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## Sixth War Loan Drive Now Underway

### County Farmers To Vote On AAA Leaders Friday

Community Committeemen To Be Named On Friday; County Meeting On Sat.

Farmers are again reminded this week of the election of AAA committeemen to be held throughout Alleghany county on Friday, C. G. Collins, chairman of the county AAA committee, pointed out.

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 schedule of the meetings in each of the communities follows: Cherry Lane—10:00 a. m., Miles' Store; Barrett—1:00 p. m., Barrett Post Office; Blevins Cross Roads, 3:00 p. m., Blevins Cross Roads; New Hope—10:00 a. m., New Hope; Stratford—1:00 p. m., (Continued on Page 4)

### Sale Of Seals Underway Here

Miss Clyde Fields Is Chairman; To Aid In Fight Against Tuberculosis

The sale of Christmas seals in Alleghany county is now in progress with Miss Clyde Fields, superintendent of schools, as chairman and all school teachers conducting local campaigns. Miss Fields said that 15,000 seals have been sent out to all the schools throughout the county with the request that every student co-operate to make the sale a success.

"The sale of these seals for the benefit of the county, state and national tuberculosis association, is conducted only once each year," Miss Fields stated, "and in this (Continued on Page Four)

### Piney Creek Man Gets Bronze Star

With the 8th Infantry Division in Luxembourg—Corporal Reggie W. Van Hoy, Piney Creek, North Carolina, has been awarded the Bronze Star while serving overseas with the 8th Infantry Division in France.

His citation reads: "For heroic service in connection with military operation against the enemy. Cpl. Van Hoy laid two lines over a route exposed to constant enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire. Throughout the day he exposed himself to the same dangerous fire in order to maintain these wires. Through his untiring devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety indispensable communication was maintained."

Before entering military service, Cpl. Van Hoy was engaged in farming. He is the son of J. P. Van Hoy, of Piney Creek.

### Yellow Jackets Beaten By Elkin

The Sparta Yellow Jackets lost to Elkin a football game which was much closer than the score of 13-0 would indicate last Friday afternoon on the Elkin field.

When the whistle stopped play in the first half Sparta had the ball on Elkin's two-yard line with a first down. Again a scoring opportunity was lost when the final whistle caught the Yellow Jackets on the Elkin fifteen-yard line with another first down. Estep, Hincer and Poole played excellent football in the line. Billy Sexton intercepted a pass and returned it for a thirty-yard gain. This along with a pass completed to James Sledge set up the first scoring opportunity for the Sparta boys.

Elkin scored in the first and third periods and made an extra point after the second touchdown to win by a score of 13-8.

### Entire Nazi Army Is Threatened By Allies; Stop Japs On Leyte

PACIFIC SEA CHIEF



Adm. Royal E. Ingersoll, commander-in-chief, Atlantic fleet, has been appointed commander of the western sea frontier. His job will be to keep the supplies flowing for bigger and better blows at Japan.

### Chinese To Study Conservation Of Soil In County

Next Week

Dr. Walter C. Lowdermilk, Assistant Chief Soil Conservator, and at the present time loaned by the United States to the Chinese as agricultural advisor to the Chungking government, will be in this county Monday and Tuesday. With him will be five important Chinese agricultural leaders, who will visit here to observe and study at first hand the program of soil conservation and related work in Alleghany and Ashe counties. This party will be accompanied by E. G. Garrett, North Carolina Soil Conservationist; J. E. Caudle, State Soil Survey Supervisor of the Soil Conservation Service; Staten (Continued from Page 5)

### Eye Clinic Will Be Held Nov. 28

Miss Doris Wagoner, acting Alleghany county welfare superintendent, announced that appointments for examination at the eye clinic to be held at the welfare department on Tuesday, November 28, have been coming in this week and that only a few remain to be filled.

Miss Wagoner urged that all those who are interested and have not done so, make an appointment as soon as possible through the welfare department. Only those who have appointments can be examined. An eye specialist from Winston-Salem will have charge of the clinic.

### Public Is Urged To Mail All Christmas Packages Early

Public response to the Post Office Department's "Shop Now! Mail in November" campaign is good but needs to be better, according to local post office workers.

"Extraordinary wartime conditions face us. Unless more people buy and mail this month the Postal service cannot do its job of delivering all Christmas gifts on time, one official declared.

"It is not pleasing to us to have to ask the American people to mail packages so far in advance of the delivery date. We do so only because it has to be done. The job is a tremendous one, but we are confident that it will be done because we know from ex-

### Russians Have Started New Push In Czechoslovakia Making Gains

French and American troops of the Sixth Army group battled into the citadel city of Mulhouse and drove well beyond Sarrebourg to within 27 miles of the Rhine yesterday in great encircling movements that threatened to pocket the entire German 19th Army with its back to the river.

French First Army armored forces speared into Mulhouse in a race northward from their footholds on the French side of the Rhine near the German-Swiss-French border to cut off the Germans between the Vosges Mountains and the river. Unconfirmed reports said the French already had continued on to Colmar, 22 miles north of Mulhouse.

American troops slowly and painfully loosened the Japanese hold on northern approaches to the Ormoc Valley today despite miserable weather and an apparent Japanese decision to sacrifice an entire division if necessary to hold present positions near the village of Limon.

Weary units of the 24th Infantry Division—which has borne the brunt of the entire Leyte battle—yesterday repulsed bloodily the third determined enemy attack. (Continued on Page 4)

### Goat Devours OPA Certificates For Tires With Gusto

Robert Edwards Gets Replacement After Action Of His Pet Goat

Goats will be goats, but Robert Edwards, of Society Hill, S. C., and well-known former Alleghany man, probably wishes that one particular goat had satisfied its appetite on tin cans rather than paper.

Mr. Edwards had an unusual experience last week when his pet goat crawled into the cab of his truck and proceeded to consume a certificate from the Marlboro county ration board which would have allowed him to purchase two new 32 by 6 truck tires for his vehicle. Mr. Edwards made affidavit before Henry A. Rogers, clerk of the court, to this effect, in order to get a replacement certificate.

According to OPA rules it seems that a lost certificate cannot be replaced. (Continued on Page 4)

### Sparta Grange To Meet On Mon.

The Sparta Grange will meet on Monday, November 27, at 7:30 p. m. in the courthouse for the installation of officers.

State Grange deputy A. Crouse Jones will be present to assist with the work. All members of other grange units in the county are cordially invited to be present.

### Alleghany Is Big Contributor To Thanksgiving



Here are two groups of the flock of 1,223 bronze turkeys raised by Bert L. Edwards, of Whitehead, this year. Most of these have already been shipped to military centers and are perhaps the chief reasons many men in service are thankful today!

Mr. Edwards, Alleghany county's largest turkey grower, offers convincing proof that these kings of the feast can be raised at a profit and that Alleghany county is well adapted to them. He predicts more and more farmers will be "talking turkey" on a larger scale in the near future and for increased income, too. The turkeys shown here are of the wagon-wheel bronze breasted variety and are heavier than the average. (Staff Photo)

### 182 County Men Are Classified By Local Board

Most Of The Group Placed In 4-A; Other Classifications Listed

The local board this week announced classifications of 182 county men for military service when 138 were placed in class 4-A and 44 were placed in various other classifications.

The classification list is as follows:

1-A: Elmer R. Sparks, Joe W. Finney, Andrew K. Jarvis, Clyde R. Gillespie, Zaac L. Rutherford, Gwyn E. Blevins, William T. Higgins, Dewey G. Edwards, Glenn M. Brinegar, Glenn C. Cochran and Clifford G. Pruitt.

1-C (Ind): Herbert C. Hawthorne, Burnette J. Wilson, Raymond L. Toliver, Russell P. Brown, Linville M. Richardson, Charles F. Warden, Chester W. Maines, Earl L. Joiner, Rufus C. Edwards, Clayton T. Sheets and Bert I. Wagoner.

2-C: John Holloway, Roy T. (Continued on Page Four)

### CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EDITION NEXT WEEK

In co-operation with the merchants, this paper will publish the annual Christmas shopping edition next week, November 30.

At this time, the public will be reminded of the many advantages of trading at home and will be offered a wide selection of Christmas gifts in the advertisements of the merchants.

The edition will contain a large number of Christmas features as well as the regular features and will be of interest to everyone.

Merchants are asked to co-operate with the paper by working on their advertisements as early as possible in order to have them ready for the edition.

The edition will herald the official opening of the Christmas shopping season here and the public is cordially invited to visit Sparta stores.

### Alleghany Farmer Raises Flock Of 1,223 This Year; Good Profit Is Realized

#### Many Turkeys Are Sold At High Price By Growers

Income During The Past Week Is Estimated At \$22,720.00

Alleghany farmers have received several hundred dollars during the past week for the sale of turkeys to be shipped to northern markets for Thanksgiving.

Largest buyers in the county this year have been the Produce Exchange, of Galax, Va., who has bought around 2,000 turkeys; Smithey's Store, who purchased around 1,250 and Carl M. Kennedy, who purchased around 1,000.

Kern Wagoner, manager of Smithey's, said the turkeys are of better quality and larger than in the past few years. The hens averaged around 13 pounds and the Toms averaging around 20 pounds. Mr. Wagoner pointed out that the fowls brought the ceiling price of 35 cents per pound. The total estimated income realized by turkey growers of the county who placed theirs on the (Continued on Page Four)

#### B. L. Edwards Makes Record In Production Of Thanksgiving Fowls

BY STAFF WRITER

"We are trying to get away from the idea of turkey only for Thanksgiving and educate the public to thinking of it as a year-round meat," Bert L. Edwards, Alleghany county's largest turkey grower, said.

Mr. Edwards, who has a flock of 1,223 turkeys on his Whitehead farm this year, experimented with his first flock in this county. He has been connected with the Cowan and Edwards Hatchery at Maple Hill for the past ten years and brought the "late hatch" to Alleghany this year as an experiment.

Most of Edward's turkeys were dressed and sold this year to the army and navy for Thanksgiving dinner at local camps around Norfolk. They were contracted by a Norfolk firm and dressed there.

Edwards started in the hatchery business at Maple Hill with his partner, Mr. Cowan, on a small scale; but the business has grown until the hatchery has already contracted for next year 16,000 pullets and orders are booked for (Continued on Page Four)

### Thanksgiving Expected To Be Quietly Observed Here

Thanksgiving in Alleghany is expected to be observed as quietly as the first one on the American continent when the Pilgrim fathers gathered in response to that first Thanksgiving proclamation issued by Governor William Bradford in 1622.

All stores in Sparta will be closed, including the bank. County offices will also be closed for the holiday. The drug store and bus station will observe Sunday hours while the post office will also be open a part of the day. The Spartan theater will be open tonight. Due to rush orders from the government the D. and P. Pipe Works will remain in operation for the day. County schools

will be closed for the holiday today and tomorrow.

The annual union Thanksgiving church service was observed on Sunday night at the Methodist church when Rev. C. W. Thompson, pastor of the Sparta Presbyterian church delivered the sermon. A combined choir from the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches furnished music. There will be no church service here today.

Hunting season for rabbit, grouse, quail and pheasant opened today. A large number of Alleghany sportsmen will haul out their guns and take to the fields. (Continued on Page 4)

### \$18,918. Reported Sold Yesterday; Need Cooperation

S. R. Nichols Special Drive Chairman Asks The Help Of Everyone

Alleghany county ended the first three days of the Sixth War Loan Drive with sources of sales reporting \$18,918.75 through yesterday, leaving \$55,081.25 yet to be sold on the county's quota of \$74,000.00.

"The co-operation of every person in the county is needed to make the drive a success," Chairman S. R. Nichols stated and he urged that all township chairmen turn in reports of bonds sold as soon as possible.

Much interest is being shown throughout the county and since Christmas is near, officials urge that all who can, purchase bonds for Christmas gifts this year.

A number of rallies and entertainments will be sponsored by the various townships in the county, the dates of which will be announced later, it was pointed out.

Sources of sales yesterday showed the following: Northwestern Bank, \$15,168.75 and Sparta Post Office, \$3,750.00.

### Minor Accidents Reported Here

Some Cars Are Damaged But Individuals Escape Injuries

Five cars were wrecked in the vicinity of Sparta last Saturday night, officers reported, with all occupants escaping serious injury.

An automobile driven by Lloyd Hudson and a pick-up driven by Reuben Hash, colored, ran together one mile west of Sparta on the Twin Oaks road about 8 o'clock Saturday night. The Hash truck was damaged about \$50.00 and the Hudson car about \$100.00 officers reported. No charges were made and each agreed to fix their own car.

Late Saturday night a car owned by Kyle Watson and driven by an unknown driver hit a car parked in front of the Blue Ridge Tourist Home, in Sparta, knocked down a small tree and came to a stop against a rock wall on the sidewalk. The driver escaped, leaving the car. The car that was hit was empty and owned by one of the guests at the tourist home. Officers estimated the damage at about \$30.00 with the damage on the Watson car about \$100.00. Officers are on the lookout for the driver of the Watson car.

Derol Atwood drove into the Little River Bridge, damaging his automobile about \$150.00. No charges were made against him, officers stated.

### SPARTA PASTOR IS HONORED BY GROUP

Instead of the customary "pounding" the ladies of the Methodist W.S.C.S. gave Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Allison, pastor of the Sparta Methodist church, a Thanksgiving basket, consisting of turkey with all the "trimmings," fruit cake, cranberries, pumpkin pie and fruits for salad.

Rev. Mr. Allison will spend Thanksgiving in Concord with his family, this year.

### Piney Creek Wins In Ball Games

Piney Creek high school boys and girls were the victors in two double header basketball games played at Piney Creek last week.

In the first game against Glade Valley, the girls won with a score of 31-16 and the boys piled up a score of 34-14.

The second game against the Grayson Hoisery Mills team was a pushover for the Piney Creek girls when they scored 18-4 against the Virginia team. The boys game was more evenly matched with the Piney Creek boys winning 27-24.

In the game with the Virginia team, Miss Ruby Rose Sanders, star of the Piney Creek girls' team, scored 38 of the 78 points.