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THURSDAY, OCT. 26, 1944

Cherry To Speak Sat. Afternoon At Courthouse

Public Cordially Invited To Hear Democratic Candidate For Governor

R. F. Crouse, chairman of the Democratic executive committee of Alleghany county, announced this week that Honorable R. Gregg Cherry, Democratic candidate for Governor of North Carolina, would speak here on Saturday, October 28 at 2:30 p. m., at the courthouse.

Mr. Cherry visited Alleghany last spring but this is his first public appearance here since he began his campaign.

This is a public meeting and I want every citizen who possibly can to come out and hear Mr. Cherry," Mr. Crouse said. "I particularly want to invite all the ladies," he declared, and explained that Mr. Cherry would have a message of importance to every citizen.

Congressman R. L. Doughton, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and Democratic candidate for re-election to the House of Representatives, along with other Democratic leaders, is expected to be present at the meeting, it was explained.

Mr. Crouse also announced that Congressman Doughton would address the citizens of Alleghany county at the courthouse on the following Saturday, October 4, at 2:30 p. m.

Selective Service Lists New Ruling

Requests For Deferment Must Be Made Before Induction Notice Received

"The Local Draft Board wishes to bring to the attention of Alleghany registrants, that a new classification has been set up by National Selective Service, namely, every registrant who has attained his 38th anniversary of the day of his birth, and who has not been inducted into the land or naval forces, will be placed in Class IV-A. All registrants, ages 38 through 44, will be included in this classification," Mrs. Mexa Phipps, clerk, said here Wednesday morning.

"For the further information of registrants, the Local Draft Board would like to call to the attention of every man in a 1-A classification, and subject to call, if and when his order number is reached in the proper sequence. Therefore, any registrant who wishes to see the Board in regard to a deferment or postponement of induction should appear before the Board before he has received a call for induction."

"The Local Board has no authority to postpone any man's induction call has been issued, except in extreme emergency cases of sickness or death. In order to postpone a man's induction after the call has been sent, the board must get permission from state headquarters, and only in very urgent cases is this permitted. The local board will always give a sympathetic hearing and consideration to any case if presented before the induction call has been mailed. It is hoped that every registrant will bear these facts in mind, and try to adhere to them," Mrs. Phipps stated.

Two Are Honored At Dinner Monday

Mrs. Reba Howell, Mrs. Ray Caudill and Mrs. Bob McGrady were joint hostesses Monday evening at dinner, honoring Hassell Hoppers and Edward Caudill, who left yesterday for induction into the U. S. Army.

Places were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Hoppers, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Wagoner, Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Truitt, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Caudill, Mr. and Mrs. Bob McGrady, Mrs. Joe Howell, Paul Sturgill, S. B. McCann, Misses Bettie Mae Wagoner, Eva Rector, Wanda Truitt, Kay Wagoner and Barbara Truitt, Hassell Hoppers, Charlie Dale Edwards, Edward, Hubert and Cary Caudill, Page Truitt, Dillard McCary Shoies, Dewey Hoppers and Bayne Caudill.

United War Fund In County Nears Goal; Drive Ends Monday

WILL SPEAK HERE



Major R. Gregg Cherry, who will speak at the courthouse in Sparta on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

Special Program At Piney Creek

Will Be Given Saturday Evening For The Benefit Of United War Fund

Piney Creek school will present a program consisting of two parts for the benefit of the United War Fund at Piney Creek school, Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock.

The play, "Victims of Circumstances," written and directed by Mrs. Gilbert Blewins, is a three-act comedy starring Harold Reed as Henry Aldrich, Evelyn Brown as Minerva, Bernard Phipps and Anna Ray Pettyjohn as Sam and Alice Aldrich. Irene Blewins plays the part of Mary Aldrich. Ray Absher steals the show as the imitable Homer Brown.

Torn between patriotism and love for each other, Henry and Minerva will win your sympathy and earn your laughter.

The play will be preceded by a negro singing convention, starring talented members of the dramatics club.

All proceeds will go for the benefit of the United War Fund of Alleghany county.

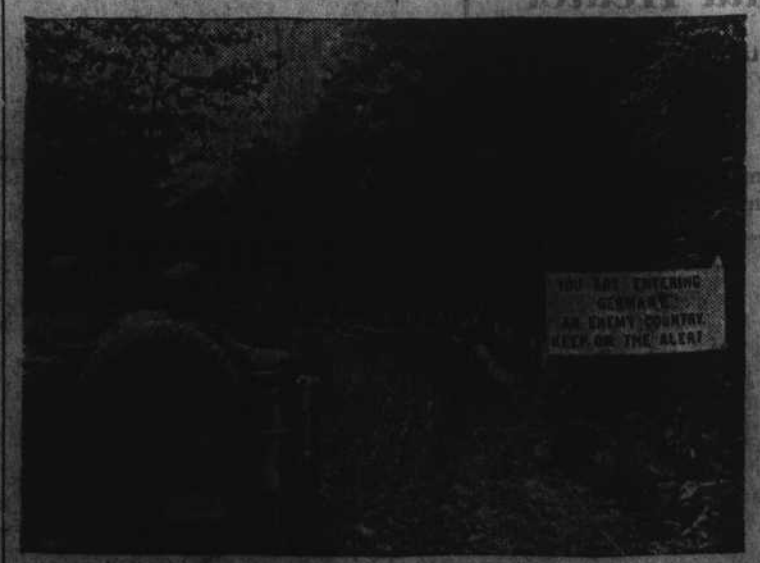
Mrs. Jones Dies At Furches, Mon.

Following an illness of one year, Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, 89, of Furches, died at her home there on Monday, October 23. Funeral service was conducted yesterday at 11:00 o'clock at the New Hope Baptist church with Eld. Johnny Toliver officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Jones, wife of the late Craig Jones, is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Carl Brown, of Stratford; Mrs. Steve Landreth, of Stratford; and Mrs. R. D. Moxley.

Pallbearers were grandsons of the deceased.

Yank Jeep In Enemy Territory



American GIs in a jeep enter into Germany from Belgium. They pause to read the sign at the side of the road warning them to be on their guard.

Piney Creek Man Cited For Record In Burma Action

Cpl. Eddie B. Smith, Son Of Mr. And Mrs. Lee Smith, Is Praised

New Delhi, India—Cpl. Eddie B. Smith, son of Mrs. Lee Smith, of Piney Creek, is now identified as a member of Maj. Gen. Frank Merrill's Marauders who won the coveted Presidential Citation for their exploits behind Jap lines in northern Burma.

Smith, holder of the Combat Infantry Badge for "exemplary conduct in combat" participated in the 700 mile march to Myitkyina, former Jap stronghold, and is authorized a bronze campaign star.

At one point along the route of march, Smith and his unit were pinned to the ground for 36 hours by enemy artillery fire only to fight their way clear and continue to advance.

Smith attended the Piney Creek high school, later joined the army and spent 18 months in the Panama Defense Zone.

Volunteering for the Marauder group in 1943, he has been almost a year in CBI-land.

Alleghany Men Are Classified By Local Board

Only 5 In 1-A; Other Classifications Are Published By Board

The local board this week announced classifications of 58 Alleghany men for military service, when 40 were placed in 2-C, five in 1-A and 13 in various other classifications.

The classification list is as follows:

1-A: James F. Halsey, Howard D. Williams, Robert R. McMillan, Walter G. Phipps, and James D. McKnight.

1-A (O): Paul Vaughn.
1-C: Donald R. Kennedy.
2-A: Dan A. Caudill, Varden K. Saddle, Walter H. Blackburn, Charlie S. Barrett, Thomas B. Handy, John B. Reeves, Wayne T. Bobbitt and Bays E. Parsons.
2-B: Lebert Petty.
2-C: Page G. Stoker, Bert Williams, Gwyn W. Williams, Elbert W. Toliver, Raymond K. Watson, Raymond F. Andrews, Leff J. Maines, Elmer R. Spurlin, Robert K. Rector, Walter C. Young, Geo. F. Taylor, Jessie R. Crouse, Walter C. Nichols, Reuben H. Sheets, Dayton D. Dixon, Charlie L. Collins, William H. Carpenter, Parma R. Wilmoth, Glenn T. Edwards, Palmer S. Walls, Clarence W. Kennedy, Alton W. Edwards, Talmadge D. Johnson, Clifton L. Cox, Robert C. Bowers, James H. Stevenson, Robert F. Harris, Abie L. Montgomery, Kemp W. Duncan, James W. Church, Champ D. Duncan, William C. Suits, Reid E. Fender, Roy H. Wagoner, Guy W. Pugh, John C. Caudill, James H. Taylor, Willard H. Brown, Estell E. Bare, and Oscar Gambill, Jr.

2-C (F): Hoy Ellis.

3-D: Ernest C. Wood.

EARLY BUYING URGED OF CHRISTMAS STAMPS

Silas Nichols, Sparta postmaster, said here this week that he wished to emphasize the importance of early purchases of postage stamps of the one-and-one-half cent denomination for Christmas mailing.

Last year, there was a last-minute rush to buy the stamps, the supply being depleted and exhausted before the season was over. "To avoid a recurrence of this shortage, persons who anticipate sending Christmas cards should buy their stamps early," Mr. Nichols stated.

SERVICE ANNOUNCED

An all-day meeting will be held at the Little River Primitive Baptist church on Sunday, Oct. 29, with the service beginning at 10:30 a. m. It was announced this week.

Several visiting preachers are expected to be present, among them Eld. Edd Davis, Eld. Edd Douglas, Eld. H. Q. Blewins, and others.

Dinner will be served on the church grounds, it was announced.

Jap Warships Move To Engage U.S. Navy; Pacific Battle Is Near

American And Allied Armies Making Gains On German And Russian Fronts

At Pearl Harbor, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz has announced that Japanese battleships and cruisers had been sighted moving eastward toward the Central Philippines, indicating a potential meeting with naval units. Radio silence precluded further details.

If the Navy of the United States and that of Japan meet, it will be the first engagement of strong forces since the Japanese were soundly defeated June 19 in the Philippine area.

Overcoming Japanese resistance, mire and heat, American liberation forces pressed the reconquest of Leyte island in the Central Philippines, seizing another airfield and freeing numerous towns from the enemy.

Lt. General Sir Miles C. Dempsey's British second Army fought into the streets of 'S Hertogenbosch from the northeast Tuesday and Wednesday night to tighten its iron grip on the Nazis' defense key to Western Holland as another spearhead closed in from the South.

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Registration Books Close On Saturday For Nov. 7 Voting

Voters Are Urged To Make Sure They Are Properly Registered

Citizens of Alleghany who have not yet properly registered for voting in the general election of November 7 are urged to do so by Saturday of this week, as this is the date on which the books close, G. Glenn Nichols, chairman of the Board of Elections, stated.

Registrars will be available in each voting precinct of the county through Saturday and on the following Saturday, November 4, challenges may be placed on record.

"It is the privilege of every citizen to vote, and failure to do so appears to be evidence of lack of concern for his country's welfare. Since this election is perhaps the most important election ever to be held in the history of the United States, it is the duty of every voter to see to it that he is

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Mrs. Edwards, 42, Is Buried At Zion

Funeral service for Mrs. Bertha Osborne Edwards, 42, of Sparta Rt. 2, who died at the Wilkes hospital on Sunday, Oct. 22, was held Tuesday at Zion Primitive Baptist church with Eld. S. G. Caudill and Eld. J. C. Sparks in charge. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Surviving in addition to her husband, Otho Edwards, are two sisters, Mrs. Delia Evans, of Sparta and Miss Pearl Osborne, of Galax and one brother, Guy Osborne, of Independence.

Honor Roll Is Announced For Students Of Sparta Hi School

The honor roll for the first month's work in Sparta high school was announced this week by C. R. Roe, principal. A number of students made grades of 90 and above entitling them to be placed on the list:

Second grade: Harold Hoppers, Susie Gambill, Marion Allison, Ann Thompson, Doris Baldwin, Alton Baldwin, Francis Crouse, Victoria Crouse, Eugenia Hickerson, Marjorie Miller, Susie Sturdivant and Shirley Taylor.
Third grade: Bobby Elizabeth Gambill, Wilma Richardson, Lettie Sue Waddell, Ruth McCann, Iva Lee Rector, Nancy Waddell, Shirley Ann Thompson, Doris Jean Edwards, Rosemond Maines, Mildred Hawkins, Carol Edwards, Betty Ann Miles, Bobbie Ruth Sturgill, Pauline Thornton, Gaynell Truitt, Jimmy Liles, Tommie

IN SOUTH PACIFIC



Pfc. Ben F. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Taylor, of Laurel Springs, is now serving overseas somewhere in the South Pacific area with the U. S. Marine Corps. He has been in service since September, 1943.

32 Men Left Wed. For Camp Croft

Are To Be Inducted Into Armed Forces; Names Are Published

Thirty-two Alleghany men left yesterday morning for induction into the armed forces, at Camp Croft, S. C., following their physical examinations conducted here.

Those leaving included: Gilbert Overman Bedwell, William Howard Greene, Clyde Junior Murphy, Earl Lee Jones, Herbert Columbus Hawthorne, Thos. Eugene Joines, Edward Kyle Caudill, Eugene Jessie Poole, Van Franklin Miller, Jr., Burnett James Wilson, Robert Bruce Whiteley, Clive Leroy Edwards, Andrew Nelvin Jennings, Floyd Hardin Reeves, Thomas Hassell Hoppers, Thomas Harrison Smith, Early Bryan Eldridge, Raymond Lee Toliver, Russell Parks Brown, Linville Mack Richardson, Mack Davis Osborne, Jack Barney Johnson, Charles Franklin Warden, Dewey Clifford Whitaker, Oscar Dale DeBord, Charles Lester Weaver, Chester Washington Maines, Buford Jackson Spicer, Elwood Lane Roberts, Rufus Claude Edwards, Clayton Talmadge Sheets and Bert Isom Wagoner.

OCTOBER 31 DEADLINE FOR DAIRY PAYMENTS

C. G. Collins, chairman of the AAA of Alleghany county, announced this week that October 31 had been set as the deadline for filing applications for dairy feed payments on the July and August sales.

Mr. Collins urged that all those who had not done so, should file these applications at an early date.

Accident Kills Two At Boone

Two ex-service men were killed Saturday night near Boone when their car ran off the road and turned over into Winkler's Creek. The car was found about 8:30 o'clock Sunday morning.

Earl Maliba, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Maliba, and Tubert Pitts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Pitts, of the Shulls Mills community near Boone, were the occupants of the car. Maliba had been given a discharge from the army and Pitts from the Navy.

A verdict of death by drowning or suffocation was announced after a coroner's inquest, as there were no injuries on the bodies of the men.

Maliba is survived by his parents and Pitts by his wife and parents. Both have brothers and sisters.

More Casualties Of War Reported Here This Week

War casualties continue to mount in Alleghany county, with one man reported missing in action and four others injured, three overseas and one in the States.

Pvt. Owen E. Wilson, son of James C. Wilson, of Glade Valley, has been missing in action in France since September 11, according to a message received by his father from the War Department. Pvt. Wilson volunteered for service in 1943 and had been overseas for the past three months.

Pvt. Paul Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack T. Brooks, of Glade Valley, was slightly wounded in action somewhere in France on October 10, according to a message received by his parents yesterday.

Pvt. Grant M. Harless, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Harless, of Whitehead, was wounded in action in Northern Italy on October 8. This is the second time Pvt. Harless has been wounded and he has received the Purple Heart for wounds previously sustained. He was struck by a shrapnel in his right hand according to a letter received by his mother.

Pvt. Elgin L. Pruitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Estil Pruitt, of Sparta, was seriously wounded at Camp Swift, Texas, as a result of an accidental explosion of a mortar shell. The injury was in both thighs. His condition is reported to be satisfactory from the regional hospital, where he is now a patient.

Pfc. Oscar Bert Evans, brother of Mrs. Kilby Atwood, of Twin Oaks, was wounded in France, according to a message received by his sister.

His company. He was reported to be wounded in the leg.