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## County Surpasses Infantile Paralysis Fund Quota

### N. C. Solons Get Air-Minded; Bill For School Bds. Rate Of Teachers' Pay Is Still Being Considered By The Leaders

By Staff Correspondent

Raleigh (Special)—Two bills to foster aeronautics in the state and encourage airport development were given the senate this week, while the house received bills to boost the monthly war bonus of state employes by from \$5 to \$10 and authorizing the governor to set up a commission to study plans for payment of teachers based on the ability of the individual teacher.

The aeronautics bills were sponsored by Senator Roy Rowe of Pender, the first defining terms providing for the acquisition, establishment, construction, enlargement, improvement, maintenance, equipment, operation and regulation of airports and other air navigation facilities and airport protection privileges by municipalities, permitting the acceptance of federal aid, authorizing joint action by municipalities and making uniform the law with reference to public airports.

The second bill establishes a commission to provide for the development of airports and prescribes the powers and duties of such a commission.

The newest education bill, by Reps. Umstead of Orange and Evans of Hertford, provides for the appointment by Governor Cherry of a seven-man commission to investigate the possibility of paying teachers additional monies based upon the ability of the teacher.

Sponsors of the measure said that the present law does not take into account the individual ability of teachers and that it is desirable.

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### Ralph W. Pruitt Is Given Award

### Sparta Youth Is Making Record With Famous 91st "Powder River" Division

With The Fifth Army, Italy—Private First Class Ralph W. Pruitt, son of Mrs. Anice Pruitt, of Sparta, has been cited by the 91st Infantry Regiment of the 91st "Powder River" Division and awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for actual participation in combat against the enemy with the Fifth Army in Italy.

Standards for the badge are high. The decoration is awarded to the infantry soldier who has proved his fighting ability in combat.

The handsome badge consists of a silver rifle set against a background of infantry blue, enclosed in a silver wreath.

### Alleghany Man Making Record

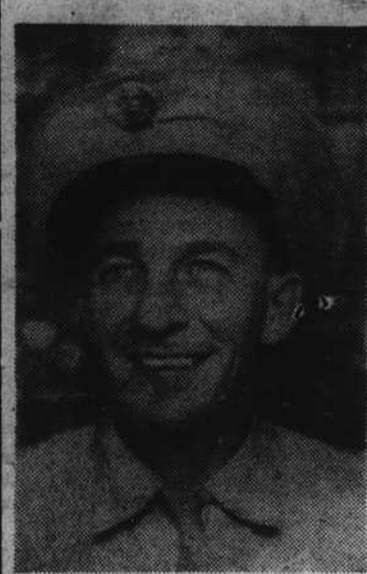
With the Twenty-Ninth Infantry Division—Sgt. Garnett G. Wagoner, Route 1, Sparta, has received a certificate personally signed by his commanding general honoring him for fighting with the Twenty-Ninth Infantry Division from D-Day to St. Lo.

The honor is a personal salute from Maj. Gen. Charles H. Gerhardt to the officers and men who battered their way through flooded areas and the Normandy hedgerows and stormed the key city of St. Lo in a campaign where the taking of every 500 yards was a major battle.

The Army reckons the Normandy fighting as one campaign which entitles participants to one star on their theater ribbons, but General Gerhardt's certificate recognizes the unusual toughness of the fighting in the early days of the invasion.

## Russians Pressing On Toward Berlin; Yanks Moving On To Manila

### KILLED IN ACTION



Pvt. Owen Wilson, who was killed in action in France on September 15. Pvt. Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson, of Glade Valley, entered the service on his birthday, March 7, 1944, and went overseas in August.

### Sparta School Lunch Room Gets A Higher Rating

### New Equipment Added And Other Improvements Are Made

The Sparta lunch room was recently given a grade of "B" when District Sanitarian Wade E. Eller inspected it. C. R. Roe, principal, announced.

The kitchen was given a perfect score of 110 on cleanliness, it was pointed out. New equipment was recently installed and the walls were painted both in the kitchen and lunchroom.

"We are especially proud of the grade made by the lunchroom and of the excellent meals that are served to about 260 students each day," Mr. Roe stated.

Following is a letter received by Miss Clyde Fields, superintendent of schools, from Mr. Eller, sanitarian:

"My dear Miss Fields, Yesterday I had the distinct privilege of visiting Piney Creek and Sparta high schools in Alleghany county. The purpose of this visit was in connection with the Child Feeding Program.

I take this opportunity to congratulate you and the officials of these two fine school communities, as well as the patrons and children of the schools, on the

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### SERVICES ANNOUNCED

Eld. A. L. Presnell will preach at Union church on Saturday, Feb. 3, at 11 o'clock, at Piney Creek on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock and on Sunday, February 4, at 11 o'clock.

## OPA Announces Dates For Expiration Of Food Stamps

Washington—Acting to allay fear of another sudden invalidation, the OPA set forth for housewives a definite policy on cancellation of food ration stamps.

Hereafter, the agency announced, red stamps for meats and fats and blue for processed foods will expire four months from the date of issuance. This replaces the program of indefinite validity for these coupons which had been in effect since last Spring.

Sugar stamps also were given fixed expiration dates again. Number 34, now in use, will be invalid after February 28. The next sugar stamp, Number 35, will be valid February for five pounds and remain good through June 2. Sugar stamp Number 36 is scheduled for validation May 1.

### Conference Of "Big Three" Leaders Is Believed To Be Underway Now

The first White Russian army thrust within 45 miles of Berlin yesterday when it captured the Brandenburg province town of Stolzenberg in a 20-mile dash down the valley of the Netze river from Driesen.

The capture of Stolzenberg was announced in the regular nightly communique broadcast from Moscow, which made no point of the fact that it represented the Russians' closest approach to the Nazi capital.

Another American army was thrown into the battle for Luzon Monday morning when elements of Lt. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger's new eighth army swept to a completely unopposed landing just north of Subic bay on the west coast. By nightfall they drove 11 miles inland toward a junction with the sixth army, which is within 30 miles of Manila.

The eighth army Yanks, landing at San Narisa and San Antonio to seize five miles of beachhead 60 air miles north-west of Manila, took an airfield at San Marcelino in their quick drive to seal the fate of the Japanese retreating to Bataan and to capture the vital Subic bay naval base.

Statesman of the United States and Britain apparently were conferring on an undisclosed spot for preliminary conferences or even the Big-Three meeting itself as British and American leaflets raining on enemy lines urged the Germans to surrender.

Outside of the closest official circles nobody knew when or where President Roosevelt, Prime

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### Lions To Erect Signs In Sparta

### Ask That Townspeople Number Houses; Richardson To Assist With Numbers

The Sparta Lions Club expects to start the erection of street signs for all streets throughout the town at an early date, President N. D. Fox announced this week.

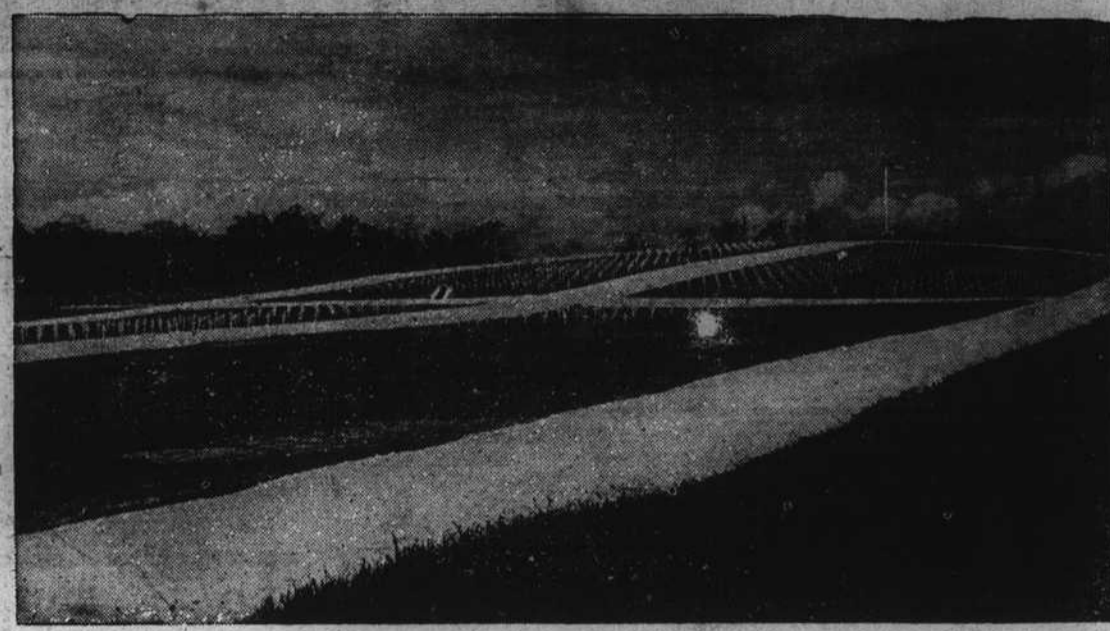
In connection with the erection of street signs, the Lions are asking that citizens of Sparta cooperate by numbering the houses. These numbers may be secured by contacting Glenn Richardson, town marshal.

The club will assume all financial responsibilities for the project, it was pointed out. Work is scheduled to begin at an early date.

It was also announced that a survey is being made of school children who need glasses and are not able to secure them. The Lions plan to buy these glasses.

The next meeting of the club will be held on February 6 when Mr. Wade Eller will speak on "Public Health and Sanitation."

## Where Hundreds Of American Soldiers Are Buried



Munda Cemetery on New Georgia Island, the resting place of hundreds of American fighting men, who died for freedom.

### Another County Man Is Reported Missing On Jan. 8

### Two Others Are Wounded According To Messages From War Department

One Alleghany man has been reported missing in action and two wounded according to messages received from the War Department this week.

Pvt. James T. Wagoner was reported missing in action in Belgium since January 8, according to a message received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Wagoner, of Ennice. Pvt. Wagoner, who is a paratrooper, has been in foreign service for the past 18 months. He was wounded in action during the summer but severed

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### Mrs. Billings Was Buried Sunday

Funeral service for Mrs. Sue Hines Billings, 29, was conducted Sunday, January 28 at Whitehead Union Baptist church with Rev. E. B. Barton and Rev. C. L. Billings officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Billings died January 26 at the Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem, following an operation. She had been seriously ill for the past eight weeks.

Surviving are her husband, James Beauford Billings and one son, Tommy, age seven. Also surviving are her mother, Mrs. Sara Hines, of Sparta; three sisters, Mrs. Kate Wiggins, Sparta; Mrs. Minnie Jones, Fox Creek, Va.; Mrs. Mallie Hawkins, Baltimore, Md.; one half-sister, Mrs. Ollie Owens, of Elklin and four brothers, Crockett, Toab, Frank and Guy Hines, all of Sparta.

### Rationing Guide

#### MEATS AND FATS

Book Four red stamps Q5 through S5 good through March 31. Stamps T5 through X5 good through April 25. Stamps Y5, Z5, and A2 through D2 good through June 2.

#### PROCESSED FOODS

Book Four blue stamps X5 through Z5 and A1 and B2 good through March 31. Stamps C2 through G2 good through April 25. Stamps H2 through M2 will be valid February 1 and good through June 2.

#### SUGAR

Stamp 34 good for five pounds through February 28. Stamp 35 will be valid for five pounds February 1 through June 2. Another stamp scheduled to be validated May 1.

#### SHOES

Book Three airplane stamps 1, 2 and 3 valid indefinitely; OPA says no plans to cancel any.

#### GASOLINE

14-A coupons valid everywhere for four gallons through March 31. B-5, C-5, D-5 and C-6 coupons good everywhere for five gallons each.

## Expansion Of Boy Scout Program Will Be Pushed In Alleghany This Month

### Farm Machinery Repair Classes At Piney Creek

A farm machinery repair course will be conducted at Piney Creek, beginning Monday, February 5 and will continue through March 2. E. C. Minnich announced this week.

The course, which will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week from 10 to 5 o'clock, will give farmers a chance to repair their farm machinery before spring farm work begins, Mr. Minnich explained.

He urged that farmers check over their farming equipment from hoes to thrashing machines and bring any necessary repair work to the blacksmith shop of W. R. Barr, where Mr. Barr will assist in the repair.

Other similar courses have been conducted there and have proven very successful, Mr. Minnich stated.

### Much Interest In Crusade Here

Methodist churches of the Sparta charge are showing much interest and enthusiasm in the Crusade for Christ, officials reported this week.

The Sparta charges were given a quota of \$400.00, with each church assigned a certain portion. Two of the churches, Cox's Chapel and Potato Creek, have oversubscribed their quota, it was pointed out.

"This is Methodism's opportunity for service in the hour of the world's greatest need," one official stated. Combined Methodist churches of the United States are working toward a goal of 25 million dollars.

### Poultry Short Course Was Attended By Many, Tuesday

West Jefferson—(Special)—Poultry growers from this section of the state had an opportunity to hear leaders discuss postwar plans along with a broad improvement program, on Tuesday at the short course conducted by N. C. Extension leaders at the courthouse.

Included on the program were: Roy S. Dearstyne, Dr. C. H. Boston, T. T. Brown and Clifton F. Parrish. A good representation from Alleghany and other surrounding counties attended.

A very interesting egg show was held with 29 entries. The following is a list of the prize winners and placings judged by T. T. Brown:

First—white eggs, Mrs. Arol Choate, of Sparta, 100 lbs. Purina

La Chow, compliments of Bare-Little Company.  
First—brown eggs, Carl Blevins, of Crumpler, 100 lbs. Purina La Chow, compliments of Bare-Little Company.  
Other prizes went to the following:  
Mrs. V. V. McConnell, of Jefferson, 25 baby chicks, by Parkers Hatchery; Mrs. V. C. Lillard, of Creston, 25 baby chicks, by Parkers Hatchery; J. W. Luke, of Glendale Springs, metal water fountain, by Ashe Hardware; J. W. Luke, of Glendale Springs, glass water fountain, by Lansing Service Store; Mrs. Tom Moxley, of Sparta, one year subscription to "The Alleghany News" by The Skyland Post.  
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## Drive Ends With President's Ball; Public Thanked

### Contributions Are Still Coming In; \$1,132.92 Is Reported Raised

Reports late yesterday afternoon revealed that Alleghany county has surpassed the Infantile Paralysis Fund Drive quota by more than \$100.00 with \$1,132.94 reported to date, Mrs. Ruth J. Choate, chairman, announced. The county was assigned a quota of \$1,031.00.

The drive in the county officially ended last night with the President's Ball, a combination square and round dance at the community building and sponsored by the Rural Letter Carriers' Association. Returns from the dance amounted to around \$62.00.

Final returns have not been received but various communities throughout the county are expected to make reports this week end, Mrs. Choate stated. The total contributions are expected to reach at least \$1,200.00.

"I thank you for your confidence. I have always been proud to be an Alleghanian and I consider it a privilege to have had an opportunity to serve the citizens of my county in such a small capacity for such a worthy cause. I am grateful to you, one and all, for your generous and loyal support throughout the Infantile Paralysis Drive," Mrs. Choate said last night.

Contributions which have not previously been announced include:

Mrs. Cora Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fender, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Grayson, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shelton, \$2.00 each.  
Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hendrix, New River school, Mr. and Mrs. Mack C. Edwards, \$5.00 each; Alleghany county library, \$5.00; Alleghany News, \$5.00; Sparta 4-H club, \$4.75; Sparta Elementary school, \$6.62; Laurel Springs school, \$1.50; Whitehead school, \$4.00.

Carolina Silk shop, Mrs. Carrie H. Jones, Eld. A. L. Presnell, Mrs. Reba Howld, Miss Mildred Taylor.  
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### Miss Richardson Is In Who's Who

### Daughter Of Mr. And Mrs. Glenn Richardson Holds Many Offices At ASTC

Miss Una Lee Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Richardson, of Sparta, is among those students who will be listed in the 1944-45 issue of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. She is a member of the junior class at ASTC, Boone.

Miss Richardson is a member and officer of the Y. M. C. A., officer of I. R. C. and a member of Forum Club. She was treasurer of White Hall Club last year and has been a member of the Executive Council of the Baptist Student Union all three years. She is also officer of the State Baptist Student Union.

Miss Richardson graduated from Sparta high school in the class of 1942.

### Donald Shores Gets Air Medal

15th Army Air Force—Sgt. Donald D. Shores, 19, son of Mrs. W. H. Haggard, Sparta, was recently awarded the Air Medal "for meritorious achievement" while participating in sustained aerial operations against the enemy. It was announced by 15th AAF Headquarters.

A nose turret gunner, Sgt. Shores is stationed in Italy with a veteran Liberator bombardment group which has down more than 175 bombing missions against strategic enemy oil, rail and industrial centers throughout central and southern Europe.

Prior to entering the service, Dec. 27, 1943, Sgt. Shores attended the Virginia State Teachers' College. He was inducted Dec. 27, 1943, and received aerial gunnery training at the Tuskegee Army Air Field, Texas.