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Legislature Is Underway; Gov. Outlines Plans

O. L. Richardson Is Named Speaker Of House; Inauguration Service Today

The 1945 session of the N. C. Legislature formally got underway yesterday following the caucus on Tuesday night, when O. L. Richardson, of Union county, was chosen Democratic speaker of the State House over George Uzzell, by a vote of 70 to 31.

The 14 Republicans nominated T. E. Story, of Wilkes county, for speaker and this automatically makes him minority leader.

R. Gregg Cherry, of Gastonia, lawyer, legislator and former soldier, today takes his oath of office as Governor of North Carolina and is delivering an inaugural address that embraces his recommendations to the general assembly. The legislative body, in joint session, is hearing the address.

Speaking for an hour, Governor Cherry will present a program of outlining growth and development for the state during the next four years when he will be North Carolina's chief executive. Emphasis is being given to matters of finance, health, education, highways, agriculture, welfare, labor and the handling of veterans and their affairs at the close of the present war.

Governor Cherry is the second governor of the state to be inaugurated during wartime. Zeb Vance, the other such governor, took his oath of office while the civil war was in progress.

In his statement of fiscal policy, Governor Cherry says that appropriations for the coming biennium "must be kept within the availability of revenues estimated to be received during the biennium." The present general fund surplus, he added, will amount to \$70,000,000 by June of 1945, because of abnormal wartime business conditions. "This surplus must not be dissipated on current expenditures," he said. He added that this money should be used to provide for the retirement of state debts, to come due in future years.

His recommendations along this line are for the setting aside of a sufficient portion of this surplus to meet all general fund (Continued on Page 4)

Water Shortage Here This Week

Low Current Is Believed To Have Caused Electric Pump To Cease Functioning

Sparta housewives, cafes and business houses have been without little or no water since Monday, when the low current is said to have caused the generator in the water pump to burn out.

Since the generator had to be taken out and re-wired, water users had only the water that was in the tank at the time. This condition prevailed from Monday to Wednesday afternoon.

The situation was most desperate in the cafes and drug store since no meals could be served since there was no water for washing dishes. The Modern Dry Cleaners went back to primitive methods and filled the boiler by hand there. No meals were served at Sparta high school due to the shortage of water on Monday when the school opened for a brief period of one day.

Housewives reported that the situation was not too bad since they had a little water all of the time.

First Baby To Be Announced Soon

Several applications have been received in the contest for the annual first baby contest for Alleghany county, sponsored by this paper in co-operation with the merchants of Sparta.

The contest, which is open to all Alleghany county parents who had children born this year, will close on Saturday afternoon, January 6, and the winner will be announced next week.

All eligible parents are urged to turn in a report to the Alleghany News and enter their baby in the contest. The rules of the contest were announced in last week's issue.

Americans Strike Hard At Germans; Yanks Hit Formosa

GOES TO RALEIGH



Dr. T. R. Burgiss, who is again representing Alleghany county in the state legislature, which convened in Raleigh this week.

Three Alleghany Men Injured In Action At Front

None Are Serious; Are Injured In The European Theatre Of War

Three more Alleghany county men have been reported wounded in action during the past week, two slightly wounded and another returned to action after recovering from wounds.

Pvt. Mack A. Caudill was wounded in action in the European theatre of war on December 15 according to reports received here by his wife and Mrs. H. C. Caudill.

Pfc. Emerson W. Mabe was slightly wounded in action on December 7 in France. He is the son of Mrs. Laura Mabe of Laurel Springs.

Mrs. Candace Nichols, of Sparta was notified this week that her son, Sgt. Willard C. Nichols was returned to duty on November 23 after recovering from wounds received in action.

Higgins In Unit Making Records

Pfc. James Paul Higgins, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Higgins, of Sparta, was among the fifteen enlisted men from North Carolina, who are a part of the P-47 Thunderbolt fighter group which was recently awarded a Distinguished Unit Citation for smashing two German armored columns near St. Lo, in France, on July 11.

The Germans attempted to drive a wedge into American lines extending from Bayeaux to Cherbourg peninsula, were spotted and attacked under a 1000-foot ceiling. Nearly a third of the tanks were knocked out. The Thunderbolts landed and refueled and rearmed, then attacked again. This time the Nazi tanks were only 200 yards from American positions. The second attack (Continued on Page Four)

No New Shoe Stamps Until Summer; 1, 2, And 3 Good

Washington — The Office of Price Administration has announced that present indications pointed to a delay in validating a new shoe ration stamp until "some time next summer." This means that all those who have used airplane shoe stamps Nos. 1, 2 and 3 in War Ration Book No. 3 will not be able to get new shoes until a new stamp is issued "some time next summer."

Those now having airplane stamps Nos. 1, 2 and 3 can use them for shoes until a new stamp is issued. When airplane stamp No. 3 was validated in November for shoes, the expectation was that a new shoe stamp would be issued on May 1.

In a joint announcement with

Soviet Army Continues To Make Gains In Budapest; Berlin Is Bombed

German forces attacked allied positions in the Saar valley below the Belgian-Luxembourg bulge at four points Tuesday, and late front dispatches said that to the southeast Americans were attacking yesterday on both sides of a strong German penetration southeast of Bitche after slowing or halting an enemy advance all along the line in that sector.

In the Belgian bulge, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's forces, slowly forcing their way north, captured nine more towns in heavy tank battles around Bastogne. The enemy reportedly was abandoning offense for defense in his main Belgian salient, perhaps showing that he was moving the best attack strength to Patton's right wing and along the U. S. 7th army front eastward to the Rhine.

American bombers flying from the Philippines have penetrated the Formosa region off the China coast, setting fire to five Japanese coastal vessels and shooting down four enemy planes in an (Continued on Page Four)

Jan. 15 Deadline For Filing 1944 Estimated Income

Nearly All Farmers As Well As Many Others Come Within Group

C. H. Robertson, Collector of Internal Revenue, reminded taxpayers today that the deadline for filing 1944 estimated income tax returns is Jan. 15.

Nearly all farmers are required to file original 1944 declarations by January 15. Most other taxpayers, who were required to file 1944 declarations did so last April, but those who underestimated their tax by more than 20 per cent should file amended declarations to avoid the penalty for substantial understatements. January 15, likewise, is the last day for paying all installments due on 1944 declarations.

Mr. Robertson also called attention to the new provision of (Continued on Page 4)

Will Assist In Red Cross Work

Mrs. Robert Fleetwood began her duties this week as temporary home service chairman for the American Red Cross in Alleghany county in the absence of Mrs. Edwin Duncan, who will be away for the next three months.

Mrs. Fleetwood will be assisted by Mrs. Ben G. Reeves, who has been assistant to Mrs. Duncan for the past year.

Mrs. Duncan pointed out that Mrs. Fleetwood, who is clerk of the local price board, would take care of all home service work and that service men or their families desiring aid from the Red Cross could get in touch with her.

Navy Doctors Giving First Aid To Marines In Front Lines



Navy doctors and corpsmen treat wounded marines at this front line first aid station. The marine in the center is receiving blood plasma. These stations are set up where there is action and they are needed. (Marine Corps Photo)

Tax Listers Will Meet Saturday; Start Work Mon.

G. Glenn Nichols Is Supervisor; Cooperation Of The Public Is Asked

G. Glenn Nichols, Alleghany county tax supervisor, announced this week that there would be a meeting of all tax listers for the various townships of the county on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the courthouse, where they will be given final instructions and supplies.

Mr. Nichols pointed out that all appointments had been made and that dates had been set for listing taxes in the various townships. A list of the places and dates will be found elsewhere in this paper.

C. Of C. Will Meet On Friday, Jan. 12

Plans For The Coming Year To Be Discussed; Good Attendance Expected

The Sparta Chamber of Commerce will hold the January meeting at the community building on Friday night, January 12 at 8 o'clock when the town auditor will present to the members a financial report of the town of Sparta.

President R. F. Crouse said this week that this report along with suggestions for improvements and suggestions for projects to be undertaken by the organization would be of interest to every member of the club and urged that everyone be present. It is also hoped that the remainder of the directors will be named at this meeting.

The report will consist of the financial affairs of the town including taxes, town water works and all disbursements. Clinton Halsey is town auditor.

A spaghetti dinner will be served by members of the Sparta Women's club and plates will be sold at the usual amount. Members are again reminded to notify Dr. N. D. Fox if they do not plan to attend or if they are expecting guests at the meeting.

Boone Market Making Record

The Boone burley tobacco market, which resumed sales again on Monday, following the holidays, opened stronger than ever, with increases in both prices and grades. Roscoe Coleman, proprietor of the Mount Burley Tobacco Warehouses, said yesterday.

Official figures for the season, through Tuesday night, showed that 2,044,140 pounds had been sold for \$956,603.69, or an average of \$46.80.

Both grades and prices have shown a slight increase since the opening this week. Tuesday's average was \$47.13.

"We want to particularly urge all of the tobacco growers in Ashe and Alleghany to bring the rest of their crop to Boone," Mr. Coleman said.

War Tops List Of 10 Biggest News Stories Of Past Year For Sparta And Alleghany County

Feb. 15 Is Final Date For Farmers To File For AAA

Should File For Payments For 1944 Programs Carried Out

February 15, is the last date on which performance reports may be filed as a basis for making a net payment on 1944 applications for AAA programs.

"Payment of 1944 applications is to be completed during the early months of 1945, therefore, it is necessary that performance reports be filed early in order to provide opportunity for timely preparation and audit in the county and state offices," he stated.

Mr. Collins pointed out that applications for payment based on performance reports filed after the closing date may be processed for payment only if it is determined by the state committee, that the producer was prevented from filing within the specified time (1) because he was a member of the armed forces, or (2) prolonged illness.

Lions Club Met On Tuesday Night

The Sparta Lions Club held the regular meeting at the Shell Cafe here Tuesday night with twelve members present.

President N. D. Fox presided at the meeting, when routine matters were discussed by the group. Dinner was served by Mrs. Ima Woodruff, manager of the Cafe.

Historic 79th Congress Met Yesterday For First Session

Washington — The new 79th Congress convened yesterday in somber mood to organize for legislative business incident to two more years of war and the future problems of peace.

Representative Sam Rayburn (D-Texas) was re-elected Speaker of the House at the opening session. The Senate is to elect a President Pro Tempore, probably Senator Kenneth D. McKellar (D-Tenn.), who would succeed the ailing, aged and long-absent Senator Carter Glass (D-Va.).

The President's message to the state of the Union will be read to Congress by a clerk Saturday. In a joint session that day House and Senate will canvass the electoral vote by which Mr. Roosevelt defeated Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York for the presidency. The President's annual budget message will be read to Congress by clerks on next

28 Casualties Of War Reported; Two County Men Are Prisoners Of War

Outstanding news stories of the world, nation and state are chosen by new agencies and newspapers and this week The Alleghany News staff chose the ten top stories of Alleghany county during the past year, believed to be of most interest to the most people.

1. The war, of course, takes first place with unofficial reports of the casualty list reaching a total of 28 during the year and with two men prisoners of war. Of the 28 casualties, 13 were killed in action, thirteen were wounded and two are missing.

Those killed in action were: Sgt. Columbus F. Osborne, Tec. 5 Walter W. Blevins, Pfc. Vernon Miles, Lt. Earlie Lee Wolfe, Cpl. Leff J. Caudill, Pvt. Marvin (Continued on Page 8)

Several Tried By G. Glenn Nichols

A number of arrests have been made here this week by local officers and several cases have been heard before Justice of the Peace G. Glenn Nichols.

Deck Montgomery, arrested on charges of public drunkenness, was given 30 days on the road.

Holton Taylor, of Laurel Springs, arrested on a similar charge, was released on \$250.00 bond with trial scheduled for Saturday.

L. M. "Pete" Vaughn, of Independence, Va., was arrested Saturday night for public drunkenness and released on cash bond of \$20.00 which he forfeited.

Crockett Hines, of Sparta, was arrested Tuesday night on a similar charge and is now in the Sparta jail. He was sentenced to 30 days on the roads, suspended on payment of costs by today.

Mrs. Ruth Choate Will Head Polio Fund Drive Here

Workers And Chairmen Appointed For Campaign; Starts January 14

Mrs. Ruth J. Choate, of Sparta, has been named county chairman of the Infantile Paralysis Campaign, which will begin in Alleghany county on January 14 and last through January 31.

To assist Mrs. Choate in carrying out the drive, Dr. B. O. Choate will serve as assistant chairman. Miss Wilma Crouse will head the woman's division and Miss Emoryetta Reeves will serve as publicity chairman. Town and county co-chairmen who will work with this committee, are Joe Bill Reed, Mildred Taylor and Glenn D. Richardson.

Community and rural chairmen have also been appointed and will work with the schools and citizens throughout the county. Mrs. R. L. Pugh will serve as chairman of the Laurel Springs community; Mrs. Clay Thompson, Glade Valley and D. Clair Wyatt, Little Pine.

Chairmen of special activities are Mrs. R. F. Crouse, of Sparta; Mrs. Johnny T. Gambill, of Sparta and Edward Pugh, of Laurel Springs.

Mrs. Choate said yesterday that a definite quota had not yet been assigned to Alleghany but that it would be announced next week. She pointed out that throughout the state, quotas are being assigned according to the number of polio cases in each county during the nation-wide epidemic last summer, with \$100 assigned for each patient. As Alleghany county had seven patients, the quota will be more than \$700.00, she stated.

Mrs. Choate also said that the co-operation of the churches, schools and other groups, as well as individuals, would be sought. She explained that definite plans had not been completed and that details of the drive are to be announced at an early date.

Part of the funds raised will be used locally and the other will go to the Foundation Fund, where research is being carried on constantly to stamp the dreaded disease, which leaves so (Continued on Page Four)

County Schools Again Opened

Delay Is Caused By Weather And Condition Of Many Country Roads

Alleghany county schools opened today in earnest and settled down to begin work for the new year after a period of almost a month's vacation due to bad weather which has prevailed throughout the county.

All schools opened for a brief period on Monday but were closed again until today due to the bad roads throughout the county, authorities stated. The recent snow, which resulted in the closing of schools for almost three weeks, had left the roads in such condition that buses found it impossible to make their routes, it was pointed out.

Supt. Clyde Fields stated yesterday that schools will probably operate on Saturdays for a few weeks in order to make up some of the time lost. However, definite plans will be announced later and teachers will be notified.

Sparta Soldier Honored By Press

Sgt. William Busic, of Sparta, and fellow soldier-technicians at an Air Service Command depot in England, are now being praised in the British press after being commended by Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, commanding general, U. S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe, for pre-invasion production efforts.

The widely-read "Sunday Express," in a featured article, pointed out that the base's output figures are "among world records" and lauded the soldiers for their part in keeping America's planes in control of the skies over Western Europe.

"It's good to know that other people think we're doing a good job," commented Sgt. Busic. He is the husband of Mrs. Maggie Busic, of Sparta.

SPARTA GRANGE WILL INSTALL OFFICERS

The Sparta Grange will meet on Monday night, January 8 at 8 p. m. in the community building when officers will be installed.

State Grange Deputy A. Crouse Jones will be in charge of the installation. The entire public is invited to attend.