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THURSDAY, DEC. 6, 1943

County Has Heaviest Snow Of Season

Reaches Depth Of 6 to 10 Inches Here Wednesday

Roads Partially Blocked; Schools Are Closed; Little Traffic Seen

Alleghany county experienced the first real snow of the season on Tuesday when six to ten inches of snow fell throughout the county, hampering travel and closing schools.

Schools were closed yesterday and are expected to remain closed today and possibly tomorrow. Chains were sent out to all the buses in an effort to transport children to schools but the country roads were reported to be in bad condition.

A number of buses came through and all mail runs were attempted, but farming and other activities were interrupted as the storm hit the mountains.

No deep drifts were reported, as the wind was quiet through the day on Tuesday and the snow turned to rain and hail for a short time Tuesday night. However, a sleet fell before the snow, causing a glare of ice on the roads. The snow started early Tuesday morning and fell steadily all day until late Tuesday night.

Communications remained open throughout the county as well as with other points in the state.

The snowfall was comparable to the blizzard that struck in December of last year, except for the high winds and freezing temperatures.

Business went on as usual yesterday with a large number of people in evidence. A number of cars were brought out and the sale of chains sorted, keeping filling stations and garages busy during most of the day.

Public Urged To Buy Xmas Seals

Sales Lagging In Alleghany; Chmn. Asks That Public Co-operate

The sale of Christmas seals is lagging in Alleghany, Miss Minnie Lou Edwards, chairman of the drive, announced yesterday as she pointed out that only 5,000 seals have been sold to date.

Miss Edwards explained that the 20,000 Christmas seals allotted Alleghany had been mailed in sheets of 100 to various individuals throughout the county and that some were distributed among the home demonstration clubs with a letter of explanation, asking that the money for the purchases of the seals or the unpurchased seals be returned to either the county drive chairman or to Miss Clyde Fields, secretary. Rev. E. W. Thompson is county chairman.

She urged that every person who had received a sheet of the Christmas seals, send in the money immediately, or if they do not wish to make the purchase, to return the seals, in order that they may be redistributed.

Bangle Day, which was observed in the schools of the county, to date has netted \$2.00, it was pointed out with few returns reported.

It was again pointed out that 75 cents of every dollar collected from the sale of the Christmas seals stays in the county for the aid of tubercular cases here.

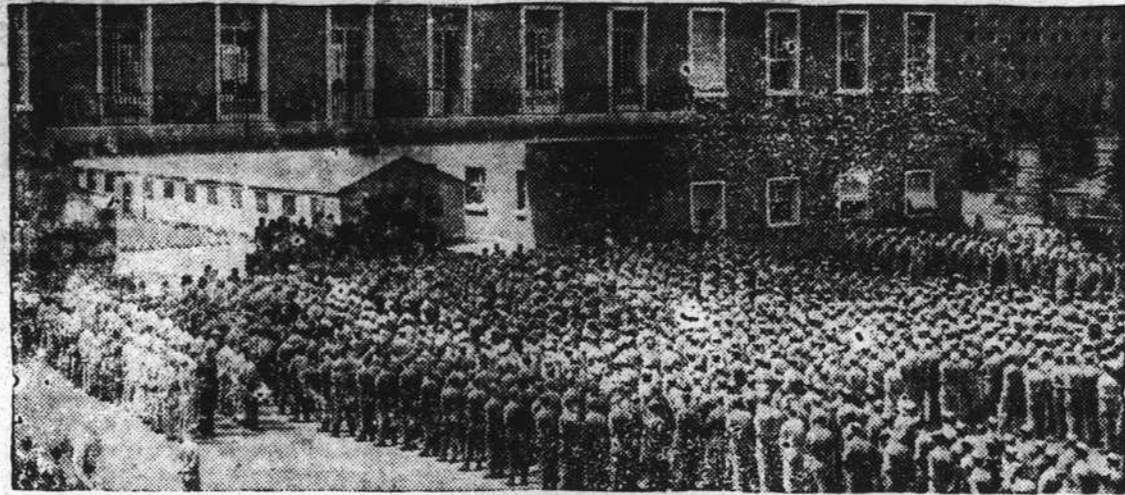
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MRS. CLAUDE MOXLEY RECOVERS FROM INJURY

Mrs. Claude Moxley, who recently suffered a serious head injury, when she fell at her home, was returned from the Waddell hospital in Galax, where she was a patient for several days, and is able to be out again.

Recent visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Kemp Rector, of Aberdeen, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. Levi Shores, of Elklin; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moxley, of Galax, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Beck, Mrs. Flora B. Myers and daughter, Norma; Mrs. C. A. Beck, all of Winston-Salem; Miss Doris Smith, of High Point and Mrs. Charles Proffit, of North Wilkesboro.

Army's University Study Center In Italy Is Opened



American troops attend ceremonies incident to opening the Army's University Study Center in Florence, Italy. This was the first in Europe to be taken over for the American Army on a full time basis. Similar schools are being opened in other parts of Europe for the troops of occupation. (Official U. S. Signal Corps Photo)

Sparta Methodist Church Destroyed By Fire Sunday Night

PORTER TO GOVERNOR



Shown above is Fred Burrows, 56, former \$10 a week railway porter, who has been appointed governor of Bengal, India. He will govern 60 million inhabitants and pilot them through a five-year-plan to modernize the province's land tenure system.

Is Partially Covered By Insurance; Will Build New Church

The Sparta Methodist church was completely destroyed by fire here Sunday night when a blaze of unknown origin swept through the brick building.

The fire, discovered by a passer-by around 10:30 o'clock Sunday night, was believed to have started in one of the Sunday School rooms and had been burning for sometime before it was discovered. Smoke and flames were pouring out of the windows and doors when firemen arrived.

The church, built in 1924, was only partially covered by insurance, it was disclosed, holding a policy of \$4,000.00.

Every effort was made to save the building, but the fire had burned most of the inside of the church before it was discovered. Nothing was saved, the pews and whole interior of the building going up in flames. However, it was pointed out that the furnace and stoker were not damaged and could be used in the new church.

At a meeting of the board of Stewards and several members on Monday night, it was decided that the church would continue the regular service at the Presbyterian church with services on the first and third Sundays and Sunday school every Sunday at 10:00 a. m. Rev. C. R. Allison is the pastor.

In regard to the erection of a new building, it was pointed out that aid would be asked of the Duke Foundation.

United War Fund Drive Still Lags

R. L. Joines, chairman of the United War Fund Drive for Alleghany county announced this week that to date, \$1,780.00 has been contributed, leaving \$70.00 yet to be collected before the goal of \$1,850.00 is reached.

Mr. Joines again reminded citizens that any donations would be accepted.

Contributions not previously published include:

Sparta Garage, Clay Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Rush Thompson, Herbert Lyon, Eugene Trantou and R. F. Crouse, \$5.00 each. Glade Valley school, \$24.44; Whitehead school, \$7.40; Pine Swamp school, \$22.50; American Legion, \$71.00 and Edwin Duncan, \$7.50.

NEW BTU SCHEDULE IS ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK

The Baptist Training Union will meet at the church at 5:30 instead of 6:00 o'clock on Sunday night, Miss Dorothy Evans, director, announced this week.

It was also pointed out that Sunday night church service will begin immediately after BTU at 6:30 o'clock.

Plans for a Christmas program by BTU members are now underway.

Eight Alleghany Men Met At Reunion In Manila

An Alleghany reunion was held in Manila, capital city of the Philippine Islands, recently, when eight boys from this county met there.

The boys included Cpl. Clate Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Edwards, of Whitehead; Cpl. Elmer Jarvis, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Jarvis, of Sparta; Pfc. Dean Joines, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Joines, of Whitehead; Pfc. Floyd Maines, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Maines, of Sparta; Pfc. Ted Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reed, of Twin Oaks; Pfc. Esther Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jones, of Sparta;

Pfc. Gary Wyatt, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wyatt, of Piney Creek; and Pvt. Earl Lee Joines, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Joines, of Whitehead.

The Alleghany servicemen were stationed not more than 20 miles apart, but found it rather difficult getting off at the same time, they reported. Cpl. Jarvis provided the transportation, since he is a truck driver.

They reported that a visit to the Red Cross provided ice cold Cokes and ham sandwiches, making them feel that they were in Sparta again.

Final Returns Given On Junior Red Cross Drive

Total Of \$74.31 Reported By Miss Minnie Lou Edwards, Chairman

A total of \$74.31 was contributed to the American Junior Red Cross of Alleghany county in the recent drive, Miss Minnie Lou Edwards, chairman, announced today in a final report.

Miss Edwards pointed out that 54 Christmas presents, including books of songs, pocket novels, cigarettes, crossword puzzles and checker boards, had just been mailed to the Moore General hospital near Asheville for the soldiers' Christmas from the Alleghany Junior Red Cross. Favors for their Christmas trays are now being made, she explained.

"I wish to thank every school boy and girl in Alleghany county for their splendid co-operation in the drive," Miss Edwards said.

Mrs. Marion Ritzert, general field representative, south eastern district of American Red Cross, praised the work Miss Edwards has done as Junior Red Cross chairman in this county, pointing out that Junior Red Cross was looking forward to making Christmas as pleasant as possible for servicemen in hospitals throughout the United States.

Final report of returns of the drive follows:

Piney Creek high school, Mrs. Ruth Halsey, 76c; Mrs. Blanche Osborne, 50c; Mrs. Lucy Waddell, 50c; Miss Rachel Halsey, 50c; Miss Jean McMillan, 95c; Miss Nannie VanHoy, 85c; Mrs. Blanche G. Halsey, \$1.00; Mrs. Kathleen Maxwell, \$1.00; E. C. Minnich, \$1.00; Mrs. Ella Doughton, \$1.29 and Mrs. Marjorie Miller, \$1.00.

New River school, \$3.00; Pine Swamp, \$3.55; Liberty Knob, \$2.00; Whitehead, \$4.75, with Bob Blum and Tommy King giving \$1.00 each; Sparta high school, \$6.65; Stratford, \$1.45; Rich Hill, \$3.35; Laurel Springs, \$4.35 and Glade Creek colored school, \$2.70, the only school in the county to report 100 per cent membership.

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All members are urged to attend the meeting and were again reminded that they should notify Miss Emoryetta Reeves if they expect guests or if they cannot attend.

Victory Ball Is To Be Held Fri.

West Jefferson - (Special) - Plans are now being perfected for the Victory Ball to be held at the community building here on Friday, when the only requirement for admission will be the purchase of a victory bond on arrival.

Special music is being arranged and other features will be an entertainment act by Horace Day, noted magician. Plans will also probably include auctioning of some nylon hose, if they can be secured in time, it was stated.

The public is cordially invited to attend and is again reminded that a bond must be bought on arrival for admission. It is hoped that the county's quota can be completed at this time.

Those in charge of arrangements said that the girls "would really get a break" as part of it would be a "girl-break" and girls could wear either long or short dresses for the occasion.

Alleghany Is Second County In State To Surpass Quota In Big Victory Bond Drive

Honor Veterans Of World War II At Dinner Here

More Than 115 Veterans Of World War II Entertained By Local Group

Approximately 115 Alleghany county veterans of World War II gathered at the community building last Saturday night when a group of local men entertained at a turkey dinner.

R. F. Crouse acted as master of ceremonies, asking in turn for all members of each branch of service to stand and be recognized. Following this, several men were called on to speak, among them, Walter Bell, who has just returned home after more than three years' internment in a Japanese prison. Others included Joe Doughton, Frank Osborne, Vern Smith, Paul Swanson, Gwyn McCann, Woodrow Richardson, Robert Lee Nichols, Earl Richardson, Ernest Edwards, and Jay Choate (colored).

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Boone Burley Tobacco Mart Opens With Record Prices

Alleghany and Ashe farmers, as well as others from this section of the state, expressed pleasure with the opening prices of Boone's market on Monday, when the Mountain Burley warehouses reported a record high for poundage and prices. At this time, 255,524 pounds were sold for an average of \$46.13.

Sales were heavy and the quality very good, according to official reports. The peak of \$60.00 per hundred was reached on the opening day.

"We are highly pleased with the prices and quality, Roscoe Coleman, who is in charge of the

Sales Now Reported At \$129,087.25; Polk County Is First To Meet Quota

According to official figures released by the Federal Reserve Bank at the close of business, December 1, bond sales in the Victory Loan Drive in Alleghany county have reached \$129,087.25.

S. R. Nichols, drive chairman, pointed out that this was \$49,087.25 over the assigned quota of \$80,000.00. Official figures show that of the entire sales, \$53,568.75 are E bonds and \$75,518.50 are of all other series.

Only two counties in the state have met their E bond quotas, it was pointed out, Alleghany coming in second with 103 per cent and Polk county first with 124 per cent. Congratulations have been coming in from state headquarters as well as from other counties on the splendid success of the drive in Alleghany. The Charlotte Observer also mentioned this county in an editorial recently, in an effort to stir up interest in other counties throughout the state.

L. M. Nelson, Field Supervisor with headquarters in North Wilkesboro, announced today that Standard Oil Company of New Jersey has purchased Victory Bonds in the amount of \$500,000.00 in North Carolina in connection with the Victory Bond Drive. In line with the company's policy of allocating this purchase among the 100 counties of North Carolina in proportion to each county's quota, Alleghany county has been allotted \$500.00.

OPA Calls For Ration Tokens

A request has been sent to the local OPA office to solicit the cooperation in advising all retailers who may have red meat ration tokens in their possession to turn these tokens over to the bank with which they have their ration bank account in sealed boxes, envelopes or any other type package.

If the retailer does not have a ration bank account, he should turn the tokens in his possession over to any participating bank, it was stated.

Mountain Burley Warehouses

"We are always delighted when the farmers are pleased, for we are in business to serve them," he added.

Many farmers had delivered their tobacco to the warehouses prior to the opening sales, meanwhile, on Monday and Tuesday, loads continued to come in. "We want all the tobacco we can get and we believe we can satisfy the growers," Mr. Coleman declared.

It was pointed out that every effort is made to clear the floor daily. "We try to avoid all delay and see that a farmer gets his

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Farmers Name AAA Committee For Alleghany

C. G. Collins Is Chairman; Herbert Osborne Is Chosen As Vice-Chmn.

C. G. Collins has again been named chairman of the Alleghany AAA committee, it was announced this week. Mr. Collins has served as a member of the committee every year, with the exception of one, since the beginning of the AAA program in 1936.

Named to serve on the county committee with Collins were Herbert Osborne, vice-chairman; Arthur Gambill, regular member; B. H. Rector, first alternate and L. C. Hampton, second alternate.

This committee, elected by the county delegates at a meeting on Saturday morning, met on Tuesday and named Miss Bettie Halsey as secretary and Miss Pauline Osborne as treasurer of the Alleghany AAA program, it was pointed out. Both Miss Halsey and Miss Osborne have been associated with the program for several years.

Miss Halsey, chief clerk of the board, said that there was much interest in the voting and that the list of committeemen would be published next week.

Grocery Store To Open December 13

New Mick-or-Mack To Be Under Management Of Gaither Evans

The new Mick-or-Mack grocery store, locally owned by C. R. Roe, Cary Brown and Gaither Evans will be opened on Friday, December 13, it was announced this week.

Under the management of Gaither Evans, the new grocery store, located between the Sparta garage and the Western Auto Associate store, will feature a complete line of groceries for the buying public of Alleghany county and surrounding territories.

"It is our goal to supply our customers in Sparta and in surrounding territories with the freshest and purest and best in meats, fruits, vegetables, staple and fancy foods," Mr. Evans said this week.

It was also pointed out that Christmas candies, dressed turkeys and chickens, oranges, grapefruit, cranberries and all Christmas foods are expected to be on sale for the grand opening next Thursday.

The store, a 25x120 foot structure, will feature a large walk-in meat cooler and two meat cases. Joe Choate, local butcher, has been engaged to take care of the meat market, it was announced.

Other employees of the new grocery store will be Mrs. Retha Blackburn, James Estep and Cary Brown.

Last Rites Held For Mrs. Sparks

Mrs. Delia Brown Sparks, 68, died suddenly at her home in the Vox community on Sunday night, after an illness of several months. She had been a patient in the Baptist hospital at Winston-Salem for the past month.

Funeral service was conducted Wednesday afternoon at Pleasant Home Union Baptist church at Vox with Elds. S. G. Caudill, Carlisle McKnight and William Moxley officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

The daughter of Sam and Matilda Willey, she was born and reared in Alleghany county. In early womanhood she was married to Rufus Brown and to this union were born two children, Mrs. Paul Reeves, of Coatesville, Pa. and Garnet Brown, of Vox, who survive. Following Mr. Brown's death, she was married to Eld. J. C. Sparks, who also survives.

In addition, two sisters, Mrs. Emma Jarvis, of High Point; and Mrs. Betty Ford, of Tennessee, survive.

Pallbearers were neighbors of the deceased.

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