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Sixth War Loan Drive Opens Monday

C. Of C. Sponsors Football Club Of Sparta Hi School

Rev. R. L. Berry Speaks At Meeting Friday; Committees Are Appointed

The sponsorship of the Sparta football club was adopted as a current project by the Sparta Chamber of Commerce last Friday night when more than 50 members and guests were present for the November meeting.

Rev. R. L. Berry, of Belmont, and former member of the club, made an interesting talk on "Winning the Peace". He was introduced by Joe Bill Reed.

It was decided that the Chamber of Commerce would invite members of the football club to be their guests at the December meeting. Appointed on the committee for arrangements were T. R. Burgess, W. O. Hooper and Alton Thompson.

In connection with the sponsorship of the "Yellow Jackets", a square dance will be held in the community building on Saturday night, with proceeds to go for the purchase of equipment for the team. The committee in charge of arrangements for the dance are C. W. Irwin, Ralph Cheek and Glenn Richardson.

In addition to the football club, special emphasis will be made on membership of the Chamber of Commerce, R. F. Crouse, president, pointed out. Added the membership committee is R. E. Black who will serve with Ben Reeves, Miss Clyde Fields and J. K. Wagoner.

The committees headed by R. L. Allison and L. E. Ivey on the marking of the streets and erection of signs made their reports and were lauded by the club for their splendid success.

Eye Clinic Will Be Held Nov. 30

An eye clinic will be held in the Alleghany County Welfare department, Tuesday, November 30, with an eye specialist from Winston-Salem in charge, Miss Doris Wagoner, acting welfare superintendent, announced this week.

Miss Wagoner pointed out that anyone interested in making an appointment should get in touch with the welfare department as soon as possible. Because of limited time, she explained, only those having appointments can be examined.

Sparta Men Hunt Deer At Pisgah

Deer hunting seems to have been the sport of the week with eight men from Alleghany county enjoying hunts at the Pisgah National Forest near Asheville.

Two deer were bagged by Cliff Evans and Cleve Nichols, who were among the first group of five hunters from this county. Along with Evans and Nichols on the hunt last Thursday, Friday and Saturday, were Howard Hoppers, Cliff Holloway and Clint Cassill.

In the second group, who hunted on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday were Dr. C. A. Thompson, Ralph Gentry and R. E. Black. Bryan Collins, of Asheville, joined the men there. Results of this hunt have not been learned since the hunters had not returned last night.

Glade Valley Hi To Present Play

In keeping with the traditional custom for Thanksgiving, the junior class of Glade Valley high school will present a play, "The Path Across the Hill," on November 23 at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium.

Left Jones, member of the faculty, is coaching the play and states that the cast includes some rare talent.

The public is cordially invited to attend the Thanksgiving play which will be preceded by a banquet in the school dining hall.

14 Jap Ships Sunk; Both Americans And Russians Make Gains

MISSING IN ACTION



Pfc. Ross S. Jolly, son of Mrs. Flora E. Jolly and the late Mr. Jolly, of Glade Valley, has been reported missing in action in Italy since October 10. A member of the infantry in the Fifth Army, Pfc. Jolly served in North Africa before going to Italy. He entered service in November, 1942, and went overseas in March, 1944.

Hunters Urged To Buy Licenses

Hunting season opens on Thanksgiving; limits are cited

Thursday, November 23, will give sportsmen of Alleghany an added reason to be thankful, for the hunting season for quail, grouse, and rabbits opens at this time, county game warden, Dick Gentry, announces.

Mr. Gentry said that he would like to remind hunters that the bag limit per day for grouse in the county is two and for the season, 10. The bag limit per day for quail is 10.

All hunters are urged to secure their licenses before the season opens. The licenses are on sale at the Farmer's Hardware store, he (Continued on Page Four)

To Hold Special Service, Sunday

A special union Thanksgiving service will be held at the Sparta Methodist church on Sunday night, November 19, at 7:30 o'clock with Rev. E. W. Thompson, pastor of the Presbyterian church, conducting the service.

A combined choir from the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches will render special music for the service.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

H. D. Club Achievement Day Is Well Attended By Women

"Achievement day" for the home demonstration club women and 4-H girls in Alleghany county was an outstanding success with more than 80 club women present for the all-day meeting at the community building on Saturday, Frances Capel, home agent, announced.

Highlighting the morning session was the election of the county council of federation of home demonstration clubs, with Mrs. Hazel Rector, of the Blevins Cross Roads club, elected president. Mrs. Champ Duncanson was elected vice-president and Mrs. C. G. Collins, secretary and treasurer.

Reports were heard by Mrs. Duncanson on the work of the clubs in 1943-44 and the goals for 1945 and by Mrs. Tom Morley on the curb market, the major project

U. S. Airmen Shoot Down 28 Japanese Planes In The Pacific Area

American Third Fleet carrier planes sank or damaged 14 Japanese ships and one floating dock, shot down 28 planes and strafed 130 more in renewed raids on the Manila area Sunday.

The enemy counterattacked the carrier task group but no American ships were damaged. Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced in a communique yesterday.

The powerful Fortress ring around Metz, impregnable to frontal assault of any war since the fifth century, was breached Tuesday by U. S. Third Army doughboys who swept within two miles of the city and stormed last-ditch German defenses after capturing six fortified towns and the huge but dismantled bastion of L'Yser.

On the Allied north flank, the British Second Army opened a tremendous, twilight drive in Eastern Holland toward the Ruhr Valley behind an earth-quaking barrage from 400 guns and smashed almost seven miles of the Reich frontier in the first hours.

Far to the south, the French First Army went over to the offensive in the Belfort Gap amid indications that the Germans might abandon the whole southern half of their line and retire behind the Rhine.

Red Army troops yesterday wiped out the last enemy bridgehead on the Danube River's east bank south of Budapest and battled forward seven miles in an outflanking movement east of the Hungarian capital as Berlin reported that violent street fighting had flared again in the city's southwestern suburbs.

Ceiling Price On Hogs Is Given

AAA Chairman Announces That New Ceilings Are Effective Now

The ceiling price on live hogs weighing 240 pounds and under has been extended to hogs weighing 270 pounds and under, according to information received by C. G. Collins, chairman of the Alleghany county AAA Committee.

The price is \$14.75 per hundred-weight, Chicago basis. Hogs weighing over 270 pounds are priced at \$14.00 per hundred-weight.

Mr. Collins pointed out that this action, effective October 30, 1944, was taken because of the greatly improved feed situation in relation to the number of hogs and because the hog crop for the current season of 1945 is below anticipated production. Mr. Collins further pointed out that wholesale and retail price levels will not be affected as to dressed pork or meat cuts.

Three Reeves Brothers Now Serving Uncle Sam



Above are three sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Reeves, of Sparta, who are serving in the armed forces. Pfc. Harrison Reeves, left, is with the medical corps in England and entered service in January, 1943. Pfc. Cleo Reeves, center, is with the ordnance department in England and has been in service since November, 1942. Pfc. Willard Reeves, right, entered service in March, 1944, and is stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla.

OPA Clamps Down On Black Market Cigarette Sales

Cooperation Of Public Is Urged To Help Out In Shortage

Washington—The Office of Price Administration was disclosed to have ordered a crackdown on black market sales of cigarettes in Detroit and Minneapolis as the first step in efforts to solve the widespread and growing cigarette shortage.

OPA Administrator Chester Bowles pledged that the agency will fight illicit operators by every means possible but called on the public to help by buying cigarettes "in the normal manner" and refusing to pay more than the price ceiling.

He announced after a conference with War Food Administrator Marvin Jones that OPA and WFA are agreed that cigarette rationing at this time would be "completely impracticable" and would be of little help in smoothing out uneven supplies.

He attributed the current shortage to a combination of black markets, hoarding by smokers, (Continued on Page 4)

Pine Swamp Box Supper Success

The box supper held at Pine Swamp school on Saturday night was an outstanding success with the total proceeds amounting to \$230.80. Mrs. Lura W. Spaulding and Mrs. W. C. Thompson, teachers, sponsored the entertainment for the benefit of the school.

Music was furnished by the Smith brothers' band with Johnnie Wagoner acting as auctioneer. He was assisted by Carl Andrews.

The cake for the prettiest girl was won by Mrs. Etta Lou Edwards with Miss Emaline Jones runner-up. Tom Pruitt won the pickles for the ugliest man and Carl Andrews was runner-up. Two cake walks were held, the first cake going to Miss Dorise Billings and the second to Audrey Andrews.

Miss Dorise Billings welcomed the audience with a presentation of a sketch by Miss Pearl, radio star.

Lewis Porter, 69, Dies In Virginia

Lewis Porter, 69, prominent farmer and cattle dealer, of Spring Valley, Va., died at the Mt. Airy hospital on November 11 following a short illness. Funeral service was held at Spring Valley Providence church on November 12 with Rev. Mr. Mayberry officiating.

Surviving is one daughter, Mrs. H. L. Lundy, of Independence, Va., and one grand-daughter, Miss Pettie Lundy, of Radford Teacher's college, Radford, Va.

Mrs. J. K. Wagoner, of Sparta, attended the funeral service on Sunday.

Alleghany Farmers Are To Vote On AAA Committeemen Throughout County, Nov. 24

Junior Red Cross Drive Underway

Miss Minnie Lou Edwards, Chairman, Urges Teachers To Turn In Reports

The Junior Red Cross Drive, under the chairmanship of Miss Minnie Lou Edwards, is being conducted in the schools throughout the county with more than \$20.00 reported to date.

Miss Edwards explained that the Junior Red Cross was open to membership only to school boys and girls and that the work carried on by the organization is a varied one. Christmas boxes for children overseas are made by the Junior Red Cross along with party favors to be used at army camps here and abroad, garments to be used by army personnel and various other services.

The latest project conducted by the Sparta chapter was the covering of 300 decorated match boxes (Continued on Page 8)

Book Week Is Observed Here

National book week is being observed in Alleghany county this week with the schools putting on special programs and conducting a detailed study of books.

Mrs. Carrie H. Jones, county librarian, made an interesting display of books about every land in the window of Cash and Carry store. Mrs. Jones urged that all teachers who had not done so, get their book collections from the library. These collections may be taken to the various schools and used for a certain period of time when they may be exchanged for others.

Twin Oaks Man Writes From Battlefield In South Pacific

Seaman 2-C Gene Irwin has seen plenty of action since leaving the States early in July. In an interesting letter written to his wife, Mrs. Ruby Irwin, who resides at Twin Oaks, he gives a vivid description of the recent capture of Angaur Island of the Palau group in the South Pacific. Here Seaman Irwin writes he got his first real glimpse of war.

"We left the island we were on one day in September around 12 o'clock. We were in full battle pack plus our sea bags, hammocks and all our other belongings. We were dressed in greens with helmets, gun, knife, ammunition, gas mask and all the rest that goes with battle dress. We got on a LCM landing craft and went out to the ship. We marched up the gang plank and were assigned to a compartment. The trip was real

Voting Places Are Listed; Farmers Are Urged To Cast Votes

Farmer AAA committeemen, who will have important roles in war and postwar farm problems, will be named at elections to be held throughout Alleghany county on Friday, November 24, C. G. Collins, chairman of the county AAA committee, announced this week.

Farmers from each of the twelve communities will choose three committeemen, two alternates and one delegate, who will represent their community in the county committee. These delegates will in turn attend the county meet, which will be held at a later date, to name three committeemen and two alternates to represent Alleghany county in the Agricultural Adjustment Agency of the state, it was pointed out.

A program is being arranged for a discussion on conservation practices for 1945, production goals and the general agricultural outlook for the coming year. Mr. Collins said. He urged that every farmer attend the meeting in his particular community and take part in the discussions to be (Continued on Page 8)

Sugar Stamp 34 Worth 5 Pounds

Washington—Sugar Stamp No. 34 in war ration Book Four will be good for five pounds of sugar beginning November 16, the Office of Price Administration announced.

The stamp will be good indefinitely, other stamps already validated and good indefinitely including Nos. 30, 31, 32 and 33. "Canning" stamp No. 4 is good until March 1.

County's Goal Is Set At \$74,000; Much Interest

Alton Thompson Is County Chairman; Everyone Is Asked To Help

Plans are now being completed for the opening of the Sixth War Loan Drive in Alleghany county on Monday, November 20, Chairman S. R. Nichols, announced yesterday.

The county's quota has been set at \$74,000.00 and it was pointed out that the co-operation of every person in Alleghany would be needed to make the drive a success. County Chairman Alton Thompson urged that the buyers "shop early" this year, as an effort is being made to meet the quota by Dec. 15. Any person buying a bond now, may give credit to any township and a record will be kept, he pointed out.

At a meeting of the steering committee yesterday, township chairmen were appointed and each of the seven townships in the county were assigned definite quotas.

It was also pointed out that special drives featuring entertainments of various sorts are expected to be made in each community. The home demonstration clubs and home agent are expected to work with the chairmen in each township on the program.

R. E. Black and Miss Frances Capel are expected to work with the farm groups. Sheriff Jess Moxley will head the drive in the American Legion and Lon M. Reeves was named head of the RFD carrier.

Porter will head the drive at the while R. F. Cross will be the official spokesman for the campaign. Robert Allison will head the retail merchants of the county.

Miss Clyde Fields, of the women's division, pointed out that township chairmen would be appointed at an early date and that the women would work in co-operation with the home demonstration clubs of the county. Miss Fields will also work with the schools.

The list of township chairmen, together with the quotas, are as follows: Gap Civil, Dr. N. D. Fox, \$47,800.00; Glade Creek, Isom Wagoner, \$6,000.00; Piney Creek, Joe Bill Reed, \$6,000.00; Prather's Creek, Jones Waddell, \$4,200.00; Cranberry, Edward Pugh, \$3,200.00; Whitehead, R. E. Richardson, \$3,000.00; Cherry Lane, Ralph Gentry, \$4,000.00.

Pastor Speaks To Sparta Students

Rev. Wayne Thompson, pastor of the Presbyterian church, spoke to the students of Sparta high school on Wednesday morning in observance of national book week.

Rev. Mr. Thompson stressed the use of time for worthy purposes and the importance of youth in preparation for a happy future. He referred to the time of youth as the summer time of life, leading to the autumn when a person reaps his accomplishments.

His inspiring talk was concluded with the moral: "Sow a thought, reap an act; sow an act, reap a habit; sow a habit, reap character; sow character, reap eternal destiny or the Kingdom of God."

Lions Club To Meet On Tuesday

The Lions Club will meet at the community building on Tuesday, November 21, when an interesting speaker is expected to address the group. Dr. H. D. Fox, president of the club, announced this week.

A number of members from the sponsoring club in North Wilkesboro are also expected to be present.

One new member has been added to the roll, making the membership in the club convenient to date it was pointed out. Greenville Liles is the new member.