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Missionary Baptist Association Meets Next Week

147th Session Of Mountain Ass'n To Open Friday

Hundreds Expected To Attend Annual Primitive Baptist Association Here

The one hundred and forty-seventh annual session of the Mountain Primitive Baptist Association will convene here Friday morning at 11 o'clock at Little River church, for a three-day meeting.

Hundreds of visitors from North Carolina and other states are expected to attend the association. Eld. S. B. Roberts, of Galax, Va., is moderator; J. M. Rector, of Galax, clerk; and Lon M. Reeves, Sparta, assistant clerk.

The business session of the three-day meeting will be held on Friday morning at the church when the introductory sermon will be delivered. An afternoon session will also be held. The association will convene at 10 o'clock on both Saturday and Sunday mornings and at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoons, it was pointed out. Lunch will be served on the grounds Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

A number of visiting elders are expected to be present for the meeting, among them: Elds. Geo. Denny, Pilot Mountain; J. A. Fagg, Winston-Salem; Watt Tuttle, Danbury; D. P. Broadway, Salisbury; Eugene Nichols, Beckley, W. Va.; J. D. Vass, of Hillsville, Va., past moderator of the association; Ed Davis, Whitetop, Va.; Joel E. Marshall, Stuart, Va.; J. Harris, from the New River Association; and J. I. Bowling, Beckley, W. Va.

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Alleghany M On Expedition

Cayse Presnell On Perilous Journey Down, "River Of No Return"

With nine other United States engineers, Cayse Presnell, son of Eld. and Mrs. A. L. Presnell, of Sparta, is a member of an expedition on a perilous voyage down the Soloman "River of No Return," which has been traveled by no more than a dozen people in all history and is located in the most primitive area of Idaho.

The largest group ever to travel down the river was the National Geographic Society who made the trip in 1936. It was then classed as the wildest boat ride in America.

Lt. Commander Hicks, of Tennessee, heads the party now on the voyage and he states that when they arrive in Riggins, Idaho, in October or November that it will be the first trip ever made in this area by any type of engineers.

Young Presnell has for the past two months been employed by the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey at Salmon, Idaho, and Lewiston, Oregon. For the past two years he has been a student at Berry College, Mount Berry, Ga.

Lee Roy Holcomb Is Given Sentence

"Knocking on the jail house door," may be just a song to some people, but Lee Roy Holcomb, of Fries, Va., felt this week that perhaps he had learned the words too well.

Holcomb, who, according to reports from local officers, was "slightly intoxicated" Saturday night, was standing outside the filling station owned by Mack Atwood at Twin Oaks, when Glenn Richardson, deputy sheriff and town marshal, drove up. Holcomb walked up to the car and was asked where he was from and how he got to Twin Oaks, to which he is reported to have replied, "I walked from Fries, Va., and if you don't like it you know what you can do."

The intoxicated man waked up in the Sparta jail on Sunday morning and after a trial before B. F. Wagoner, was fined \$10.00 and cost, which he was not able to pay. He was then sentenced to 30 days on the public roads, a term which he is now serving.

Bradley Takes Over Vets Bureau



Gen. Omar Bradley shown as he was sworn in as Veterans' administrator, succeeding Brig. Gen. Frank Hines. Bradley, who commanded the U. S. 12th army group in Europe, was appointed by President Truman shortly after V-E Day.

27 Alleghany Men Lost Their Lives In World War II; Many Others Have Been Wounded

All Branches Of Service Are Represented; Many Women Also Take Part

Nearly four years of war took a heavy toll of Alleghany county men, with records to date showing a total of 27 killed in action, died from wounds received in action or other incidents related to war.

In all branches of the service, Alleghany county men and women have made outstanding records lives, for their county their nation.

Given here is a list of the war dead as published in this paper. If there are others omitted, this paper will be glad to have them sent in so that the complete list may be published.

S-Sgt. Charles Clinton LaRue, son of Mrs. Flora LaRue, of Piney Creek, was accidentally killed near Camp Rucker, Ala., on December 8, 1942. Issue, December 24, 1942.

Apprentice Seaman Howard Joines, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Joines, of Stratford, died from pneumonia and meningitis at the Great Lakes Naval Hospital, August 21, 1943. Issue, Aug. 26, 1943.

Pfc. Romey E. Lowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Haston Lowe, of Galax, Rt. 1, in Alleghany county, was killed in action in North Africa, July 29, 1943. Issue, Oct. 14, 1943.

T-5 Cpl. Walter Woodrow Blevins, (Continued on Page 4)

Baptist Pastor Arrives Here

Rev. F. G. Walker arrived here yesterday and will preach his first sermon as pastor at the Baptist church Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock, it was announced.

Mrs. Walker will assume her duties as a member of the faculty of Sparta high school on Monday, it was pointed out.

Rev. and Mrs. Walker come from Chesnes, S. C., where he has served as pastor for the past several years.

Work Carried On Through United War Fund Is Needed

Belief was expressed here by Left Joines, chairman of the Alleghany United War Fund, that the work of the National War Fund will have to continue for at least one year after V-J Day.

President Truman has given two reasons, Mr. Joines said, why the world-wide caucus supported through the National War Fund should be carried on with an undiminished sense of responsibility. In his radio address on the night of August 9, the President said:

"Victory in a great war is not something you can win once and for all, like victory in a ball game. Victory in a great war is something that must be won and kept won. It can be lost after you

Hon. R. F. Crouse To Address Wildlife Club Friday

Ladies Invited To Be Special Guests, At Meet; All Members To Attend

Hon. R. F. Crouse, chairman of the North Carolina Game and Fish Commission and Lt. Commander Thurmond Chatham, of the U. S. Navy, will be the principal speakers at the meeting of the Alleghany Wildlife club at the court-house here on Friday at 8:30 p. m., it was announced this week.

Ladies have been especially invited to attend the meeting and it was pointed out that the club will now accept ladies into membership.

Dr. C. A. Thompson, president, urged that all members be present and stated that membership to the club was still open to those who would like to join. Raymond Miles is secretary and Charlie Edwards, treasurer.

Give Final Date For Lime Orders

September 29 has been set for the closing date for accepting limestone orders at the AAA office, C. G. Collins, chairman of Alleghany AAA committee, announced this week.

Anyone who hasn't placed their orders for fall delivery should do so immediately. This closing date was set in order to eliminate having to cancel a great number of orders taken so late in the year that the contractor could not make delivery before it is too late for spreading, Mr. Collins said.

Communion service will be held at Osborne Memorial Baptist church on Sunday morning, September 2, at 11 a. m., with Rev. E. B. Barton in charge, it was announced this week. The public is cordially invited to attend the service.

County Schools Opened Monday; Good Attendance

All Teaching Positions Filled; Opening Exercises Are Held

All schools throughout Alleghany county opened on Monday morning with a total enrollment far exceeding that of last year, according to all reports and with every teaching position filled, Supt. Clyde Fields said yesterday.

Opening exercises were held in most of the schools with a large number of visitors present, it was pointed out.

Rev. C. W. Ervin spoke to the Sparta students, on "The Value of Learning." A special vocal selection, "The Gospel Train Am Comin'" was rendered by Miss Emogene Choate and Mrs. Tom Noland.

Some changes were made in the teaching positions throughout the county. A revised list of these teachers will be published next week.

ON WAY TO TOKYO



Lt. Gen. Jonathan Wainwright, who was released from a Jap prison after an ordeal lasting three years and three months, is now on the way to Tokyo for the signing of the official surrender.

Stores Will Be Closed Monday For Labor Day

All business houses and public offices in Sparta and throughout the county will be closed on Monday in observance of Labor Day, it was announced this week.

A number of people expect to observe this last holiday of the summer fishing, picnicing or staying home for a day of rest.

The Alleghany county commissioners, who were scheduled to meet on the first Monday, will postpone their meeting until Tuesday, it was pointed out. The schools throughout the county will remain open as usual.

The Northwestern Bank will be closed, it was announced. The B. and T. Drug Company will observe Sunday hours of one to five o'clock and the Sparta Bus Terminal will be open only for buses.

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Edwards Rites Held Saturday

Funeral service for Miss Flora Edwards, 73, of the Vox community, was held Saturday at the Glade Creek church with Elders Mac Tedder and W. H. Handy, officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Miss Edwards died at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. M. Moxley, of the Vox community on Thursday, August 23. She had been in ill health for several months. She had been a member of the Glade Creek church for the past 52 years.

The daughter of the late Creed and Elizabeth Edwards, of Hooker, she is survived by two sisters, Mrs. N. McKnight and Mrs. W. M. Moxley and several nieces and nephews. Pallbearers and flower girls were nephews and nieces of the deceased.

Reconversion Accomplished At Chester



Fluid drive reconversion shifting smoothly from war to peacetime production was launched at the huge Chester plant of the Ford Motor company, from which 30 days ago Sherman and other deadly tanks moved to the world's fighting fronts.

U. S. Flag Is Now Raised Over Tokyo; Wainwright Will Be With MacArthur For Signing

Final Rites For Wiley P. Irwin Are Held Sun.

Widely Known Alleghany Man Dies August 24, After Suffering Stroke

Wiley Preston Irwin, 79, widely known Alleghany county man, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Joines here, August 24, after suffering a stroke on Wednesday evening. He was unconscious from the time he became ill until his death.

Funeral service was conducted Sunday afternoon at Antioch Primitive Baptist church with Eld. C. R. Dancy and Eld. Binum Blevins in charge. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

"Uncle Wiley," as he was known here, was born in Alleghany county on February 4, 1866, the son of Tommy and Cina Irwin. He was married in December, 1888, to Osa Crouse, who died more than eight years ago. For the past thirty years he had been a member of the Antioch Primitive Baptist church.

Surviving are four daughters: (Continued from Page One)

Officers Search For Stolen Auto

Local officers are searching for an automobile which was stolen from Guy C. Wallace, of Roaring Gap, Monday night. Sheriff Jess Moxley said he had reason to believe that it was now in the possession of Cpl. Walter Miller, of Laurel Springs.

The theft was reported Tuesday morning by Wallace after he had missed the car. He reported that the keys had been taken from the house and stated that Cpl. Miller had been with him the evening before when the keys were placed on a mantel in the Wallace residence.

State police have been notified to be on the lookout for the '40 Dodge, Sheriff Moxley stated.

Expect Final Papers Will Be Signed This Week-end; Wainwright Cheerful

The mighty battleship Missouri, aboard which Japan's surrender will be signed, entered Tokyo Bay yesterday as the first American flag raised in victory over the soil of beaten Nippon caught the breeze within 18 miles of the Emperor's palace.

Admiral Halsey rode the 45,000-ton battlewagon into the bay at 7:08 a. m. (6:08 p. m. Tuesday, eastern war time) as great sea and air-borne forces were poised for large-scale occupation landings, backed by warships massing as far away as the Aleutians.

General MacArthur left Manila yesterday by plane for Okinawa on his way to his triumphal entry of Japan.

The unfolding of his master plan for the powerful occupation pointed toward the historic surrender signing Sept. 2 aboard the battleship Missouri in Tokyo Bay. He invited Lieut. Gen. Johnathan Wainwright, the American hero forced to sign the surrender of the Philippines in 1942, to be with him at the formal capitulation of Nippon. Wainwright recently was released as a prisoner of war in Manchuria and has been taken to Chungking.

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County Over Top In Cancer Drive

According to reports just received from Mount Airy by Mrs. George E. Marshall, state commander of the field army division of the control of cancer, Alleghany county was among those in the State far over the quota.

Mrs. A. V. Choate served as chairman and Dr. C. A. Thompson, as commander of the drive for the county. A total of \$125.00 was raised in Alleghany, according to the report. Both Mrs. Choate and Dr. Thompson said they were glad of the response of the people to the drive and for the good showing made for the county.

Fishermen Make Big Haul; Officers Looking For Thieves

Some one in Alleghany county caught 300 pounds of fish, this is not an exaggerated fish story, either, but the catch to the story is that officers are now trying to locate the fishermen.

More than 300 pounds of trout were stolen from the Roaring Gap fish hatchery last Saturday night, and no arrests have been made so far.

The fish, caught from the breeder pool, weighed about three pounds on the average, officers pointed out. More than 150 of the 175 fish in the pool were taken. According to the investigation made, the fish must have been seined out, they re-

ported. A thorough search is being conducted to catch the thieves, Marshal Glenn Richardson said.

DRAFT BOARD OFFICE TO CLOSE SATURDAYS

The selective service office here will be closed all day on Saturday of each week beginning September 1, Mrs. Mexa Phipps, chief clerk, announced yesterday.

The office will be closed all day on Monday in observance of Labor Day, it was also pointed out. Office hours are from 8:30 to 5:30 from Monday through Friday, Mrs. Phipps explained.

Good Program Is Planned For 2-Day Session

Liberty Baptist Church At Whitehead Will Be Host To Group

The 49th annual session of the Alleghany Baptist Association will be held at the Liberty Baptist church at Whitehead on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 8 and 9, John M. Cheek, moderator, announced this week.

Owing to present conditions, the executive committee of the association ordered that this meeting be limited to two days' and one night's session instead of the regular three-day session, it was explained.

Dr. I. G. Greer, superintendent of the Baptist orphanage at Thomasville, will deliver the main address of the association on Sunday, while Rev. L. A. Martin, of Lexington, and Rev. C. E. Parker, of Winston-Salem, will be the principal speakers of the Saturday session.

A detailed program of both the Saturday and Sunday sessions follows:

Saturday, Sept. 8, beginning at 10:00 a. m., hymn—devotional period, Rev. G. R. Blackburn; roll call of churches and recognition of visitors, report of executive committee, W. F. Doughton; report on religious literature, Mrs. R. E. Richardson; report on hospital, Mrs. W. P. Maxwell; address, Rev. C. E. Parker, of Winston-Salem; report on W. M. U., Mrs. T. S. Moxley; greetings, Mrs. J. F. Fletcher, of North Wilkesboro; appointment of special committees; annual sermon, Rev. E. B. Barton and benediction, Rev. W. H. Caldwell.

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Sgt. Gambill Is Awarded Medal

Alleghany Soldier Receives Bronze Star For Bravery In Action

With the 65th Infantry Division in Austria—For thrice distinguishing himself under fire and saving the lives of several wounded comrades, Sergeant James W. Gambill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Gambill, of Sparta, has recently been awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

A medical technician in the 748th Tank Battalion, which was attached to the 65th Division, Sgt. Gambill has been cited for his heroism at Schalding, Germany, on May 2 and 3, 1945. The action occurred during the final phase of the 65th Division's 60-day, 600-mile sweep through Germany and Upper Austria as part of General Patton's Third Army.

Of Sgt. Gambill's heroic performance, the official Bronze Star citation says, in part:

"Creeping forward within 100 yards of enemy position that had disabled the lead tank, injuring one member of the crew and several infantrymen riding atop the vehicle, Sgt. Gambill and a companion administered first aid and supervised the evacuation of the casualties. Shortly thereafter, Sgt. Gambill and his companion advanced under close observation of the enemy and in line with

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Mrs. Toliver, 80, Buried Friday

Funeral service for Mrs. Leola Ann Ball Toliver, 80, was conducted at scenic Hill Friends church last Friday with Rev. C. L. Stout and Rev. O. L. Ruth in charge. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Toliver, wife of Dale Toliver, formerly of this county, died at the Duke hospital, Durham, on August 22, following an illness of ten months. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ball, she was born at Grassy Creek, Taylor county, Kentucky, February 25, 1865.

In addition to her husband, of Rt. 2, High Point, she is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ball; one sister, Mrs. Oscar Hoover; two brothers, Fred Ball and Rev. J. A. Ball, of Sparta.