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VOLUME 56, NO. 12 \$1.50 a Year in Alleghany County SPARTA, NORTH CAROLINA \$2.00 a Year Out of County THURSDAY, DEC. 7, 1944

## 223 County Men Are Classified By Local Board

Most Of These Are Placed In 4-A; Other Classifications Are Listed

The local board has announced classifications of 223 Alleghany men for military service and only ten were placed in I-A and 181 in 4-A, with 29 in various other classifications. The classification list is as follows:

I-A: James W. Ayers, Walter C. Richardson, Letcher V. Tedder, Vincent R. Miller, Eugene Wiles, Ivan R. Bowers, Walter D. Doughton, Robert L. Evans, Tam S. Gambill, Odell C. Smith.  
I-C (Ind.): Thomas E. Joines, Cameron Musgrove, Edward K. Caudill, Eugene J. Poole, Van F. Miller, Jr., Robert B. Whitely, Clive L. Edwards, Floyd M. Reeves, Thomas H. Hoppers, Thomas H. Smith, Early B. Eldridge, Mack Davis Osborne, Jack B. Osborne, Oscar D. DeBord, Buford J. Spicer, Elwood L. Roberts.

I-C (Disc): James B. Billings and Herbert C. Hawthorne.  
2-A: Earl E. Delp and Lee C. Choate.

2-C: Elmer R. Sparks, John F. Delp, Andrew K. Jarvis, Clyde J. Gillespie, Zaac L. Rutherford, John C. Andrews and Glenn M. Brinegar.

4-A: David R. Sturgill, Hugh L. Halsey, Chester W. Smith, Dan Roberts, Martin Shaw, Joe C. Lovelace, Charles C. Myers, Robert L. Reeves, Eugene B. Halsey, William M. Atwood, Carl J. Bobbitt, William E. Burchette, William M. Smith, Zach M. Ward, Ray V. Smith, Elbert C. Absher, Rufus P. Hall, Guy H. Burchett, Willard B. Fender, Charlie G. Collins, Marvin I. Dickens, James E. Pardue, John A. Wood, George S. Sparks, Columbus A. Higgins, John E. Blevins, Elmer R. Edwards, Bertie R. Combs, John C. Reed, John W. Combs, Edgar G. Anthony, John B. Grubb, Paul Wyatt, Johnny A. ...

Robert L. Anders, James C. Stump, George R. Douglas, James S. Landreth, Thomas L. Wagener, Arza R. Crouse, Clyde P. Wagoner, Thurmond Fitzgerald, Thomas ... (Continued on Page 4)

## Boone Tobacco Mart Now Open

Opening Sale Will Be Held Next Monday, December 11; Many Buyers

Roscoe Coleman, proprietor of the Mountain Burley Tobacco warehouses at Boone and S. C. Eggers, supervisor of sales have been contacting farmers in the county and announced that the warehouses are now open to receive tobacco. It was also announced that the opening sale would be held on Monday, December 11.

## Patton Forces Are Making Big Gains; Reds Near Austria

## Secretary of State Six Japanese Ships Are Sunk By Americans In The Philippines



Edward Reilly Stettinius Jr., 44-year-old Virginia industrial-diplomat and native of Chicago, has been named by President Roosevelt to become secretary of state, succeeding Cordell Hull, who resigned due to poor health.

## Illness Fatal To Dr. J. R. Gamble, At Lincolnnton

Native Ashe County Man Died At The Age Of 59, On Friday

West Jefferson — (Special)—Funeral services for Dr. John Reeves Gamble, 59, native of Ashe county, who died at Lincolnnton early Friday morning after an illness of several months, were held at the First Methodist church there, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The services were attended by a large crowd of friends and relatives.

## War Bond Rally Is Planned For Saturday Night

Mayor Floyd Crouse Will Speak; Short Play To Be Given

A War Bond rally will be held at Piney Creek high school on Saturday night, December 9 at 8 o'clock when an effort will be made to reach the Piney Creek War Bond quota of \$74,000.00. Mayor R. F. Crouse will speak to the group after which a short play entitled, "Orphan Elmer" will be presented. The play, with a decided trend toward patriotism, will be followed by the sale of bonds and a musical program. (Continued on Page Four)

## Sparta Man Gets Navy Commission

Harrell C. Joines, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Joines, of Sparta, was commissioned an Ensign in the Naval Reserve and designated a Naval Aviator recently at Pensacola, Florida.

## Deputy To Meet Grange Leaders

A. Crouse Jones, State Grange Deputy, will confer with leaders in the Sparta and Glade Valley Granges on Friday, December 8, concerning Grange Fire Insurance. The fire insurance will be explained and application will be taken for policies for those who want it.

## Triplets Sell 'Em And Eat 'Em

The seven-month-old Becham triplets have been enlisted in the Sixth War Loan drive and are shown at play with bonds of the \$100 variety in New York. Their father was killed in the European theater. They appear to be cutting their teeth on bonds.

## Farmer Is Awarded War Bond For Honesty



Little Judy Allen, right, is taking a slip of paper that brought her a \$75 War Bond. The paper is a check for \$58, presented by Capt. James F. O'Brien, left, provost marshal at the Enid, Okla., Army Air Field, to Judy's father, Wm. J. Allen, right, Drummond, Okla., farmer, for his honesty in trying to find the owner of a wallet containing \$58 that he found while ploughing. The billfold was lost by an aviation cadet during a plane ride high above Allen's farm, but the money had been made up to the cadet by sympathetic buddies, so Allen was given the \$58 as a reward. (Official Army Photo)

## Farm Census Will Begin January 8; Want Assistance

Local People Interested May Apply To Office In City Of Salisbury

The agricultural resources and the production of U. S. farms will be measured by the coming U. S. Census of Agriculture schedule to begin on January 8. Basic information on agriculture, including statistics on farm acreage, crops, livestock, farm labor, and other items related to farm operations will be obtained. Several local people will be needed to serve as enumerators during this period of census taking, officials of the Salisbury office of the Bureau of Census who were here this week, pointed out. Those desiring to do this work are asked to apply to the Salisbury office. It was explained that a three-day course would be given. (Continued On Page Four)

## Many Christmas Shoppers Here

Sparta Merchants Have Big Selection Of Gifts This Year

Merchants reported good business last week end in spite of the severe cold weather when the Christmas shopping season was officially opened here. They also experienced brisk trade the first of this week. There is still, however, a good selection of gift items to choose from, here, as well as practical, usable merchandise. A survey shows that many people are making purchases from practical gifts such as clothes, furniture or other usable items this year. The public is cordially invited by merchants to do their shopping in Sparta, where every effort will be made to supply all Christmas shopping needs.

## Special Program At Piney Creek

A meeting in connection with the movement of the Crusade for Christ was held at Piney Creek Methodist church on Sunday night when a program under the direction of Mrs. Gertrude Graybeal Blevins, was presented. The devotional was conducted by Mack Woodie after which Miss Wilma Crouse talked on "The Five Spearheads of the Methodist Crusade for Christ." E. C. Minnich delivered a talk on "Paul as a Crusader." Rev. C. R. Allison on "Christ as a Crusader." Rev. Worth Sweet on "Overcoming Difficulties" and Mrs. Blevins on "John the Baptist as a Crusader." Fifteen members signed the covenant of the Crusade for Christ. The next meeting will be held at Shiloh Methodist church on Sunday night, December 10. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Bond Sales Climb Rapidly In County; Now Nearing Quota

Sales In County Reach \$63,893. Quota For County Is Set At \$74,000.00

Alleghany county pushed on toward the Sixth War Loan quota of \$74,000.00 this week when sales reached \$62,893.75 late yesterday afternoon. This leaves \$11,106.25 yet to be sold before the quota is reached.

## Hiram Edwards Buried Saturday Near Whitehead

Well-Known Alleghany Man Passes At Age Of 71 As Result Of Injuries

Funeral service for Hiram Edwards, 71, prominent farmer of Sparta and well-known Alleghany county man, was held on Saturday at the Union Primitive Baptist church, Whitehead, with Elder C. B. Kilby and Eld. Charlie Hall officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery. Mr. Edwards died on November 30 at the Saint Elizabeth General Hospital, Pearisburg, Va., as a result of injuries sustained in a fall. (Continued on Page Four)

## Donald Shores Gets Promotion

15th Army Air Force—Donald D. Shores, 19, formerly of Sparta, has been promoted to the grade of sergeant, it was announced by his group headquarters. A nose turret gunner, Sgt. Shores is stationed in Italy with a veteran Liberator bombardment group which has repeatedly bombed strategic enemy installations throughout central and southern Europe. A graduate of the Sparta high school, Sgt. Shores attended the Virginia State Teachers College. He was inducted Dec. 27, 1943, and received aerial training at the Laredo Army Air Field, Texas.

## Goodman Brothers In Service

Seaman 2-C Clyde Goodman, left, and Seaman 2-C M. A. Goodman, Jr., are sons of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Goodman, of Sparta. Clyde entered the Navy in April and is now stationed at Banana River, Fla. M. A., Jr., entered the service in February and is now stationed at Miami, Fla.

## Lions Club Has Charter Night Here Tuesday

Dr. Amos Abrams Is Speaker; Good Attendance From Other Clubs

The Sparta Lions Club was presented its charter and taken into the federation of Lions clubs, Tuesday night, when members from the Boone, Elkin, Lenoir and North Wilkesboro clubs attended a banquet at the community building, here.

Dr. Amos Abrams, past district president of the North Carolina Lions, centered his address to the group around the five words, "relax, recover, reload, refire and return." In discussing the outcome of this war, Dr. Abrams pointed out the problems men and women will have to face, enumerating them as mourners, criminals, cripples and juvenile delinquency.

Vernon Deal, president of the North Wilkesboro club, which sponsored the Sparta club, presided at the meeting. Mrs. Tom Nolan rendered several piano selections during the dinner hour.

R. F. Crouse, president of the Sparta Chamber of Commerce, represented that organization and spoke briefly to the group.

Rev. Richard L. West introduced the guests and delivered the address of welcome to the visiting clubs. Bruce Johnson, of Lenoir, gave the response.

The charter was presented by the district governor, Jennings A. Bryson, of Sylva and accepted by Dr. N. D. Fox, president of the Sparta Lions Club.

The circles of the Sparta Baptist W. M. U. served the meal to the 65 members and guests attending the banquet.

## Theater To Hold A Bond Premiere

"Stage Door Canteen" To Be Shown; Admission By Bond Purchase Only

A bond premiere will be held at the Spartan Theater on Thursday night, December 14, when "Stage Door Canteen" will be shown and admission will be by the purchase of a bond only, it was announced this week.

Only one show will go on, Manager Ben G. Reeves pointed out, with the box office opening at 7:30 and the show beginning at 7:45.

All those persons who have bought bonds on or after November 20 are entitled to a ticket which may be secured at the Northwestern Bank, Sparta Post office or the box office by presenting the bond. Bonds may also be purchased at the box office, it was pointed out.

"Stage Door Canteen" with a cast of 48 star personalities, centers around the lives of two young people, who in the brief span of three days, find love, after they meet at the famous Stage Door Canteen, just off New York's dimmed-out Broadway.

Included in the cast are such famous personalities as Katherine Cornell, Tallulah Bankhead, Lynn Fontanne, Katherine Hepburn. (Continued On Page Four)

## All Cleaners Are To Post Prices

Washington—All retail dry cleaning and pressing establishments will be required to post their maximum prices by December 15.

The action, announced this week by OPA is intended to enable customers to determine readily the establishment's maximum prices for the more important dry cleaning and pressing services. Maximum prices must be displayed on special posters.

## Rationing Guide

Meats And Fats  
Book Four red stamps A-3 through Z-5 and A-5 through S-5, valid indefinitely. Next series of stamps will be validated Dec. 31.  
Processed Foods  
Book Four blue stamps A-3 through Z-5 and A-5 through Z-5 valid indefinitely. Stamps X-5 through Z-5 and A-3 and B-2 will be validated Dec. 1, and will remain valid indefinitely.  
Sugar  
Book Four stamps 36 through 34 good indefinitely for five pounds each. Stamp 49 for five pounds for home canning good through Feb. 28, 1945.  
Shoes  
Book Three alpine stamps 1, 2 and 3 valid indefinitely.  
Gasoline  
A-Book 13 coupons good everywhere for four gallons each through Dec. 31. B-4, C-4, D-4, and E-4 coupons good everywhere for five gallons each.

## SCHOOLS TO HAVE WEEK FOR XMAS

It was announced this week that Christmas holidays for the Alleghany schools would be limited to one week this year.

Schools will close with the end of the day on Friday, December 22 and will re-open on Monday, January 1, it was explained. A few will close on Dec. 21, it was explained.

This is a shorter holiday than the schools have usually had in the past, but due to the interest in starting this fall, school authorities pointed out that they felt a week for Christmas would be sufficient since a longer holiday would delay the conclusion of the schools to a later date next spring.