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Alleghany More Than Doubles War Bond Quota

Want Squirrel Season To Open On September 1

Wild Life Club Holds Meeting, Plans Made, Committees Appointed

A resolution asking the game commission of North Carolina to change the squirrel season in this county from the fifteenth of September to the first of September was adopted at a meeting of the Alleghany Wild Life Club last Friday night at the courthouse.

In the absence of the president, Dr. C. A. Thompson, G. Glenn Nichols, presided. On motion, a secretary, Raymond Miles, was unanimously elected to serve with other officers of the club.

Several committees were appointed and plans were discussed for a fish fry at the next regular meeting on the last Friday in July. The committee to make an investigation for a five-day open season on buck deer in this county, consisted of Paul Miles, Robert Edwards and A. B. Richardson. Appointed to serve on a committee with the president and vice-president for planning the fish fry were Lawrence Reeves, Chap Edwards, Paul Sturgill and Robert Edwards.

C. W. Higgins, of Greensboro, and formerly of this county, was a visitor at the meeting and said of the club, "I know of nothing for which I had rather spend two dollars than a membership card in this club."

The Wild Life Club now has 42 members and many others are expected to join at the next meeting. All members who have paid their dues can get their membership cards at the Western Auto Store from Mr. Nichols, it was pointed out. Officials also stated that if anyone wanted to join the club before the next meeting that Mr. Nichols would collect the dues and present them with a membership card.

Sgt. Andrews Is Buried In France

Details Of Death Of Alleghany Man In Europe Are Received Here

Mrs. Charles G. Andrews recently received additional information on the death of her son, Sgt. Claude W. Andrews, who was killed in action in France on August 28, it was learned here this week.

Sgt. Andrews went overseas in December, 1943, as a radio operator and repairing telephone lines. On August 28 he was sent out to make repairs or to lay a new line through a battle area. The action was taking place in a wheat field and a German shell burst just at the edge of the foxhole where the young Alleghany soldier was lying. A shell fragment struck him in the back and when medical aid reached him, he was partially covered by dirt in the foxhole. A friend who relayed the information to his mother reported that Sgt. Andrews died 15 minutes later at the battalion aid station where the best possible medical attention was given.

Sgt. Andrews was buried in the U. S. Military cemetery at St. James, France, Plot G, Row 2, Grave 47. Mrs. Andrews has received the Purple Heart, which was awarded Sgt. Andrews posthumously.

He entered service in October, 1941 at Fort Bragg. He was a graduate of Sparta high school.

A Quiet July 4 Observed Here

July 4 was marked by its quietness rather than any celebration in Alleghany, yesterday.

Most of the business houses, banks and public offices were closed throughout the day.

People went quietly about their business or remained at home to rest. Grocery stores reported advance plans for picnics. A number of people went to nearby places for swimming. No accidents were reported during the day.

Japan Given Heavy Bombing; Invaders Advance On Borneo

NEW WELFARE SUPT.



Frank M. Ledbetter, who assumed his duties as Alleghany County Welfare Superintendent here on July 2.

Ledbetter Is Now Superintendent Of Welfare Dept.

Mrs. Ledbetter Will Accept Position As County Health Nurse

Frank M. Ledbetter assumed his duties of superintendent of public welfare of Alleghany county here this week, filling a vacancy that has existed since last fall. In addition to a superintendent of welfare, the county has secured the services of a county health nurse, Mrs. Frank M. Ledbetter, who will begin her work here on July 15.

Mr. Ledbetter, who is originally from Graham county, has been associated with the Montgomery (Continued on Page 8)

Flower Show To Be Held July 20

The Sparta Woman's Club will hold a flower show at the community building here on July 20, at the regular monthly meeting, Mrs. A. V. Choate, president, announced this week.

The show will consist of arrangements of cut flowers for various rooms and occasions, potted plants, arrangements of wild flowers, ferns and mosses and of individual specimens, Mrs. Choate pointed out.

It was explained that the club (Continued on Page 4)

New Firestone Store On Main Street



Shown above is a front view of the new Firestone Store which opened here recently under the ownership of Claude Miles, Wayne Waddell and Alton Thompson. The store is located on Main Street next to the Alleghany Motor Co. garage building. (Staff Photo)

More Than 450 Planes Strike Industrial Cities Of Japan

Four fleets of B-29's, totaling between 450 and 500 planes, struck four target cities on Honshu and Shikoku islands on Japan with nearly 3,000 tons of fire bombs in predawn darkness yesterday.

The mission brought to 2,400 the total number of sorties flown by planes of the 21st Bomber Command against Japan in nine days.

Three cities in Shikoku—Tokushima, Takamatsu and Kochi—were hit with fire bombs for the first time.

The fourth city attacked was Himeji, on Honshu, across the Inland Sea from Shikoku.

Twenty-six Japanese industrial cities now have been fire-blitzed by the Super Forts, which have made 37 incendiary missions from the Marianas.

Australian troops have seized two major airfields near Balikpapan, Australian reports said yesterday as Gen. Douglas MacArthur's invasion forces drove within three-fourths of a mile of the great Balikpapan refineries and extended their beachhead to a six- (Continued on Page Four)

W. J. Bean Marts Open This Week

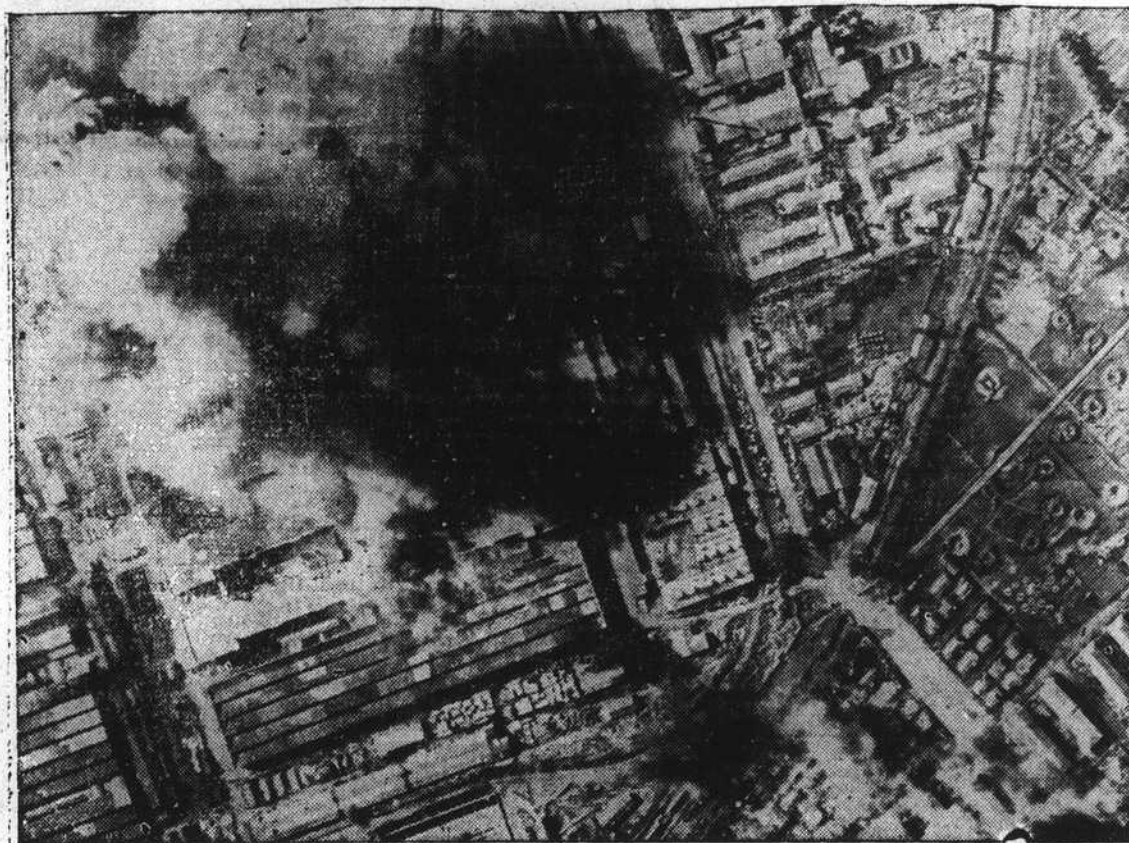
Indications Are That The Demand And Prices Will Be Better Than Ever

West Jefferson — (Special) — The 1945 bean season in this section will get underway this week as both of the local auction markets open. And according to preliminary surveys, the season should be very successful.

According to a report from the county agent's office, around 200,000 bushels of beans were sold on the local markets last year for an average of \$1.90 per bushel, bringing an income of around \$380,000.00. This year, an initial survey reveals that the demand as well as the price is expected to be equally as good. According to farm surveys, there is a slight increase in acreage this year.

West Jefferson has two separate markets, the Ashe Bean Market, which was started after the season opened last year, and the Farmers' Bean and Vegetable Market, now going into its third season. The Ashe Bean Market, which is owned and operated by R. W. Colvard and W. R. Roten, will be officially opened today. The Farmers' Bean and Vegetable (Continued on Page 4)

American Bombers Pay Flying Visit To Tokyo



Navy bombing planes have just scored direct hits in an attack on an aircraft engine plant, during a strike on the Tokyo area. (Official U. S. Navy Photo)

Start Hearings On Charter On Monday, July 9

Party Lines Expected To Be Dropped Before Momentous Plan

Republicans as well as Democrats are expected to favor the United Nations Charter, according to advance commitments.

Hearings on the document begin next Monday before the Foreign Relations Committee. Present plans call for winding them up in two weeks, with the aim of voting on the proposal by mid-August.

Senator Bushfield (R-SD) told the Senate yesterday the Charter contains a half-dozen "glaring faults," but that he will support it nevertheless.

"I shall support it," he said, "because I dare not face my soldier son, nor the millions of soldier sons throughout the world, if I fail to do what I can to stop the senseless, maniacal slaughter (Continued on Page 8)

Crouse Resigns As County Agent

Plans Made For Continuing Vocational Agriculture At Jefferson School

West Jefferson — (Special) — At a meeting of the Ashe county board of commissioners, Monday, Roy H. Crouse, who has served as county agent since February, 1942, offered his resignation, which was accepted with reluctance by officials and L. E. Tuckwiller was named as his successor. According to the present plans, the change becomes effective August 1.

The commissioners also voted appropriations necessary to secure an assistant home demonstration agent, who will work with Miss Doris Whitesides. In connection with the agricultural (Continued on Page 8)

NEW REGULATIONS ON OVERSEAS MAIL

Because of limited shipping conditions and to cut down surplus mail not requested by men in foreign service, the U. S. Post Office department has announced a special regulation concerning new and renewal subscriptions to newspapers.

According to the regulation, all new or renewal subscriptions to this paper for men in service out of the continental United States, must now be accompanied by a request bearing the signature of the person to whom the paper is being sent.

The attention of subscribers is called to this regulation.

Curb Market Off To Good Start As Season Is Opened; Many Women Cooperating

Local Officers Arrest Wilkes Man For Murder

Captured At Home Of Alf Wagoner Here After A Three-Day Search

Roy Osborne, of Wilkes county, who is alleged to have shot and killed his brother, Tom Osborne, on Sunday, was captured here Tuesday night by local officers at the home of Alf Wagoner near the Alleghany prison camp.

He was placed in the Sparta jail and was carried back to Wilkesboro yesterday by Sheriff C. G. Poindexter, of Wilkes county, where he is being held on murder (Continued on Page 4)

Edward Weaver Listed Missing

Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Weaver, of Galax, Va., received a message from the Adjutant General of the U. S. Army last Tuesday night stating that their second son, Staff Sergeant Edward M. Weaver, has been missing in action over Osaka Island since June 1.

S.-Sgt. Weaver was a radio operator on a B-29 Superfortress and he had made a number of missions to Japan from his base on Saipan.

He entered the service on April (Continued on Page Four)

Sgt. Richardson, Back From Europe, Praises Mountains

"There is no place like the mountains of Western North Carolina," S.-Sgt. Arzie Richardson said over and over as he told of his experiences with the Eighth Air Force in the European theater of operations.

S.-Sgt. Richardson, who is spending a 30 day furlough here before going to the Pacific, completed 16 missions during his eight and one-half months overseas. He was stationed in England during that time and was a tail gunner on a B-25 Liberator.

In answer to a question on his most exciting experience, he quickly stated "December 11 over Frankfurt, Germany." S.-Sgt. Richardson recalled vividly the crash landing made northeast of Metz, France, after the plane had been shot down. "It took us two weeks to get back to our base even though we happened to land in allied territory."

Sales On Opening Day Are Far Ahead Of Those Of Last Year

The Roaring Gap curb market, sponsored by the home demonstration club women of Alleghany county, got off to a good start last Friday when sales for the day amounted to \$166.21, Mrs. Isom Wagoner, home agent and director of the market, announced this week.

With 21 women selling on the market, the total receipts of the day more than tripled the first day's sales for last year, when eight women sold products amounting to \$50.00. The market started its second year of operation when it opened on Friday.

Many improvements have been made and the club women are better prepared for operating the market this year, Mrs. Wagoner pointed out, stating that all those selling wore new white uniforms and that the tables used for display (Continued on Page Four)

PLAN BIBLE SCHOOL FOR LIBERTY CHURCH

A Vacation Bible School and revival will be held at Liberty Baptist church at Whitehead beginning Sunday night, July 8, it was announced this week.

The Bible school will be under the direction of Mrs. Gertrude Blevins and all children between the ages of four and sixteen are urged to attend.

Rev. G. R. Blackburn will conduct the revival. The public is cordially invited to attend each service.

\$224,000.00 Has Been Reported; Record Is Made

Alleghany Was Among First In State To Surpass E Bond Quota

Alleghany county has more than doubled her quota of \$110,000.00 in the Seventh War Loan Drive which ended June 30, with more than \$224,000.00 reported by sources of sales yesterday.

A total of \$90,780.00 in E bonds was reported, putting the county over the E bond quota of \$86,000 by more than \$4,000.00, officials stated.

Of the total sales, \$4,730 were purchased by Alleghany men in service, Chairman S. R. Nichols reported.

Chairman Nichols again pointed out that Alleghany county, one of the first counties in the state to meet the E bond quota, had made an enviable record in overall sales. "We are proud of this record and of the news of our county record that will go to our fighting men all over the world," he said.

It was announced that all townships had exceeded the quotas assigned them.

From Whitehead township the following sales were reported:

Mrs. Thomas H. King, \$100.00 in honor of Major Thomas H. King; \$50 in honor of Robert Bryan Fender, U. S. N. Tech.; Thomas H. King, Jr., \$100.00 in honor of Major Thomas H. King; Mrs. Flora Jane Taylor, \$50.00 and Miss Ivazelle Taylor, \$50.00.

Bible School Program Friday

Mrs. Blevins In Charge; Public Is Cordially Invited To Attend

The Vacation Bible School of the Sparta Baptist church will present a commencement program on Friday evening, July 6 at 8:15 o'clock with a large number of students taking part, Mrs. Gertrude Blevins announced yesterday.

The program will open with a devotional service by Susie Sturdivant which will be followed by a welcome by Eugenia Hickerson. A song, "Onward Christian Soldiers" by the entire group will follow.

Highlighting the program will be a Professor Quiz contest with Jr. Caldwell acting as the Professor. He will be introduced by Ralph Ivey. A special duet will be rendered by Robert Fox and Terrel Johnson.

A short playlet, "The Way of the Cross," written by Mrs. Blevins, will climax the program. The following students will present the playlet: Sara Ann Hickerson, Norma Jane Edwards, Georgia Wagoner, Emmalee Mitchell, Edith Mae Hampton and Marjorie Truitt.

Mrs. Blevins announced that the attendance had been excellent with 101 enrolled in the classes. Teachers are as follows: Mrs. James Hoppers, primary; Mrs. Walter Johnson, beginners; Miss Lessie Goodman, junior girls; Rev. Brice Barton, junior boys; Miss Edna Edwards, intermediate girls and Mrs. Blevins, intermediate boys.

Sgt. Richardson Home On Furlough

S.-Sgt. Earl Richardson has arrived in this country from England where he has been serving with Doolittle's Eighth Air Force since last November and is spending a furlough at his home. S.-Sgt. Richardson, an armed gunner on a B-24, completed his tour of missions, which included targets over oil refineries, railway yards, ammunition dumps and some tactical missions in direct support of the ground forces in the "Battle of the Bulge" in December. He has the Presidential citation, the Air Medal with three battle stars and the good conduct medal. After a thirty-day furlough, S.-Sgt. Richardson will report for reassignment at Sioux Falls, S. D. He is the son of Mrs. Ethelyn E. Richardson, of Whitehead.