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Red Cross War Fund Drive Now \$325

Legislature Is Nearing End As Solons Speed Up

Amendments To Revenue Act Are Adopted; More Bills Are Passed

By Staff Writer

Raleigh—(Special)—The 1945 session of the N. C. Legislature comes nearer to adjournment this week with the adoption of the amendments to the Revenue Act and the passage of other measures under consideration as solons speed up action.

Amendments to the continuing revenue act, now estimated to raise approximately \$129,000,000 during the next biennium, were passed unanimously Tuesday by the House and sent to the Senate.

Changes in the continuing act, adopted in 1939, would exempt insecticides from the sales tax if bought for use on poultry or livestock; and would raise the tax on pure, fermented wines to 30 cents a gallon, and the tax on synthetic or imitation wines, to \$1.20 a gallon. Other changes were classified as minor. The present tax is 20 cents a gallon on all wines.

A bill expected to be introduced, which many predict will get no further than the committee, is that to divorce the fish and game from the Department of Conservation.

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Sunday Schools Subject Of Meet

To Hold County-Wide Baptist Sunday School Meet At Sparta On April 29

Plans for the enlargement of Sunday schools in the Baptist churches in Alleghany county were discussed and talks were heard on various phases of Sunday school work at a meeting at the Sparta Baptist church here, Tuesday afternoon.

John M. Cheek presided in the absence of T. C. Osborne, Sunday school superintendent of the association.

Talks were heard by Dr. N. D. Fox, Rev. E. B. Barton, W. F. Doughton, Mrs. Van Miller, Miss Doris Wagoner, Mrs. R. E. Richardson and Mrs. T. S. Moxley. Rev. Richard L. West delivered the main address of the meeting. A special vocal selection, "Be Still My Soul" was rendered by Mrs. Gene Irwin, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. S. L. Porter.

It was decided that an association-wide Sunday School meet would be held at the Sparta Baptist church on April 29 in the afternoon.

Miss Emoryetta Reeves was elected publicity director of the Sunday School convention at the close of the meeting.

Prof. J. M. Cheek Speaks To Club

Informed public thinking will play an important part in the future of peace loving nations of the world, Professor John M. Cheek told members of the Sparta Woman's club at the community building last Friday.

Mr. Cheek, who explained the Dumbarton Oaks Peace Plan to the club, delivered an interesting message. Entertainment was provided by a group of 20 colored students from the Cherry Lane school, who sang several negro spirituals.

MISTAKES SNORES FOR ENEMY VEHICLE

With the 99th Infantry Division on the Western Front—Private First Class Coy Adams, of Sparta, was on guard duty late one night for Company L, 395th Infantry. He was stationed near a battered house somewhere on the Siegfried Line, when suddenly he detected what he thought to be the sound of an approaching enemy vehicle.

He dashed down the stairs to spread the alarm—and stopped short! There from the basement came the real cause of the noise. It was the rhythmic, but stentorian, snoring of a visiting officer!

Cologne Captured By Americans; Russians Push To Oder River

IS HEADING DRIVE



Isom W. Wagoner, of Ennice, chairman of the Red Cross War Fund Drive in Alleghany county.

Former Sparta Lawyer, Clerk To House Committee

Robert Gambill Is Named As Clerk To House Ways And Means Committee.

Washington — Robert Gambill, former Sparta attorney, has taken office as Clerk to the House Ways and Means Committee, replacing C. Malcolm Hevenor, the temporary clerk.

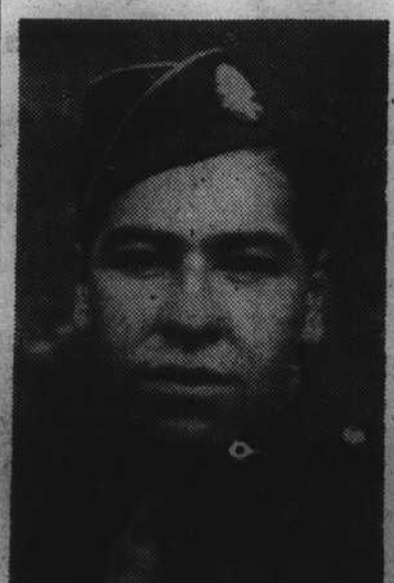
Gambill attended the University of North Carolina Law School and was admitted to the North Carolina bar in 1936. He practiced law in Sparta from 1936 to 1942, and then became affiliated with the Department of Internal Revenue with offices in Wilkesboro. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Gambill, of Crumpler.

C. of C. To Meet On Friday Night

The Sparta Chamber of Commerce will meet at the community building tomorrow night when plans for the erection of a hotel and a freezer locker unit will be discussed.

All members are urged to attend the Bledsoe Creek home demonstration. The dinner will be served onstration club.

Alleghany Brothers Serving Overseas



Pvt. James E. Carpenter, left, and Pvt. Olen G. Carpenter, right, are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Carpenter, of Twin Oaks. James has been overseas with the 82nd Airborne Division since May, 1943, and is now in Germany. Olen entered the service in July, 1944, and recently notified his parents that he had landed safely in France.

Marines Open New Assault On Iwo; In Last Phase Of Luzon Fight

Cologne fell swiftly to the U. S. first army in the climax of its great east-war drive Tuesday as General Eisenhower lifted the news blackout on operations of the American third army and revealed that its armor was racing toward the Rhine in a breakthrough that covered 32 miles in two days.

These dramatic developments, coming when the ninth army and its British and Canadian allies had virtually completed occupation of all German territory west of the Ruhr, shifting the big punches to the middle Rhine farther south and opened the way for the allies to push the enemy out of the area west of the Rhine and north of the Moselle.

The first White Russian army reached the Oder river's north-eastern outlet to the Baltic yesterday in a slashing 25-mile advance that took 500 German towns and extinguished the staggered enemy's hopes of any effective counterattack against the north flank of the Soviet spearhead aimed at Berlin from the east.

Preceded by the most intense artillery bombardment of the two campaigns, three marine divisions resumed the offensive on the north end of the tiny island Tuesday and engaged the Japanese in "heavy fighting." By 5:30 (Continued on Page 4)

Edwards Child Dies Of Poison

Three-Year-Old Daughter Of Mr. and Mrs. Olin Edwards Eats Strychnine

Little Betty Lou Edwards, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Olin Edwards, of Independence, Va., died last Thursday as a result of poisoning after eating strychnine pills.

Both the little girl and her five-year-old brother ate some of the pills not knowing what they were, but the brother did not get enough poison to harm him. Medical aid was called as soon as the children were discovered but the little girl died three hours after taking the poison. She suffered several convulsions.

Funeral service was conducted at the home of Sam Reeves on Friday with Rev. Carl McKnight and Rev. Luther Shumate officiating. Interment followed in the Reeves cemetery.

Surviving are her parents and one brother, five years old, and one sister, one year old. The mother is the former Miss Sophia Reeves.

Japanese Are Burned Out Of Island Stronghold



Men of the famous and feared Americal Division are shown burning out a Jap machine gun nest in a pillbox on Bougainville Island. Army Signal Corps Photo

Local American Legion Post Is Given Citation

Dean Parrish Post Exceeded Entire '43-'44 Membership By '44-'45 Enrollment

The American Legion Post 98 of Alleghany county was recently awarded the 1945 Most Distinguished Service Citation, resulting from the Post having exceeded its entire 1943-44 membership by its enrollment for 1944-45, Adjutant Silas Nichols announced this week.

"The responsibilities of the American Legion are many these days," Donald G. Glascoff, National Adjutant, wrote. "The power of a great membership is needed to carry out these obligations. It is a privilege for us to salute your Post for its part in making the Legion's influence felt in building a better America to which our fighting men and women will be returning one of these days."

The Alleghany post, known as the Dean Parrish Post, has a membership of 35 to date. Three veterans of World War 11 are members. They are Cleve Nichols, Terry Stone and Bertie R. Crouse. Jess Moxley is commander of the Post.

Want Vocational Work In Schools

Appeal Is Made To Commissioners And Board Of Education

A request that standardized vocational home economics be placed in the two high schools in Alleghany county, was made on Monday when the Piney Creek school board and representatives from Sparta school appeared before the county board of education and the board of county commissioners.

It was pointed out that if this request was granted it would put the girls' work on an equal plane with the boys, who have vocational agriculture in both schools. The work of a vocational home economics teacher would be carried on ten months of the year, it was explained.

The board of education studied and planned a budget which will be presented to the board of county commissioners for approval at an early date.

Crouse Heard By Hunting Club

West Jefferson — (Special) — The possibilities and future of a state-wide fish and game organization were discussed before the local club at an enthusiastic meeting here on Monday night, following a fish fry, when 40 members were present.

R. F. Crouse, of Sparta, who attended an organization meeting in Raleigh last week and helped to organize the North Carolina Wild Life Federation, discussed the organization.

Benefits Of Red Cross Are Related By Sgt. Sommers, Who Is A Prisoner Of War

Income Taxes To Be Filed By Next Thursday

Payment Of Postponed Tax, Of Estimated 1945 Tax Are Separated Transactions

Alleghany people, as well as those throughout the state, are finishing up last-minute income tax reports in preparation for filing before the deadline, next Thursday, March 15.

March 15 means a three-way sock for some income taxpayers. They will have to pay: (1) Tax still owed on 1944 income, (2) the portion of 1943 tax postponed last March and (3) the first installment of estimated tax on their 1945 income.

Collectors of internal revenue have been sending out bills to all taxpayers who postponed part of their 1943 tax. (Remember the "unforgiven" tax when the change-over was made to pay-as-you-go?) Persons who make declarations of estimated tax for 1945 must pay at least one-fourth of their estimated tax.

The payment of postponed tax, (Continued on Page 4)

Boyd Royall, 23, Buried Thursday

Funeral services for Boyd Royall, 23, was conducted at Woodruff church at Roaring Gap on March 1 with Eld. Royall officiating. The young man died on February 27, following a prolonged illness of about three years.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Royall of Roaring Gap.

7th War Loan Goal Set At 14 Billions; Opens May 14

Washington, March 7 — Secretary Morgenthau has announced a \$14,000,000,000 goal for the Seventh War Loan, divided evenly between individuals and corporations.

The \$7,000,000,000 quota for individuals is the highest ever assigned them. The series E quota of \$4,000,000,000 is also more than Mr. and Mrs. America have been asked to dig up for that class of securities heretofore.

The total quota is the same as that of the Sixth War Loan.

In order to sell the unprecedented amounts of bonds to non-corporate investors the treasury set the longest sales period yet.

The formal drive with its customary great promotional campaign will extend from May 14 to June 30—seven weeks as compared with four weeks in the

Relative Of County People Tells Of Packages Received, Other Aid Given

With the Allied armies advancing daily in Germany, Sgt. Virgil O. Sommers, a prisoner of war of the Germans for the past year, has hopes of liberation soon.

Sgt. Sommers, husband of the former Miss Ellen Sommers of Piney Creek, writes that packages he has received through the American Red Cross and also that he gets letters from home once in a while.

Sgt. Sommers recently wrote that he was moving from a prisoner-of-war camp near Danzig. He wrote that they had been kept pretty busy and that he did not have much time to write. In his last letter, he stated that he had received one parcel and 18 letters from his wife.

The letters are written on paper similar to our V-Mail and on all stamps is a picture of Hitler. In mail going to prisoners of war in Germany, no stamps can be cancelled and neither are letters bearing V for Victory or Win the (Continued on Page Four)

Men Classified By Local Board

The local board this week announced classification of ten Alleghany men for military service when only two were placed in 1-A with eight others in various classifications.

The classification list is as follows: 1-A: Sidney D. Blevins and Hugh Ruffy. 2-A: Clifford G. Pruitt. 2-A(F): William B. Kennedy. 2-B: Winfrey H. Osborne. 2-C: David L. Delp and Jefferson L. O'Neal. 2-C(F): Sidney D. Higgins and Earnest E. Medley. 4-F: Hollie Atwood.

Whitehead Girl Making Record

Mars Hill, (Special)—The name of Miss Rebecca Irene Richardson, of route 1, Whitehead, appears on the second honor roll for the first semester at Mars Hill college.

To be eligible for second honor roll a student must average 30 quality points with no grade below "C".

Miss Richardson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Richardson, of Whitehead.

Plan Programs For Benefit Of Drive This Week

Cooperation Of Everyone Is Asked To Help Raise County's Quota Of \$1,700.00

Contributions to the Red Cross War Fund reached a total of only \$325.00 during the first week of the drive in Alleghany county, chairman Isom Wagoner announced late yesterday afternoon. This leaves \$1,375.00 yet to be raised before the county's quota of \$1,700.00 is reached.

Citizens were again reminded that every contribution of \$5.00 or more entitles the donor to his name being placed on a placard to be displayed in the courthouse along with the name of the soldier in whose honor the donation is made. They were also reminded that the name and rating of the man in service must be given when the contribution is made. Donations may be given to any township chairman, to Supt. Clyde Fields or to Alton Thompson at the Northwestern Bank.

Reports, Mr. Wagoner stated, are slow in coming in, but to date the drive is going well. "I want to take this opportunity to appeal to every patriotic citizen of this county to make a liberal contribution to this great humanitarian cause and to do so soon as possible. With victory in sight and with many of our army hospitals filled with wounded men, we cannot afford to let them down. Alleghany county has met and exceeded every quota given it in any drive pertinent to the war effort and we cannot and will not fall short this time." (Continued on Page 4)

Junior Red Cross Drive Is Success

Miss Minnie Lou Edwards, Chairman, Makes Shipment Of Games And Novels

Results of the recent appeal made by the Junior Red Cross of Alleghany county, have been splendid and the quota has been met with the exception of a few articles, Miss Minnie Lou Edwards, chairman, announced this week.

One shipment of games, novels and ash trays has been mailed to the JRC headquarters to be sent out to hospitals and army camps wherever they are needed, Miss Edwards stated.

Old towels to be used for making wash cloths are needed as well as a crochet or knitted afghan, it was explained. All other items contained in the quota have either been secured or are being made.

The D. and P. Pipe Works presented the Alleghany chapter of JRC with 12 pipes to be added to the collection. Mrs. C. A. Reeves and Mrs. T. R. Burgess donated ten packs of playing cards and Mrs. Reeves gave instructions for telling fortunes. Mrs. Ed Rizotti gave six wash clothes and Mrs. Fred Hardin and Mrs. Jay Hardin gave scraps of material for afghans. Mrs. Hardin also donated bridge score pads and tallies.

Most of the rooms in the Sparta elementary school and home economics classes in the Sparta and Piney Creek schools are cooperating by making some of the articles needed to meet the quota.

"The Junior Red Cross chapter appreciates the co-operation of these people who have helped to raise the quota and also the students who have worked in the drive," Miss Edwards stated.