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## 1944 Takes Final Fling In Weather For Alleghany

### Let-up Christmas Is Followed By Heavy Sleet This Week

Alleghany, along with many other sections, has experienced the most severe weather for December that has been known here for many years.

The let-up at Christmas and the short period of mild weather has been followed by cold rain and sleet this week. Yesterday, traffic was partially paralyzed and travel on foot was also considered dangerous because of the amount of sleet, which covered the ground.

Most people here were greatly relieved with the rise in temperature over the week end, as well as the mild weather on Christmas Day. Some roads were opened last week end for the first time since the snow storm several days ago.

Many people were able to make trips they had planned for Christmas, while others quietly rested at home. For most everyone, it appeared to be a generous Christmas.

## Sparta Girl Now London Resident

### Miss Lou Reid Landreth Goes To Great Britain As An Assistant To Henderson

Miss Lou Reid Landreth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Landreth, of Sparta, is really getting a first-hand glimpse of the war and V-2 bombs, as she joined other government officials in the hurry and bustle of a London-at-war.

Miss Landreth, executive assistant to Leon Henderson, arrived in the British Isles on December 13, via a transatlantic ship of Pan American World Airways. She accompanied Henderson, special assistant to Administrator of FFA and James M. Perkins, assistant deputy administrator. The trio will work there in connection with proposed economic controls for Germany, under the auspices of the Foreign Economic Administration.

Henderson, who expects to be gone three months, hopes to include in his itinerary, visits to France, Luxembourg, Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany. He was formerly head of the Office of Price Administration in Washington.

Meanwhile, Miss Landreth, along with other Londoners, these days sleeps in a bed that is often shaken by the blast of bombs too close to be comfortable, but she writes that she is having an experience that she would miss for nothing in the world.

## REV. E. W. THOMPSON ANNOUNCES SERVICE

Rev. E. W. Thompson announced this week that a Fifth Sunday service would be held at the Sparta Presbyterian church on Sunday, December 31, at 11 o'clock.

Special music will be rendered by Miss Emogene Choate who will be accompanied by Mrs. Tom Noland.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

## PLANNING TO OPEN SCHOOLS, MONDAY

Due to bad roads, Alleghany county schools are observing a full week's holiday this week instead of the partial holiday which had been decided on by the county Board of Education.

Schools will begin on Monday, January 1, if the condition of the roads throughout the county will permit, Supl. Clyde Fields announced this week.

E. E. Richardson, of the State Highway department, pointed out late yesterday that at least one-third of the county roads have not been cleared since the severe snow storm three weeks ago, making it impossible for school buses to travel. Snow drifts piled some on Monday and Tuesday but a heavy sleet fell throughout the county on Wednesday as the thermometer dropped to 30 degrees.

## Germans Push Deep Into Belgium; Reds Gain In Budapest

### DUNKING — GI WAY



Mary Hobson of the American Red Cross, home from the front lines, demonstrates GI technique in doughnut-dunking as she did in the China-Burma-India theater.

## First Baby Is To Receive Valuable Prizes In County

### Alleghany News Is Again Sponsoring Contest; Mer- chants Giving Prizes

To the first baby to make an appearance in Alleghany county in 1945, will come a welcome from several business firms in Sparta in the form of valuable gifts.

The Alleghany News will again this year sponsor the annual "Baby Derby" with prizes for the first newcomer of the new year. On page eight of this issue is an advertisement giving complete details of the "First Baby Contest" and all eligible parents are urged to enter.

Smithy's Store will present 1945's first baby with a lovely blanket, a choice from any in the store. Belk's Department store will also give a soft wool baby blanket for Alleghany's newest citizen of '45.

The B. and T. Drug Co. has a new baby set and baby book for (Continued on Page 4)

## Woodie Cox Now Flight Officer

Woodie Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Cox, of Laurel Springs, was graduated as a Flight Officer in the U. S. Army Air Corps on December 23 at Foster Field, Texas.

Flight Officer Cox, who graduated with the largest class ever to be instructed at Foster Field, is now spending a furlough here with his parents.

A graduate of Sparta high school, Cox attended ASTC, Boone, before joining the Army Air Corps.

He is the grandson of Mrs. W. T. Rector, of Sparta.

## Finds The Unexpected In Italy ... Eggs



Shown in the center is S-Sgt. Alex Sabbadini, formerly a resident of this section, who is now in Italy. Note his pleasant surprise over finding real fresh eggs. Sgt. Sabbadini asks to be remembered to his friends.

## Paris Is Bombed; Americans Blast Manila Area On Christmas Day

As Paris underwent an aerial bombardment, supreme allied headquarters reported last night that Field Marshal Karl Gerd Von Rundstedt's infantry and armored forces had burst from the western end of their salient after a 48-hour lull and smashed 11 miles deeper into Belgium.

The latest battlefield information available at allied headquarters, 48 hours old, said the Nazi attacking force had driven within four miles of the Meuse river south of Namur and were being engaged by allied troops 50 miles inside Belgium.

So far as was known here, the Germans had not yet reached the Meuse tonight.

The bombing of Paris was by a few unidentified planes, which coasted in over the capital to drop their loads. The fact that there were few of the attacking planes virtually precluded any chance that the bombs might have been dropped by allied aircraft through accident as happened shortly after the liberation of the city.

The news of the new German punch deeper into Belgium was coupled with the disclosure that Von Rundstedt has two full German armies and probably a third element in his offensive.

The Red army today completed (Continued on Page 4)

## Major Corpening Gets Bronze Star

### Brother Of Mrs. Jay Hardin Awarded Medal For Hero- ism In France

Major Wayne A. Corpening, brother of Mrs. Jay Hardin, of Sparta, was recently awarded the Bronze Star for heroic action against the enemy in Normandy and was also promoted to his present rating, a battlefield promotion for exceptionally outstanding performance of duty in combat.

During the Ninth Infantry Division's dash across the Contentin Peninsula, Major Corpening, under intense enemy fire, assisted the regimental executive officer in establishing a forward command post. Then, contacting the assault companies, he guided them to their assigned positions.

Major Corpening had previously been awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster and the Silver Star for gallantry in action in the Sicilian campaign, and in addition wears the European-African-Mediterranean Campaign Ribbon, with three Bronze Battle Stars, the Combat Infantryman's Badge for outstanding performance of duty in combat and the first citation of 2nd Class Cross for Voluntary Military Service, awarded by General Giraud in Algiers, French North Africa.

Major Corpening, well known in Alleghany county, is married to Mrs. Mabel G. Corpening, of Horse Shoe.

## American Medical Unit Awaiting Orders In Italy



Amid the shattered buildings of a town on the Italian front, a jeep of a medical unit and an M-4 tank wait side by side for orders to move forward. This fast action of medical units means the saving of lives. (Official U. S. Army Photo)

## C. M. Sanders, 61, Of Stratford, Was Buried Tuesday

### Served As Postmaster For 25 Years; Was Also In The Mercantile Business

Funeral service for C. M. Sanders, 61, prominent man of the Stratford community, was held Tuesday, December 20 at Antioch church with Eld. S. G. Caudill and Eld. Coy Walker, officiating. Interment followed in the Shiloh cemetery at Twin Oaks.

Mr. Sanders, who had been in poor health for several years, suffered a heart attack on Saturday. A well-known merchant, he had operated a country store at Stratford for the past some 25 years. During this time and at the time of his death he had served as postmaster of the Stratford post office. Prior to that time, he taught in the public schools of the county.

He is survived by his widow, the former Miss Carrie Johnson; one daughter, Mrs. Maxie Waggoner, of Aberdeen, Md., and two sons, Charlie and Johnson Sanders, of North Wilkesboro.

Also surviving are his mother, Mrs. John Sanders, of Stratford, and four sisters: Mrs. Floyd Richardson, of Laurel Springs; Mr. W. G. Richardson, of Stratford; Mrs. Lester Irwin, Sparta and Burlington; and Mrs. I. R. Richardson, Stratford.

## Rationing Guide

(This is the latest rationing information obtained by The News from official OPA sources.)

### MEATS AND FATS

Book 4 red stamps Q-5, R-5 and S-5 valid indefinitely.

Five new red stamps will become valid Sunday, December 31, on which date now point values for meat become effective and many cuts will be returned to rationing. Butcher point value was increased from 20 to 24 points a pound as of December 26.

### PROCESSED FOODS

Book 4 blue stamps X-5, Y-5, Z-5 and A-5 and B-5 valid indefinitely. On January 1 five new blue stamps will be validated. Changes in vegetable points became effective December 26, when canned peas, corn, green and wax beans, asparagus and spinach were added to the ration list. Other changes in processed food points will become effective December 31.

Book 4 stamp 24 good indefinitely for five pounds. All other coupons have been cancelled. Another sugar stamp will be validated February 1.

### SHOES

Book 3 airplane stamps 1, 2 and 3 valid indefinitely.

### GASOLINE

A-Book 14 coupons good everywhere for four gallons through March 31. B-5 and C-5 coupons good everywhere for five gallons. B-4 and C-4 coupons will expire December 31.

## Wilson Man Killed In Action; Anderson Is Reported Missing

### McMillan Wins His Pilot Wings

### Is Now Visiting His Parents Here; Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant

Lt. Wade M. McMillan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Add C. McMillan, of Sparta, was awarded pilot's silver wings and commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces at graduation exercises held at Blytheville, Arkansas, on December 23.

Lt. McMillan, the first Alleghany county man to receive his wings in the Army Air Corps, entered the army in January, 1942, and transferred to cadet school in July, 1943. The winning of his wings marks the successful completion of three phases of flying training: primary, basic and advanced.

He is now spending a furlough (Continued on Page Four)

## Black Rites Are Held At Mt. Zion

John Black, 65, of the Mt. Zion community, died at the City Hospital, Winston-Salem, on December 9, following an illness of two weeks. Funeral service was conducted at Mt. Zion church on December 10, with Rev. Worth Sweet, officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

The son of George Black and the late Alice Black, of Mt. Zion, the deceased is survived by his father, two sisters, Mrs. Ella Edwards, of Peden and Mrs. Vergie Pugh, of Piney Creek and three brothers, Charlie Black, of Piney Creek; Eustace Black, of Furches, and Eugene Black, of Peden.

## More Foods Again Rationed; Drastic Changes Are Made

Washington—The nation this week had further warning that its food supplies will bear constant watching as the war progresses with the Office of Price Administration laying down drastic rationing regulations and predictions from a Republican congressman that food will continue to be a primary problem in the postwar era.

Effective at midnight, Christmas, all point-free canned vegetables returned to the ration list, all red and blue ration points issued before Dec. 1 are cancelled and butter jumps from 20 to 24 points a pound. The Office of Price Administration also returned about 85 per cent of all meat cuts to the list but this phase of the order does not become effective until Sunday.

The action cancels all sugar stamps except No. 34 but OPA

## Ray Green Was Wounded In Action In Germany On November 25

The war casualty list continues to grow in Alleghany county with one man reported killed in action, one missing in action and a third wounded.

Pvt. Owen E. Wilson, who was previously reported missing, was killed in action on September 25 in France, according to a message received from the War Department by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James C. Wilson, of Glade Valley.

Pfc. William R. Anderson, of New Hope, has been reported missing in action in France since November 29, according to a message received by his aunt, Mrs. Cleo McMillan. Pfc. Anderson, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Luke Anderson, is the (Continued on Page Four)

## S-Sgt. Womble Is Given Air Medal

With the 12th AAF in Italy—S-Sgt. Julius H. Womble, son of Mrs. Lola Womble, Sparta, was awarded the Air Medal in orders recently received at the headquarters of the veteran A-20 Havoc Group in the Mediterranean theater of operations.

The citation reads as follows: "For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as gunner of an A-20 type aircraft in an attack upon an enemy troop concentration near Sezze, Italy, on 2 March 1944."

Sgt. Womble entered the armed forces in September of 1942 at Camp Croft, S. C., and later became a gunner of this veteran bomb group of which he has been a member since October of 1943. He has been overseas since March of 1944.

## EXPECT A QUIET NEW YEAR'S DAY

New Year's Day is expected to be quietly observed in Sparta and Alleghany county this year with all the local business houses closed for the day.

County offices will also be closed and the county commissioners have announced that they would not hold the regular first-Monday meeting. There will be no mail delivery on the rural routes on Monday, while the Sparta post office will be open only a part of the day.

No celebration or festivity has been planned and 1945 will probably slip in on wings of silence at 12:01 on the morning of January 1.

He warned that munitions come first on production schedules now (Continued On Page Four)

## War Bond Quota For Alleghany Is Nearly Doubled

### Sales In County Reach \$124, 829; Quota Was Set At \$74,000.00

With bond sales in Alleghany county reaching \$124,829.50 late yesterday afternoon, the county has almost doubled the quota of \$74,000.00, assigned it in the Sixth War Loan Drive, officials reported.

Official figures from the Federal Reserve Bank show that the county has surpassed the E bond quota of \$50,000 by more than \$16,000 with \$66,162.00 reported. Other bond purchases include \$29,000.00 allocated to Alleghany county by the state.

Special drive chairman S. R. Nichols again praised committee chairmen, individual workers and every buyer who has purchased a bond during this drive for the splendid record made by Alleghany county.

It was pointed out that this Sixth War Loan Drive had been the most successful in the number of bonds sold of any of the five previous drives held in the county.

"We have not only lived up to the excellent record we have made in previous drives and in monthly quotas, but we have exceeded all expectations in this drive," county War Bond chairman Alton Thompson said yesterday.

## Alleghany Men Active In Italy

### County Men Are Now Serving In Fifth Army Under Command Of Clark

With the Fifth Army, Italy—Pfc. Ralph W. Pruitt, cannoneer, and Pfc. Dillon C. Sidden, platoon leader, are serving in the 361st "Powder River" Division, currently in the Florence-Bologna area. The regiment landed in Italy last May 31; in two days moved into the line and fought its first battle just north of Velletri while attached to the 36th "Texas" Division. The 361st was one of the units that took the Albano Hills and Lake Albano making possible the fall of Rome.

By passing Rome, the regiment continued to advance north on Highway 1 and participated in the capture of Tarquinia, which fell June 8, and Montalto, 10 miles further north, which fell on the following day. The 361st then went on to defeat the Germans at Magliano and capture the key terrain feature of Poggio di Moscano on June 17.

## Hall Rites Held At Laurel Springs

Funeral service for Mrs. Jane Moxley Hall, 87-year-old woman of the Laurel Springs community, was held at Laurel Springs on Saturday, December 23.

Mrs. Hall had been in ill health for several months. She is survived by four grandchildren: Kemp Taylor, of Pageton, W. Va.; Mrs. Mary Taylor Cowan, of Laurel Springs, Ivy Lovette, of Moravian Falls and Mrs. Floyd Gates, of Kings Mountain.