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## Cherry Against Tax Plan; N. C. Solons Active

Joint Committees On Appropriations And Finance Continue Hearings

By Staff Writer

Raleigh—(Special)—A proposal to allow credit for Federal income tax payments in State income tax returns—the first effort to alter the existing tax structure of the State—was in the hands of the Legislature's finance committee yesterday for its study. The measure was introduced in the House by Rep. LeGrand of New Hanover.

Governor Cherry said of the proposal: 1. That, if adopted, it would represent a major change in the State's tax pattern, and was therefore in opposition to his recommendations to the Legislature, and

2. That the enactment of the bill would mean a great loss in revenue to the State.

In the meantime, both Houses of the General Assembly reconvened yesterday to tackle other new business to be dumped into the legislative mill, and the joint committees on appropriations and finance were scheduled to continue their hearings, as the 1945 assembly gained momentum in the third week of its wartime session.

The House received a measure from Rep. Stoney of Burke, to amend the State Teachers and Employees Act to authorize the State to continue payments into the fund for a person who continues in State employment after reaching the age of 60. The State now matches the contribution up to 60.

The Senate received a bill by Senator Mitchell of Iredell, to authorize the commission for the blind to co-operate with the Federal Government.

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## Holding Clinics For Work Stock

Schedule For Two More Days Announced By County Agent R. E. Black

Farmers are again reminded this week to bring their stock to the clinics being held in the county for the purpose of treating animals for bots, round worms and doing necessary dental work.

Schedule for the clinics to be held soon is as follows:

Tuesday, Jan. 23—Cary Brown's at 9 a. m.; Whitehead, 9:45 a. m.; Mack C. Edwards, 10:30 a. m.; Bob Taylor's, 11:00 a. m.; W. F. Doughton's, 11:30 a. m.; M. E. Reeves', 1:00 p. m.; Furches, 2:00 p. m.; Paul Allen, 2:45 p. m.; Annie Shepherd, 3:30 p. m.; D. J. Jones, 4:15 p. m.; and Stratford, 4:45 p. m.

Friday, Jan. 26—Elk Creek, 9 a. m.; Carl Kennedy, 9:45 a. m.; C. L. Hash, 10:30 a. m.; Piney Creek P. O., 11:00 a. m.; J. R. Halsey, 11:45 a. m.; J. R. Gambill, 1:30 p. m.; R. L. Crouse, 2:15 p. m.; Cull Boyer, 3:15 p. m.; and Sparta, 4:00 p. m.

A charge of 60c per head will be made for the bot treatment and \$1.00 per head for the round-worm treatment. Horses should not be fed at least 12 hours before treatment, but may have water, county agent R. E. Black pointed out.

## Edwards Buys Furniture Store

A Homer Edwards, of Sparta, has purchased the Sparta Furniture Store, formerly owned by J. G. Chipman and W. N. Roope, of North Wilkesboro, and began operation here this week under the name of Edwards Furniture Company.

Jack Edwards, who was formerly employed by the B. and T. Drug Company, is manager of the store with Paul Bishop, of North Wilkesboro, assisting for the next two weeks.

Mr. Edwards, who resides in Elkin at the present time, said this week, "We are here to stay and to serve the people of Alleghany county as best we can with all furniture needs and home furnishings."

The store, recently opened by Chipman and Roope, is located between the Sparta Bus Terminal and Key's 5 and 10c store.

## MacArthur Drives On Toward Manila; Russians Gaining

ADM. RAMSAY KILLED



Adm. Sir Bertram Ramsay, commander-in-chief of Allied naval expeditionary forces in European waters, who was killed in a plane crash while enroute to Belgium.

## Big Gains Made By Northwestern Bank Last Year

Resources Over \$20,000,000; All Officers Re-Elected At Meeting

Resources of the Northwestern Bank showed a big increase in 1944 as revealed by the annual statement. The statement shows that resources climbed from \$14,207,554.80 at the close of business in 1943, to \$20,601,052.16 during 1944.

The report was presented at a meeting of the stockholders at North Wilkesboro, last week when the stockholders elected the directors. Officers were also elected.

The reports of the year showed that the bank had made much progress and that the usual 12 per cent dividend was paid for the year.

The stockholders re-elected the directors and one new director, C. A. Lowe, of North Wilkesboro. The directors re-elected were R. A. Doughton, Harry Bailey, W. C. (Continued on Page Four)

## Tommy Burgess To Serve As Page

Tommy Burgess, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Burgess, will leave Monday for Raleigh, where he will begin his duties as a page in the house of representatives.

Pages, who are appointed by the speaker of the house or senate, serve as errand boys for the legislators while the bodies are in session.

Young Burgess, whose father is representative from Alleghany county, will act as a page in the legislature through this session. He is a student in the eighth grade of Sparta high school this year.

## Allies Give Bow And Arrow Aid



When the marine beachhead was established at Bougainville, largest of the Solomon Islands, part of the Fiji region, the Bougainville natives with their bows and arrows became active Allies in waging war on the Japs.

## British Launch Strong Offensive In Northern France Near German Border

One week after landing in Lingayen gulf, a powerful American spearhead was more than one-third of the way to Manila early this week and still rolling southward in dry, clear weather down the broad Central Luzon plain, virtually unchecked on land or in the air.

However on the left flank of the broadened front the first Japanese counter-attack of the invasion was reported in the stubbornly-held Pozorrubio sector on Sunday. Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique today said the blow was repulsed.

Conservatively worded official statements located the deepest American penetration as on the central of three main north-south highways 45 road miles from Lingayen and 83 from Manila.

Two great Russian army groups poured like a red flood through broken Nazi defenses on the Polish plain south of Warsaw yesterday, reaching within 38 miles of the German border.

Gathering speed as it went, the gigantic Soviet winter offensive recorded gains of 30 to 38 miles on a twisting battlefield more than 200 miles long from Grojec, 25 miles south-west of Warsaw, down to Slomniki, only 12 miles north of the historic citadel of Krakow.

The British second army smashed eastward in a new offensive near the German border north of Aachen yesterday, exactly a month after the start of the Germans' Belgian breakthrough, and during the first hours the Tommies progressed against moderate resistance.

## Books Sent Out Through Clubs

Library Distributes Books To Rural Communities Through H. D. Clubs

Mrs. Carrie H. Jones, Alleghany county librarian, announced this week that a new method for circulating books from the library throughout the county has been worked out with the cooperation of Mrs. Frances C. Wagoner, home demonstration agent.

Mrs. Wagoner, who has 17 active home demonstration clubs in Alleghany county, is in position to contact almost every woman in all rural communities. Mrs. Jones pointed out and therefore the books are distributed through the clubs.

Since Alleghany has no bookmobile to serve the people in the rural communities, collections of from 14 to 16 books are carried to the club meetings each month and put in charge of one person who is responsible for signing them in and out. At each meeting, the old books are collected and a new set is sent to the club. Seven out (Continued on Page Four)

## Where Three Cars Were Derailed Near West Jefferson



Three cars, uncoupled from the main part of the train last Thursday afternoon, rolled down grade approximately four miles from West Jefferson until they struck the rocky bluff on the curve at Buffalo and were derailed.

## Clinton Halsey Spoke To C. Of C. Here On Friday

Committees Named And Plans Are Made For The Coming Year

Members of the Sparta Chamber of Commerce heard an outlined report of the financial condition of the town when R. Clinton Halsey, auditor of the town books, gave a report at the January meeting last Friday night at the community building.

Mr. Halsey reported that the indebtedness of the water and sewer works would be paid in full by 1965 at the latest. One \$1,000.00 bond was issued last year, with no other bonds due until October 1, 1945 at which time two bonds will be due each year for the next three years. After that, he explained, one \$1,000.00 bond will be due each year until the year 1965. It was pointed out that the water and sewer works cost the town of Sparta a sum of \$34,000.00 when it was started in 1938 and that \$10,000.00 has been paid to date.

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## Alleghany Men Are Classified

Others Left This Week For Induction In Army At Fort Bragg

nounced classifications of 10 Alleghany county men when three were placed in I-A and seven in various other classifications.

The classification list is as follows: I-A: Grady D. Brown, William C. Caudill and Howard W. Dowell; 2-A: John B. Reeves; 2-B: Victor C. Jones and Phocian H. Tompkins; 2-C: David C. Wyatt and Gwyn E. Blevins; 2-A (F): Talmadge B. Burehette; 2-B (F): William L. Hudson.

A group of nine county men left yesterday morning for Fort Bragg for final induction into the armed services.

Rev. E. B. Barton and Rev. W. H. Caldwell conducted a short service for the men before they left Sparta.

Those leaving included: Cecil Rector, Dale Duncan, Hersel Edwards, Wayne Delp, Donald Musgrove, Bert Delp, James Edwin McKnight, Kelly Royall and Vaughn Wooten.

## Missionaries At Glade Valley

Rev. and Mrs. Earl King, who have spent several years as missionaries in Africa, will present a program at Glade Valley high school on Monday night, January 2 at 8 o'clock. Supp. E. B. Eldridge announced this week.

Rev. and Mrs. King will show moving pictures of the work they carried on in Africa and they will also show many pictures from that country.

The public is cordially invited to attend the program which will be held in the school auditorium.

## Infantile Paralysis Fund Drive Now Underway Here; \$444.52 Is Reported Raised

"Brown-Out" Will Start Feb. 1, WPB Chief Announces

Dimming Of Lights Expected To Result In Saving Of Fuel During Shortage

Washington—A nation-wide "brown-out" that will dim street lights, store windows and theater marquees beginning Feb. 1 was ordered by the War Production Board this week to save critically short coal and fuel oil.

It provided, however, that any section in which it is determined that compliance will not reduce fuel consumption—for example, areas serviced by hydro-electric power—will be exempted by the Office of War Utilities.

WPB Chairman J. A. Krug said in announcing the order that penalties for noncompliance include discontinuance of electric service to consumers found guilty of willful violations.

The "brown-out" is intended primarily to conserve coal which is used in producing about two-thirds of the nation's electric power. Use of fuel oil and natural gas is negligible.

Government officials estimate the order will save 2,000,000 tons of coal annually, or about 10 per cent of the 25,000,000-ton bituminous conservation goal set by War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes.

Theatres will be hardest hit since the order prohibits use of more than 60 watts in lighting each theatre marquee. There is no ban on box-office lighting, however, and operators are expected (Continued on Page Four)

Mrs. Ruth Jones Choate Is Chairman; More Contributions Needed

The first four days of the Infantile Paralysis Fund Drive ended last night in Alleghany county with contributions amounting to \$444.52, Mrs. Ruth J. Choate, chairman of the drive announced.

Mrs. Choate stated that all business establishments contacted have contributed generously, individual contributions to the fund are coming in splendidly and that all citizens are urged not to wait for individual solicitation but to mail their contributions to the Alleghany Chapter of the Infantile Paralysis Foundation, Sparta, at once.

She also announced that a special gift committee with Miss Clyde Fields as chairman had been appointed with Mrs. Mexa Phipps and Mrs. C. A. Thompson serving with her. Carl Irwin was appointed chairman of the Letter Carrier's Association and Rev. Wayne Thompson chairman of the Minister's committee.

Special features are being planned for raising funds including dances, box suppers, plays, etc. (Continued on Page Four)

## Boone Leaf Mart Prices Are Good

Poundage and prices of the Boone tobacco market continue to rise and the four million poundage mark was reached this week with an average of slightly over \$47.00 per hundred.

"We make every effort to give the farmers the best of service and appreciate their business," Roscoe Coleman, proprietor, said.

## Piney Creek Man Enjoys N. C. Mountains After High Flying

Asheville, N. C. Jan 14—The mountains of his native Western North Carolina look very handsome to 2nd Lt. Claude J. Smith, of Piney Creek, but they also look a bit small.

Lt. Smith, who is at the Army ground and service forces redistribution station awaiting reassignment, spent 17 of his 34 months overseas in Chungking, China, with the Signal Corps. He flew to China from India, over the Himalaya Mountains and the famous Hump.

"Anybody's first trip over the Hump is apt to seem like quite an experience," Lt. Smith said yesterday in his room at the Grove Park Inn. "We were riding in a cargo plane, and the pilot and co-pilot had oxygen. We did not, and they told us to lie down on the floor.

We went up to about 18,000 feet. I decided I'd like to sit up and take a look at these mountains three times the height of the Smokies. The pilot said to go right ahead.

"I tried. Then I tried again. It wasn't only that I couldn't sit up, I couldn't even move my little finger. I didn't feel sick or anything like that. I simply couldn't move, until we lost a lot of altitude and got down where there was more oxygen."

Lt. Smith received his commission in the field. Having entered the army as a private in the Infantry, he became an officer in the Signal Corps, without bothering with Officers' Candidate School.

"They just happened to be short of officers in Chungking," is his explanation. After receiving his commission he was transferred to New Delhi, India, (another trip over the Hump), where he spent 17 months more before coming back to the small comfortable mountains of Western North Carolina.

Lt. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Smith, live at R. D. 1, Piney Creek.

## Farm Planning Meetings To Be Held In County

Opening Schedule Announced; Will Conform With War Needs

A group of meetings have been scheduled in Alleghany county to assist farmers and their wives with plans for making certain adjustments for agricultural planning in the county to conform more closely with the war needs in 1945, it was announced this week.

R. E. Black, county agent, and Mrs. Frances C. Wagoner, home demonstration agent, will attend these meetings and all farmers and their wives, as well as other members of the families, are urged to attend.

The following meetings have been scheduled to date and others are expected to be announced next week:

Monday, January 22, 2:00 p. m., Rocky Ridge with Mrs. E. K. Templeton.

Tuesday, January 23, 7:00 p. m., New Hope with Mrs. E. S. Mitchell.

Wednesday, January 24, 2:00 p. m., Turkey Knob with Mrs. Lonnie Landreth.

Thursday, January 25, 7:00 p. m., Sparta, with Mrs. R. E. Black.

Friday, January 26, 7:00 p. m., Rich Hill at the school house.

The Agricultural Workers' Council met Saturday morning in the county agent's office when the program for the coming year was discussed by the members present.

## Several Cases Are Heard This Week

B. F. Wagoner Tries Cases; Two Men Sought By Officers; Two Sentenced

Several persons were tried in JP's court here this week, after being arrested by local officers.

Ed Whitaker, of Sparta, was given 30 days on the road for assault on Lonnie Musgrove, but appealed the case to the April term of superior court. The case was heard before B. F. Wagoner. Whitaker was also fined \$10.00 and costs on a second charge of operating a motor vehicle without license.

Lonnie Musgrove, of Stratford, was fined \$10.00 and costs for public drunkenness.

Crockett Hines was sentenced to 60 days on the road on Monday when he was tried before Wagoner for public drunkenness. Hines, who was under suspended sentence, had been out of jail only three weeks, after serving a sentence of four months.

Two men are also being sought by local officers. Holton Taylor, who was sentenced last week to 60 days on the road, his sentence to begin on January 15, did not appear. A capias was issued and 30 days will be added to the sentence for contempt of court.

Freel McMillan, (colored), reported to have taken without permission, an automobile belonging to R. C. Mitchell, manager of Judy's service station here, and wrecking it near Scottville on a country road, is also being sought by officers, with an estimated \$100.00 damage to the car.

## Pfc. Bell Writes From Jap Prison

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bell, of Whitehead, this week received a message from their son, Pfc. Walter L. Bell, who has been a prisoner of war of the Japanese for the past three years.

The card, written on a typewriter and signed in ink by Pfc. Bell reads as follows:

"Hello folks: Will answer all the letters I get the other day. Was glad to hear from you and sure was glad to get the package you sent. Food was very good. I stop for this time. Love, Walter L. Bell."

The card also stated that Pfc. Bell's health is good.

Pfc. Bell, who was serving with the U. S. Army in the Philippines, was wounded in action in March, 1943 and taken prisoner in April. He has been moved from an internment camp on the Philippines to the mainland of Japan since his parents heard from him last year. They have received only three cards from him since he was captured three years ago.