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## Superior Court Will Open Here Monday United War Fund Drive Will Open On October 8

### Goal Is \$1,650; Plans Will Be Completed Sat.

#### R. L. Joines Is Chairman; Co- operation Of Organiza- tions Is Asked

Initial plans for the United War Fund Drive, to begin here October 8, will be outlined at a meeting of the executive committee and township chairmen to be held in the courthouse Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, R. L. Joines, county chairman, announced yesterday.

Alleghany's quota in this drive will be \$1,650, it was pointed out. All donations of \$5.00 or more will be published in the News, Chairman Joines explained.

In addition to the United War Fund, which includes support of the USO, United Seaman's Service, War Prisoners' Aid and 19 foreign relief agencies, the local Boy Scout is expected to be added to the quota.

R. L. Joines will preside at the meeting Saturday. Miss Minnie Lou Edwards is secretary and treasurer and Miss Emoryetta Reeves will serve as publicity chairman.

Named as township chairmen and as chairmen of various organizations are the following:

Prather's Creek, Mrs. Ruth J. Choate; Whitehead, Mrs. Lonnie Edwards; Glade Creek, Isom Waggoner; Cherry Lane, Mrs. Rush (Continued on Page Four)

### 4-H Club Girls To Present Show

#### Annual Dress Revue, Clothing Contest And Food Preser- vation To Be Featured

The 4-H club girls of the county will present their annual Dress Revue, clothing contest and a contest on food preservation at the community building Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, it was announced this week.

Under the supervision of Mrs. Isom Waggoner, county home demonstration agent, the exhibits of canned foods, which will include one or more jars of food canned by the girls themselves, and the clothing exhibits will be placed on display for the public.

In addition to the exhibits, the dress revue, featuring ensembles made by 4-H club girls and modeled by them, will be held.

Miss Tommy Sue Moxley, prominent 4-H club member from Laurel Springs will discuss the meaning of 4-H clubs and their work in Alleghany county. There will also be other interesting talks and discussions on 4-H club work.

Prizes for the contests have been furnished by Sparta stores with Cash and Carry offering a prize in the food preservation contest and Jay Hardin's Store and Belk Department Store offering prizes in the clothing contest, Mrs. Waggoner explained.

Miss Doris Whitesides, home agent, and Miss Dorothy Fennell, assistant home agent, of Ashe county will serve as judges, it was announced.

The public is invited to attend both the revue and the exhibits.

### Wagoner Marries Three Couples

B. F. Wagoner, local justice of the peace, announced this week that he had performed three marriages here during the month of September.

They are as follows: Ralph K. Burroughs, of Galax, Va., was married to Miss Earlita L. Bryan, also of Galax, on September 4.

On September 6, James Bryan Williams, of Speedwell, was united in marriage to Miss Irene Stuart, also of Speedwell.

William M. Blevins and Miss Lucille Warren, both of Rugby, Va., were married here September 14.

### Plans Are Underway For Organization Of School Band By Town Civic Clubs

#### BAPTIST PASTOR



Rev. F. G. Walker, who recently came to Sparta to take up his duties as pastor of the First Baptist church here.

### Enrollment For County Schools Shows Increase

#### Schools Throughout The County To Open At 8:30 a. m. Standard Time

According to information released yesterday by Miss Clyde Fields, superintendent of schools, the enrollment of Alleghany county schools has increased by more than 5 per cent over last year.

Figures show there were 1,755 students in both high school and elementary grades at the opening of school this year, while there were 1,680 last year.

It was explained that a number of additional pupils are expected to enroll in the various schools throughout the county, bringing this year's enrollment figures up to 1,900 by the end of the school term.

Alleghany county now has 62 teachers including 6 high school teachers at Sparta, 3 high school teachers at Piney Creek, 47 elementary white teachers throughout the county, 4 elementary colored (Continued on Page Four)

### Wednesday P. M. Closing Ended

Sparta stores and public offices will remain open on Wednesday afternoons beginning Wednesday, October 3, the public was reminded this week by the local Merchant's Association.

The stores have been closing at 1:00 o'clock every Wednesday afternoon during the summer months in order to give employees time off for summer work.

### Five In Ashe County Jail Help Themselves To Bonded Liquor

West Jefferson — (Special) — Through the irony of fate, prisoners held in the Ashe county jail for public drunkenness and on other charges had the opportunity to serve themselves with bonded liquor early Wednesday afternoon in a get-together party, when a good time was literally had by all.

According to reports it happened as a result of a hair cut. Joe Parsons and Boyd Darnell were allowed in together in order to get hair trims and the jailer, J. F. Richardson, left his keys beyond their reach. But, as it happened, Parsons was able to secure a broom and thus lengthened his reach to the keys. He put them to good use by releasing all the prisoners from their individual cells and also entering the store-  
age room, where some confiscated

### Woman's Club Asks Aid Of Chamber Of Commerce And Lions To Organize Band

Plans for the organization of a school band at Sparta High under the sponsorship of the Sparta Woman's club were discussed at the September meeting here last Friday with Mrs. A. V. Choate, president of the club, presiding.

A letter from the band instructor at Lenoir high school, quoting prices of band instruments, was read to the club. Following a discussion, it was decided that the Chamber of Commerce and the Lions club would be asked to aid in the sponsorship of the project, thus bringing in Sparta's three active civic organizations. A report of the findings will be made at the October meeting, it was pointed out.

In addition to the regular program, Mrs. Frank M. Ledbetter, county health nurse, spoke to the club on the health of the family, the health of the community, the various programs and clinics planned by the health department for Alleghany and of her work thus far in the county.

Mrs. Gene Irwin, assisted by Mrs. Tom Noland at the piano, rendered a vocal solo.

Mrs. F. G. Walker, wife of the (Continued on Page 8)

### Locust Trees Hit By A Leaf Miner

#### Dr. M. E. Gardner, head of the Department of Horticulture, State College, told a News reporter this week that the dead leaves on the locust trees in this section were caused by the borings of a leaf miner.

He further explained that so far the trees had not been permanently damaged by the insect since the miner comes in and does his damage after the buds for the year's growth are formed. He explained that there was a possibility of controlling this in the future by dusting from an airplane, on a large scale. He said the trees in Buncombe had been attacked for several years.

### Myers-Blevins Reunion Sunday

The Myers-Blevins family reunion will be held Sunday, September 30, at Bush Creek church, two miles south of Independence, Va., on highway 21.

There will be all-day singing by various choirs and quartettes with relatives and friends from all parts of both North Carolina and Virginia gathering for the occasion.

The public has been cordially invited to attend and to bring picnic baskets for the lunch that will be served on the ground.

### Ration Board To Be Discontinued Here October 31

#### Application Papers To Go Through Another Board To Be Announced Later

The Alleghany county ration board will be discontinued on October 31, according to a statement from the district OPA office at Charlotte, it was learned here this week.

The announcement did not state what office application papers would go through, but pointed out that it would be disclosed at an early date. It was again indicated that some sort of temporary office might be maintained so that application papers may be received and forwarded, however.

Mrs. Robert Fleetwood, who has served as chief clerk of the ration board since its establishment in January 1942, yesterday expressed her appreciation to the people of the county for their splendid cooperation in the rationing program.

Miss Nan Reed has served as assistant clerk since July, 1942.

Serving on the rationing board since its beginning have been various members from time to time. They include T. R. Burgess, Jay Hardin, John Mack Edwards, Amos Waggoner, Reid Hampton, Wayne Waddell, Ben G. Reeves and the present board, consisting of Glenn Richardson, chairman, L. E. Ivey and B. F. Waggoner.

These men have given of their time and service without pay, it (Continued on Page 4)

### Gain In Building Activity Here Is Expected Soon

In spite of labor shortages, cost of materials as well as shortages in many cases, building activity is expected to show an increase here next month since restrictions will be lifted as of October 15 by an order of the government.

Despite the fears of OPA and other agencies of skyrocketing home prices, reconversion Director John W. Snyder has thrown out the price ceiling on new dwellings along with the other wartime curbs on civilian construction.

Snyder said swift expansion of building activity offered "the greatest single additional source of jobs in our entire economy," he announced a six-point program to spur the expansion.

Those who have waited for permits will have to wait no longer for these. However, hard-to-get materials and labor shortages will still be handicaps to some. A number of residences as well as some business buildings are expected to go forward.

### Memorial Service For Lt. Wolfe Sun.

A memorial service for Lt. Earlie Wolfe will be held at the New River Baptist church, Sunday, September 30, at 2:30 p. m. it was announced this week.

Lt. Wolfe, son of Agnes Wolfe, of Sparta, was killed in action near Casino, Italy, on May 17, 1944, while leading a patrol. He stepped on a land mine and died four hours later en route to a hospital.

The public is invited to attend the service.

### Check On Schools Made By Daniels

A. S. Daniels, visual aid specialist with the A. J. Nystrom company, has spent this week in the county visiting each school where he checked the social science teaching aids.

Mr. Daniels is submitting a report of his findings and recommending the minimum equipment with which each school is supposed to be supplied.

### Backward, Time In Its Flight



With wartime going out of the picture, and standard time in effect beginning September 30, girl in the photo has a busy time setting the clock back and trying to figure out if she will lose or gain an hour.

### Curb Market At Roaring Gap Has Successful Year; New Building Is Planned

#### Horse Show Track Completed; Much Interest Is Shown

#### Entry Classifications For Show Are Announced By Officials

The race track has been completed and construction of the stables is underway this week for the horse show which will be sponsored by the Lions Club here Saturday, October 6, officials pointed out yesterday.

Much enthusiasm is being shown throughout the county and a record crowd is expected to attend the event which will feature two shows, one in the afternoon and one in the evening.

Entry classifications for the show are as follows:

Afternoon show: team of draft animals, pony races, open buggy horses, local three gaited, local five gaited, open pleasure horses, open three gaited, open five gaited colts shown in hand, cart races, (Continued on Page 4)

### Wildlife Club To Meet On Friday

Members of the Alleghany county Wildlife club and other interested persons were again reminded this week of the meeting that will be held at the Edwin Duncan farm at Whitehead, Friday night, at 8 o'clock, when a chicken fry and fox hunt will be enjoyed.

Officials pointed out that all those interested in the fox race should bring their fox dogs. Everybody is cordially invited to attend the meeting.

### Yellow Jackets To Meet North Wilkesboro In Grid Test Fri.

Sparta Yellow Jackets, prepping for their second test of the season against the North Wilkesboro team on the North Wilkesboro gridiron Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, worked through hard scrimmages this week as they sought to perfect passing plays.

Coaches Reed and Ellison both expressed promise of the scrappy Yellow Jackets against the Wilkes team tomorrow, after they had been initiated into the season last Friday by the strong Walkertown team, many of them playing their very first game.

Sparta was downed here last Friday by Walkertown's Red and White gridsters by a score of 12-6, but put up a valiant fight showing excellent form throughout the game.

The first quarter passed with

#### Total Receipts Show Increase Of More Than \$2,000.00 Over Last Year

The Roaring Gap curb market sponsored by the home demonstration clubs of Alleghany county under the leadership of the home agent, Mrs. Isom Waggoner, has ended its second successful season with total receipts showing sales amounting to \$6,024.82, it was announced this week.

Opening on June 29 and closing on September 7, with only two sale days each week (Tuesday and Friday, from 10:00 to 11:30 a. m.), the club sales were increased more than \$2,000.00 over last year, it was pointed out. This amount does not include several hundred dollars' worth of food products which some of the club women sold to Graystone Inn before the official opening of the market, it was explained.

Mrs. Waggoner pointed out that many of the summer residents of (Continued on Page Four)

### Mabe Celebrates 78th. Birthday

Alex Mabe, of Stratford, was honored on his 78th birthday, September 15, when he was given a surprise dinner at his home.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mabe, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Blevins and daughter, Ruth, and Mrs. Nannie Caudill, all of Galax; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Joines, Mr. and Mrs. Philo Caudill, Mrs. Ennie Spurlin, Mrs. Mabel Watson, Miss Dorothy Joines, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Mitchell and children, Emma Lee and Bayse; Mrs. I. B. Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Mabe and children, Edwin and Christine.

### Short Term Is Expected; Few Cases Scheduled

#### Judge Zeb V. Nettles Will Pre- side; Earle McMichael Is The Solicitor

With the fall term of the Alleghany county superior court scheduled to convene here Monday morning, October 1 at 10:00 o'clock indication are that no more than one day will be required to dispose of the small number of civil and criminal cases on docket.

Judge Zeb V. Nettles, of Asheville, will preside and Earl McMichael will serve as solicitor. An exceptionally small number of criminal cases are slated for trial with a number of others continued from last term of court.

Drunk driving cases outnumber others on the criminal docket with four slated to be tried, Ivan B. Wellborn, Doughton Tompkins, Clela Collins and Lewis Mitchell, who is also charged with speeding. The case of G. Tom Poole, charged with leaving pole-gates down and letting stock out, will also be heard. Others include Albert Rutherford, bigamy; Clyde Murphy, assault; Emerson Jones, forgery; W. T. Turner, obtaining goods under false pretenses and the State vs. Ray Burchett and Gracie LeFon, for misdemeanor and fornication and adultery.

Also scheduled on the criminal docket are the following cases:

Everett Fortner, charged with breaking and entering; R. A. Baldwin on three charges including, cutting and removing corner tree the same being a landmark; shooting, destroying personal property and assault. Bert Edwards and George E. Crouse will answer to charges of manufacturing liquor and Jimmy Brooks will be tried for carrying a concealed weapon.

Only 13 civil action cases are expected to be tried, with ten of these divorce cases.

Two cases continued from the spring term of court will be brought up. C. C. Casteven, owner of Castevens Motor Company vs. Blue Ridge Electric Member (Continued on Page 4)

### Emma Lou Hodge Dies Suddenly

#### Twin Oaks Girl Passes At Age Of 19; Funeral Service Held Tuesday

Funeral service for Emma Lou Hodge, 19, of Twin Oaks, was conducted Tuesday afternoon at Shiloh Methodist church with Rev. G. R. Blackburn officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Miss Hodge died suddenly Sunday night following a severe attack of asthma. She had been in ill health for sometime, suffering frequent attacks of the disease.

Surviving are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hodge, of Twin Oaks, and the following brothers and sisters, Doris, Ella Mae, Bobby and Jerry, all of the home.

Also surviving are her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Foy Bennett, of Sparta, and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hodge, of Whitehead.

### A. J. Willey, 84, Dies At Baywood

Andrew Jackson Willey, 84, died at his home near Baywood, Va., on September 16, after a long illness.

Funeral service was conducted at Pleasant Hill Home church and interment followed in the church cemetery.

The aged man is survived by the following children: Arthur J. Willey, of Maysville, Ky.; Bert, Quincy and Herman Willey, all of Baywood, Va.; Mrs. Dewey Sparks and Mrs. Clair Wyatt, of Sparta.

He is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. Bettie Crouse, of Creston; Mrs. Emma Jarvis, of High Point, and Mrs. J. C. Sparks, of Sparta.