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THURSDAY, OCT. 18, 1945

United War Fund Drive Reaches \$525.00

Ernest Edwards Resumes Duties In County Office

Returned Serviceman Takes Over Office Of Register Of Deeds

Ernest Edwards resumed his duties as Register of Deeds of Alleghany county here Saturday, after an absence of more than three years, while he has been in military service.

Mr. Edwards, Alleghany's youngest county official, served for one year as Register of Deeds, after he had been appointed to fill the unexpired term of Tom Gambill. L. E. Edwards, former Register for Alleghany county, took up the duties when Edwards left for military service in March, 1942, and served until Saturday, when he turned the office over to the returned serviceman.

After entering the service, Sgt. Edwards went overseas in April, 1943, where he took part in the campaigns of Africa, Sicily, Holland, France and Germany. A member of 82nd Airborne command, he wears five battle stars plus an arrowhead for the invasion of Normandy on D-Day. He returned to the states September 12, and received his honorable discharge soon afterwards. "It's great to be back," the young register said this week, "and I'm looking forward to carrying on my work here."

Special Events Are Planned In Alleghany For Benefit Of The United War Fund Drive

REGISTER OF DEEDS



Ernest Edwards, who resumed his duties as Register of Deeds of Alleghany county, Saturday, after an absence of more than three years.

Galax Man Killed In Accident Here Last Friday Night

Charlie Isom, 66, Falls From Moving Truck; Hearing Held Monday

Charlie Isom, 66, resident of Galax, Va., was killed instantly last Friday night, one mile from Twin Oaks, on the Independence road, when he fell from the back of a moving truck, crushing his head.

Howard Douglas, also of Galax, who was riding in the back of the truck with Isom, testified at a hearing here Monday that when the older man fell he caught hold of his foot in an effort to get him back on the truck. Isom was dragged for several feet on the pavement. Roy Douglas and Roy Leonard, both of Galax, were also in the truck.

Officers stated that all four men had been drinking and the two Douglas brothers had been fighting before the wreck occurred. (Continued on Page 4)

State Text Book Records Checked

W. S. Dickson, state representative with the division of state text books, visited Alleghany county, recently, when he checked records and the state text book supply room here, it was announced this week.

Mr. Dickson visited Sparta high school, giving information and explained the rental system of supplementary readers and high school text books.

It was pointed out that it is hoped that it will be possible that all high school students who desire to do so, can rent high school text books next year.

Public Is Urged To Cooperate In Meeting Quota Of \$1,850.00

A number of events are being planned throughout the county for the benefit of the United War Fund Drive now in progress, R. L. Joines, drive chairman, announced this week.

The public is cordially invited to attend each of the entertainments and everyone is urged to aid in making the drive a success, Mr. Joines pointed out.

A box supper will be held at Little Pine school on Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock for the benefit of the United War Fund Drive, Isom Wagener, chairman of Glade Creek township, announced.

In addition to the box supper which will feature the usual cake walks and other contests, a movie, "Here Comes The Yanks," will be shown to the public. Music will be furnished by the Smith brother's band.

Mr. Wagener pointed out that everybody is invited to attend the entertainment and all ladies are urged to bring a box.

"Come and enjoy an evening of fun and entertainment and help a little in this worthy cause," he said.

It was pointed out that Glade Creek township's quota in the drive is \$250.00.

New Hope school will sponsor a box supper Saturday night at 7 o'clock the proceeds to go for the benefit of the school and the United War Fund Drive, it was announced.

Everybody is urged to attend the program when a cake for the prettiest girl will be sold in addition to the sale of boxes and cake walks.

Mrs. Ruth J. Choate, township chairman of Prather's Creek township, announced that a square dance and a movie, "Here Comes (Continued on Page Four)

Parkway Picnic Areas Are Closed

Motor Road Will Remain Open To Public Through Winter Months

All picnic areas on the Blue Ridge Parkway, which includes Cumberland Knob and Bluff Park, were closed on Monday for the winter season according to information that has been received from the superintendent of the Parkway.

It was also necessary to close the water system, due to the danger of freezing weather, it was pointed out. No camp fires are permitted and persons desiring to visit the Parkway are requested to co-operate in this respect, it was explained.

The motor road will remain open for use as well as the parking areas, it was pointed out.

Any additional information that the public may desire can be obtained from Chief Ranger Granville Liles, here.

Alleghany Girl's Steer Is Grand Champion



Nancy Gambill, 10, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gambill, of Sparta, a 4-H club member, is shown above with her entry, a Hereford steer, with which she won the grand champion of the Elkin Fat Stock show, last week. There were 124 entries in the large show.

Funeral Service Held Today For Lee Blackburn

Aged Alleghany Citizen Dies At His Home Here After Lingering Illness

Funeral service for Lee Blackburn, 83, aged Alleghany citizen, will be conducted this afternoon at two o'clock at New Salem Regular Baptist church in the Pine Swamp community with the Revs. Mack Brooks, Walter Evans and Charlie Wooten, officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

The aged man died suddenly at his home here Tuesday afternoon, after an illness of more than two years. He had been an invalid for a number of months.

The son of Lee Andrews and Martha Blackburn, he was born in Wilkes county, December 25, 1863. After spending thirty years in the west, he returned to Alleghany, where he had made his home until his death. He was a member of the New Salem church.

He was married in April, 1892, to Mary Jane Brown, who survives. Also surviving are the following children: Mrs. Laura Caldwell, of Edenburg, Ind.; Mrs. Emma Tarter, of Xenia, Ohio; Mrs. Virginia Love, of Paoli, Ind.; and Sparta; Sgt. James Curtis Blackburn, of the U. S. Army, in France; Walter Blackburn, of Sparta; and Mrs. Delia Heathe, of Meadow View, Va., a daughter by a former marriage.

The following children preceded him in death: Mrs. Mae Williams, Lonnie and Willie Blackburn.

Two brothers also survive: Minton Blackburn, of Ronda; and John Blackburn, of North Wilkesboro.

Much Interest Is Shown In Baby Contest; Ten Entries Are Named Here This Week

Yellow Jackets Will Meet Elkin

Prepare For Clash With Elks Friday Afternoon On Elkin Gridiron

The Yellow Jackets have been undergoing stiff drills this week in preparation for Friday's clash with the Elks from Elkin High, on the Elkin gridiron, after a breathing spell of a week.

The Yellow Jackets downed two fighting teams, the Blue Devils from Appalachian High and the North Wilkesboro eleven in two of their three games this season, losing to Walkertown in the first game.

The Elks will also be up for their fourth game this season with a score of three defeats.

Coaches Reed and Ellison are giving the Sparta squad plenty of offensive practice. The Yellow Jackets are expected to be at full strength for the tilt Friday and a number of Sparta fans will be present for the game.

RECEIVES DISCHARGE

Cpl. J. Walter Richardson, who received his honorable discharge from military service in Chicago, Ill., last Thursday, arrived at Twin Oaks, Sunday, to spend sometime with his wife and other relatives. He is married to the former Miss Ada Poole.

Bulletin Board In Drug Store Will Show Progress Of Contest

Much interest is being shown in the baby contest which is now in progress under the sponsorship of Sparta elementary school, it was pointed out this week.

A number of entries have already been received and votes are pouring in. Other entries are expected to come in this week and until the contest closes on October 31, it was explained. Names will be published in this paper next week.

A bulletin board has been placed in the B. and T. Drug Store and may be consulted for progress of the contestants, officials stated.

Those who desire to make entries should contact Mrs. F. G. (Continued on Page 4)

Sparta Minister Is Returned Here

The Rev. C. R. Allison returned to the Sparta circuit this week as a result of the annual meeting of the Western North Carolina conference of the Methodist churches, which was well attended in Greensboro last week.

The Rev. Worth Sweet, former pastor at Laurel Springs, was appointed to the Ararat circuit. The Laurel Springs circuit will be supplied at a later date.

Labor Management Talks Peace



Shown around the table are, left to right: Sec. Henry A. Wallace, Sec. Lewis B. Schwelienbach, William Green of the AFL, Eric A. Johnston, president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, Charles Symington, J. Paul Douglas, Robert L. Watt, Joyce O'Hara, Ray Smithurst, Ted Silvey, Ira Mosher, and Philip Murray of the CIO, as they talk labor peace.

Price Controls Still On Lumber

The lifting of building controls by the War Production Board, effective October 15, does not mean that OPA price controls have been removed, it was announced yesterday by Chairman Glenn Richardson, of the local War Price and Rationing Board.

"Price controls on lumber and other building materials are still in effect and will remain so," he declared.

Mr. Richardson brought out the fact that inflationary pressures are still strong in the building materials field and emphasized that OPA was determined to resist them until supply comes into balance with demand.

Congressman R. L. Doughton, of Washington, D. C., spent the week end in town.

Missing Plane, Searched For In County, Found In Smokies

Searching planes covered Alleghany Sunday, attempting to locate the missing army C-45 transport plane which disappeared October 5 while on a flight from St. Louis, Missouri, to Charlotte.

All day Monday, reports came in from various sections of the countryside that parts of a wreckage had been found. These finally ceased when official reports revealed that the wreckage had been definitely located in the Smoky Mountains.

The wreckage was found in a growth of virgin spruce on the east side of Mount Sequoyah, about 400 yards over the North Carolina side of the Appalachian trail, a hiking trail through the park, which forms the boundary between North Carolina and Tennessee at that point.

Foot searching parties took to the rugged mountains Monday after the wreckage of the plane had been spotted from the air by a search plane from Scott Field, Ill. The missing craft had been the object of a wide search since it failed to reach its destination.

The foot party, headed by Capt. Dwyer, of the Greenville, S. C., army airbase, reached the wreckage shortly before noon Tuesday, just as a spotter plane which had taken off from Alcoa, Tenn., arrived over the scene.

In the spotter plane was a parachute medical officer, Capt. Vanden Patten of Colorado Springs, Colo., who was to jump at the scene of the crash with medical supplies, but when it was observed that the ground men were there and a medical officer was in the group, he did not jump.

COUNTY YOUTHS THANK LOCAL BUSINESS MEN

4-H and FFA boys and girls of Alleghany county this week expressed their appreciation to several firms and business men in Sparta for their assistance in the Fat Stock Show, which was held at Elkin last week.

Special thanks was given to Hort Doughton, who, in addition to buying a number of baby beavers at the sale, gave each Alleghany boy and girl who entered a calf in the show a special show halter. Mr. Doughton's name was erroneously omitted in the list of buyers given in last week's paper with the name of R. F. Crouse in its place.

Many letters of congratulations have been received by 4-H and FFA boys and girls from this county and they have already started preparing for a bigger and better entry in next year's show, county agent R. E. Black said this week.

Co-operation Of All Needed To Reach Goal

Chairman Jones Urges That Reports Be Turned In Soon

Unofficial returns late yesterday revealed that collections amounting to \$525.00 have been turned in to the United War Fund with little more than a week passed since the beginning of the drive. Alleghany's quota is \$1,850.00.

Leff Joines, chairman of the drive, pointed out that returns from all townships were not available and that the total is expected to swell this week end when a number of special events are being planned for the benefit of the drive.

Chairman Joines stated that local Boy Scouts would begin work on the drive here this week end. A house to house canvass will be made in addition to solicitation by letters, it was explained.

All township chairmen are urged to send in reports of the progress of the drive in their communities as soon as possible in order that a check may be made on final returns.

Co-operation of the churches and schools as well as all business firms and individuals was also asked.

A list of contributions follows: Sparta high school: \$224.00—Mrs. Warren, \$7.55; Mr. Ellison, \$7.80; Miss Edwards, \$17.00; Mr. Landreth, \$3.37; Mrs. Dutton, \$4.55; Mr. Reed, \$8.10; Miss Kennedy, \$9.35; Mrs. Rector, \$3.02; Miss Mildred Taylor, \$1.42; Mr. McMillan, \$12.60; Miss Edna Edwards, \$6.55; Mrs. Howell, \$1.00; Miss Ivazelle Taylor, \$7.80.

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S.-Sgt Taylor Is Awarded Medal

Staff Sergeant Arthur Dean Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Taylor, of Laurel Springs, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in sustaining frontline combat operations against the enemy.

S.-Sgt. Taylor participated in frontline combat and was in direct contact with the enemy during the period from September 9, 1943 to May 8, 1945 in Italy, France and Germany.

He entered the service in May, 1943 and received his basic training at Camp McCain, Miss. S.-Sgt. Taylor has one brother, Pfc. Jack Taylor, who recently returned home from overseas' duty.

LOCAL DEALER SEES THE NEW CHEVROLET

C. C. Castevens, local Chevrolet dealer, has returned from Charlotte, where he attended a preview of the new 1946 Chevrolet at the company's zone headquarters. He was reluctant to discuss the mechanical and style features of the new car, but by his eager attitude it was apparent that he expected the formal announcement and public showing of the car to be at an early date.

Mr. Castevens said he and other dealers in the area were confident that the 1946 Chevrolet will maintain the record of top volume sales, which Chevrolet reached in 10 of the last 11 prewar years of automobile production, to meet the unprecedented pent-up demand for new cars.

Following the same policy as in former years, the new Chevrolet will be displayed simultaneously in dealers' showrooms throughout the country, Mr. Castevens said.

Radio and local newspaper announcements will be made, telling when prospective customers may see the new car for the first time. These announcements are expected to be good news to motorists and to dealers alike.