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United War Fund Drive Now Underway

Pfc. Walter Bell Liberated From Japanese Prison

Alleghany Man Has Been A Prisoner Of War More Than Three Years

News of the liberation of Pfc. Walter L. Bell from a Japanese prison was received here this week by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hardin Bell, of Whitehead. The message from the Red Cross read as follows:

"The Secretary of War has asked me to inform you that your son, Pfc. Bell, Walter L., has returned to military control 17 September, 1945, and is being returned to the United States, within the near future. He will be given an opportunity to communicate with you upon his arrival if he has not already done so. The following message was received in the war department from your son, 'Good health, be home soon, Walter.'"

Pfc. Bell was Alleghany county's only prisoner of war of the Japanese and many friends throughout the county had been anxiously awaiting news of his liberation after the fall of Japan. Captured with General Wainwright at the fall of Bataan, he had been a prisoner for more than three years. Pfc. Bell was also wounded in action before he was taken prisoner. Thus, one of Alleghany's first men to be wounded in action in this war as well as the county's only prisoner of the Japanese, is being returned home.

Yellow Jackets Down Boone, 13-0

Sparta Eleven Roll Up Second Victory Of Season; No Game Saturday

In a drizzling rain, Sparta High's Yellow Jackets smashed through for two touchdowns to defeat a scrappy Boone eleven here Friday afternoon, 13-0.

The Yellow Jackets rolled into action early in the game when Royal, fleet Sparta halfback, carried the ball over the goal line, but a penalty was called for off-sides in the last plunge.

The Sparta eleven came back in the third quarter when Reeves flipped a beautiful 30-yard pass straight into the arms of Shepherd in the end zone to post the first score of the game. The attempted pass for the extra point was incomplete.

Early in the final quarter, the Yellow Jackets tallied again as Davis intercepted a pass on the Blue Devils' forty yard line and the ball was driven down the field to the Sparta five. Royal came back to carry the pigskin over for the second touchdown. Hinchler plunged through the center for the extra point.

Adams played an outstanding defensive game for the Yellow Jackets, with Hinchler and Bennett sharing honors. Royal, Davis and Reeves featured the back-field play.

Aldridge and Yeyo were back-field stars for the visiting team.

Line-ups:

Pos.	Sparta	Boone
LE	Taylor	Miller
LT	Hinchler	Hamby
LG	Roe	Council
C	Joines	Harrison
RG	Bennett	Elrod

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Naomi Douglas Is Contest Winner

Miss Naomi Douglas, winner of the Sparta 4-H Dress Revue here last week, was also one of the four outstanding contestants in the district revue held at Lenoir last Wednesday, it was announced.

The four top contestants tied for honors and it has not been announced which will be selected to attend the state revue, which will be held in Raleigh.

Miss Douglas wore a wool suit which she made. She also made her accessories, a pocket book and hat.

Army Combat Baby Show Winners



James Caraway and Barbara Barker, winners of Combat Baby show, held at USO club in Oklahoma City. Jimmy's father lies buried in the China-Burma-India theater. Barbara's father is in the army in Naples, Italy.

Sparta Elementary School To Sponsor Baby Contest; Rules Are Given For Entry

Votes Will Be Solicited By Students; Babies Three And Under May Enter

A baby contest will be sponsored by the elementary department of Sparta school, it was announced this week, and all mothers are urged to enter their babies.

The contest will be held in conjunction with a Hallowe'en Carnival, which is being planned by Sparta High School and will be the elementary department's contribution to the carnival. Details of the remainder of the program were not available this week.

Officials of the baby contest announced the following rules: Babies entered in the contest may not exceed three years of age.

Mothers may enter their babies from Monday, October 15 through Friday, October 19, after which entries will be solicited by grammar grade students. One cent will be charged for each vote made. For additional information, either Mrs. F. G. Walker, Mrs. Ruth J. Choate or Miss Edna Edwards, of the elementary faculty of Sparta school may be contacted.

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C. of C. Cancels October Meeting

R. F. Crouse, president of the Sparta Chamber of Commerce, announced this week that the October meeting had been cancelled and that the next meeting will be held on Friday night, November 9, at the regular meeting time.

The cancellation was made due to the failure to secure any organization to prepare a meal for the group, it was pointed out.

President Crouse stated that a special program was being planned for the November meeting and that members would receive notices from the secretary.

2-Year-Army Men Eligible For Release By March 20

Washington—Enlisted men with two or more years of service in the army will become eligible for discharge by March 20, regardless of point scores, Brig. Gen. Robert W. Berry, Assistant Army Chief of Staff for personnel, estimated this week.

He told the House Military Affairs Committee that this does not mean that all two-year servicemen will be released then, but that they will become eligible and will start to flow out of the army on a "first-in-first-out" basis.

Simultaneously, the army revealed that it had released 235,000 soldiers last week, bringing the discharge total to 1,350,000 since last May 12.

Brig. Gen. Raymond W. Bliss, acting surgeon general of the army, discussing release of doctors,

Wm. F. Joines, 75, Buried Monday At Antioch Church

Well Known Alleghany Man Died Sunday After Long Illness

Funeral service for William Franklin Joines, 75, was conducted at Antioch Primitive Baptist church on Monday with Elds. S. G. Caudill, Coy Walker and J. M. Williams officiating. Interment was in the family plot of the church cemetery.

The well-known Alleghany man died October 7 at his home west of Sparta, of a heart attack, after two years' illness.

A prosperous farmer for the past several years, he was also associated with the public schools, having served as superintendent of schools of Alleghany county for eight years and having taught school for more than thirty years.

He was born at Stratford, January 29, 1870, the son of the late (Continued on Page 4)

Many Teachers To Attend Meet

Supt. Clyde Fields announced yesterday that more than fifty percent of the teachers of Alleghany county are expected to attend the Northwestern district teacher's convention which will be held at High Point tomorrow.

Miss Fields pointed out that in order to enable teachers to attend the meeting, that schools where fifty percent of the teachers are going will be dismissed at noon.

The Northwestern district includes the following fifteen counties: (Continued on Page 4)

Wagoner To Head Alleghany Red Cross Chapter

Mrs. John Mac Miles Succeeds Mrs. Edwin Duncan As Home Service Chmn.

Isom Wagoner was named chairman of the Alleghany chapter of American Red Cross at a meeting of the executive committee here Monday night.

Mrs. John Mac Miles was also named home service chairman for Alleghany county. Mrs. Miles succeeds Mrs. Edwin Duncan, who resigned the office several weeks ago.

Mr. Wagoner, well-known rural mail carrier of the Ennice section, has been very active in Red Cross work, having served as township chairman in a number of drives as well as serving (Continued on Page Four)

HEADS RED CROSS



Isom Wagoner, of Ennice, who was named as county chairman of the American Red Cross for Alleghany.

County Teacher's Meet To Be Held Here October 18

Ralph House, ASTC Professor Of Education, To Speak To Group

A county-wide teacher's meeting will be held here Thursday night, October 18 at 7:30 p. m. in the reading room of Sparta high school, Supt. Clyde Fields announced this week.

Featured on the program will be a talk by Ralph House, professor of Education at ASTC, Boone, who will speak on "Objectives of Reading in the Language Arts Program," it was explained.

Professor House will bring with him a group of children who (Continued on Page 4)

Town Of Sparta Finds That It Is Without Mayor

Sparta has suddenly found itself without a mayor! Just whose fault it is, no one seems to know but nevertheless, if the mayor needed to be found, it would be like looking for "the little man who wasn't there."

When Mayor R. F. Crouse, who had served in that office for the past 15 years, resigned in July, the town council, according to the report, named Alton Thompson as mayor.

It seems that Mr. Thompson was present at the meeting and declined the offer, but his name went down on the records as mayor of the Town of Sparta.

When Mr. Crouse is addressed as "Mayor," he politely corrects the title to "Former Mayor" and when Mr. Thompson is addressed as "Mayor" he politely corrects the title to "Mr.," and so the circle goes.

Whether the town council will correct this in the near future or not, no one seems to know. There is only one thing of which everybody seems to be sure, however, and that is, "Sparta has no mayor."

Nylons—Ready For The Asking Soon



You can stop dreaming about the nylons you are planning to buy. Very soon you can go out and make that dream a reality. This scene is in a hosiery mill in Philadelphia, showing the finished nylons folded and boxed, ready for shipment.

County Wins Top Honors In Elkin Fat Stock Show; Nancy Gambill Has Grand Champion

Resignations Of Welfare Supt., Nurse Are Given

Frank Ledbetter Resigns As Welfare Supt.; Mrs. Ledbetter As County Nurse

It was announced this week that both Frank M. Ledbetter, superintendent of welfare of Alleghany county, and Mrs. Ledbetter, county health nurse, had submitted their resignations.

Mr. Ledbetter will leave on October 19 to take up the office of superintendent of welfare of Montgomery county, it was announced. Mrs. Ledbetter will join him on October 24 when her work is completed in Alleghany.

"We appreciate the co-operation that has been shown in Alleghany county during the short time we have been here and regret that we are leaving," Mr. Ledbetter pointed out. (Continued on Page 4)

Gentry Resigns Post As Warden

R. D. Gentry has resigned as forest warden of Alleghany county, it was announced this week and George Royal, of Roaring Gap, has been appointed to take his place.

Mr. Gentry has served in the office of forest warden for a number of years. He also served a number of years as county game warden, an office which he resigned several weeks ago. Mr. Royal was formerly game warden for Surry county.

It was pointed out that Alleghany now has no county game warden but that H. T. Goodman, of Ashe county, is handling the license sales here.

Other Prizes Won By Entries From County; Several Animals Bought

Alleghany county walked away with top honors in the third annual Elkin Fat Stock show this week when ten-year-old Nancy Gambill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gambill, received the grand championship ribbon on her entry. And there were also other honors coming to the county.

To the county went first place for the best group of five calves. These included entries of Nancy Gambill, Dwight Brown, Keith Brown, Ida Maude Black and Bobby Black. This is the second year the county has won this honor.

Bobby Black also won second place in the showmanship contest. It was also announced that out of the top 22 calves 10 were from Alleghany county.

A member of the Sparta 4-H club, young Miss Gambill won over 123 contestants from 4-H and FFA clubs from 10 counties in Northwestern North Carolina. She paraded her animal through the show like a veteran (Continued on Page Four)

Demonstration Of Slip Covers Here

Mrs. Isom Wagoner, home demonstration agent of Alleghany, announced this week that an all-day meeting of home demonstration club women and other interested persons would be held at the community building next Thursday, October 18, when a demonstration on "Slip Covering" will be given.

Miss Rose Ellwood Bryan, home demonstration agent, at large, will give the demonstration which will feature the actual covering of a piece of furniture.

Mrs. Wagoner pointed out that everyone is invited to attend the meeting and bring a picnic lunch.

Sparta Horse Show Cancelled Due To Rain Here Saturday

Mother Nature showed no mercy here last Friday and Saturday as a heavy downpour of rain continued into the morning, making it impossible to continue with plans for the horse show, which was to have been one of Sparta's biggest events of the season.

Members of the Lions Club, under whose sponsorship the show was to have been conducted, held a call meeting on Friday night and after deciding that it was impossible to go on with the show, contacted owners who had entered animals in the contest, it was pointed out.

More than fifty horses were to have been shown in the event here, Saturday, officials of the club stated.

It was explained that the newly constructed track was only a deep mire by Saturday noon and

that it would have been impossible to have held the show there.

At a second call meeting of the Lions here, Monday night, it was decided to cancel the show for this year and plans were made to hold the event next spring, probably in June.

"We appreciate the efforts of every person who helped to prepare for the horse show," President J. B. Reed said yesterday, and added, "We are looking forward to a bigger and better show next spring."

SUES FOR MAINTENANCE

Through error in the court docket the case of Hazel Waddell vs. Platt Waddell was listed in last week's paper as divorce instead of a suit for maintenance and support.

Need Many Gifts Before \$1,850.00 Goal Is Reached

All Organizations Urged To Help; Letters Are Being Mailed

The United War Fund Drive, which got underway here on Monday, is gaining headway but many generous gifts will be needed to put Alleghany county over the top on the quota of \$1,850.00, campaign chairman R. Leff Joines said yesterday.

Initial gifts are now being sought, it was pointed out and letters asking for contributions have been sent out to people throughout the county. A list of these will be published next week, it was announced.

A square dance is being held at the community building here Saturday night, proceeds of which are to go into the fund, Robert Allison, Gap Civil township chairman, announced yesterday.

Pointing out that the need for war service in the ravaged countries of Europe and China is greater than ever and that the job is

Lt. Taylor Dies In Jeep Accident

Alleghany Man Dies In Germany, August 26; Burial Held In France

Additional news on the death of First Lieutenant William Bryan Taylor was received this week by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Glenn Taylor, of Laurel Springs.

According to official information, Lt. Taylor was driving a jeep accompanied by Lt. George P. Madsen, of the same organization, from Hanau to Wiesbaden, Germany at about 8:30 on the night of August 26. When about six miles from Frankfurt on Highway N-40 they collided with another U. S. Army vehicle, a 2½-ton cargo truck. An ambulance came along immediately and both officers were taken to the 97th General hospital in Frankfurt. On the way to the hospital, while being treated by medical personnel, Lt. Taylor died without having regained consciousness.

Funeral service was held on August 29 at the American Military Cemetery in St. Avold, France, located between Metz, France and Saarbrücken, Germany, with Capt. Moore R. Miller, a Presbyterian chaplain of Headquarters Engineer Command, officiating. A firing party of eight soldiers fired three vol-

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Much Interest Is Shown In Contest

Much interest is being shown in the newspaper contest for high school students, sponsored by this paper, it was pointed out this week.

No entries have been received but students are working on essays on the subject, "Newspapers Serving the Community," it was explained.

The North Carolina Press Association and the Alleghany News launched the contest in observance of National Newspaper Week. First prize in the county will be a \$25.00 Victory bond, and the essay will also be submitted in the state contest where first prize will be a \$100.00 Victory bond.