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1945 Has Been A Record Buying Year In County

Shortages In Many Lines; Money Reported More Plentiful; Needs Grow

Despite many adverse conditions, 1945 has been one of the greatest buying years Sparta has ever known, according to reports from a number of merchants.

And in spite of the unfavorable weather, Christmas shopping was unusually heavy. On many days stores were crowded almost beyond capacity.

Merchants said the demand is by far greater than the supply of most goods and that although the supply of some items is much better than during any of the war years, the demand has increased by an even larger margin. The supply of some items has been decreased.

The great purchasing splurge this year is attributed to several factors. One of these is the fact that during the past few years many persons have had to do without many things they wanted or needed and now they will buy almost anything whether they need it or not.

Another contributing factor is that the majority of people have more money than they have ever had before.

Also, now that the war is over and the boys are coming home from overseas, many just feel better toward each other and want to give more gifts.

With the return of many servicemen there has been an extra drain on civilian clothing. Many of the veterans are having trouble outfitting themselves.

Business is expected to continue good with the coming of the new year, since there are many needs not yet filled and since also there will be an increase in many lines, including automobiles, electric appliances, many types of furniture that have been scarce, as well as other items.

To Erect Wrench Monument Soon

Movement Underway To Raise Funds For Marker For Former Editor's Wife

A movement is now underway to raise funds for a monument for Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wrench, with a goal of \$50.00 set by members of the committee, it was announced this week.

Mr. Wrench, former editor of this paper, which was then known as The Alleghany Star, was one of the most public spirited men of his day. He edited the paper for a number of years, setting the type by hand in the printing office at Sparta. Mr. Wrench was editor of the Star during World War I.

The bodies of the former editor and his wife were placed in the Glade Valley cemetery, but have never had markers erected at the graves, it was explained. A group of interested citizens began the movement to raise the fund for the monument, recently, it was pointed out and all donations will be taken by D. F. Sturdivant.

Any person wishing to make a donation to the fund, may get in touch with Mr. Sturdivant, it was

Pfc. Wm. Greene Is Now In Japan

With the Sixth Army in Japan—Private First Class William H. Greene, son of Mr. Gord Greene, of Ennice, has arrived in Kyushu, Japan, with the 32d (Red Arrow) Infantry Division.

Greene's arrival in Japan comes as a climax to bitter fighting in Luzon with the 32d. For the Red Arrow itself, the Kyushu landing meant the end of a long and bloody road studded with smashing victories at Muna, Saidor, Aitape, Morotai, Leyte and Luzon.

In the service since October, 1944, Greene trained at Camp Blanding, Florida, before departing for overseas duty in May, 1945. He holds the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon and the Philippine Liberation Medal.

War Heroes Go Back To High School



Ray Simmons, 20, left, and John D. Koss, 22, both of Pittsburgh, Pa., both married, are shown in class at Mt. Lebanon high school, where they are earning college entrance credits. Koss, hero of 15th air force, plans to be an aeronautical engineer. Simmons, with the navy off Guam and Okinawa, hero of several engagements, will major in electrical engineering.

Truman Named 'Man Of Year' By Time Magazine

Cited For His Service In Connection With Use Of Atomic Bomb

New York—President Harry S. Truman has been named by Time Magazine as its "man of the year" for 1945.

In selecting the president, Time said in its Dec. 31 issue, released that "the greatest of all 1945's great events was the atom bomb."

The president, the magazine said, "somewhat unwittingly, somewhat against his own will, became more than any other man responsible for the bomb, its use in 1945 and its future."

HEADS TEST FARM



James A. Granam, who has been named superintendent of the Upper Mountain Experiment Station at Transou, effective January 1.

Rites Held For Mrs. Lovelace

Funeral service for Mrs. Pearl Hamm Lovelace, 53, wife of John S. Lovelace, of Jonesville, was held December 18 at Whitehead Baptist church with Revs. Ford Walker, John Toliver and Woods officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Lovelace died suddenly at her home in Jonesville, on December 13 of asthma and pneumonia. She had been ill for but a short time and her death came as a shock to family and friends. Funeral service was delayed, pending the arrival of two sons, who were in the armed forces.

The daughter of Enoch Hamm, of Whitehead and the late Amanda Hamm, she was reared in Alleghany county.

Surviving in addition to her husband and father are three sons, Roy, of the home; S-Sgt. Thomas Lee Lovelace, of Altus, Okla., and Pfc. Grady Wayne Lovelace, of Georgia.

Three brothers, Eld. Willie Hamm, of Laurel Springs and George and Talmadge Hamm, of Whitehead and three sisters, Mrs. Mae Houser, Mrs. Bessie Edwards and Mrs. Carrie Jones, all of Whitehead, also survive.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Shores and son, of Christiansburg, Va., were visitors here Wednesday.

SCHOOLS WILL OPEN HERE ON WEDNESDAY

Unless weather should make roads impassable, a number of schools in Alleghany are expected to open on Monday while others will not resume work until Wednesday, as far as it could be learned this week. Sparta school will open on Wednesday.

Most schools in the county were closed on December 18 for the holidays, while others closed at various times during the week, depending on the bus routes and the condition of the roads.

It was pointed out that the schools of the county have lost little time during this school term due to bad weather conditions and it is hoped that they will open on schedule for the new year.

Both students and teachers have enjoyed extended holidays due to the severe weather.

Japanese Children See Short Snorter



Sasebo Naval Base, Japan—Marine Private First Class Earl Sexton, of Route 2, Lansing, exhibits his short snorter bill to three Japanese children in the town of Sasebo.

Sexton is on occupation duty with the 8th Marine Service Regiment, at the Sasebo Naval Base, Kyushu.

Alleghany Triples Victory Loan Quota As Drive Nears End

Johnson Resigns As Mgr. Of Kraft Cheese Co. Plant

Will Be Succeeded By Bradshaw; Others Are Added To Organization

West Jefferson—(Special)—Levern Johnson, who for the past 40 years has efficiently served as manager of the Kraft cheese plant here, has resigned to enter the cheese business for himself, in Pulaski, Tennessee, effective January 1, and J. E. Bradshaw has been named to replace him.

Working with Manager Bradshaw will be Couch Brown, of Booneville, Mississippi, as general plant supervisor, and Harvey Payne, as field man.

Bradshaw and his wife arrived from New Orleans, where he was previously associated with the Kraft cheese company for a number of years before entering military service. Brown has also been associated with the company before coming here. Harvey Payne has been serving as assistant county agent since H. D. (Continued on Page 8)

County Is Second In State In Sales Of E Bonds; Workers Are Praised

With Victory Bond sales in Alleghany reaching \$248,624.75 this week, the county has more than tripled the quota of \$80,000.00 assigned in the Victory Loan Drive, officials reported.

Official figures from the Federal Reserve Bank show that the county has surpassed the E bond quota of \$52,000.00 by more than \$92,800.00 with \$144,806.25 reported. These figures reveal that Alleghany has achieved 134 per cent of the E bond quota, placing the county second in the state. Polk county has achieved 176 per cent of the E bond quota assigned.

Drive chairman S. R. Nichols pointed out that this Victory Loan Drive had been far more successful than any of the previous eight war loan drives held in this county. He again praised committee chairmen, individual workers and above all, every buyer who has purchased a bond during the drive for the splendid record made in Alleghany county.

"In this, the last bond drive, we have not only lived up to the extent (Continued on Page 8)

Farmers Urged To File AAA Reports

Monday, December 31 has been set as the end of the AAA program year, C. G. Collins, Alleghany chairman of AAA committee, announced this week.

All farmers are urged to file performance reports and sign applications as a basis for making a net payment to producers on the 1945 applications for payment, Mr. Collins pointed out.

Methodists Name Fund Committee

Donations for the building fund for the Sparta Methodist church are now being accepted, it was pointed out this week.

Members of the building fund committee include: Mrs. J. T. Inskeep, Mrs. C. C. Casteven, Mrs. Mexa Phipps, R. L. Allison and Eugene Transou. It was explained that any donations could be given to any member of the committee.

Congress To Be Faced With Many Controversial Issues

Washington—No congress in recent years has faced an election-year docket as laden with controversy as that which confronts the 79th when it reconvenes next month.

Between January 14 when they come back from vacation, and next summer when the hope to get away for political campaigning, the legislators must grapple with more than a dozen major subjects, each primed with political dynamite.

There are many items on President Truman's legislative program that haven't been acted on, and there are many others, not on the chief executive's priority list, that are likely to become bitter issues.

The senate in particular faces a prospect of diving immediately into a row, with Senators Ball (R., Minn.) and Chavez (D., N. M.) planning to bring up the bill for a permanent fair employment

practices committee. That plan has started trouble every time it has come up. Senator Bilbo (D., Miss.) already has let it be known he will filibuster.

Some time before May 15, congress must decide what it wants to do about the draft law. It expires, then, and many members of congress want it to go right on with its dying.

The decision on the draft problem will be coupled with universal military training legislation the president has requested. The house military committee is in the midst of hearings on peacetime military training now.

Before the end of June, some decision must be made about price controls. If nothing is done, the controls end automatically, for the price control law expires on June 30, 1946.

The administration will insist on early action on legislation set (Continued on Page Four)

Will Complete Parkway Soon; To Let Contracts

Work On Several Stretches Expected To Begin Early Next Year

Of much interest to this entire section is the announcement from Raleigh that the Blue Ridge Parkway will be finished at an early date.

Contracts for the most difficult stretches of the highway between Asheville and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park are scheduled to be let shortly after January 1, the State News Bureau has disclosed here.

Over half of the 500-mile stretch of panoramic highway had been completed or partially completed prior to the outbreak of war.

Largely completed is the parkway stretch between Asheville and the Virginia line. From Asheville to the approaches of the Great Smokies, however, much work remains to be done.

Latest reports here, the State News Bureau disclosed, indicate that the Public Roads Administration will spend about half of a \$30,000,000 parkways fund on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Plans for expenditure of \$12,000,000 already have been completed and are now pending congressional appropriation.

The finished route west of Asheville will follow a mountain skyline by Mount Pisgah, wind through Balsam Gap, and enter the Smokies near Cherokee.

Sgt. Ernest Bell Home From China

Member Of Forces That Liberated General Wainwright; To Stay In Army

Sgt. Ernest Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hardin Bell, of Whitehead, has recently returned from China to spend a 45-day furlough here with his parents, after serving in the India-Burma-China theatre of action for the past 22 months.

Serving with the Mars Task force of the 475th Infantry in Burma, Sgt. Bell saw plenty of action there. In China, he served as a truck driver for the SOS and in Manchuria he helped to liberate 1,700 American prisoners of war from the Japanese. He was also a member of the force that liberated General Wainwright.

Sgt. Bell, younger brother of Cpl. Walter L. Bell, who was a prisoner of war of the Japanese for more than three years, like Cpl. Walter L. Bell, who was a Cpl. Bell, plans to make the army his career.

BIRTH ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Evans, of Sparta, announce the birth of a daughter, Sandra Lee, on December 19. Mother and daughter are getting along fine. Mrs. Evans is the former Miss Louise Miles, of Cherry Lane.

Last Call Made For Red Tokens

Announcing the extension of the period for the return of red tokens until January 5, L. W. Driscoll, OPA District Director, urged retailers, wholesalers and primary distributors to turn in promptly all the red tokens in their possession.

"The return of tokens since the meats-fats rationing program ended November 24, has been slow," Mr. Driscoll said. "We are extending the time limit, originally set for December 12, to give all members of the trade ample time to comply with the requirement. Because consumers held only a few tokens, they are required to return them."

Tokens need not be counted and may be placed in regular token boxes, envelopes, or any type container for return to the ration bank, he added. Their surrender is necessary before OPA and the trade can wind up all matters pertaining to the terminated program.