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Building Program For Schools Outlined By Board

New Buildings And Additions Badly Needed

Definite Postwar Program Is
Being Considered By The
Board Of Education

A discussion of important post-war plans relative to the much needed building program in the schools of Alleghany, was held this week and tentative plans were made when the County Board of Education met with Superintendent Clyde Fields.

A number of new buildings, standard toilet facilities, a consolidated program and many repairs are badly needed, it was pointed out.

Supt. Fields explained that it was the opinion of authorities in Raleigh that not only would funds be available for buildings immediately after the war, but that there would be a vast amount of equipment now used in the war effort, available for schools.

The schoolhouse planning committee at Raleigh urges that all preliminary plans be made and blueprints drawn in order that schools might be ready for the building program when the war is over, it was pointed out. The Alleghany Board of Education explained that it wished to be ready to receive all benefits possible from the program and that in order to do so, plans must be laid now.

The need for a new elementary school building at Sparta, many repairs and possibly in some cases new buildings throughout the county, are badly needed, it was pointed out. A consolidated school for negroes was discussed.

Former County Man Dies In Del.

Funeral Service For Merriman
Edwards To Be Conducted Today In Del.

Funeral service will be conducted today for Merriman Edwards, 67, at Newark, Delaware. Mr. Edwards, formerly of this county, died in a Wilmington hospital on January 4, following an illness of several months as a result of a stroke.

The son of the late Richard and Rosabelle Edwards, he was born and reared in Alleghany county, leaving here some fifteen years ago for Newark, where he had made his home until the time of his death.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Minnie Richardson Edwards; four daughters, Mrs. Edna Armour, Mrs. Lois Reynolds, Mrs. Posie Hollins and Miss Mable Edwards, all of Maryland, and three sons, Paul, Ray and Willard, also of Maryland. One son, Porter, preceded him in death two years ago.

Also surviving are five sisters, Mrs. Cabel Wilson, Mrs. Tyre Richardson and Misses Ella and Lou Edwards, all of Sparta and Mrs. Myrtle Fender, of Detroit, Mich.; one brother, Luther Edwards; one half-sister, Mrs. Amanda Rector and two half-brothers, Emory Edwards and Garfield Edwards, all of Sparta.

Sparta Lost To Elkin Wednesday

Sparta high boys and girls lost both ends of a twin bill to Elkin high there last Wednesday night, the girls losing the opener by the score of 18-40 and the boys handing over the second game by a count of 17-30.

The Elkin girls moved away to an early lead and were never headed. Jarvis and Mitchell topped the offensive play for Sparta while Steelman and Hanes were the big threats.

Eugene Irwin flipped in six points for Sparta in the boys' game with Gentry scoring four points. Garland, Osborne and Ratledge topped the scoring list for Elkin.

Berlin Is Doomed; Retreating Japanese Set Fire To Manila

FIGHTING IN GERMANY



An action picture of Pfc. Garnett L. Crouse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hortie Crouse, of Cherry Lane, now with the 7th Army in Germany.

C. Of C. To Discuss Freezer-Locker Plan On Friday

R. E. Black Is Chairman To
Proposed Project; Much
Interest Shown

Discussion of the freezer-locker program will highlight the Chamber of Commerce meeting on Friday night at the community building when representatives from the REA will be present to give suggestions on the project.

R. E. Black is chairman of the committee and members serving with him are Lon M. Reeves, (Continued On Page Four)

Mrs. L. Edwards Dies In Maryland

Mrs. Letcher Edwards, of Rising Sun, Md., and formerly of Alleghany county, died Monday, after a serious illness of several days at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lester Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin had lived in Maryland for a number of years. Surviving are her father, J. M. Estep, of Stratford; her husband and six children. She also leaves one brother, Cary Estep, of Whitehead and one sister, Mrs. Carl Rash, of Malvern, Pa.

"Big Three" Now Meeting In Black Sea To Consider World Security

The Red army has stormed across the Oder southeast of Breslau and penetrated 12 1/2 miles beyond its west bank on a 50-mile front, Moscow announced last night, while German reports said the water barrier protecting Berlin and the heart of the reich had been crossed by the Russians in two other sectors as well.

Broadcasts from Berlin, again reporting Soviet successes long before their confirmation by Moscow, placed Red army units west of the Oder northeast of Berlin, perhaps less than 30 miles from the battered capital, and northwest of Breslau in the area of Steinau, a Silesian city which the Germans said they had evacuated.

Liberated Manila's business district was ablaze Monday from Japanese torches, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced yesterday, but three American columns still were liquidating the desperate enemy in a tightening three-way trap.

CBS Radio Correspondent William Dunn reported yesterday the fires had been burning 36 hours.

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Four Are Slightly Injured In Wreck Cars Collide In Sparta, Sat- urday; All Occupants Only Slightly Injured

Four persons escaped with minor bruises and cuts, Saturday night when an automobile driven by Bruce Wagoner of Sparta hit a pick-up driven by Allen Evans, also of Sparta, in a curve just below the Colvard Service Station in town.

Officers investigating the wreck stated that Wagoner had 12 feet of the road while Evans had only six feet. Damage to the Wagoner car was estimated at \$300.00, while the pick-up was considered a total wreck.

Wagoner, who was riding with Mr. Wagoner suffered minor cuts and bruises. Mrs. Evans, who was riding in the pick-up suffered a fractured knee cap.

Wagoner, who was reported by officers to be under the influence of liquor, was placed under a \$500.00 bond with a hearing scheduled for Monday, January 12, before G. Glenn Nichols.

Assembly Hears Experts Present Income Reports

Committee Heard On Separation
Of Game And Fish
From Dept. Conservation

By Staff Correspondent

Raleigh—(Special)—In addition to a number of local bills, financial matters as well as others of state-wide importance came before N. C. solons this week.

Tax and revenue experts told the joint appropriations committee yesterday that under existing fiscal policy the state could expect a general fund income of approximately \$130,275,028 in the next biennium barring a sudden ending of the war in Europe.

The experts testified as the committee began its executive consideration of the proposed 1945 '47 appropriations bill now before the general assembly which calls for an over-all expenditure of more than \$200,000,000 for all phases of governmental activities. Of the total, \$128,407,808 would come from the general fund, with the remainder from the highway and agricultural funds.

Proponents of a move to divorce the division of game and inland fisheries from the department of conservation and development asked the state this week to "let the sportsmen who pay the bill run their own show" as it relates to hunting and fishing.

A special five-member legislative commission appointed at the request of Governor Cherry heard a delegation of sportsmen representing game and fish clubs (Continued on Page 4)

More Funds Are Still Coming In For Polio Drive

A Total Of \$1,403.98 Is
Announced By Chairman
Choate

Final returns for the Infantile Paralysis Drive in Alleghany county amounted to \$1,403.98, putting the county "over the top" by \$372.98, Mrs. Ruth J. Choate, chairman of the drive, announced this week. The quota for the county was \$1,031.00.

Names and donations not previously published include: \$50 from the Spartan Theatre, which went into the theatre fund; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Transou, \$10.00; Little Pine School, \$5.30; Sparta 4-H club, 20 cents; Additional Polio Drive containers, \$5.68; Johnny Hamm, \$5.00; Sparta President's Ball, \$52.00; Little Pine Dance, \$33.50; Glade Valley School, \$11.10; Wolf Branch School, \$4.61 and Sparta high school, \$1.50.

Sparta Men Awarded Bronze Stars



Cpl. Walter Frank Osborne, Jr., U. S. Marines, (left), son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Osborne, of Sparta, and Sgt. Bill Collins, U. S. Army, (right), son of Porter Collins, also of Sparta, have been awarded Bronze Star medals; Cpl. Osborne for heroic achievement against the enemy on Saipan and Sgt. Collins for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the European theater of war.

Local Jr. Red Cross Unit Now Collecting Articles For U. S. Soldiers Who Are In Hospitals

Truant Officer Is Appointed For County Schools

Glenn D. Richardson Named;
School Laws Are To Be
Enforced

Miss Clyde Fields, superintendent of schools, announced yesterday that Glenn D. Richardson has been appointed truant officer for Alleghany county in an action taken by the County Board of Education at its regular meeting on February 5.

In line with the appointment of Mr. Richardson, a special drive is being made on the part of the Board of Education, Supt. Fields and the teachers of the county in co-operation with the parents to get every child of school age in school.

The Board of Education issued the following statement:

"Realizing the importance of every child in Alleghany county being at school every day that it is possible for him to attend, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to request each teacher to contact the parents of every child of school age who is not in school, and to get the parents of said children to return them to the class room. According to the (Continued on Page 4)

List Of Needed Items Is Announced By Chairman, Miss Edwards

An assigned quota of articles for station and general hospitals throughout the nation is being made and collected by the Alleghany chapter of the Junior Red Cross, Miss Minnie Lou Edwards, chairman, announced this week.

The home economics departments of the two high schools in the county are co-operating by making several of the articles and others are being purchased with the funds in the Junior Red Cross treasury, but still others must be donated, Miss Edwards pointed out.

Topping the list of articles for which the JRC chapter is asking, are afghans. The county has been assigned a quota of six, three to be woolen squares and three, knit, crocheted or woven squares. Other articles needed along with the quota assigned, include 2 cushion covers, 2 lap robes, 2 (Continued on Page 4)

AAA HAS PLENTY OF COTTON SEED MEAL

C. G. Collins, chairman of the Alleghany county AAA, announced this week that a carload of cotton seed meal had arrived and is now available to farmers as long as it lasts. Mr. Collins pointed out that this is the last car expected here this spring and that farmers should get in their orders immediately.

FSA Farmers Make Plans At Annual Meeting, Tues.

West Jefferson—(Special)—The annual all-day meeting of the Alleghany and Ashe county farm ownership borrowers of Farm Security Administration was held Tuesday at the community building, when records for the past year were discussed and goals for 1945 outlined.

The meeting, arranged by T. H. Sears and Miss Ainslee Alexander, supervisors of the two counties was attended by around 50 farmers, members of their families and others taking part on the program.

Charts showing plans for the past year and the way in which they were carried out revealed that practically all of the farmers had a successful year and had done much toward the war effort in the production of vital foods as well as improving their farms. Of special interest was the dis-

Want Property Donated; Need Is Pointed Out

Donor Will Be Honored;
Committee Now Making
Location Study

Preliminary plans for the erection of a public park in the town of Sparta were made by the Lions Club here Tuesday night and a committee was appointed to investigate the possibilities of such a venture. Dr. N. D. Fox, president of the club, announced.

All plans are tentative, pending the donation of the property for the project, it was explained. When the property is secured, the Lions Club will carry through the complete development of the park.

The committee on investigation will contact several persons in the town and it is hoped that the property will be donated and deeded to the town of Sparta or priced reasonably in order that the club can make the purchase. Donor of the property will be honored with a monument with a bronze plaque in the park, it was pointed out.

The park will include a public picnic ground, barbecue pit, swings for children, a small ball diamond and other types of recreational facilities. Leaders pointed out that such a park would provide a place for outdoor meetings, an ideal spot for the children of the town in the summer months, a project for the Boy Scouts to sponsor, and a general recreational center for the town.

Several locations near the business section of town have been (Continued on Page 4)

Two County Men Are Casualties

Pfc. Halfred Jones And T-5
Floyd J. Billings Reported
Wounded In Action

Two Alleghany county men have been reported wounded in action this week, according to messages received from the War Department.

Pfc. Halfred Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones, of Scottville, was wounded in action in Luxemburg on December 23, according to a message received from the War Department. Pfc. Jones, who was serving with the anti-tank division, was wounded in the hand. He has been overseas since July of 1944 and entered service in June, 1943.

Pfc. Jones' father was a member of the famed 80th division which served in World War No. 1 and saw action near Luxemburg. T-5 Floyd J. Billings, son of Mrs. Ellen E. Billings, of Sparta, Rt. 1, was seriously wounded in action in Belgium on January 17, according to a message received by his mother this week.

INCORRECT DATE

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