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Legislature Is Expected To End Next Saturday

Calendar Committee Is Named; Several Bills Yet To Be Considered

By Staff Writer

Raleigh, N. C. —(Special)—As a means of expediting legislation during the waning days of this wartime session of the general assembly, Speaker Oscar Richardson this week named a seven-member calendar committee, to which all new bills will be referred.

On this committee Richardson named Reps. Bost of Cabarrus, Taylor of Wayne, Grimes of Beaufort, Horner of Lee, Kerr of Warren, Uzzell of Rowan and Bridges of Bladen. Meanwhile, a point roads committee requested by resolution the appointment of a five-member commission to report 30 days prior to the 1947 assembly session on the needs and facilities for transportation of property on motor vehicles. The commission would be named by the governor. The resolution defers the hauler issue for almost two years to give time for study of what the utilities commission calls a complicated problem.

In the senate a bill was passed providing for a vote on the sale of wine and beer in the counties of clay, Graham, Macon, Swain and Cherokee one year following the war. Senator Penland, of Clay, opposing the clause providing for the post-war referendum, introduced other bills to allow county commissioners of counties involved to decline issuance of wine and beer licenses. Also adopted by the senate, was a substitute bill providing appointment of a new board of directors for the state's four mental hospitals, and selection of a superintendent of mental hygiene and a general business manager. In this connection the senate also passed a bill permitting commitment of a patient to the mental institutions for a period of observation. The House cleared a major item from its legislative calendar Tuesday, passing a bill reading a bill setting up a State-wide Hospital and Medical Care Program on a scale endorsed by Governor Cherry as "all the State (Continued on Page Four)

Piney Creek To Give Play Mar. 24

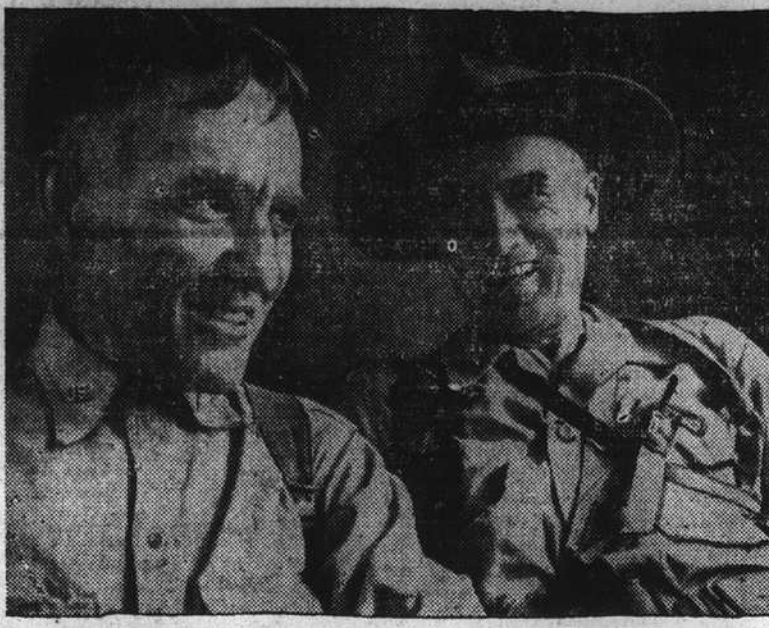
All Faculty Cast To Present Three-Act Comedy, "Little Miss Fortune"

Members of the faculty of Piney Creek high school will present a three-act comedy entitled, "Little Miss Fortune" on Saturday night, March 24 at 8 o'clock, in the high school auditorium. The public is cordially invited to attend the play. Characters are as follows: Mrs. Ada Cooper, a widow, Mrs. Joe Bill Reed; Katherine Cooper, her daughter; Mrs. Dick Doughton; William Cooper, her son, Joe Bill Reed; Augusta Smythe, a young society flapper, Jean McMillan; Vivian Nightingale, a dressmaker, Mrs. Marjorie Miller; Lily Henshaw, a little gossip, Mrs. Gertrude Blevins; Mrs. Jason Bindley, Mrs. Kathleen Maxwell; Mrs. Baxter Reeves, Mrs. Blanche Osborne, society matrons; Calvin Procter, E. C. Minnich; Randolph Blaney, a rich young man, Fred Pugh, a senior; Jerry Patrick, who runs the candy store, Edwin Wyatt, a senior.

Former County Minister Passes

Eld. David Roten, 79, died at his home in the Poplar Grove section of Wilkes county on March 3, after serving in the ministry for the past 60 years. Funeral service was conducted by Elds. J. F. Royal, Willie Hamm and Edd Hays on March 5. Eld. Roten was moderator of the Blue Ridge Baptist Association for a number of years and had served as pastor of churches in Wilkes, Ashe and Alleghany counties. Surviving are ten children, 79 grandchildren and 83 great-grandchildren. His wife preceded him in death seven years ago.

Led Raids On Japs In Philippines



Capt. Fred W. Varney, left, and Maj. Cecil E. Walter, who were leaders of an American guerrilla band that terrorized the Japs in the Philippines for nearly three years, are shown aboard a navy flying boat which brought them back to an American base.

Americans Advance In Germany; Gains Made By Russians

Americans Continue To Advance In Philippine Area; Hard Fighting

The Germans attacked the American Remagen-Erpel bridgehead with at least 60 planes yesterday and fought stubbornly in the hills east of the Rhine river, but U. S. first army troops pushed relentlessly deeper and reached within two miles of the great six-lane superhighway linking Frankfurt-on-Main and the industrial Ruhr.

Gains made by American infantry were measured in yards, but the doughboys captured the bridgehead, which was now being speedily built up with the help of a newly-erected pontoon bridge.

Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov, achieving a breakthrough in a frontal assault toward Berlin, has pushed nearly 100,000 Russian troops across the Oder river between Frankfurt and newly-captured Kuestrin and has sent spearheads within 33 miles of the reich capital, the Germans said yesterday. (Continued on Page 4)

John H. Wagoner Killed In France

Dr. and Mrs. Bert A. Wagoner, of Wytheville, Va., have been notified by the War Department that their son, Pvt. John H. Wagoner, 19, was killed in action in France on February 20. Pvt. Wagoner, grandson of J. M. Wagoner, of Sparta, volunteered for service and reported for duty at Camp Hood, Texas, in September, 1944. He arrived overseas the latter part of January. A brother, Cpl. Arlington Wagoner, is stationed at the Maguire General hospital, Richmond, Va.

Alleghany Women Urged To Save More Waste Fats

Alleghany's 1,854 families can fill an entire day's medicinal needs of 1,889 battlefield casualties if each home will save one tablespoon of waste kitchen fat, it was estimated today by the nation's largest single collector of this vital war material. "There are few direct ways a wife, mother or daughter can help safeguard the life of a loved one at the fighting front, and salvaging used fats is one of them," said T. A. Connors, head of a meat department of a well-known chain store. "The value of the 9,128,000 pounds salvaged by our customers throughout the nation last year is evident in the fact that a single pound of fat will process about 260 quarts of life-giving blood plasma." The increased tempo of the war

Sparta Stores To Close At 1:00 P. M. Each Wednesday

Will Begin Closing On April 4 And Continue Through September 26

All Sparta stores will be closed on Wednesday afternoons beginning on April 4 and continue through September 26, it was announced this week following a meeting of the merchants' committee last Friday night at the Sparta Chamber of Commerce meeting.

This policy, in keeping with the one observed last year and in previous years here, was made in order to give clerks and other workers in the stores one afternoon off each week for working in victory gardens and doing chores for which no hired help can be secured. The drug store and bus station will remain open as usual, as will the garages and service stations, it was pointed out. All other stores will close at 1 o'clock for the remainder of the afternoon.

Men Classified By Local Board

Seven Men Are Placed In I-A And Eleven In Other Classifications

The local board this week announced classifications of 17 Alleghany men for military service when seven were placed in I-A and ten were placed in various other classifications.

The classification list is as follows: I-A: Carl B. Edwards, Roy E. Lowe, Foster L. Mabe, Greek J. Hill, Bert Moxley, William C. Moxley and Bower F. Hoppers. 1-C (Disc): Clyde S. Royall and Millard C. Edwards. 1-C (Ind): Joe A. Roberts. 2-A: Johnnie R. Parker. 2-A (F): Paul W. Adams. 2-C (F): Odell H. Evans. 4-A: Virgil E. Petty and Fielden W. Bullins. 2-C: Classified by Appeal Board: Orville H. Lyons.

OPENS NEW STORE



Amos Wagoner, of Sparta, who operates the Farmer's Hardware store here and the Ashe Hardware store in West Jefferson, last week opened the Watauga Hardware store in Boone. "We had a most successful opening with more than 2,500 visiting our store on the opening day," he declared.

Want Fireworks Prohibited Here

Raleigh, N. C. —Alleghany was one of the fifty-three North Carolina counties late Tuesday elected to come under a bill authorizing county boards of commissioners to prohibit the sale and use of firecrackers, thus following Mecklenburg county in accepting provisions of the measure. The bill, originally introduced in the house by the Mecklenburg delegation as a state-wide measure, was amended in committee to apply only to Mecklenburg after opponents had testified that it would drive firecracker manufacturers out of business and make potential criminals and law-breakers out of children. If firecrackers were prohibited from manufacture and sale in the state, opponents said residents of the state still could get them through mail order houses. (Continued on Page 1)

Alleghany Men Are Casualties Of War



Sgt. Paul Ayers, left, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Ayers, of Roaring Gap, was killed in action in France on January 23. Sgt. Ayers entered the service in June, 1942, and went overseas in April, 1944. Pvt. Billie B. Settle, right, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Settle, of Sparta, was wounded in action in Belgium on January 20, and is now in a hospital in England.

Red Cross War Fund Reaches \$1,040.00; More Money Needed

County Is \$660.00 Behind Assigned Quota Of \$1,700. Contributors Listed

Reports late yesterday revealed that a total of \$1,040.00 had been contributed to the Red Cross War Fund Drive, leaving \$660.00 yet to be raised before the quota of \$1,700.00 is raised.

Drive chairman Isom Wagoner in an appeal to every citizen of the county urged that those who had not contributed, do so at once either through the rural letter carriers, local township chairmen, county Red Cross treasurer Alton Thompson or Miss Clyde Fields. Mr. Wagoner pointed out that Cherry Lane township has surpassed the quota of \$125.00 assigned them and that Glade Creek township has almost doubled the quota of \$250.00. He explained that other townships had not been heard from but that others were expected to meet the assigned quotas this week end.

All workers in the drive were urged to turn in reports either to Mr. Wagoner or Mr. Thompson as soon as possible in order that (Continued on Page 4)

Father Of Sparta Man Buried Sat.

Funeral service for Thomas Edward Burgess, 75, of Elkin, was held at Zion Baptist church near the home, on March 10. Rev. Stephen Morrisett, of Elkin, and Rev. Grady White were in charge. Mr. Burgess, father of Representative T. R. Burgess, of Sparta, died last Thursday morning at the Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital, Elkin, after a brief illness and a protracted period of ill health. Surviving in addition to his widow are four sons: Walter Burgess, of Elkin; Rev. Grady Burgess, of Jacksonville; T. R. Burgess, of Sparta, and Bryte Burgess, of Buffalo, N. Y.

Whitehead Man Is Home After Being Wounded, Decorated

Pfc. Grant M. Harless, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Harless, of Whitehead, modestly declines to tell any stories behind the campaign ribbons and Purple Heart and Oak Leaf cluster he wears after serving ten months in Italy with General Clark's Fifth Army. Pfc. Harless returned home last Friday after being sent back to the States for further hospitalization as a result of wounds received in action. Wounded twice since he went overseas in April, 1944, the young Alleghany soldier has spent six of the ten months overseas duty in the hospital. Going into action in May in Italy after landings in North Africa and Sicily, he was wounded the first time, when a bullet struck him in the leg on June 9. As a result, he spent

County To Have Guernsey Cattle Sale Here Soon

May 24 Is Date Set For Promotion Event Of Purebred Cattle.

A consignment sale of purebred Guernsey cattle will be conducted in Alleghany county with the tentative date set for May 24, R. E. Black, county agent, announced this week.

The sale, which is under the sponsorship of the State Guernsey Breeders Association and the North Carolina Extension Service, will feature 15 females and from three to four bulls, Mr. Black announced.

The sale was announced at the Chamber of Commerce meeting on Friday night and a committee of five was appointed from the club to aid in the arrangements and to represent the club there. This committee consists of Lon M. Reeves, Hugh Choate, Fred Collins, C. G. Collins and Rush Thompson.

Mr. Black pointed out that the total income in Alleghany county for milk in 1944 amounted to \$300,000.00 and stated that in view of this fact a number of dairymen would be especially interested in the sale of these purebred Guernsey cattle.

He also stated that Young Collins, a native of Alleghany county, now living in Salisbury, was donating a purebred bull calf to be given to some Guernsey breeder in the county. The calf will be drawn for on the day of the sale by men in the county who purchase cattle there, it was explained.

Anderson Heard At C. Of C. Friday

Plans For Employment And New Industries Discussed; Committees

The Chamber of Commerce observed its first anniversary as an organization at a dinner meeting held at the community building last Friday evening when Ed M. Anderson, publisher, addressed the club.

Mr. Anderson cited the three chief aims of the American people today as first, winning the war, second, to have a just and lasting peace and third, to provide economic security after the war.

"The last of these is the one which you, as an organization, can insure," he stated.

Pointing out that more and more industries are coming south after the war, he stressed the need for Alleghany county securing two or more new industries and thus providing jobs for returning soldiers.

Taken up at the business meeting was a discussion of the consignment sale of purebred Guernsey cattle set for May. A committee of five consisting of Lon M. Reeves, Hugh Choate, Fred Collins, C. G. Collins and Rush Thompson, was appointed to aid (Continued on Page 5)

BOARD OF EDUCATION EXPENSE BILL PASSED

Salary of \$5.00 a day plus five cents per mile traveling expenses for members of the Board of Education of Alleghany county is provided in a bill introduced in the House of Representatives last week by Representative T. R. Burgess. This bill was passed by the Senate on Tuesday of this week.

Pfc. O. S. Sidden Gets Bronze Star

Pfc. Oscar C. Sidden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Sidden, of Sparta, has been awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement with the 100th Division of the Seventh Army in France. The award singled out the part Pfc. Sidden played in 3 months of Sidden played in three months of the division's fight through the Vosges Mountains and Alsatian-France sectors of the western front. Recent combat included the push for the most heavily defended portion of the southern Maginot Line at Bitche. Pfc. Sidden has been overseas for the past five months and entered the army in 1942. He recently wrote that he was getting along fine.