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Report \$20,150.00 On 7th War Loan In Alleghany

Much More Needed If Quota
Of \$110,000 Is Reached
In Drive

Incomplete returns from sources of sales show that Alleghany county has a total of \$20,150.00 toward the E bond quota of the Seventh War Loan now underway. This leaves \$67,850.00 yet to be sold before the E bond quota of \$88,000.00 is reached.

The rally held at Piney Creek school, Friday night, was well attended and bonds amounting to \$6,500.00, maturity value, were sold. Joe Bill Reed, chairman of the drive in Piney Creek township, stated that he was particularly proud of the response shown by citizens of that community and that he wished to thank those who helped to conduct the rally. "However," he pointed out, "we are still short of our quota of \$12,928.00 and we must redouble our efforts to meet it."

S. R. Nichols, county drive chairman urged that all township chairmen plan rallies in their communities and double their efforts to meet the quota. "With more than three weeks of the (Continued on Page 4)

Americans Crack Jap Defense On Southern Okinawa This Week

KILLED IN ACTION



Pfc. Robert Black, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Black, of Bel Air, Md., and formerly of this county, was killed in action in Germany on April 5.

Truman Names 3 New Members For His Cabinet

Francis Biddle, Frances Perkins and Wickard Are Replaced

Washington — President Truman shook up his Cabinet yesterday by naming three new members and signalling a new, streamlined attack on the nation's No. 1 home front problem—food shortages.

The new cabinet members: Attorney General—Tom C. Clark, succeeding Francis Biddle. Clark, 55-year-old Texan, is now assistant Attorney General.

Secretary of Labor — Federal Judge Lewis B. Schwellenbach, former Democratic Senator from (Continued on Page 4)

Ennice Man Is Given Citation

Pfc. Paul Jackson Tompkins, son of R. M. Tompkins, of Ennice, has been awarded a certificate of merit in the European theater of operations in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty.

The citation reads: For the period 7 June, 1944 to 25 March, 1945, under the most adverse combat conditions, Private First Class Paul Jackson Tompkins, as a member of the Transportation personnel of the 3rd, Battalion, 175th Infantry, excelled in the performance of his duties which materially aided in the accomplishment of the highly successful battle record of his organization.

The citation was awarded by Colonel Edward M. McDaniel, commanding officer of the 175th Infantry.

Mindanao Town And Airfield Are Captured By U. S. Forces

Veteran infantrymen of the seventh division speared into Yonabaru, eastern anchor of the stiff Japanese line across Southern Okinawa, in a surprise pre-dawn assault Tuesday and threw an encircling arm around the rubble city.

Maj. Gen. Archibald V. Arnold's crack seventh, back in action after a two weeks rest, made its quick thrust against light opposition, in bad weather and thick mud. Tank support was impossible.

The infantrymen who swept around Yonabaru reached heights overlooking the towns of Rioi and Itarashiku, about 1,000 yards south of Yonabaru. They were in the northern end of a long ridge line which dominates the communication road net south of embattled Shuri.

Yonabaru still was not fully secured up to yesterday but the Japanese apparently did not intend to try to hold it. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz said Yonabaru had been "thoroughly reduced by our gunfire and bombing."

Maj. Gen. Clarence Martin's 31st division occupied the North Central Mindanao town of Malaybalay with its adjacent airfield and Maj. Gen. Roscoe Woodruff's 24th division pushed to within two miles of the last enemy-held airfield near Davao, headquarters reported yesterday.

The 31st driving toward a juncture with the 40th and American (Continued on Page 4)

2 Escape Injury In Crash Landing

Pilot Misjudges Field As He Attempts Landing Near Sparta

A view of Alleghany county from the air is somewhat deceiving, or so thought a Mr. Shly, instructor at a Blacksburg, Va., airport, when he attempted to land his cub two-passenger plane on a field near "the cherry tree" one mile south of Sparta, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Shly and his passenger, Harold Irwin, a former Alleghany boy, who now resides in Christiansburg, Va., circled over the town several times and after deciding to pay the town a visit, attempted the landing on the field just outside the town limits where planes have landed a number of times before.

But Mr. Shly misjudged the slope of the field, and the plane came down to a crash landing, breaking the landing gear and driving the propeller into the ground. Both passenger and pilot escaped injury.

The wings were removed by local mechanics and the plane loaded on a truck as the two fliers made their way back to Blacksburg at a slightly slower speed and a much lower altitude than they had left it.

FREED FROM NAZIS



Pvt. Robert Cleve Andrews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Andrews, has been liberated from a German prison camp after 17 months' internment.

Annual Meeting Letter Carriers On Friday, June 1

Lon M. Reeves Is President; Special Program Is Planned

The Alleghany County Rural Carriers Association will hold the annual meeting on Friday night, June 1, at the community building, when carriers and their wives will meet for the first time in two years.

Lon M. Reeves, president of the organization, announced this week that an interesting program had been planned and that in addition to a round-table discussion on current matters, Isom Waggoner, Ennice carrier, will discuss the pension program. Officers for the coming year will also be elected, he pointed out. Ralph Gentry will act as toastmaster.

The Women's Auxiliary will also hold a short meeting with Mrs. Carl Irwin, president in charge. Mrs. Ed Pugh is secretary of the auxiliary. They will also hold an election of officers.

Alleghany rural carriers include: John Tucker, Furches; Left Waggoner, Whitehead; Ralph Gentry, Glade Valley; Mack Woodie, Piney Creek; Carl Irwin, (Continued on Page Four)

War Bond Show Next Thursday

Special Premier, "Music For Millions," To Be Shown At Spartan Theatre

A bond premiere will be held at the Spartan Theatre on Thursday night, May 31, when "Music for Millions" will be shown and admission will be by purchase of a bond only. It was announced this week.

Only one show will go on, Manager Ben G. Reeves pointed out, with the box office opening at 7:30 and the show beginning at 7:45.

All those persons who bought bonds between May 14 and May 31 are entitled to a ticket which may be secured at the North-western Bank, Sparta Post Office or the box office of the theatre by presenting the bond. Bonds may also be purchased at the box office on the night of the premiere, it was explained.

"Music For Millions" stars the popular juvenile actress, Margaret O'Brien and the great pianist, Jose Iturbi.

Pfc. Andrews Is Freed From Nazis

Pvt. Robert Cleve Andrews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Andrews, of Sparta, notified his parents this week that he was well and safe, after being held a prisoner of war of the Germans for the past one and one-half years.

Pvt. Andrews was first reported missing in action on September 13, 1943 in the N. African area and was later reported a prisoner of war of the Germans. Since that time, his family has heard from him at infrequent intervals and for the past three months have had no message at all of his whereabouts.

He entered the service in March, 1943, and received his training at Fort McClellan, Ala.

Official Clean-up Days In Sparta Are Now Being Observed

Movement Is Sponsored By City And Civic Organizations Here

With today and tomorrow designated as official clean-up days for the town of Sparta, citizens are busy gathering rubbish, painting and cleaning the streets.

Mayor R. F. Crouse and the town board of commissioners announced last week that the two days had been set aside and that they were working in co-operation with the Woman's Club, Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club in the general clean-up program.

The State Highway department started the campaign early Monday morning when they repainted the parking lines on the main street in the business section of town. The streets will be washed and thoroughly cleaned today and trash cans, purchased by the town, will be placed on the corners.

All stores and business houses are cooperating in the clean-up program by clearing away all trash back of the stores in the alleys. Robert Hash, local colored man, will collect all trash either today or tomorrow. Housewives were again reminded to place their trash in containers near their gates in order that it may be easily gathered.

"We are very proud of our town and are anxious for the clean-up program to be an outstanding success," one official stated. "However," he remarked, "we should consider every day a clean-up day and keep our town cleared of unsightly rubbish and trash that detracts from its appearance."

Committees working on the program include Mrs. A. V. Choate, Mrs. C. A. Thompson and Mrs. Amos Waggoner from the Woman's Club and L. E. Ivey, T. R. Burgess and Ben G. Reeves from the Chamber of Commerce.

Cite Strict Rule For Extra Shoes

Mrs. Robert Fleetwood, clerk of the Alleghany ration board, announced yesterday that the board had ruled that any person filing application for an extra shoe stamp, must bring to the ration board all number Three ration books for the entire family.

This action was taken, it was explained in order that the board could see that there were no current stamps in any of the books belonging to the family. After the application has been granted and the shoes purchased, they must be brought to the board for inspection in order that the board may know the stamp was used by the person for whom it was issued, it was pointed out.

SERVICES ANNOUNCED

Eld. A. L. Presnell will preach at Woodruff church on Sunday at eleven o'clock, it was announced this week.

Older Men In Useful Jobs Are To Be Given Deferment

In a telegram to all state directors of selective service and passed on to local draft boards, the director of selective service states: "All cases of registrants in the age group 30 through 37 are to be reviewed who are now in I-A, I-A-O or IV-E, and if a registrant is merely regularly engaged in an activity in support of the national health, safety or interest, or an activity in war production, or in an agricultural occupation or endeavor essential to the war effort, the local draft boards shall reopen the cases of such registrants and classify them anew. The term 'regularly engaged in' as applied to registrants 30 through 37 will be liberally applied, and particular consideration will be given to fathers."

Alleghany registrants should note that this liberal application of selective service regulations will not apply to delinquents, farm jumpers or registrants who leave a job for which they are deferred before seeking a determination from their local draft board, Mrs. Phipps, chief clerk to the local board, explained.

This liberalized policy, effective at once, results from the narrowing of the war to one front, Draft Director Lewis B. Hershey announced at a news conference. He disclosed that the draft call will be cut about 25 per cent to 90,000 men a month beginning in July.

Finals To Open At Piney Creek Saturday Night

Junior Class Will Present A Three-Act Comedy, "Good Morning Glory"

Commencement exercises at Piney Creek high school will get underway Saturday night at eight o'clock when the junior class will present a three-act comedy, "Good Morning Glory," in the school auditorium.

Featured in the starring role of the production will be Evelyn Brown, who will be seen as Glory Gammon. June Hashe will play the part of Clare Gammon and Johnnie Gambill will be seen as Eva Bigson. LaVone Kennedy will act as Maxine Macey and Ruby Billings will play the part of Mrs. N. G. Fleepepper. Florabelle Fleepepper will be played by Virginia Delp while Anna Pettijohn will be seen as Antonio Sylvester Garabaldi Mussolini. In the male roles, Kenneth Phipps will be seen as Harold Hines, Raymond McMillan as Joey James, Ray Absher as Frankie Fox, Harold Reed as Howard Hershey and Charles Ray Kennedy as the policeman.

The play which involves a beauty contest, a famous movie star, a saxophonist, a villain and a solution known as "Elixir of Love," promises to be enjoyable entertainment. The production (Continued on Page Four)

Commencement Exercises Close At Glade Valley

Graduating Class Hears Dr. P. H. Gwynn, Jr.; 12 Seniors Receive Diplomas

The thirty-fifth annual commencement exercises at Glade Valley high school were brought to a close last Friday night when Dr. P. H. Gwynn, Jr., delivered an address to the graduating class and diplomas and awards were presented.

Rev. E. W. Thompson, pastor of the Glade Valley Presbyterian church, gave the invocation, after which Mayor R. F. Crouse introduced Dr. Gwynn, who spoke on "Self Mastery." He pointed out to the members of the graduating class that learning to do one's own thing was the true essence of self mastery.

Ruby Brooks, who had made an average grade of 96 during the four years of high school, delivered the salutatory address which was followed by a piano solo by George Lee Eldridge, a member of the graduating class. Dr. Gwynn presented each member of the class with a Bible, a custom followed each year by the school. (Continued on Page 4)

Youth Held On Draft Evasion

Glen Dale Coffing, 19-year-old youth of the Piney Creek section, was arrested yesterday by Town Marshal Glenn Richardson and turned over to F. B. I. investigators on charges of evading the draft laws.

Officers stated that Coffing had never registered with the draft board, although he had passed his eighteenth birthday more than a year ago.

He will be handed over to federal authorities today for trial.

Former County Man Dies In Va.

Martin V. Honaker Was Buried In Sparta Sunday; C. B. Kilby In Charge

Martin V. Honaker, of Sparta, died at a Charlottesville, Va., hospital Friday, following an illness of several weeks.

He was born April 3, 1878, and spent most of his life in the Sparta community, where he was a well-known carpenter. He also worked as carpenter in Winston-Salem and Roaring Gap. For the past year he had made his home in Arvona, Va., where he was engaged in farming.

He was a member of Primitive Baptist Church of Sparta. Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Verna Reeves; six daughters, Mrs. Lee Moore of Black Diamond, Wash., Mrs. W. O. Graybeal, of Telford, Tenn., Mrs. Edd Proffitt, of Washington, D. C., Mrs. R. S. Grubbs of Winston-Salem, Mrs. Earl Holt of Walkertown, and Mrs. Larry Ulane of Winston-Salem; two sons, Ernest Honaker of Asheville and Howard Honaker of Winston-Salem; 19 grandchildren; and several brothers and sisters.

The body was brought to Vogler's Chapel, where it remained until Sunday morning when it was brought to the Sparta Primitive Baptist Church, where the funeral service was held with Eld. C. B. Kilby, officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were John Higgins, Beale Poole, David Higgins, Edgar Williams, John Mac Edwards, Rex Mitchell and Marion Joiner. Flower girls were: Mrs. Luther Halsey, Mrs. Maude I. Richardson, Mrs. Oscar Waggoner, Mrs. David Higgins, Mrs. June Tompkins, Miss Georgia Andrews, Miss Jackie Tompkins, Miss Sally Ruth Atwood, Mrs. Beale Poole, Miss Lucille Mitchell and Miss Mattie Lee Sanders.

Rationing Guide

- MEATS AND FATS**
Book Four red stamps Y5 and Z5 and A2 through D2 good through June 2; E2 through J2 good through June 30; K2 through P2 good through July 31; Q2 through U2 good through Aug. 31.
- PROCESSED FOODS**
Book Four blue stamps H2 through M2 good through June 2; N2 through S2 good through June 30; T2 through X2 good through July 31; Y2 and Z2 and A1 through C1 good through Aug. 31.
- SUGAR**
Book Four stamps 35 good for five pounds through June 2. Stamp 36 good for five pounds through Aug. 31. Next stamp valid Sept. 1.
- SHOES**
Book Three airplane stamps 1, 2 and 3 good indefinitely. OFA says no plans to cancel any. Next stamp valid Aug. 1.
- GASOLINE**
15-A coupons for four gallons through June 21, B-6, B-7, C-6 and C-7 coupons good for five gallons.

Victory Rockets Are Sent To Tokyo



Flame-tipped rockets etch black lines of smoke against the sky as they streak toward Jap installations, fired from navy LSMRS. The missiles will contribute a large share in the final drive against the mainland of Japan, as well as adjoining islands.

SPECIAL GIFT BONDS FOR 1945 GRADUATES

Alleghany people are urged to make their major gifts to high school graduates this year, war bonds.

Educational leaders pointed out that aside from the value of the gift itself, the graduates would have the satisfaction of knowing that they had become an investor in this country's fight for human liberty and a contributor in the world struggle to make life free for all men.

Parents or others giving graduates bonds may secure a special gift certificate by coming by the office of The Alleghany News and giving name of the graduate and the donor. There is no cost to these certificates and they are suitable for framing, it was pointed out.