

58 WILL GRADUATE THIS YEAR

Guernsey Sale To Be Held In Sparta Next Friday

Extensive Plans Made By County Agent For Sale

Two Young Guernsey Bulls To Be Given Away; Expect Good Crowd

Plans are now being completed for the purebred-registered Guernsey consignment sale to be held in Sparta, Friday, June 8, at 12:30 p. m., under sponsorship of Sparta chamber of commerce, American Guernsey Cattle club, the North Carolina Extension service and the North Carolina Guernsey Breeders association.

R. E. Black, chairman of arrangements here, said this week that 13 open heifers, 5 bred heifers and 3 young bulls had been consigned to the sale. These cattle have been carefully selected from some of the best herds in North Carolina, he pointed out.

In addition to the sale, two young registered Guernsey bulls will be given absolutely free. These bulls were given by Coble Dairies, Lexington and by Y. C. Collins, Cedarrock Farms, Salisbury. Mr. Collins, a former Alleghany man, stated that his bull would be given to some person in the county who buys a heifer at the sale. Complete details will be announced at the sale.

On Thursday night, preceding the sale, the Sparta chamber of commerce will entertain visitors from the State Agriculture department and consigners of the sale. The meal will be served by the Methodist W. S. C. S. Among the important visitors expected to attend the meeting and the sale are John A. Arey, extension dairy specialist of the extension service of North Carolina; Dr. W. M. Moore, state veterinarian and secretary of State Guernsey Breeders' association; R. A. McLaughlin, field representative. (Continued on Page 4)

Canning Sugar Being Re-Issued

Public Urged To Turn In Stamps At OPA Office In Sparta

A total of 570, or more than half, of the sugar allotments that were called in last week, have been received by the board, Mrs. Robert Fleetwood, clerk, announced yesterday.

Mrs. Fleetwood urged that all those who had not done so, return the stamps at once in order that they may be re-issued and people can get their canning sugar. The board will meet the first of June to determine the number of pounds that will be issued per person.

"We appreciate the splendid co-operation everyone has shown in returning the stamps," Mrs. Fleetwood stated and added that nowhere could more patriotic co-operation be found toward the rationing program.

The more than 1,000 allotments issued two weeks ago for canning sugar were called in due to the fact that too much sugar per person had been issued, Mrs. Fleetwood explained.

Two County Men Wounded In Action

Two Alleghany county men have been reported wounded in action, one in the Pacific theater and another in the European theater of operations, according to a belated report received here.

Sgt. Albert S. Ham, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ham, of Whitehead, was wounded in action in Okinawa sometime between May 18 and 21, according to a message received by his parents. The wound was suffered when a bullet struck him in the thigh.

Pfc. Olen G. Carpenter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Carpenter, of Twin Oaks, was slightly wounded on April 15 in Germany, but is reported to be getting along fine.

Furches Man Tells Of Experiences In Nazi Prison Camp



T. C. McKnight, director of the Y. M. C. A., at Elkin, and a noted speaker, will deliver the commencement address at Sparta high school Saturday morning, June 9.

Tobacco Barns Will Be Built On State Test Farm

New Sheep Barn Now In Use; Cattle Barn Nearing Its Completion

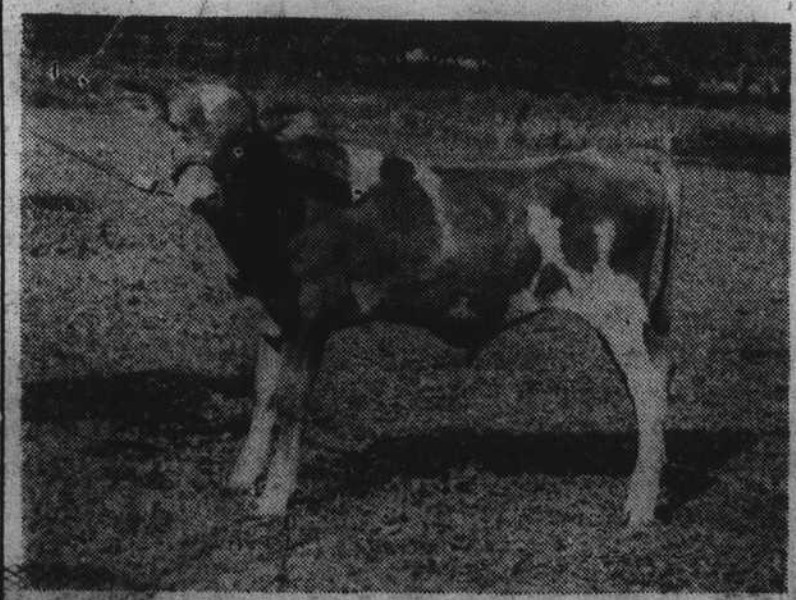
F. E. Miller, director of the test farm division of the N. C. Department of Agriculture, announced this week that new tobacco barns for the housing of burley as well as Turkish tobacco, would be erected on the State test farm at Laurel Springs and in Haywood county.

This is in keeping with the tobacco program set up by the N. C. Legislature. Turkish tobacco is to be tried out on the State test farm as well as by a number of other farmers of this section.

Work is going forward on other barns at the State farm, since the weather has become more favorable for building. The newly completed sheep barn is now housing 16 purebred Hampshire yearling ewes, recently brought here from Statesville. The cattle barn is also nearing completion and as soon as it is ready, 30 Hereford heifers will be brought here, Mr. Miller explained.

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This Guernsey Bull To Be Given Away



The fine young registered Guernsey bull pictured above will be given away free at the consignment sale to be held in Sparta on Friday, June 8. The animal is being given by Y. C. Collins, owner of the Cedarrock Farms, Salisbury, to a lucky buyer.

Cpl. Kyle Mabe Released After Five Months Internment By Germans

Cpl. Kyle L. Mabe, of Furches, calmly twirled a medal he had "captured" from a German brigadier general, as he related the story of his experiences of five months' internment in a Nazi prison camp.

The Alleghany corporal, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Mabe, was liberated from the Germans by the twelfth division of the First army on April 28 and returned to his home at Furches this week, after five months harrowing experiences with the "master-men" of Germany.

The lack of food and clothing as well as the sight of German atrocities fell his lot along with all other prisoners of war, following his capture in the battle of the Hurtgen Forest in Belgium on December 17 as the Allies began the break-through of the Siegfried line, he stated. All those who could walk were taken prisoner, but those who had been wounded were disposed of, he said as he told of a buddy who had been wounded in the foot. "They shot him eight times through the head."

A Starvation Diet

Their quarters, a former German military barn, which had been used to shelter horses, was badly crowded with 900 prisoners in the building which was 100x500 feet. In the morning they were given a cup of black coffee made from burned barley, for dinner a half cup of soup which was nothing but broiled potatoes in water and for supper one loaf of bread for every seven men and three baked potatoes.

"When I was liberated," Cpl. Mabe recalled, "I wore the same uniform in which I was captured." During that time he went without shaving for 60 days. When the Germans had captured him, they (Continued on Page 4)

MEETING OF HUNT CLUB IS CALLED FOR JUNE 8

A meeting of the Hunt Club of Alleghany county has been called for Friday night, June 8 at 8:30 o'clock at the Sparta courthouse, G. Glenn Nichols, temporary chairman, announced this week.

The purpose of the meeting, it was pointed out, is to elect permanent officers and to transact any business that might come before the body. The name of the club, Mr. Nichols said, will be changed to the Wildlife Club. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting.

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Postwar School Building Plans Are Being Made

New Buildings And Improvements Are Now Under Serious Consideration

When the war comes to a close and building materials and labor are available, Alleghany county school properties will be greatly improved, according to postwar plans now being mapped out for proposed improvements for both the larger and smaller schools.

A request has been made by the county board of education and a group of influential citizens interested in the schools, that the county commissioners make a levy to include the postwar building program under consideration.

A number of new buildings, standard toilet facilities, a consolidated program and many repairs are included in the plans.

It was pointed out by Supt. Clyde Fields that many of the buildings are in bad repair and very poorly equipped. Due to wartime conditions, the amount of repair work on these buildings has been limited.

The need for a new elementary school building at Sparta, many repairs and in some cases new buildings throughout the county are under consideration. A consolidated school for negroes is also badly needed, it was pointed out.

Beef Payment Is Given By AAA

Chairman Collins Requests That Cattlemen Keep Records

Announcement of the Beef Production Payment program by the War Food Administration, effective May 19, 1945, has been received by C. G. Collins, Chairman, Alleghany AAA Committee.

In explaining the program, the AAA leader pointed out that the payment rate will be 50 cents per hundredweight for good and choice cattle owned and fed by the applicant at least 30 days prior to selling. "Cattle are required to weigh 800 pounds (liveweight) or more, and to be sold to a licensed slaughterer," he added.

"Payment will probably be made similar to those earned under the dairy production payment program and cattlemen are urged to keep accurate records of sales," Mr. Collins declared.

"Cattlemen will be furnished complete information relative to details of the program as soon as it is receiving by the Alleghany AAA Committee," he concluded.

Total Of 130 Will Finish 7th. Grade In County Schools

Rural Carriers Will Meet Here On Friday Night

Woman's Auxiliary To Be Held; Election Of Officers Scheduled

The Alleghany County Rural Carriers Association will meet here tomorrow night at eight o'clock at the community building for the annual banquet meeting.

Ed M. Anderson, publisher, will speak to the group on the recent increase in salary for rural carriers and I. W. Wagoner, Ennice carrier, will discuss the pension plan. In addition, a round-table discussion on current problems will be held.

Lon M. Reeves, president of the association, announced that the annual election of officers was also scheduled.

The Woman's Auxiliary, with Mrs. Carl Irwin presiding, will hold a brief meeting.

In addition to carriers and their wives, several guests of the association are expected to be present.

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

Special Commencement Programs Planned; Details Are Given

With 130 students, 120 from the white schools and 10 from the colored schools, finishing the seventh grade in the various elementary schools of the county this year, most of the closing exercises and presentation of certificates will take place June 8 and 9.

The exercises at the two high schools, Sparta and Piney Creek, will be brief with the awarding of certificates constituting the main program.

Laurel Springs, Little Pine and Rich Hill, the three largest elementary schools, have planned elaborate closing exercises in the form of commencement programs.

Rev. Worth Sweet, pastor of the Laurel Springs Methodist charge, will deliver the main address at Laurel Springs on Friday morning, June 8, at 10:30 o'clock. The salutatory speech will be given by Wendell Moxley and the valedictory by Reba Brown. The class will, by Hiram Cox, will be followed by a reading, "Just Books," by Rosalie Blevins and "The Last Day" by John Miller. Principal F. T. Hart will present certificates to the seven members of the class, four boys and three girls.

Little Pine school, with the largest class of the three, will (Continued on Page Four)

War Bond Sales In County Are Lagging, Report Shows

Bond sales in Alleghany county are lagging considerably with only \$30,437.50 reported late yesterday afternoon on the quota of \$110,000.00 assigned the county in the Seventh War Loan. This leaves \$79,562.50 yet to be sold.

A bond rally will be held at Little Pine school on Saturday night, June 2 at eight o'clock when the Glade Creek quota of \$12,000.00 is expected to be raised. I. W. Wagoner, chairman of that township, announced this week. A number of German rifles, flags, bayonets and helmets will be on display there and string music will be furnished by the Smith Brothers' band. S. R. Nichols, county drive chairman, will speak briefly at the rally.

Mr. Wagoner urged that all those who are expecting to buy bonds in this drive attend the rally and put Glade Creek over the top.

From Whitehead township Mrs. Lonnie Edwards, who is serving with R. E. Richardson, chairman, reports the sale of \$1,300.00. The bonds have been bought in honor of various Alleghany men in service, Mrs. Edwards reports. Mrs. Carrie V. Fender, \$300.00 in honor of Lonnie Lee Edwards, MAMM 1-C, Pvt. Hassel Hoppers and Robert Bryan Fender, U. S. N.; Mrs. T. L. Grayson, \$300.00 in honor of Robert Bryan Fender, U. S. N., Sgt. Uienfill A. Hines, Jr., and Thomas M. Sprinkle, S. 2-C; Lonnie Edwards, \$400.00 in honor of Pvt. Edward K. Caudill, Lonnie Lee Edwards, MAMM 1-C and Charlie Dale Edwards, S-1C; H. C. Cheek, \$100.00 in honor of William C. Jarvis, H. A. 2-C and Mrs. Lonnie Edwards, \$100.00 in honor of Lonnie L. Edwards, MAMM 1-C.

The Sparta post office reports \$12,337.50 and the Northwestern Bank, \$18,000.00.

Sparta And Piney Creek Graduation Plans Announced

McKnight To Speak At Sparta And Dr. Stokes At Piney Creek

There are 58 seniors who are receiving diplomas from the three high schools of Alleghany county this year. Of this number, 37 are girls and 21 boys.

Most of the commencement exercises were cut short because of wartime conditions and some of the programs are being held in the morning and afternoon instead of in the evening.

Piney Creek Program

Finals at Piney Creek will open on Sunday evening at 8:30 o'clock June 3 when Rev. B. L. Chastain, pastor of First Methodist Church at Independence, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon. The graduating exercises will be held Friday evening, June 8 at 8:30 with eight seniors to be awarded diplomas. The valedictory address will be delivered by Bytha Sturgill while Edwin Wyatt will give the salutatory. The commencement address will be delivered by Dr. J. L. Stokes, of Elkin and the presentation of diplomas will be made by Supt. Clyde Fields.

The exercises at Piney Creek will be brought to a close Saturday. (Continued on Page Four)

59 Teachers In County This Yr.

Alleghany Has Been Fortunate In Keeping Experienced Teachers

Alleghany county now has a total of 55 white teachers and principals and four colored teachers who are completing a successful school year. This brings the total up to 59 for the county.

While the war has resulted in a shortage of teachers, this county has been fortunate in the past year in having for the most part, well trained teachers with experience. Because of the times, it has been necessary to employ some with emergency certificates; but as a whole, the high ratings of the county teachers have been maintained.

Women have long outnumbered men and because of the war, the number of men in the profession continues to decrease. This year there are 7 to the 52 women.

In the central schools, Sparta and Piney Creek have the largest group of teachers with 20 at Sparta and 13 at Piney Creek.

It was explained that eighth grade teachers are counted in the elementary department and that the two agriculture teachers were not included in the total for the county.

Supt. Fields pointed out that the county lost one elementary teacher in the allotment this year due to the decrease in attendance in district one.

Enrollment In Schools Is 1,872

The total enrollment of the three high schools, together with the 17 one, two, and three-teacher schools in Alleghany county this year is 1,872. Of this number, 894 are in high school and 1,878 in the grades.

This is approximately the same as it has been for the past three years with a slight decrease under last year. This decrease is small, however, and is considered normal, since many students have dropped out of school to enter the armed forces. Others, with their families, have moved to other sections to work in war production plants.

In the lower grades, as in the high school, the girls outnumber the boys. In the total enrollment in the grades there are 798 girls and 798 boys.