

County Far Surpassed Red Cross Quota

N. C. Solons Are Confronted With Problems To End

Hit Snarl On Medical Care At Close Of 67th Day Of Wartime Session

By Staff Writer

Raleigh —(Special) —As the 1945 wartime N. C. Legislature came to a close yesterday, after 67 sitting days, the bill providing for hospital and medical care was still a problem on which the Senate and House compromised.

The Senate adopted amendments to the bill as passed by the House, but the House refused to concur in these and the bill was returned to a conference committee for a final agreement.

The House this week, passed a bill providing for a new 15-member State hospitals board of control to be appointed for staggered terms by the Governor. The new board will be appointed from the State's 12 congressional districts with three members at large. The measure also provides that the hospitals board business manager be appointed for a six-year term instead of two.

A measure placing the Roanoke Island Historical Association under the patronage of the State also passed the House. The bill provides that the State set up a fund of \$10,000 to underwrite the association's historical production, the Lost Colony, in case the money is needed to get the pageant under way after the war.

Meanwhile, the legislature passed measures calling for a constitutional amendment on whether to allow legislators \$10 a day for (Continued On Page Four)

Cpl. Wade Miller Gets Bronze Star

Former Laurel Springs Man Who Is A Veteran Of Guam, Is Decorated

The Bronze Star has been awarded to Corporal Wade L. Miller, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller, live in Laurel Springs. Cpl. Miller, who is also a veteran a Guam, attended the Sparta high school. The citation accompanying the award read, in part: "For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I. On 13 December, 1944, fifteen hundred yards north of Ormoc, Cpl. Miller had the duty of maintaining communications and protecting the artillery radio. Although exposed to heavy and constant small arms fire, Cpl. Miller demonstrated a high degree of energy and resourcefulness. On several occasions he exposed himself for long periods of time in order to repair telephone wires and relay commands. When notified that two members of his party had been wounded, he ran to their aid although they lay in a dangerous position, subject to persistent sniper fire. This fire had caused eleven casualties during that day. Despite this he helped evacuate the wounded to the aid station. Cpl. Miller's conduct reflected credit upon himself and the military service."

Sparta Girl Is Honor Student

Miss Patsy Roy Burgiss made both the honor roll and the Dean's List for the first term at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where she is an outstanding member of the freshman Pharmacy class.

The daughter of Representative and Mrs. T. R. Burgiss, of Sparta, Miss Burgiss was one of the ten of a class of 130 to make a grade of "A" on chemistry. She is secretary of the girl's school of Pharmacy at Carolina.

Graduated at Sparta high school with the class of '44, Miss Burgiss was valedictorian of her class, making an outstanding record throughout her high school career. Following her graduation, she attended summer school at Mars Hill College before entering Carolina last fall.

Jap Fleet Is Blasted Americans Now Move On West Of Rhine

INJURED ON IWO JIMA



Cpl. Walter Frank Osborne, Jr., who was wounded in action with the U. S. Marines on Iwo Jima.

Maj. Williams Awarded Silver Star In Germany

Son Of Mrs. Nannie Williams, Of Turkey Knob, Is Cited For Bravery

Major Sam L. Williams, son of Mrs. Nannie Williams, of Turkey Knob, has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action in Luxembourg during the period from December 22-24, in connection with military operations against Germany.

The citation states in part: "During the period 22-24 of Dec., 1944, the battalion in which Maj. Williams served as Executive officer, received repeated attacks from the enemy determined to retake the town Heiderscheid, Luxembourg. The speed and ferocity of the assault carried the infantry supported by tank attacks well into the inner defenses of the battalion and subjected the defenders to direct fire from self propelled artillery and machine guns. Maj. Williams, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, moved about the battle area organizing rocket launcher teams and strengthening defensive positions after which he mounted a self propelled tank destroyer and charged the enemy (Continued on Page 8)

Justices Of The Peace Are Named

Five new Justices of the Peace were named for Alleghany county by the State Legislature in Raleigh last week, Representative T. R. Burgiss announced.

The new magistrates include Paul Smith, of Cherry Lane township; John R. Halsey and Ray Hash, of Piney Creek township and Haswell Rector and R. L. Hendrix, of Glade Creek.

Record Of Rep. T. R. Burgiss In N. C. Legislature Is Sighted

Raleigh — Rep. T. Roy Burgiss, of Sparta, helped engineer the first pharmacy legislation ever passed by the North Carolina General Assembly. He did it this year.

With Rep. Sam Welfare of Winston-Salem, Burgiss co-sponsored and led in the passage of bills to put pharmacists on the State and county boards of health and to raise the fees of druggists so more money would be available for inspection purposes and general betterment of the profession.

But Burgiss is not interested in pharmacy alone, although he has practiced that profession for near-

Russian Troops Wipe Out German Resistance On Banks Of Oder River

American aircraft flying from the mightiest carrier fleet ever assembled attacked the Japanese fleet in the empire's inland seas Monday in one of the boldest exploits of the war, and damaged 15 to 17 enemy warships, including one of two battleships, and destroyed at least 475 planes.

The enemy fleet thus was hit in its home waters for the first time, but no actual engagement between surface units was announced.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced the daring attack in a communique which said preliminary surveys of damage showed that two or three aircraft carriers, four light carriers, two cruisers, four destroyers and various other war vessels also were included in the bag.

Six freighters were sunk and a number of ground installations were destroyed.

The U. S. seventh and third armies formed a junction in the Saarland yesterday in a great coordinated assault that virtually wiped out the last German resistance west of the Rhine and captured the historic cities of Saarbruecken, Zweibruecken and Worms. (Continued on Page 4)

New Charts For Apparel Prices Are Distributed

Must Be Filed By April 20. Forms And Assistance To Be Supplied Merchants.

"The job of calculating ceiling prices for apparel, dry goods and house furnishings will be greatly simplified by the pricing charts in accord with the new retail price regulation mailed to all local retailers this week, Glenn Richardson, chairman of War Price and Rationing Board, said. Each retailer must prepare a pricing chart showing the costs and selling prices of the goods he offered for sale during 1942.

Members of the committee are: R. L. Allison, chairman; J. K. Wagoner, Amos Wagoner, Jack Edwards and Miss Mae Doughton.

Mr. Allison, chairman of the committee, said "We welcome this simplification of our pricing procedure. We are pleased to cooperate with our Price Panel to make sure that every merchant quickly (Continued on Page Four)

FIVE ILLICIT STILLS ARE CAPTURED HERE

Five illicit stills have been captured during the past two weeks by local officers, three in the Saddle Mountain section, one in Laurel Springs and another in the Turkey Knob section.

All equipment and mash were destroyed, officers explained. No arrests were made.

Jurors Drawn For April Court; Alley To Preside

Court Will Open On Monday, April 30; Short Session Is Predicted

With Judge Felix E. Ally, of Waynesville, presiding, the spring term of Alleghany county superior court is scheduled to get underway here on Monday, April 30.

Officials anticipate a short session this spring, since relatively few criminal and civil cases are scheduled to come up. Earle McMichael will be the solicitor.

At the meeting of the board of commissioners this week, the following jurors were drawn:

R. M. Mabe, E. C. Wyatt, Lonnie Edwards, C. T. Edwards, E. E. Dancy, W. W. Cheek, F. A. Stoker, R. C. Halsey, Howard Kennedy, Carl Andrews, Clay Cox, Van Miller, H. B. Spurlin, Clay Thompson, Carl W. Irwin, S. R. Maines, George Wagoner, Robert McGrady, A. A. Ayers, Charlie Edwards, Willie Joines, F. G. Weaver, Carlie Murphy, R. H. Joines, Worth Smith, Sam Porter, Fred Collins, Roy Cox, Wilmer Woodruff, Dent Joines, George Royal, Hugh Choate, Victor Phipps, Henry Edwards, Geo. C. Perry and Garnet Smith.

Survey Is Made Of Glade Valley Needs Outlined

Expansion Plans Are Now Underway Including New Recreational Building

A study of the work of Glade Valley high school and a survey of its needs was made last week when five members of a special committee appointed by the Winston-Salem Presbytery visited the school.

The committee consisted of three ministers, Revs. Marion G. Bradwell, Reynolds; Ralph Buchanan, Danbury and O. V. Caudill, of Elkin; and two Elders, Knox Johnson, Mocksville and Ed S. Heefner, of Winston-Salem. They spent several hours going over the plant and met with the faculty and students at the chapel period. Members of the committee made short talks with Rev. M. G. Bradwell conducting the devotionals. This special committee will make a report of findings and recommendations at the spring meeting of the Presbytery.

A committee from the trustees of the school recently visited the school, making a survey of im- (Continued on Page 4)

M.-Sgt. Crouse Is Seeing The World

M.-Sgt. Elmer H. Crouse, of Stratford, has become a regular globe trotter during his eleven years in the U. S. Army and has seen plenty of action in the Pacific theater of operations since the United States entered the war.

Now stationed in the Philippine Islands, Sgt. Crouse writes that the natives are very friendly but that most of them are pitiful sights, so near starvation under the Jap rule there that they seem to be nothing but skin and bones.

The veteran sergeant went overseas in March, 1942, landed in Australia and went from there to Caledonia. He later took part in the battle of Guadalcanal, following the marines' landing there. He then saw action in the Fiji Islands after which he returned to the States, landing in California on his birthday, May 15, 1943. He returned for overseas duty in August, 1944, this time, in New Guinea.

M.-Sgt. Crouse has received several medals, among them the Presidential Citation for participation in the campaign at Guadalcanal.

He is married to the former Miss Velma Weideman, of California and they have one daughter, Alice, 9 months old. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Crouse, now reside in Forest Hill, Md.

M.-Sgt. Crouse is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Estep, of Stratford. (Continued on Page 4)

Marine Mail Moves Forward



Two marine postal clerks on Iwo Jima sort the first batch of mail to hit the island. The mail was dropped from transport planes. Left to right: S-Sgt. R. F. Taylor, of La Porte City, Iowa, and T-Sgt. E. J. Doughty, of Somerville, Mass.

Three Alleghany Men Are Reported War Casualties; Two Injured, One Prisoner

Frank Osborne And Fred Wingler Injured; Kyle Mabe Is Prisoner Of War

During the past week, three more Alleghany men have been reported casualties of war, two wounded in action and another a prisoner of war.

Pfc. Fred M. Wingler was slightly wounded in action in Germany on February 23, according to a message received from the War Department by his wife, Mrs. Zella W. Wingler, of Whitehead.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Mabe, of Furches, were notified by the War Department that a message had been received through the International Red Cross that their son, T-5 Kyle I. Mabe, was a prisoner of war of the German government. T-5 Mabe had previously been reported missing in action.

Cpl. Walter Frank Osborne, Jr., of the U. S. Marine Corps, was wounded in action at Iwo Jima on the tenth day of battle there, according to a letter received this week by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Osborne, of Sparta.

Cpl. Osborne, now in a hospital in the Mariana Islands, wrote that he was hit in the thigh by a piece of schrapnel, which he removed himself before receiving medical aid at the first aid stations set up on the beaches there. He wrote that he was getting along fine.

Awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action the young Alleghany marine also wears the Bronze Star for bravery. (Continued on Page 8)

AAA Wheat Now Limited Here

C. G. Collins, chairman of the Alleghany county AAA, announced this week that no more wheat will be shipped into the county through the AAA due to the scarcity of wheat throughout the country.

Approximately 1,000 bushels of wheat are now in the bins and when this supply is gone, the bins will be offered for sale, he pointed out. Anyone interested in buying then should call at the AAA office, Mr. Collins stated.

Must Apply For Canning Sugar Later In Season

Alleghany people, along with others throughout the country, are expected to get the same allotment of canning sugar as was allowed them last year, a maximum of 20 pounds per person, according to information just released by OPA.

This is to be secured through local rationing boards, but the public is asked not to apply until the date for receiving applications is announced. This will be some time after May 1, officials explained.

The Office of Price Administration says there will be enough sugar to preserve as much fruit as was actually "put up" in homes (Continued on Page 4)

Gifts Are Still Coming In; Total Reaches \$2,100.

Chairman Wagoner Expresses Appreciation To Everyone For Assistance

Alleghany county has surpassed the quota of \$1,700.00 in the Red Cross War Fund Drive by more than \$400.00 with \$2,100.00 reported late yesterday afternoon, Chairman Isom Wagoner announced.

More reports are yet to be received from workers throughout the county, which are expected to swell the total. Mr. Wagoner urged that all reports be turned in at once in order that a full return may be secured.

"I want to thank every person who contributed to the quota for making the drive a success," Chairman Wagoner stated. He also stated that he wished to thank the workers in the different communities for their efforts in the drive.

Commander Jess Moxley announced that proceeds from the dance sponsored by the American Legion, amounted to \$39.45. Sparta High school reported a total of \$315.96 and Piney Creek school reported \$303.93. Ralph Gentry, chairman of Cherry Lane township, reported a total of \$127.42, while Mrs. Ethelyn Richardson, chairman of Whitehead township, reported that the quota had been met. Mrs. E. S. Mitchell, from Prather's Creek township, reported a total of \$138.94 while W. Carl Irwin reported \$122.20.

Contributions not previously published, follow:

Sparta school, \$105.60; by rooms, Mrs. Rector, \$8.82; Mrs. McMullan, \$8.03; Mrs. Howell, \$12.22; Mrs. Stone, \$3.85; Miss Edna Edwards, \$9.26; Mrs. Ruth Choate, \$12.63; Mrs. Reeves, \$9.50; Mrs. Warren, \$10.75; Mrs. Dutton, \$8.35; Mr. Landreth, \$4.10; Miss Kennedy, \$11.75 and Miss Minnie Lou Edwards, \$2.80.

Mrs. Joe N. Howell, Pfc. Joe N. Howell; Celene and Dorothy Andrews, Sgt. Page Andrews; Mrs. Grace Rector, Capt. John Namee; Mrs. Ruth J. Choate, Ralph M. Warden, Cox; Mrs. Bessie McMullan, Lt. Wade McMullan; Miss Edna Edwards, S-Sgt. Sam Osborne; Jennie Duncan, Pvt. Frank Duncan; Ellen Hardin, Bill Har- (Continued on Page Four)

Cold Storage For County Planned

Gwyn Price Outlines Plans And Requirements Before Group At Meeting

Gwyn Price, Director of North Carolina Rural Electrification, Raleigh, presented a detailed explanation of the freezer locker program as it was carried on in other towns in the state, when he addressed a special committee on the proposed program for Alleghany county at the community building, Friday night.

Mr. Price pointed out to the committee the necessary requirements for the establishment of a cold storage unit in the county and announced that membership blanks would be mailed to members of the committee in order that work can be started on the proposed program which will be sponsored by the Sparta Chamber of Commerce.

No New Members On School Board

Gwyn Cox was re-appointed a member of the county board of education in the omnibus bill passed by the house of representatives in Raleigh last week, it was announced.

Cox, who has served on the board for the past two years after he was named in the last legislature to succeed T. R. Burgiss, was appointed for a term of six years.

Other members of the board are Glenn G. Evans, chairman, whose term will expire in four years and Carl Haah, whose term will expire in two years. The board is expected to meet the first Monday in April.