held in the courthouse on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Moore further pointed out that rationing was fast going out and that price control was taking over. Therefore, he explained, the assistance of the volunteer price panel members are more vitally needed than ever before. He urged that those women now serving as panel assistants continue in that capacity. He highly lauded them on the work they had done in the past and pointed out that the future held promise of a greater opportunity to serve their county, state and nation.

The new price program, which is being initiated, was discussed by W. T. Leslie, representative of the price division and Mrs. Lon Folger of the information division also talked with the group.