

Three Programs Will Be Given For Polio Fund Drive

Sparta And Little Pine To Sponsor Entertainments This Week

Three programs will be sponsored this week for the benefit of the Infantile Paralysis Drive fund, it was announced here. The public is cordially invited to attend these programs, all proceeds of which will go to the fund.

A box supper will be sponsored by the ladies of Sparta on Saturday night at the Sparta courthouse. Cake walks, a cake for the prettiest girl, pickles for the ugliest man, the sale of boxes and other features will highlight the evening.

The committee on arrangements includes Mrs. Mexa Phipps, Miss Nora Helen Doughton, Mrs. Edith Teitz and Mrs. Claude Moxley.

Also on Saturday night from 8 to 12 o'clock a square dance will be held at Little Pine school, for the benefit of the polio fund, I. W. Wagoner, chairman of Glade Creek township, announced. Music will be furnished by the Smith brothers' band accompanied by Tad Gibson and Dewey Andrews.

Climaxing the drive in the county will be the President's Ball at the community building on Wednesday, January 31. The dance will be sponsored by the Rural letter carriers' association. Music for this dance will be furnished by Clifton Evans and his band.

Restriction On Fuel Oil Lifted

The restriction on fuel oil for hot water or domestic cooking or lighting if the applicant has the use of adequate electric equipment for the purpose, has been removed and applications will now be taken by the local ration board, Mrs. Robert Fleetwood, chief clerk, announced this week.

The restriction which has been in force for the past four months, became effective at a time when most rations for these purposes had already been issued. Reports indicate that the quantity of fuel oil that can be saved by this restriction is small and does not justify the discrimination against those applicants who had not received their rations by the time the restriction became effective, it was explained.

Men Classified By Local Board

The local board this week announced classification of 16 Alleghany county men for military service when only two were placed in 1-A, one in 4-F and 13 in various other classifications.

The classification list is as follows:

- 1-A: Roby J. Tompkins and Dallas G. Parsons.
- 2-A: George Vaughn and Johnnie W. Spurlin.
- 2-C: Boyd Caudill.
- 3-D: Walter K. Poe.
- 4-F: William T. Higgins.
- 1-C (Ind): Milton D. Duncan, Donald W. Musgrove, James C. Rector and Walter E. Brady.
- 1-C (Disc): Everette C. Fortner, Amos I. Roark, Alva J. Davis and Wiley T. Sturgill.

Classified by appeal board, 2-C: Tam S. Gambill.

DATE IS EXTENDED FOR FILING APPLICATIONS

The closing date for filing applications for tobacco allotments has been extended from January 31 through February 28, 1945, C. G. Collins, chairman of Alleghany AAA, announced yesterday.

The instructions provide that no tobacco allotment shall be established for any new farm unless either the operator or the person growing the tobacco shall have had experience in growing Burley tobacco during the past five years and shall be living on the farm, he explained. "Experience" means that the operator has had experience in producing tobacco as an operator, a tenant, or share cropper and would not include experience as a wage hand, Mr. Collins pointed out.

Russians Marching Toward Berlin; Gains Made By Americans

HEADS POLIO DRIVE



Mrs. Ruth J. Choate, chairman of the Infantile Paralysis Drive in Alleghany County.

More Buildings Approved For New Test Farm

Work On Improvements To Be Pushed As Soon As Weather Will Permit

Dean Colvard, supervisor of State Test Farms in Western N. C., announced this week that plans had been approved for additional buildings on the farm at Laurel Springs, including a tobacco barn and a new home.

Other improvement work now under construction includes an apple grading building combined with offices, grade-A dairy barn and other out-buildings and much additional fencing.

Work has been slowed down on account of the severe winter weather but is expected to go forward rapidly in the early spring.

In speaking of the livestock, Mr. Colvard announced that a flock of Ayshire sheep would be brought to the farm early in the spring.

D. & P. Pipe Works Is Granted Patent

In the last issue of the U. S. Patent Office, Washington, D. C., a second patent for the improved fireproofing process used exclusively by D. and P. Pipe Works of Sparta and Boone, was granted to David P. Lavietes, pioneer in the use of North Carolina ivy and laurel burls for the manufacture of smoking pipes.

All users of the fire-proofed briar are loud in their praise of its fire resisting quality and predict continued use after the imported supply arrives, it was explained.

The pipe finishing factory here is booked to capacity with War Department orders for overseas shipment to our fighting men until June of this year, Mr. Lavietes explained.

New Fireproof Navy Life Raft



The Taylor, new unsinkable life raft, constructed of balsa wood and encased in fireproofed plywood, has just been designed by the American Lumber and Treating company. The plywood has been pressure-impregnated with Minalith salts, which makes it withstand open flames.

Yanks In Pacific Keep Up Drive Toward Manila; Base Is Taken

The Russian first Ukraine army reached the Oder river in German Silesia in overwhelming strength on a 37 1/2-mile front yesterday and confidently prepared to leap that vaulted defense barrier into the heart of the reich as other Red armies came within 22 miles of closing the war's greatest trap on all of East Prussia.

Between those two theaters of victorious action, still another Red army slogged westward over the Polish plains at a somewhat slower pace on the most direct road toward Berlin, now reported but 137 miles away, in the vicinity of Poznan.

The American first and third armies and the ninth airforce delivered a knockout blow to the last German defenders of the Ardennes Wednesday when the doughboys closed to within four (Continued on Page 8)

2 Alleghany Men Reported Injured

Pfc. Paul E. Chappel And Pvt. Estel Caudill Wounded In Luxembourg

Two Alleghany county men were reported wounded in action in the European theater of operations according to messages received this week from the War Department.

Pfc. Paul E. Chappel, son of Mrs. Ennice A. Chappel, of Ennice, was slightly wounded in action in Luxembourg on December 29.

Pvt. Estel Caudill, was slightly wounded in action in Luxembourg on December 24, according to a message received by his wife, Mrs. Elzora Caudill, of Stratford. Pvt. Caudill is receiving treatment in a hospital in France.

Sparta Youth Is Tried Here Mon.

Earl Woodruff, 17 year-old Sparta youth, was tried before Justice of the Peace, B. F. Wagoner here Monday, on the charge of assault on "Casey" Jones, another 17 year-old Sparta boy.

Woodruff was given a sentence of 30 days on the road suspended for one year on payment of cost of \$6.25, provided he stays out of pool rooms and beer parlors.

Woodruff is reported to have struck Jones across the head with a cue stick following an argument in the Higgins Barber Shop and pool room.

Freeze On Lard Lifted Monday

Washington — The three-day "freeze" of lard, shortening and salad and cooking oils, was lifted Monday, the OPA reminded the public.

These commodities are now rationed at two red points a pound.

Pulpwood Committee's Campaign Boosts Production



Visible results of the Victory Pulpwood Committee's efforts to induce farmers and woodlot owners to increase their production of pulpwood in the International Falls, Minn., area, are pointed out by Paul Bunyan (Len Costley) to Forest Queen Patricia Sullivan, second from left, and members of her party during the community's recent pulpwood festival, climax of the committee's special promotion campaign.

Wife Of Former County Man Dies Of Burns In Ill.

Wife Of Walter E. Wiles, Former Stratford Resident, Dies In Chicago

Burns, received when cleaning tissue carried in her apron caught fire from a kitchen stove, caused the death of Mrs. Evelyn Wiles, 41, of Marston Lane, Flossmoor, Chicago, Ill., on January 4.

Mrs. Wiles, wife of Walter E. Wiles, prominent Chicago lawyer, and a former resident of Stratford and graduate of ASTC, Boone, was cooking dinner at her home in Chicago, when she bent over the stove. Within a few seconds, the cleaning tissue caught fire, police said, and Mrs. Wiles was literally aflame. All her clothes were burned from her body.

Attracted by screams, Peter Teninga, 66, retired, father of Mrs. Wiles, ran into the kitchen. He rushed his daughter to St. James hospital, Chicago Heights, and summoned his son-in-law, but she died of third-degree burns in spite of emergency treatment. She was able to explain the accident to her husband before her death, however.

Two children, Ronald Ward, 11, and Bruce, 10, were in the home at the time but did not see the accident.

County Short On Auto Tire Quota

Members of the Alleghany county ration board announced this week that persons with as many as four good grade "A" tires should not apply to the board for a new tire.

The quota, which has been unusually short this month and is expected to be short for the next six months, will not cover all applications for tires, members explained. Therefore, unless automobile owners have more than one bad tire, there is no need to apply for a new one.

More re-capping will have to be done in view of the present shortage of tires, one member pointed out.

Rationing Guide

MEATS, FATS
Red Stamps Q5 through X5 good indefinitely. No new stamps until January 28.

PROCESSED FOODS
Blue Stamps X5 through Z5, A2 through G2 good indefinitely. No new blue stamps will be validated until February 1.

SUGAR
Sugar Stamp 34 good for five pounds indefinitely. No new stamp until February 1.

FUEL OIL
East and Far West 1, 2 and 3 period coupons good indefinitely all over the country.

SHOES
East and Far West 1, 2 and 3 in Book Three, good indefinitely.

Good Response To Infantile Fund Drive; More Gifts Are Needed To Reach Quota Here

Funeral Service For Mrs. Orr To Be Held At Zion

Former Miss Claudine Edwards, Of Sparta, Dies In Baltimore, Md.

Funeral service for Mrs. J. E. Orr, 20, former Miss Claudine Edwards, of Sparta, will be held this afternoon at Zion Primitive Baptist church with Eld. C. B. Kilby officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Orr, daughter of Sam Edwards, died on Sunday, January 21, at the Johns-Hopkins hospital in Baltimore, Md., following an operation. She was a member of the graduating class of Sparta high school with the class of '41 and since her marriage two years ago, had been residing at Bel Air, Md.

Surviving in addition to her husband and father is one son, 14 months-old Samuel Edgar, one brother, Bill Edwards, of Maryland; step-mother, Mrs. Thelma Edwards and one step-brother, Little Tommy Edwards. Also surviving is her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Dell Gambill, of Bel Air, Md.

Boone Market Close Next Wed.

It was announced this week that the Mountain Burley Tobacco Warehouse at Boone would close for the season next Wednesday, January 31.

"I want to invite all farmers who have any tobacco left to bring theirs in before we close," Roscoe Coleman, proprietor said. The Boone market has had a very successful season and is nearing the 5,000,000 poundage mark with an average of over \$47.00 per hundred, officials point out.

Roosevelt Asks Nation To Grow More Food; Is Vital

Washington — President Roosevelt called on Americans this week to help grow, process, conserve and share food.

The White House statement made no mention of such factors, but it set off immediate speculation whether it was intended to help fill the places of new farm draftees.

Congress is now embroiled over Selective Service's call for a review of agricultural deferments for young men, with farm state legislators pressing for a stiffly-worded directive requiring literal application of the Tydings Act, blueprint for farm deferments.

The farm group insists that if more agricultural workers are inducted, food production will suffer.

Another suggestion was that the President might have been laying groundwork for tighter food rationing but Office of Price Administration officials said no major changes are under consideration. It was indicated that there will be few point value changes in February. In recent weeks OPA has restored nearly all meats, and cooking and salad fats, to the point list.

Mr. Roosevelt's statement, which he described as "these calls to action," paid tribute to the performance of those Americans who in the last three war years have had a part in the food program.

"As we enter a new year," it added, "the demands for our food at home and abroad are so great that it is essential for every man and woman to do everything to help in the huge task of getting the food produced and seeing that it is conserved and shared."

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School Problems Stressed Before N. C. Legislature

Bills Ask For Raise In Teachers' Pay; Attendance Bill Is Also Introduced

By Staff Correspondent

Raleigh, (Special)—Holding a five-hour hearing on proposed expenditures in the state's public school program in the next biennium, the joint appropriations committee was told yesterday that North Carolina's highly-gear educational program has reached its greatest crisis because of a general shortage of school teachers and low salaries.

At the same time a school-conscious legislature, swamped with telegrams, resolutions and admonitions to increase teacher pay, received two more bills affecting the public school structure of North Carolina.

One measure, in line with a similar one already before the house, was introduced by Senator Matheny of Rutherford to raise the compulsory attendance law from 14 to 16. The measure has the blessing of Governor Cherry and interested organizations throughout the state. It would tend to equalize the school and labor laws of the state, since the general statutes prohibit the hiring of children under 16 in most kinds of industry. Exceptions are noted under an emergency war powers act.

More than 100 educators and representatives of organizations affiliated with the school program appeared before the joint appropriations committee as it considered a recommended budget of more than \$85,000,000 for the school program in 1945-47 contained in the record-breaking appropriations bill now before the legislature.

Rep. Sellers also sent up a measure to bring up to date a law providing for the creation of juvenile courts in cities of more than 10,000 population. Sellers proposed that such determination be based on the 1940 census instead of the 1930 census, as now.

Particularly timely, since tax listing is under way this month, was a measure by Reps. Gass, Welfare and Gobble of Forsyth to provide that each taxpayer (Continued on Page Four)

Address Sought By Draft Board

Mrs. Mexa Phipps, clerk of the Alleghany county draft board, urged this week that anyone knowing the present address of Sam Ellis, please notify the local board at once.

Mrs. Phipps again pointed out that registrants are required by law to notify their local boards of any change in address.

RATION BOARD TO CLOSE FIRST DAY OF MONTH

The Alleghany county ration board office will be closed all day the first day of each month, Mrs. Robert Fleetwood, chief clerk, announced this week.

According to this ruling, the office will be closed all day next Thursday.

WAR BONDS In Action



Ninth Air Force Military Police Unit training dogs during their off duty hours in Europe. War Bonds keep the dogs well fed and housed so they are ready to aid our soldiers. Buy War Bonds for this work as well as to save for your future.