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## Royal Child Is Drowned On Sat. At Roaring Gap

### Dies Despite Heroic Efforts To Restore Life; Funeral Held Sunday

Little Christine Royal, 17-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Royal, of Roaring Gap, was drowned Saturday morning in a swollen stream near her home, as she attempted to cross a foot log to get to her mother who was working on the other side of the stream.

The little girl was the youngest of five children of Mr. and Mrs. Royal, and according to reports, she had been left in the care of an older child, who went inside the house for a few minutes to tie up a cut finger. While left alone, the tiny girl toddled off into the creek and was swept a distance downstream. It is understood that the mother found the body.

For two hours, Miss Jean Vivian Stockton, of Winston-Salem, and Miss Ann Upchurch, of the staff of Girl Scout Camp Shirley Rogers at Roaring Gap, waged a losing battle to bring breath back to the little girl by artificial respiration. They were relieved only when the Elkin rescue squad arrived with a pulmotor.

The pulmotor worked perfectly from the time it was applied, but all efforts to restore the pulse of the child failed. The work of the two staff members and of the rescue squad was warmly praised by physicians from Roaring Gap, stating that they had done all that was humanly possible to effect revival of the little girl.

Funeral service was conducted Sunday at Mt. Carmel church at Roaring Gap with Rev. Claude Bartley, officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

## Complete Plans For Big Lamb Show To Be Held Next Wed.

Plans are now being completed for the lamb show which will be held on the lawn of the community building here next Wednesday, August 1, under the sponsorship of the Sparta Grange, officials announced this week.

Any member of the 4-H club or FFA club is eligible to enter lambs in the show, it was announced. The first show of its kind ever to be held in this county, it is expected to be well attended and much interest is being shown by the general public as well as those boys and girls who expect to enter lambs in the show.

Many prizes will be offered, and all lambs grading good or choice will be awarded prizes, R. E. Black, county agent, and member of the arrangements committee for the show, announced.

A prize of \$5.00, donated by Wil Miller, will be given for the best pair of twin lambs in the show. Another prize of \$500 will be given for the best pair of lambs whether twin or not, provided they are owned by exhibitor. For the grand champion lamb of the show, a prize of \$10.00, donated by J. Hort Doughton, has been offered. Any additional prizes will be given by the Sparta Grange.

The public is invited to attend the show and a special invitation is extended to those farmers who donated ewes to the 4-H and FFA.

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## Final Rites Held For Mrs. Hudson

### Alleghany Woman Dies In Maryland Following Long Illness

Mrs. Alma R. Hudson, Alleghany county woman, age 68, died early Friday morning, July 13, from complications of diabetes, at the home of her son, Dr. Willard P. Hudson, of Forest Hill, Maryland. She had been in ill health for several years and during the past four years had made her home in Maryland.

Surviving the deceased are her husband, William Sherman Hudson, of Sparta; six sons, Dr. Willard P. Hudson, Forest Hill, Md.; Kenneth W. Hudson, Sparta; Dr. Clifford F. Hudson, Fork, Md.; Clinton C. Hudson, Omaha, Neb.; Cpl. Lloyd T. Hudson, England; and Herman R. Hudson, Sparta; one brother, Herman Rost, Fairplay, Colo.; and two sisters, Mrs. Silas Rogers, Fairplay, Colo., and Mrs. Henry Watters, Goodland, Kan.

Funeral service was conducted at the home of her son, Dr. Willard P. Hudson, Forest Hill, Md., on Monday, July 16, at 11:00 o'clock by Rev. F. E. Thompson, assisted by Rev. R. L. Mowbray. Interment was in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Those serving as pallbearers were: Mr. Roland War, Thomas L. Edwards, Samuel A. Spicer, Sabe A. Richardson, Vernon Bachman and Charles Breidenbaugh.

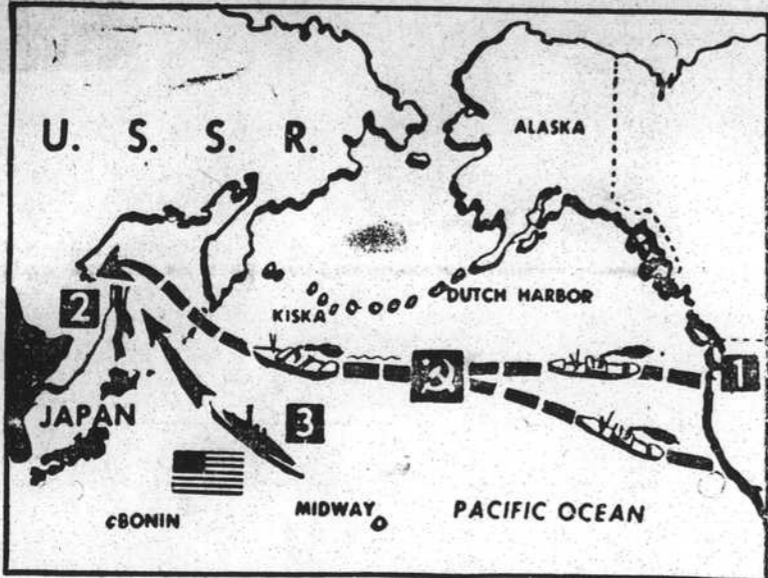
## Mrs. Busic Dies In Roanoke, Mon.

Funeral service for Mrs. Willie Reeves Busic, 35, wife of Lonnie Busic, was conducted yesterday afternoon at the First Baptist church in Galax, with Rev. Herbert R. Carlton, officiating. Burial followed in the Cranberry cemetery near Laurel Springs.

Mrs. Busic, who died Monday night at the Jefferson hospital, Roanoke, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Reeves, of Laurel Springs. Educated in Alleghany schools, Mrs. Busic taught in the Sparta schools for some time and for a number of years she had made her home in Galax, Va.

Surviving in addition to her husband and parents is one sister, Mrs. Eugene Shepherd, of Laurel Springs.

## All Roads Now Lead To Tokyo



Here are some points on the map that may lead to an early defeat of Japan: (1) Heavy shipping from west coast; (2) possible aid from Manchuria; (3) continued raids from newly captured bases in the Pacific.

## Alleghany Men Are Classified By Local Board

### Prizes Will Be Given; Show To Be Sponsored By The Sparta Grange

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- I-C (Disc): Ceibert Maxwell, John W. Richardson, Clarence M. Edwards, Walter Brinegar, Ernest H. Taylor and Helton L. Cochran.
- 2-A: Nelson McMillan.
- 2-A (F): Joe W. Finney and James A. Mabe.
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## Joines Cleared In Trial Friday

Ray Joines, charged with manslaughter in the death of Charlie McMillan, who was killed in an automobile accident here July 14, was pronounced "not guilty" in a hearing before justice of the peace G. Glenn Nichols, here, last Friday afternoon.

According to evidence given at the trial, McMillan was driving on the wrong side of the road when the accident occurred. Joines was driving a trailer truck which belonged to Reid Hampton.

Witnesses at the trial included

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## Pfc. Cleve Andrews Is Freed From Nazi Internment Camp

Echoing the sentiments of all other returned prisoners of war, Pfc. Cleve Andrews, of Sparta, this week, praised the work of the American Red Cross in getting food to American men in Nazi internment camps.

Captured on January 22, 1943, at Cassino, Pfc. Andrews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Andrews, was first reported missing in action. About 11 months after his capture along with a number of other Americans he was taken to Stalag 2-B near the Polish border, where he met Pfc. Hale Truitt, another Alleghany soldier, who was a prisoner of war of the Germans for 27 months.

"We saw each other almost every day," he said, "but we were separated into different groups for the march to Gustrup, Germany, when we were on the road 38 days, traveling a distance of

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The aged man, who had made his home at various places in the county for a number of years, part time with Blake Hampton and part time with Mrs. Gilham, is survived by only one daughter, Mrs. Olga Fulton, of Wise, Va.

## M-Sgt. Nichols Gets Discharge

### Has Served 42 Months In Army, Nine Months Overseas In Pacific

"It's the only time in my life that my age has been any advantage to me," said M-Sgt. Robert Nichols yesterday as he pushed his new sports hat further back on his head where a G. I. hat has rested for the past 42 months.

M-Sgt. Nichols, popular Sparta man, was recently discharged from the U. S. Army, after 42 months service and nine months duty overseas on Tinian Island in the Mariana group in the Pacific.

"I'm just resting and taking everything easy for awhile," the discharged Alleghany soldier continued, "and believe me, it's great to be back here."

"And by the way, just for the record, these gray hairs and bald head were not caused by worry over women," he laughed, sounding exactly like the proverbial Master Sergeant letting a group of new recruits know where they stand.

## Lamb Pool Is To Be Held Here Next Thursday

### Schedule For Collection Is Announced By County Agent

A cooperative lamb pool will be held in Alleghany county on Thursday, August 2, with all lambs to be sold to Swift and Company, R. E. Black, county agent, announced this week.

The lambs will be loaded at North Wilkesboro, he stated. Any farmer wishing to haul his own lambs may deliver them to the loading point there and will be paid according to weight when delivered, he pointed out.

The schedule for gathering the lambs is as follows:

Grader No. 1: J. C. Gambill, 8:00 a. m.; J. R. Gambill, 8:45 a. m.; Elk Creek, 9:45 a. m.; Fielden Ward, 10:30 a. m.; John C. Halsey, 11:15 a. m.; C. L. Hash, 12 Noon; S. M. Mitchell, 1:30 p. m.; S. C. Richardson, 2:15 p. m.; Etta Moxley, 3:15 p. m.; C. T. Edwards, 4:00 p. m.; H. G. Black, 4:30 p. m.; D. J. Jones, 5:30 p. m.; Barnard Church, 6:15 p. m.; and Prather's Creek, 6:45 p. m.

Grader No. 2: Lee Hampton, 8:00 a. m.; R. L. Crouse, 8:45 a. m.; Ruby Woodruff, 9:15 a. m.; T. L. Crouse, 10:00 a. m.; Kell Edwards, 10:45 a. m.; Coy Richardson, 12 Noon; Bob Thompson, 1:30 p. m.; R. N. Hollaway, 2:00 p. m.; Whitehead, 2:30 p. m.; Lonnie Edwards, 3:00 p. m.; Eddie Hoppers, 3:30 p. m.; W. W. Warden Mt., 4:30 p. m.; W. F. Doughton, 6:00 p. m.; and M. E. Reeves, 6:30 p. m.

The last shipment of lambs made on July 6 and sold to Swift and Company, proved very satisfactory with top lambs selling for \$15.75 per hundred at the loading point, Mr. Black stated. The cost of marketing the lambs, including trucking charges, was only 26 cents per head, he explained.

## Dean Richardson Is Injured Sat.

### Son Of Mr. And Mrs. R. E. Richardson Is Accidentally Shot Here

Dean Richardson, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Richardson, of Whitehead, was seriously injured here last Saturday afternoon when a .32 pistol he was handling, accidentally went off, shooting him through the left side just below the heart. The bullet went through the body, lodging in the back of the seat of the automobile in which he was riding at the time of the accident.

According to reports, young Richardson was riding with his father through town when he picked up the gun from the seat of the car and it accidentally discharged. He was rushed to the Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital in Elkin, where his condition is reported to be slightly improved.

Dean, a popular member of Sparta's younger set, was scheduled to enter the armed forces today, after volunteering for service several months ago. He has attended Oak Ridge Military Institute, Oak Ridge, for the past year and one-half and is a graduate of Sparta high school.

## Outgoing And Incoming Mayors



R. F. Crouse, left, who resigned this week as mayor of the town of Sparta, and Alton Thompson, right, who was named to fill the unexpired term left by Crouse.

## Japanese Warships Damaged In Raid; Great Kure Base Hit

American and British carrier planes heavily damaged two Japanese battleships, two aircraft carriers and three cruisers in coordinated attacks on Japan's great Kure naval base and at a Shikoku island port Tuesday.

Admiral Nimitz, in a communique, disclosed that the bombing and bombardment of the Japanese homeland was carried out on its eighth day of the past 15 when cruisers and destroyers moved close inshore early and shelled a seaplane base and an airfield on Southwestern Honshu.

Just one hour later, he issued a second communique reporting that American and British carrier planes renewed their heavy attacks on Japanese warships and merchant vessels at dawn yesterday.

The new carrier attacks centered in the Kure naval region and at Kobe. Other military targets were objectives.

Adm. William F. Halsey said yesterday his third fleet's mighty offensive was the beginning of the "final plunge into the heart of the Japanese empire" and warned the people of Nippon that

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## British Leave Parley To Get Return Of Votes

The Big Three conference paused temporarily late yesterday while British leaders go home to learn election results and discover who shall speak finally for Britain in the history-charting negotiations.

Prime Minister Churchill, Foreign Secretary Eden, and Clement Attlee, Labor party leader, flew to London for today's announcement of the July 5 balloting.

On Friday at the earliest the victor is expected back—either Churchill, the Conservative party head, with Eden still his foreign expert, or Attlee with a new foreign secretary of his choosing.

A formal British announcement said, "there is no question of the Berlin conference being over by Wednesday when the prime minister, the foreign secretary, and Mr. Attlee are returning to England for the election results."

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## Flower Exhibit Sponsored By Woman's Club Is Big Success

The flower exhibit sponsored here last Friday by the Sparta Woman's Club was an outstanding success with more than 55 club members and guests present.

Summer residents of Roaring Gap acted as judges in the contest and Mrs. Lan Franche, of New York, spoke informally to the group on flower arrangements. She also discussed the arrangements entered in the exhibits, pointing out the fine points and criticizing those that were not good.

Assisting Mrs. Franche in judging the exhibits were: Mrs. Ralph Hanes and Mrs. Gray, both of Winston-Salem, and Mrs. Wallace, of New York.

Winning ribbons in the various contests were:

For living room arrangements: Mrs. Walter Osborne, blue ribbon; Miss Pearl Fields, red ribbon; for

## Crouse Resigns As Town Mayor; Thompson Named

### Outgoing Mayor Has Brought Many Improvements To Town During 15 Years

R. F. Crouse, mayor of the town of Sparta for the past 15 years, tendered his resignation at a meeting of the Town Council held here at the courthouse, Tuesday night.

Alton Thompson, well-known Sparta man and cashier of the Northwestern Bank, here, was named to serve in the office of mayor for the unexpired term which ends in May, 1947. Thompson has not yet taken the oath of office, however.

Mr. Crouse, prominent attorney and well-known legislator, stated that his resignation was necessitated by his appointment to the North Carolina board of Conservation and Development recently.

Crouse first served as mayor of Sparta in 1923 for a period of a few years, following which Geo. Cheek, Eugene Transou and T. R. Burgess filled the office. Then in 1930 he was again elected to the office in which he has served until this time.

During his tenure in the office of mayor, all sidewalks in the town of Sparta have been built and the water and sewerage system installed at a cost of over \$100,000.00. Mayor Crouse fought bitterly against much opposition for the installation of the water system, which was installed here in 1938-39. Also during his term in office the town debt has been reduced to \$21,000.00.

"Mayor Crouse has made an excellent record and we are indebted to him for his long years of faithful service," one official said this week.

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## Mrs. Fender, 73, Buried Tuesday

### Funeral And Burial Service Conducted At The Zion Primitive Baptist Church

Funeral service for Mrs. Christina Crouse Fender, 73, wife of the late Smith Fender, was held Tuesday, July 24, at Zion Primitive Baptist church with Elders J. C. Sparks and S. G. Caudill, officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Fender, the daughter of the late Freeland and Sara Crouse, died at her home at Sparta, Rt. 2, July 21, after an illness of several months.

She is survived by three sons, Reid Fender, of Sparta; Henry Fender, of Winston-Salem and Creed Fender, of Glade Valley; two stepsons, Arthur Fender, Austinville, Va., and Claude Fender, Shorts Creek, Va.; three brothers, Walter Crouse Furches; Glenn Crouse, Glade Valley and Duffey Crouse Sparta; four sisters, Docia Crouse, Sparta; Mrs. Margaret Brown, Mt. Airy; Mrs. Joe Sparks, Sparta and Mrs. Mary Brown, of Minnesota. Also surviving are 22 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Rufus Fender, Bertie R. Crouse, J. R. Edwards, Arvel Sparks, Bert Edwards and Coy Wolfe.

Flower girls were grandchildren: Norma Fender, Wilma Fender, Alma Fender, Bessie Fender, Madeline Fender and Ruth Moore.

## Baptists Canning For Orphanage

Mrs. Gene Irwin, chairman of the canning committee of the Alleghany Association for the Baptist orphanage, announced this week that 99 dozen cans had been received and were being distributed for filling.

The cans are being carried to the various eleven Baptist churches throughout the county by the pastors and are being distributed to the women in the churches, she pointed out. The women are asked to pick up the cans there.

Pointing out the needs of the orphanage, Mrs. Irwin stated that tomatoes and string beans were needed more than any other canned foods.

Mrs. Irwin also asked that the cans be turned in sometime during the month of September in order that they might be ready for shipment to the orphanage by October 1.