

Counterfeit Gasoline Stamps Circulated In County

Committeemen Of District Schools Named By Board

Most Of Former Committeemen Are Reappointed By County Board

Newly appointed district committeemen for the coming school year were announced by the county board of education this week and are as follows:

District No. 1: Walter Osborne, George Crouse and D. F. Sturdivant.

District No. 2: Fred H. Brown, J. H. Douglas, Herbert Osborne, Mack Woodie and Blake Hampton, who succeeded Guy T. Perry. Mr. Perry is now serving as county commissioner.

District No. 3: Little Pine school; A. M. Greene, G. M. Caudill and H. B. Spurlin.

District No. 4: Van Miller, Colonel Jones and Eugene Shepherd.

Colored Districts: Prather's Creek, O. G. Spicer, Gaston Maxwell and Tom Maxwell.

Cherry Lane: Johnny Edwards, Letcher Bryant and Sabe Choate.

Gap Civil: Johnny Havener, Ruben Hash and Lennie Maxwell.

Glade Creek: Mrs. Susan Baker and Lee Choate.

The only new committeemen were Blake Hampton, C. M. Caudill, H. B. Spurlin and Lennie Maxwell.

Several Arrests Made This Week

Youths Are Held In The Theft Of Automobile And Gasoline

Local officers this week arrested Roy Poole, Clyde Murphy and Rufus Jarrell on charges of stealing and accepting stolen goods.

Murphy and Jarrell were alleged to have accepted the stolen goods, which were found in the Poole store at Edmunds. The men were turned over to authorities from Surry county and are now being held for hearings at a later date.

Two Alleghany youths were also arrested this week by local officers. Clarence McGrady, 19, son of Ross McGrady, of Edwards Cross Roads and Hurley Bell, 17, son of Hardin Bell of Sparta, were arrested for theft of gasoline and for stealing an automobile in Galax, Va. The youths are being held here awaiting trial at April term of superior court.

C. of C. To Meet Here Fri. Night

The election of officers will highlight the Sparta Chamber of Commerce meeting tomorrow night at the community building. President R. F. Crouse announced.

All members of the club are urged to attend this important meeting when the Chamber of Commerce hold elections of officers for the second time since its beginning in March, 1944.

A program of negro spirituals will be the feature attraction on the entertainment program. Dinner will be served by the Cherry Lane home demonstration club.

Piney Creek Girl Is Yale Student

Miss Edith Woodruff Hash, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carlie Hash, of Piney Creek, was among the 37 students who registered last week as a member of the class of 1947 at the Yale School of Nursing, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

The majority of the new student nurses were also voluntarily enrolled in the United States Nurse Corps, and are pledged to remain in essential nursing for the duration.

Miss Hash received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at the University of North Carolina in 1944. She is a graduate of Piney Creek high school.

Yanks Move Toward Berlin; Resistance Is Strong On Okinawa

EDITOR IN INDIA



Cpl. Ray Lowery, former editor of The Alleghany News, is carrying on in his chosen field in the army. He is editor of the "Basha Breeze," official army publication of the 44th Air Service Group, Air Service Command in the India-Burma-China theater of war.

Reed To Again Head Local NCEA Unit For Teachers

Other Officers Are Named And Business Matters Discussed At Meeting

Joe Bill Reed, of Sparta, was re-elected president of the local unit of the North Carolina Educational Association last Friday afternoon at Sparta high school at a meeting called by Supt. Clyde Fields.

Mr. Reed, acting principal of Piney Creek high school, has long been active in school affairs of Alleghany county and has served as president of the NCEA for the past year.

Roy Ellison was named vice-president to succeed Mrs. Dalton Warren and Miss Eula Kennedy was elected secretary and treasurer succeeding Miss Minnie Lou (Continued on Page 8)

JAMES HOPPERS AT PEARL HARBOR NOW

Pearl Harbor, T. H.—James Hoppers, of Sparta, has arrived at Navy Yard Pearl Harbor to assume his duties as a civilian war worker.

Mr. Hoppers has signed a contract to remain at this large Naval base for 18 months to support the great Pacific Fleet. He is residing in the large civilian housing area adjacent to the Navy Yard which is operated by the Navy for the thousands of workers.

Mrs. Hoppers and son, Billy, reside in Sparta.

Early Postwar Work On The Blue Ridge Parkway Planned

Washington — The Blue Ridge Parkway probably will approach completion in the first three post-war years, the Public Roads Administration predicted this week.

The administration stated, however, that the \$10,000,000 authorized by the federal aid highway act of 1944 (for post-war expenditure) for construction and maintenance of the Blue Ridge Parkway likely will be insufficient for completion of the Parkway. Officials also said it would take more than three years to do the work.

First work is expected to be on approximately 130 miles as yet untouched. This will include about 40 miles in Virginia—30 in the vicinity of Roanoke, and 10 north of the James river. Initial work also will include construc-

Russians Extend Hold On Vienna And Drive On Toward Brno

The U. S. ninth army, in a neck and neck race with the American first army toward Berlin, quickly toppled Germany's 12th city of Hannover yesterday and swept on 28 miles into Brunswick's outskirts at a point only 110 miles from the reich capital.

While tank units of the ninth also overran Salzgitter, site of the Goering steel works 10 miles southwest of imperilled Brunswick, U. S. first army troops in a 40-mile advance on the south smashed into Nordhausen and likewise struck within 110 miles of Berlin with the seizure of localities near Auleben, 45 miles west of Halle and 57 miles from Leipzig.

American fighter pilots and bomber gunners destroyed 397 German aircraft yesterday and shattered eight aerial warfare records in the most devastating blow ever delivered against the once-feared Nazi luftwaffe.

Countless other German craft were damaged as both American and British planes again assaulted the German reich.

The American steamroller campaign in the Philippines has engulfed the strategic Sulu archipelago, liberated all of Southern Luzon and freed the famous Culion leper colony, Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported late Tuesday.

These sensational developments were announced almost simultaneously with Adm. Chester W. Nimitz' report that Yank doughboys fighting on the Southern Okinawa front were held to a standstill by the Nipponese defenders. Marines to the north (Continued on Page 4)

22 Men Classified By Local Board

11 Are Placed In I-A; Other Classifications Are Listed Below

The local board this week announced classifications of 22 Alleghany men for military service, when 11 were placed in I-A, four in 4-F, and seven others in various other classifications.

The classification list is as follows:

I-A: Reece Bedsaul, Robert I. Johnson, Howard R. Andrews, Glenn T. Edwards, Reeves A. Blevins, Clifton L. Cox, Joseph E. Smith, Elmer C. Bedsaul, Garnett G. Greene, Otis J. Wilson and Leonard B. Tompkins.

I-C (Disc.): Roy B. Ayers.

I-C (Ind.): Clive D. Crouse.

2-B (F): Earl H. Hash.

2-C: Arlice D. Farmer, Boyd D. Roberts, John F. McMillan, and Robert L. Gambill, Jr.

4-F: Emmitt R. Andrews, Delmar I. Maxwell, Howard W. Dowell, and Willie Lee Poole.

Three Alleghany Men Are Casualties Of War



Reading from left to right, Pfc. Page Thompson, who died as a result of wounds received in action in Germany, March 5; Pvt. James T. Wagoner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Wagoner, of Ennice, was killed in action in Belgium on January 8; and Pfc. Ben F. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Taylor, of Laurel Springs, was killed in action on Iwo Jima on March 3.

Trout Season To Open April 15; Rules Are Cited

Ranger Liles Announces The Opening Of Parkway Streams

Fishermen are eagerly awaiting the official opening of the trout season, April 15, and due to a number of well-stocked streams, luck should be unusually good, according to predictions of old-timers.

R. D. Gentry, game warden, reminds fishermen to secure licenses before attempting to exercise skills. He also pointed out that the bass waters will be closed from April 15 until June 10. He explained that this applied to all waters in the county.

The superintendent of the Blue Ridge Parkway this week informed fishermen and sportsmen that streams in Bluff park will not be open until May 15. All other streams outside of Bluff Park, along the Parkway, will be opened for fishing, however, in accordance with North Carolina State fishing laws.

Warden Gentry explained that fishermen could fish in any of the streams designated as trout streams, for any non-game fish such as suckers, chubbies and hog fish. He explained that game fish (Continued on Page Four)

PRESSURE COOKERS ARE TO BE CHECKED

Mrs. Isom Wagoner, home demonstration agent, announced this week that all housewives in Alleghany county wishing to have their pressure cookers checked at the clinic to be held in Wilkes county on April 26, should bring them to the home demonstration office here before April 25.

Mrs. Wagoner pointed out that it is extremely important that all cookers brought to her office should be tagged with the owner's name and address and that the cookers should be thoroughly cleaned before being brought in.

Rationing Guide

MEATS, FATS
Red Stamps T5, U5, V5, W5, and X5 good through April 28; Red Stamps Y5, Z5, and A2, B2, C2, D2 good through June 2; Red Stamps E2 F2, G2, H2, J2, good through June 30; New stamps validated April 1—K2, L2, M2, N2, P2 good through July 31.

PROCESSED FOODS
Blue Stamps C2, D2, E2, F2, and G2, good through April 28; Blue Stamps C2, D2, E2, F2, good through June 2; Blue Stamps N2, P2, Q2, R2 S2 good through June 30; New stamps validated April 1—T2, U2, V2, W2, X2, good through July 31.

SUGAR
Stamps 35 good through June 2.

No stamps will be validated until May 1.

SHOES
Airplane stamps Nos. 1, 2, 3, in Book Three continue valid indefinitely.

Three Alleghany Men Are Reported War Casualties In Europe And Pacific Area

Clothing Is Now Being Collected For Needy Allies

Good Response; Public Asked To Bring In Contributions Now

Mrs. A. V. Choate, chairman of the drive to collect used clothing for the needy people of the war torn areas, said that good response was being received so far and asked that all of those who have not done so to bring their contributions in to the various community collection points.

Each school in the county is serving as a collection point. Mrs. Choate pointed out, and teachers are co-operating by conducting the drive in the various schools. The central collection point is in the basement room of the courthouse in Sparta.

The drive is being conducted (Continued on Page 4)

S. S. Convention To Meet April 29

T. C. Osborne, associational Sunday School superintendent, announced this week that the annual Sunday School convention would be held at the Sparta Baptist church on Sunday, April 29, when Rev. Howard J. Ford, of North Wilkesboro, will be the principal speaker.

The meeting will be a county-wide affair and several local speakers are expected to report on the progress of Sunday schools during the past year. An attendance from every Baptist Sunday school in the county is expected, Mr. Osborne pointed out.

The public is cordially invited to attend the meeting.

Ben Taylor, Of Laurel Springs, Is Killed In Action On Iwo Jima

During the past few days, one Alleghany county man has been reported killed in action in the Pacific theater of war and two others were reported wounded in action in Germany.

Pfc. Ben F. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Taylor, of Laurel Springs, was killed in action on Iwo Jima on March 3, according to a message received by his parents from the war department.

With the Fifth Marine division, Pfc. Taylor entered service in October, 1943, and went overseas in September, 1944. He received his training at Camp Pennington, Calif. While in training he received medals for outstanding achievement in bayonet, sword and swimming.

Pfc. Taylor is survived by his parents, three sisters, Miss Blanche Taylor, of Baltimore, Md., and Alma and Nancy of the home, and one brother, Edward Taylor, of the home.

Pvt. Harold D. Mitchell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Mitchell, of Piney Creek, was wounded in action on March 29, in Germany, according to a message received by his parents (Continued on Page Four)

House Destroyed By Fire Saturday

The one-story, three-room house belonging to Pvt. and Mrs. Samuel V. Wooten and located six miles from Sparta on Highway No. 18, was completely destroyed by fire of unknown origin on Saturday morning.

Passers-by saw the blaze, but were unable to save anything from the building. Mrs. Wooten and two small children were visiting in Sparta. Pvt. Wooten is stationed at Camp Wheeler, Ga.

Proclaims Cancer Control Month



Governor R. Gregg Cherry hands his proclamation of April as "Cancer Control Month" to Mrs. George E. Marshall, of Mount Airy, commander of the N. C. Division of the Field Army of the American Cancer Society.

Stations Are Warned Against All Loose Stamps

Will Have Allotment Of Gasoline Cut Down By Accepting Illegal Stamps

The shadow of the black market fell on Alleghany county during the past few days when hundreds of counterfeit gasoline stamps were circulated among practically all service stations. Attendants have been notified of the danger of accepting these, as well as any loose stamps, and efforts are being made to determine the source of supply of these illegal forms.

To date, 3,784 gallons of gas have been bought with these expertly made counterfeit stamps and a total of 15 gas stations in the county have had several gallons of gas subtracted from their regular allotment. Mrs. Robert Fleetwood, chief OPA clerk, said today.

The stamps, when collected and sent to the Charlotte office are placed under ultra-violet rays that detect instantly any counterfeit stamp. The station that accepted this stamp is then notified and the gas allotment is cut the number of gallons designated by the bad stamp. Some stations in Alleghany county have been cut as much as 970 and 814 gallons, it was explained.

Station attendants state that most of the counterfeit stamps are C-5 and those taken from the old A books. The paper from which they are made is thinner than the regular stamp paper, they stated.

The wave of bad stamps sweeping through the county during the past two weeks is thought to come from outside and to be peddled through the black market, authorities stated.

Station attendants are warned against accepting any loose stamps and to be on the look-out for any suspicious gas ration books.

Edmunds Man Is Hurt In Affray

Paul Vernon Shot In Legs; Clyde Murphy Released On Bond

Paul Vernon was shot through both legs last Wednesday afternoon in the Edmunds community in an affray with Clyde Murphy, who was released under an \$800.00 bond for appearance on April 25, before B. F. Wagoner.

Vernon, in a serious condition at a Mt. Airy hospital was shot just above the knees with a 12-gauge shot gun at a distance estimated at 10 feet. Officers reported that both Vernon and Murphy were under the influence of liquor.

Murphy claimed that he shot Vernon in self defense, after Vernon came toward him with a .38 revolver.

Officers investigating the shooting, stated that there was no evidence of a quarrel between the two men but that both were drinking.

Vernon is the son of Earl Vernon and Murphy is the son of Fred Murphy, both of Edmunds.

Lions To Sponsor Jamboree Apr. 20

The mountain Jamboree, featuring the lovely Smith sisters and funny guy, Walter Hanks, will be presented at the Sparta high school auditorium, Friday night, April 20 at 8 o'clock.

The entertainment will be sponsored by the Sparta Lions Club and proceeds will go into the fund for buying glasses for those children who are not able to secure them. Tests are now being made in the schools to determine those children who are badly in need of glasses and it is hoped that they can be fitted at an early date. N. D. Fox, president of the club, pointed out.

The public is cordially invited to attend the Jamboree which will be chucked full of laughs and entertainment for the whole family. A small admission charge will be made.