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Churches Plan Special Easter Services, Sun

Merchants Enjoy Good Business; Fair Weather Is Predicted

Easter is expected to be quietly observed in Alleghany with most of the churches holding fitting services. Fair weather has been predicted and in spite of some shortages, the parade of Easter fashions should be up to par.

Stores report unusually good business with the feminine element stressing hats, as usual.

Several groups have planned egg hunts for the younger children during the week end. Chicken Little has done her duty and there will be a bountiful supply of eggs for the occasion.

Some of the special Easter church services are announced here:

A special sunrise Easter service will be held at Shiloh Methodist church beginning at 6:45 with the Rev. C. R. Allison in charge. Music for the occasion will be furnished by a combined choir. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

A combined Methodist and Presbyterian service will be held at the Sparta Methodist church at 11 o'clock. Special Easter music will be furnished by the Methodist choir under the direction of Mrs. Tom Noland.

Regular Easter service will be conducted at the Sparta Baptist church with the Rev. Richard L. West in charge.

The Rev. E. B. Barton will conduct Easter service in the new Osborne Memorial Baptist church (Continued on Page Four)

Rites Held For Mrs. Whitaker

Aged Sparta Woman, Passes After Long Illness; Burial At Whitehead

Funeral service for Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Whitaker, 86, was conducted Sunday at Whitehead Union Baptist church with Elds. S. G. Caudill, Walter Evans, Charlie Wooten and Johnnie Toliver, officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Whitaker, who has been in ill health for a number of years, died March 23. She was the daughter of the late Peggy and Hiram Crouse, of Alleghany county.

Surviving are three children, Mrs. Mag Reeves, of Darlington, Md.; Mrs. Vertie Scott, of Piney Creek and John Whitaker, of Sparta.

Pallbearers were Doc Whitaker, James Whitaker, Homer Rector, Walter Reeves, Gwyn Whitaker, and Charles Whitaker.

Flower girls were Marie Whitaker, Bessie Ann Whitaker, Jean Rector, Ruth Scott, Mrs. Mae Rutherford, Mrs. Bessie Rector and Mrs. Ruth Maines.

Richardson To Issue Licenses

Glenn Richardson, town marshal, announced yesterday that he would issue driver's licenses in Sparta on each Wednesday instead of Friday as was previously announced.

Richardson spent Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week in Raleigh, where he was given a three-day instruction course by the Department of motor vehicles there.

WMU Announces Annual Meeting

The executive committee of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Baptist church at a recent meeting announced that the annual meeting would be held on April 28 at the Scottville Baptist church. Miss Margaret Marchman, missionary from Africa, and Miss Ruth Keller, representing the state office at Raleigh, will be the guest speakers.

Mrs. C. A. Reeves was appointed to fill the vacancy of chairman of the Margaret Fund committee. Mrs. R. E. Richardson, Mrs. Van Miller and Mrs. John Maines were elected as a nominating committee.

Allied Forces Push Deep Into Germany; Reds Making Gains

HEADS DRIVE



Mrs. A. V. Choate, president of the Woman's Club, who will serve as chairman of the clothing collection drive.

Red Cross Total Is Still Growing; Far Over Quota

\$2,801.34 Reported; More Contributions Are Still Coming In

Returns late yesterday revealed that Alleghany county has surpassed the Red Cross War Fund quota by more than \$1,100.00, with \$2,801.34 reported to date. The quota in this drive was \$1,700.00.

Chairman Isom Wagoner again expressed his appreciation for the co-operation of everyone in the drive and stated that the board containing the names of those who gave contributions of \$5.00 or more and the names of those men and women in service in whose honor the donation was made, would be erected at an early date in the courthouse. He urged that any person who had made such a donation and had failed to give the name of the serviceman in whose honor it was given, should turn in that name immediately.

All townships surpassed their assigned quotas, chairman Wagoner pointed out, some almost doubling them. Final returns reveal the following donations by townships:

Gap Civil, \$1,298.89; Prather's (Continued on Page 4)

Stratford Barn Destroyed By Fire

Fire of unknown origin completely destroyed a large barn on the Stratford farm owned by Walter M. Irwin, of Wilkesboro, Friday night.

A team of horses and three milk cows, two of them belonging to Jess Wiles, a tenant, were trapped in the building and burned to death. New harness, feed, tools and other articles were also destroyed.

Mr. Irwin, former sheriff of Alleghany county and now a U. S. Deputy Marshal, estimated the damage at around \$2,000.00.

Many New Books Received Here By County Library

The Alleghany county library received a number of new books this week with several more expected at an early date, Mrs. Carrie H. Jones, librarian, announced.

Below are a few of the titles with a short review of nine of the books:

"Death Was Our Escort," the story of Lt. Edward T. Hamilton, USNR, written by Lt. Comdr. Ernest Vetter, USNR. It is a first hand story of PT boats in action and the men of one heroic squadron in the South Pacific. The men are as human as the boy across the street, more interesting than fictional heroes, and as American as the Stars and Stripes.

"Queens Die Proudly," by W.

Strong Defenses Are Met In Philippines By American Forces

Allied armies poured east in a torrent through smashed German lines yesterday, led by U. S. first army tank forces knifing 27 more miles eastward and breaking across the Dill river where the enemy was desperately trying to rally for a stand 235 miles from Berlin.

The entire front blazed with the fires of victory as seven allied armies pressed home what Gen. Eisenhower declared was one of the greatest triumphs of any war. A front dispatch said "the rout is under way."

Armor-paced Russian forces plunged within 61 miles of Vienna's city limits, herding the Germans back upon the Austrian border now 23 miles away from Soviet units charging across the tableland of Northwestern Hungary, Moscow announced last night.

Veteran Yanks of the 8th army's American division landed on Cebu island against well-prepared beach defenses Monday morning after effective naval and air (Continued On Page Four)

New Charts For Apparel Pricing Are Explained

OPA Officials Discuss Plans At County-wide Meeting Of Merchants

Around 50 merchants and assistants heard a simplified explanation of the new OPA pricing charts to be filed by April 20 at a county-wide meeting of furniture, apparel and notion merchants, held at the community building on Wednesday evening. Harris F. Pearson, of the Charlotte OPA District office, explained the new forms and the methods of keeping them.

Forms were distributed to the merchants and they were told how to compile them. The advantage of this new system was also brought out.

It was explained that every clothing and house furnishings retailer is required to prepare three copies of the pricing chart. Two copies must be filed with the OPA District Office, Price Chart Section, 210 Law Building, Charlotte, North Carolina, on or before April 20. One copy of the pricing bombardment and quickly separated two and a half miles northward (Continued on Page 4)

MAN PAST DUE FROM NAVY IS PICKED UP

Derol Atwood, AWOL from the U. S. Navy for the past 60 days, was picked up Saturday afternoon in the Stratford community near Antioch by Sheriff Jess Moxley and deputies.

Atwood is being held in the Sparta jail awaiting military authorities. This was his second offense, since he was arrested in February by Winston-Salem officers when found there without an official pass.

He had been missing from Camp Bradford, Va., since January 24.

L. White. This is the story of a Flying Fortress crew in the air campaign that saved the day for the United Nations in the Southwest Pacific. No more vivid portrayal of the reality of air warfare has ever been written.

"They Were There," compiled by Curt Riess. This is first hand history of the war to date, compiled from the writings of war correspondents from all over the world. It is an invaluable record, a fascinating story to read and an indispensable contribution to history.

"They Dream Of Home," by Busch, the story of five ex-marines faced with the problems of life and love in a civilian world. (Continued on Page 4)

New Air Strip Under Construction In China



A U. S. soldier operates an American tractor and sheepsfoot roller, smoothing filled ditches on a field being prepared as an 0-47 strip in China. Coolies are cutting burning grass in the background. (U. S. Signal Corps Photo)

Most Business Houses To Close Easter Monday

Will Start Closing On Wednesday Afternoons Next Week

All business houses in Sparta will be closed on Easter Monday as was the custom followed last year after closing rules were made by the merchant's committee of the Sparta Chamber of Commerce.

Most of the county offices, as well as the Sparta post office, will be closed, it was pointed out. Postmaster Nichols stated that the windows at the post office would be open a short time after the morning and afternoon mails. Rural letter carriers will make the regular mail delivery.

The Northwestern Bank will also observe the holiday, it was explained. The county commissioners will not meet on the first Monday but will postpone the meeting until Tuesday, April 3. (Continued on Page 4)

Doughton Makes News In Germany

Pictures Of Congressman Bob Doughton Found In German Newspaper

There is nothing at all unusual about finding the picture of Congressman Robert L. Doughton, Alleghany's renowned statesman, in any paper or magazine today, but when Pfc. Ray Blevins, with the 101st Airborne division of the Paratroops in Germany, picked up a German newspaper recently and found the North Carolina statesman staring at him, he thought he was seeing things.

A series of six pictures, showing Congressman Doughton as he sat at a committee meeting in the Ways and Means committee, was shown in the newspaper with the following lines of explanation: (Continued on Page 4)

Rationing Guide

MEATS AND FATS

Book Four red stamps Q5 through S5 good through Mar. 31. Stamps T5 through X5 good through April 28; Y5 and Z5 and A2 through D2 good through June 2; E2 through J2 good through June 30.

PROCESSED FOODS

Book Four blue stamps X5 through Z5 and A2 and B2 good through March 31. Stamps C2 through G2 good through April 28; H2 through M2 good through June 2; N2 through S2 good through June 30.

SUGAR

Book Four stamp 35 valid for five pounds through June 2. Next stamp scheduled to be validated May 1.

SHOES

Book Three Airplane stamps 1, 2 and 3 valid indefinitely. OPA says no plans to cancel any.

GASOLINE

15-A Coupons good everywhere for four gallons each through June 21, B-5, C-5, B-6, C-6, B-7 and C-7 coupons good everywhere for five gallons each. B-5 and C-5 coupons expire March 31.

County To Collect Clothes For Victims Of War Next Month

36 County Men Are Classified By Local Board

Only Two Are Placed In I-A; Other Classifications Are Given

A group of 36 Alleghany men were classified this week by the local board when only two men were placed in I-A with 34 in various other classifications.

The classification list is as follows:

I-A: Marvin G. Caudill and Donley O. Andrews.

I-C (Disc): Wiley E. Mabe, Stafford D. Miller, William H. Billings, Elmer A. Hendrix, William R. Wyatt, Roy P. Roberts, Garnett S. Mays, Charlie L. Crouse, Rex L. Parsons, John R. Smith and Jonah Billings.

I-C (Ind): Winfred D. Choate. 2-A: Barnard T. Wagoner, Grady D. Brown, Walter Brown, William C. Moxley, Thomas Edison Atwood and Howard B. Gaylor. 2-A (F): Irwin W. Roberts.

2-B: Bower F. Hoppers and Everett J. Houck. 2-B (F): Frank L. Choate, Delbert E. Walker, Osbourne D. Maines.

2-C: Roy W. Evans, Greek J. Hill and William W. Sexton.

2-C (F): Don K. Smith, Vilace L. Hamm and John H. Wagoner.

2-C: Classified by appeal board: Sam A. Miller.

3-D: Robert L. Evans.

4-E (Disc): Floyd F. Sexton.

Alleghany Men Leave For Army

A group of nine Alleghany men left Tuesday for induction into military service at Fort Bragg. The group included: Clive Dean Crouse, Robert Ray McMillan, Clifton Phipps, Howard Dean Williams, John Page Billings, James William Ayers, Ambrose Rush Billings, Odell Granville Evans and Irwin Joseph Pruitt.

Legislature Makes Record; Activities Are Summarized

By Staff Writer

Raleigh—(Special)—The 1945 session of the North Carolina General Assembly, which ended last week, was one of the most business-like sessions in the entire history of the state. It was in session for 67 days, seven days more than the legislators received pay for, and there was very little legislative foolishness, idle debate over silly questions, or petty and partisan arguments.

From the first day until adjournment last Wednesday, the leaders and members of both houses seemed to realize they had a big job to do and apparently they devoted all of their efforts to doing this job for the best

Mrs. A. V. Choate Is Chairman; Clubs And Schools Asked To Assist

Plans are now underway for the participation of Sparta and Alleghany county in the United National Clothing collection drive scheduled for the month of April with the nation's goal set for 150 million pounds of clothing for relief and rehabilitation of war victims in devastated areas.

The drive, under the sponsorship of the Sparta Women's club, will be headed by Mrs. A. V. Choate as chairman.

Wagoner, home agent, through the home demonstration clubs and Miss Clyde Fields, superintendent of schools, will work through the schools. Letters and handbooks are being sent to all teachers in the county, it was pointed out.

Collection days, as well as assembly points, will be announced next week, it was explained.

The national campaign will be conducted with Henry J. Kaiser as national chairman and representatives of civic, religious and educational groups presiding. It has been pointed out that 125,000,000 people in war torn countries are in dire need of clothing with as many having died from exposure as from starvation. All good substantial clothing will be acceptable but women's and children's clothing are most needed.

Although collection points and days will not be announced until next week, residents of the county are asked to begin collecting and saving their used clothing. A number of sub-stations for collections will also be set up. Everyone is asked at this time to take inventory of his attic, basement and clothes closet to find spare (Continued on Page Four)

OPA OFFICE WILL CLOSE ON MONDAY

In compliance with the new ruling that the ration board office will be closed the first working day in each month, the office will be closed on Monday, April 2, Mrs. Robert Fleetwood, clerk, announced yesterday.

Alleghany Gets New School Bus

Alleghany county has been allotted one new school bus, which was brought up from Raleigh on Thursday and is now in operation. Supt. Clyde Fields announced this week.

The new bus was put on the Roaring Gap route to take the place of the bus that was being used there. It was explained that this action was taken on the recommendation of T. E. Glass, bus supervisor. The new 21-foot bus will seat 75 passengers.

It was pointed out that the bus taken from the Roaring Gap route would be placed where it is most needed in the county. (Continued on Page Four)

Two County Men Killed In Action; Others Wounded

James T. Wagoner And Page Thompson Die On European Front

During the past few days two Alleghany county men have been reported killed in action on European battlefronts and four others were reported wounded, two from the European front and two from the Pacific area.

Pvt. James T. Wagoner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Wagoner, of Ennice, was killed in action in Belgium on January 8, according to a message received by his parents. Pvt. Wagoner had previously been reported missing in action on that date.

Pfc. Page Thompson, 27, died as a result of wounds received in action in Germany on March 3, according to a message received by his wife. With General Patton's 10th armored infantry battalion, Pfc. Thompson entered the service in February, 1944. He trained in anti-aircraft at Camp Stewart, Ga., and Ft. Bliss, Texas and was transferred to the infantry at Camp Maxey, Texas, sailing for overseas duty in January, 1945.

Before entering the service, Pfc. Thompson was connected with the Pilot Life Insurance company, of High Point, where his wife, Mrs. Eula Moxley Thompson and daughter, Ann Page, now live. Prior to that time, he was connected with the Glade Valley General store and Farmer's Hardware company, Sparta.

Surviving in addition to his wife and daughter, are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Thompson, Glade Valley; one sister, Mrs. Clayton Chambers, Nashville, Tenn.; and three brothers, Bert C. Thompson, North Wilkesboro; J. Rush Thompson and W. Clay Thompson, both of Glade Valley.

Pfc. Thompson was a member of the Presbyterian church in the town of High Point in which he served as a member of the deacon until he moved his membership to the First Presbyterian church at High Point, about two years ago.

Mrs. Joe B. Tucker was notified by the War Department that her husband, Pfc. Joe B. Tucker, was (Continued on Page Four)

Seventh Grade To Give Play April 6

Will Present "Have You Seen Red?" Two-Act Comedy, In School Auditorium

The seventh grade class of Sparta elementary school, under the direction of Mrs. Lon M. Reeves, will present a two-act comedy, "Have You Seen Red?" Friday night, April 6 at 8:15 o'clock in the school auditorium.

The play, shown to the student body here last fall, is being brought to the stage once more by popular demand. A small admission charge will be made, it was pointed out.

Characters include: Tommy Douglas, as Jared (Red) Sims; Bobby Adams, his pal, Tom Reeves; Mother Sims, Clyde Brooks; Father Sims, Wade Moxley; Ione Sims, Patsy Edwards; Jack Adams, Ted Ivey; Letty Sims, Dorothy Andrews; Carol Clark, Ida Marie Black; Mrs. Clark, Mary Lou Miles; Hulda, Ruth Dutton; Dewey, Bobby Dilard; Kirk, Jimmy Todd; and Gregory and Sylvester Lamour, played by Page Murray and Richard Workman.

The public is cordially invited to attend.