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Will Grow Turkish Tobacco In County

Teachers' Pay, Other Problems Confront Solons

Fifth Full Week Ends With A Number Of Important Questions Unsettled

By Staff Correspondent

Raleigh—(Special)—Going into the sixth week of sessions, members of the N. C. Legislature are still confronted with a number of vital problems, one of which is where the necessary money is coming from for the proposed increase in teachers' salaries.

Governor Cherry, Tuesday, in a pointed statement on teacher salary requests, a problem that looms large on the legislative horizon and has brought deluge of telegraphic and other messages to the executive desk, said that to meet the requests the Legislature would have to provide expenditure of "approximately \$12,000,000 in excess of estimated revenues."

A delegation of some 15 Guilford county citizens met with the Governor in the interest of the Moseley resolution defining the State's policy in fixing teachers salaries and providing that this is a function for the State Department of Education and not the Legislature.

A public hearing before the Joint Insurance Committee this week opened consideration of eleven big bills seeking to provide North Carolina with firm, adequate State regulation of insurance.

A House fight developed this week over a measure to create the offices of chancellor and three presidents at the Greater University of North Carolina and its three units and a vote on its passage was deferred until February 20.

Rep. Cavens of Guilford, author of the bill, led the floor scrap over postponing action but the motion finally carried, 53-47. (Continued on Page Four)

County Woman Making Record

Mrs. Maxie Wagoner Is "Lady Gunner" At Aberdeen Proving Grounds

Mrs. Maxie Wagoner, the former Miss Maxie Sanders, daughter of Mrs. C. M. Sanders and the late Mr. Sanders, of Stratford, is doing a man-size job in this war, and doing it well.

Mrs. Wagoner, who has been employed as a civilian gunner at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Aberdeen, Md., for the past twenty months, works outside six days a week, eight hours a day, firing the big guns as they come off the assembly line. Many times she has worked with snow and sleet frozen to her hair.

This "lady gunner" has received two Army and Navy Stars which represent outstanding work, and also she has earned two Army and Navy "E" awards. Mrs. Wagoner is the mother of two children, Georgia, 10, and Johnson Wagoner, 8, both of whom she supports and educates with her wages.

Study Course Is Given For WMU

Miss Ruth Keller, field worker of the State W. M. U., Raleigh, is teaching a mission study course each night this week in the Sparta Baptist W. M. S.

Miss Keller is teaching a book on "Evangelism." The Monday night meeting was held with Mrs. C. A. Reeves; Tuesday with Mrs. W. K. Sprinkle; Wednesday with Mrs. Ben Reeves and tonight with Mrs. A. O. Joines.

The women of the Laurel Springs and Liberty W. M. S. are meeting with the local women.

Miss Keller is also holding afternoon classes for the G. A. and R. A. organizations. In this course she is teaching, "So This Is Africa," which tells the story of missionary life in the Dark Continent.

Red Army Is Still Advancing; Manila Battle Is Near End

DIES IN ACTION



The Purple Heart has been awarded posthumously to Pfc. Audie L. Presnell, Jr., who was wounded in action on July 22 in Normandy, France, and died of his wounds on the same date. Pfc. Presnell was buried in a military cemetery in Normandy. He is the son of Eld and Mrs. A. L. Presnell, of Sparta.

Youths Arrested For Forgery Here

Charles Reeves and Emerson Jones Taken Into Custody By Officers, Wed.

Two Alleghany youths, Charles Reeves, of Sparta and Emerson Jones, of Stratford, were arrested yesterday on charges of forgery, officers stated.

The youths were reported to have forged two checks and tried a third on Lewis Mitchell, of Piney Creek. Checks were passed at Western Auto Associate Store and Cash and Carry in the (Continued on Page 4)

Tax Experts To Aid In Listing

Taxpayers are again reminded that representatives of the Federal Tax Department will be in Sparta on Monday and Tuesday, February 19 and 20 at the courthouse for the purpose of assisting in the filing of 1944 income tax returns.

There will be no charge to the taxpayer for this service, it was pointed out, and it is suggested that taxpayers who are required to file a return, do so at this date or as early as possible since all returns must be in by March 15.

Alleghany Men Now Serving Overseas



T-4 Sgt. Walter M. Andrews, left, who is now in France, writes his sister, Mrs. Zollie Atwood, that he is getting along fine and to give everyone his best regards. He has been overseas for the past year. Pvt. Leonard M. Anders, right, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Anders, of Sparta, entered service in July, 1944, and received basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga. He is now stationed in France.

Farmers Urged To Collect All Rationing Points

Necessary To Cooperate When Selling Any Farm Produced Rationed Items

Emerson Black, county agent, pointed out yesterday that the Charlotte OPA Office had reported receiving persistent reports of farm slaughterers not collecting meats and fats points on their sales of farm-produced rationed meats and fats commodities. "The 1945 meat production is estimated to be approximately two billion pounds less than the 1944 supply. Since farm slaughtered meat, therefore, represents a much greater proportion now of the civilian supply, full cooperation and compliance is fundamental to the success of the entire meat rationing program," Mr. Black said.

"Alleghany farmers are advised to conform to the rationing regulations in regard to collecting points on all sales or gifts of farm slaughtered meat. Failure to do so violates principle of fair (Continued on Page 4)

Progress Made In Crusade Program

Drive To Raise \$400.00 Underway; Shiloh Oversubscribes Individual Quota

The Methodist churches in the Sparta charge are progressing rapidly toward raising the quota of \$400.00 assigned them in the "Crusade for Christ" being carried on in the Methodist churches throughout the nation, leaders announced this week.

The Shiloh church raised a total of \$103.00 last Sunday, more than doubling the quota of the church, it was announced. Service was in charge of Rev. C. R. Allison and Mrs. Gertrude G. Blevins.

The Sparta church recently started a series of Sunday evening study classes, using as a textbook, "Abundant Living," by Dr. E. Stanley Jones. The class is under the leadership of Miss Wilma Crouse. Similar classes are being conducted at Piney Creek by Mrs. Gertrude G. Blevins.

Men Classified By Local Board

The local board this week announced classifications of 60 Alleghany county men for military service when three men were placed in I-A and 57 in various other classifications. One man was classified by the appeal board.

The classification list is as follows: I-A: Dovy Choate, Clay W. Roberts and Glenn Roberts.

I-C (Disc): Crockett Hines, James Y. Evans, John R. Sparks, Johnnie W. Hines, Donald R. Kennedy, Robert L. Fortner, Rex C. Wagoner, Zerna W. Pollard, Porter C. Wagoner, Bertie R. Crouse, Walter M. Farmer, Herbert C. Hawthorne, James E. Andrews, Platt W. Waddell, William C. Wood, Richard W. Taylor, Leonard W. Cox, James G. Huffman, Charlie L. Andres, Ray E. Maines, Edward P. Richardson, Frank M. Sanders, Lewellom E. Norman, Howard E. Hodge, Ro (Continued on Page 4)

Pfc. Greene Gets A Purple Heart

Pfc. Ray Greene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Greene, of Ennice, has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action in Germany on November 25.

Pfc. Greene, who is now in a hospital in England, was one of the first four volunteers for the armed service from Alleghany county. He entered service in January, 1941, and went overseas in January, 1944.

Pfc. Greene had seen action in France, Belgium and Germany before he was wounded in the right arm.

Map Strategy At Burma Meeting



Shown as they met in Burma to map future strategy are these Allied leaders. Left to right, Lt. Gen. Daniel I. Sultan, commanding general of U. S. forces in India-Burma theater, Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, commander of U. S. forces in China theater, Adm. Lord Louis Mountbatten, supreme Allied commander in Southeast Asia, and Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan, chief of the U. S. offices of strategic services.

Erection Of Modern Hotel Is Planned By Chamber Of Commerce; Duncan, Chmn.

Big Three Agree On Plans To End Nazism At Meet

Plans To Start Organized Peace Also Outlined At Dramatic Conference

Washington—The Big Three, winding up an eight-day conference around a white-draped table in an old play spot of the czars, announced this week their formula for the triumphal conclusion of a war and the beginning of organized peace.

Their nine-point program, announced at the end of the fateful day-and-night sessions, projected this nation fully on to center stage in European affairs.

That in outline is the record of the meeting concluded in the one-time Summer palace of Czar Nicholas 11 on the Black Sea at Yalta (Continued On Page Four)

Gas Rules Are Cited By Board

Mrs. Robert Fleetwood, clerk of the Alleghany county ration board, announced this week that no gas will be issued unless the application is accompanied by the mileage rationing record.

This record, Mrs. Fleetwood pointed out, may be found on the white slip sent to all car owners with the new "A" books which were issued a short time ago.

Gas Rules Are Cited By Board

The wooden outfit, in a well-concealed hollow of the mountain, was completely destroyed by the sheriff and his deputies, Glenn Richardson and R. E. Richardson.

No arrests were made.

Still Captured By Sheriff, Sun.

A 50-gallon illicit still was destroyed Sunday near Rich Mountain creek, Roaring Gap, along with 200 gallons of beer and more than three bushels of meal, Sheriff Jess Moxley announced this week.

The purchase of garden seed package through the local purchasing and marketing Association, has made it possible for many families to have a bigger, and better garden and a wider variety of vegetables than ever before.

During the summer months, a total of fifteen canning demonstrations were held in the county by Anslee Alexander, the home supervisor. The thirteen families

Experiments To Be Carried Out On Seven Farms

Dr. E. R. Collins and Dr. F. R. Darkis, Of Duke, Start Project

Alleghany county, previously producer of only burley tobacco, will have supervised experiments in Turkish tobacco for the first time, this year, according to plans stated this week.

Dr. E. R. Collins, Extension Agronomist, of State College and Dr. F. R. Darkis, of Duke University were here working with County Agent, R. E. Black in the selection of farms to take part in the experiment.

The object of the experiment is to introduce something new in a leaf product, for which there is much demand and which is believed can be successfully grown in this area.

There will be two acres grown in this experimental district, with not more than one-half acre allotted to a farmer. Three allotments have been made of one-fourth acres each. Farmers taking part in the experiment include Lester Woodruff, Glade Valley; M. E. Reeves, Laurel Springs and Robert Joines, Laurel Springs.

Mr. Black pointed out that any other farmer interested in taking part in the project should get in touch with him. Seeds will be furnished and no extra tobacco land allotment is needed, he said. Supervision and study will be carried on throughout the season. Farmers taking part in the experiment are guaranteed a good price for all tobacco produced, Mr. Black explained.

"We believe there are real possibilities in the production of Turkish aromatic tobacco in this county," one expert said yesterday in discussing the object of the experiment.

Capt. Bloodgood Sees Greek Riot

Husband Of Sparta Woman Is Aide To General Saddler; Plenty Of Action

Captain Richard M. Bloodgood finds that being aide to a General proves to be anything but dull, taking in everything from lighting the General's cigar to spending two and one-half months with him in a hotel room during a riot.

Captain Bloodgood, husband of the former Miss Imogene Miles, of Sparta, was with General Saddler, head of the United Nation's Relief program, in Athens, Greece several weeks ago during the uprising and riots there.

The General and his aide, along with many famous personalities from various countries, were among those who were forced to stay in Hotel Grande Bretagne, Athen's number one luxury hotel, during the recent uprising.

According to Captain Bloodgood, however, the word "luxury" had nothing to do with the hotel during the two and one-half months that he spent there. There was no heat nor power, not very much water and what food and water was available, was rationed. The guests ran the kitchen and cleaned their own rooms. No one ventured into the streets for fear of stray bullets from snipers.

He had no way of getting out any communication whatsoever, but did persuade a "Life" photographer who flew in to get pictures of the riot for the magazine, to cable Mrs. Bloodgood at Winston-Salem, where she is employed. When the General's mail was flown in to him at Christmas, Captain Bloodgood also found letters and a cable from his wife.

Five Alleghany Men Go To Army

A group of five Alleghany county men left Monday for induction into the armed forces at Fort Bragg.

They included: Kyle Nichols, Letcher Victor Tedder, Walter Brinegar, Odell Evans and Ardell Hawkins.