



## Local Dairy Industry Shows Big Increase

### Woman's Club To Sponsor Polio Fund Drive Here

### County Is Given A Quota Of \$500.00; Drive To Open On January 14

The Infantile Paralysis Campaign, which will begin in Alleghany county on January 14 and last through January 31, will be under the sponsorship of the Sparta Woman's club with no special chairman this year, it was announced here this week.

A quota of \$500.00 has been assigned this county, it was pointed out and every possible effort will be made to raise the money at the quickest possible moment. No special plans have been made to date, however.

Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Ruth J. Choate, the county gave a net total of \$1,403.98 in the campaign last year, an excellent record. It is hoped that the campaign will be equally as successful this year.

A call-meeting of a number of members of the Woman's club is expected to be held before the drive officially opens, with definite plans to be announced next week.

It was explained that a part of the funds raised will be used locally with the remainder going to the Foundation Fund, where research is being carried on constantly to stamp the dreaded disease which leaves so many maimed and crippled for life.

### Baptist W. M. U. Group Will Meet

The Wilkesboro Division of the W. M. U. conference of the Baptist church will be held Wednesday, January 9 at the Y. M. C. A. in Ellettsville beginning at ten o'clock.

All Alleghany associational officers, W.M.U. officers and others who are interested are invited to attend.

### Mrs. Doughton's Father Buried

Frank Click, 90, father of Mrs. J. L. Doughton, of Sparta, and one of the oldest and best-known Davie county citizens, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. H. Ratledge in Mocksville, December 24.

Mr. Click, a member of one of the older families of Burke county, was a retired farmer. Survivors include two sons: John G. Click, Kernersville; and Grady Click, Winston-Salem; and three daughters, Mrs. J. H. Ratledge, Mocksville; Mrs. M. C. Everhart, Statesville and Mrs. J. L. Doughton, Sparta.

The body remained at Walker Funeral home until ten o'clock Wednesday morning when it was removed to the home of Mrs. Ratledge, where the funeral was held at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

The Rev. J. E. Pritchard was in charge of the service and was assisted by the Rev. E. W. Turner. Burial was in Rose cemetery.

### Tokyo Also Has White Christmas

Alleghanians were not the only people in the world to have a "White Christmas", according to a cablegram from Pvt. Thomas Hassel Hoppers in Tokyo.

Pvt. Hoppers, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hoppers, of Whitehead, cabled from the capitol of the Jap homeland where he is now stationed that they had 24 inches of snow for Christmas.

The cable read as follows: "Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am O. K. We have 24 inches of snow. Tell everyone hello," Love, Hassell."

Pvt. Hoppers has been overseas since June and has been in

### Notre Dame Stars Are To Be Coaches



Four former Notre-Dame football stars who will coach in the San Francisco bay region next season. Left to right: Jimmy Phelan, St. Mary's mentor; Marchie Schwartz, Stanford's head man; Larry "Moon" Mullins, new Santa Clara's head coach; and Maurice "Clipper" Smith, who will assume the U. S. F. football reins.

### New Year Brings More Cold Weather, Snow, High Winds

#### Arrival Of New Year Quietly Celebrated; Number Of Small Parties Held

1946 was ushered in with a cold wave here. Amid snow and high winds, the mercury dropped to the uncomfortable low level of from zero to 10 above in various sections of the county.

But along with the extreme cold weather came slight temporary relief. A limited amount of coal was shipped in for the public as well as some for the schools.

In addition to highways in many parts of the county being covered with ice, the blowing snow made travel hazardous.

Most business houses were open but with little trade, were busy completing inventory.

A number of smaller parties watched the old year wane and the new 1946 come in.

More gaiety and celebrating was in evidence here on New Year's Eve than had been for the past four years, many veterans home for the first time since the war began.

Yesterday brought some relief to the cold weather as well as sections of the ice-covered roads.

#### Pfc. Brooks Is Given Discharge

Camp Lejeune, N. C.—Pfc. Robert G. Brooks, whose mother, Mrs. R. C. Brooks, lives in Sparta, has been honorably discharged from the Marine Corps at this discharge center.

He served overseas with the Marines at Roi-Namur, Saipan, Tinian and Iwo Jima. He was awarded the Purple Heart, and Presidential Unit Citation with star.

### President Harry Truman To Speak To Nation Tonight

Washington—President Truman started 1946 resolved to put across his legislative program in a New Year that poses many problems.

Aboard the presidential yacht Williamsburg, Mr. Truman was knitting together a speech aimed at lining up public backing behind that program. Tonight the President goes on the air to talk directly to the people.

He has started, too, to draft a "state of the union" message for Congress, to tell it what he wants after it goes back to work Jan. 14.

Congress so far has shown no hankering for shoving the Truman legislative plan ahead in its entirety.

One of America's biggest problems in this first, full, postwar year is linked directly to a late

### County Schools Are Open Again After Holidays

#### Bus Routes Checked And Drivers Are Urged To Be Extra Careful

Alleghany county schools opened this week in earnest and settled down to begin work for the new year, after a period of almost two weeks' vacation, due to bad weather which has prevailed throughout the county.

A number of schools in the county opened on Monday, while most of the larger schools opened on Wednesday, authorities stated.

A few schools, it was pointed out, resumed work on Thursday, December 27, since they were forced to close early, due to weather conditions.

R. E. Richardson, superintendent of the State Highway Department here, said this week that all bus routes had been checked and the roads cleared of snow where there might be danger for the buses.

It was also explained that mechanics have overhauled the buses and supplied every bus with chains and that bus drivers are being cautioned to be especially careful of driving, stopping to unload and pulling off the road to let other vehicles pass.

Supt. Clyde Fields urged that all persons meeting buses on country roads, give them ample time to pass thus avoiding accidents.

### Cicero Wagoner Home From War

#### Laurel Springs Soldier Sees Action In The Pacific Theatre Of War

Pfc. Cicero Wagoner, son of Mrs. Mertie Royal, of Laurel Springs, recently received an honorable discharge from military service at the separation center at Fort Bragg, having spent more than three and one-half years in service.

Pfc. Wagoner entered the service at Fort Bragg and received his basic training at Camp Walter, Texas. He was assigned to the Asiatic-Pacific theatre, where he won two bronze service stars, Philippine Liberation ribbon with one service star, Good Conduct medal and the Victory Medal.

Pfc. Wagoner saw action in the Northern Solomons, spending much time in Bougainville, in the Philippines, on Luzon and in Manila. He also went to the home island of Japan before returning to the States.

### C. of C. To Meet Here January 11

The Chamber of Commerce will hold the January meeting here next Friday at 7:30 o'clock at the community building, it was announced this week.

No program has been announced, but a special entertainment is promised for the meeting.

All members are urged to attend.

### Meeting Of Tax Listers Will Be Held Saturday

G. Glenn Nichols, Alleghany county tax supervisor, announced this week that there will be a meeting of all tax listers for the various townships in the county on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock at the courthouse, where they will be given final instructions and supplies.

Mr. Nichols urged that every tax lister be present for this meeting.

All appointments have been made and dates have been set for listing taxes in the various townships, it was pointed out. A list of the places and dates will be found elsewhere in this paper.

The listing is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, January 8 and will last through January, Mr. Nichols explained. This year, as in the past, the listers will meet taxpayers of each township at an appointed meeting place.

The law requires that every person list his or her property and all male persons between the ages of 21 and 50 are required to give in their poll. Those failing to do this are subject to penalty.

### METHODIST CHURCH FUND STILL GROWING

The Methodist church fund drive, which is now underway here, is increasing daily, it was announced this week. Gifts are being sought.

### Pres. Truman's Fact Finding Board



Photo shows, left to right: Judge Walter Stacy, chief justice, North Carolina Supreme court; Lloyd K. Garrison, chairman of the president's fact finding board and Milton Eisenhower, president of Kansas State college and brother of General Eisenhower, who are serving as President Truman's fact finding board on the General Motors strike.

### Ten Top Stories Of 1945 In Alleghany County Reviewed

#### Reed And Stuart Attend Meeting

#### Byron Stuart Rejoins Firm After Receiving Discharge From Service

Joe Bill Reed and Byron Stuart attended a meeting of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company at the country club at Greensboro last week.

Mr. Reed, local agent, pointed out that the home office agency of the Jefferson Standard Company had sold six and one-half million dollars worth of insurance last year and that \$590,000,000.00 insurance is now in force, an all-time record for the company.

Mr. Stuart, former member of the Sparta school faculty, will be located in Winston-Salem with the Jefferson Standard company, there.

#### OPA Office Here Closed On Jan. 1

The Alleghany county ration board office closed on January 1, local board members announced this week.

Application blanks for sugar have been placed in the office of G. D. Richardson, town marshal, and may be filled out and mailed directly to Charlotte, it was pointed out.

Mrs. Robert Fleetwood, clerk of the board since it opened here, left this week to join her husband in Concord. Mr. Fleetwood is connected with the FSA there.

### Tax Slash Became Effective On Tuesday; Many To Benefit

Washington—Wage earners got a "pay raise" and big business a windfall Tuesday when new tax cuts became effective.

Under the \$5,900,000,000 tax reduction bill passed in November, both big and little taxpayers benefit and about 12,000,000 people with very low incomes stop paying any taxes.

The tax collector will claim a small chunk of the incomes of the 35,000,000 to 38,000,000 individuals left on the tax rolls. So extra dollars will start appearing in paychecks received on or after New Year's Day—even though the pay is for time worked in 1945.

For example, under the reduced tax rates, a man with no dependents who makes \$50 a week has had \$8.20 withheld for taxes. This weekly deduction will drop to \$6.80.

Persons in higher wage brackets and those not subject to withholding will feel the difference when they file estimates of their 1946 taxes and make their first quarterly payments which are due March 15.

The new law, first general tax-cutting measure passed by Congress in 16 years, is designed to reduce taxes of individuals by \$2,644,000,000. Repeal of the automobile and boat use taxes in June will add another \$140,000,000 of relief.

At the same time, lower corporation tax rates and repeal of the excess profits tax are expected to reduce business taxes by \$3,136,000,000.

The excess profits tax, which expired, was imposed before Pearl Harbor and by 1943 had risen to a flat rate of 95 per cent. More than \$28,000,000,000 has been collected through it.

#### Reaction Of County People To Three Great World Events Tops List

Outstanding news stories of the world, nation and state are chosen by news agencies and newspapers at the beginning of each year, and this week the Alleghany News staff has chosen the ten top stories of Alleghany county during the past year, believed to be of most interest to the most people.

#### 1. The reaction of Alleghany people to three of the greatest events in world history during 1945, takes first place.

Along with the rest of the world, Alleghanians were shocked and grieved over the sudden death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in April. This was followed by New Year's Day, marking the end of the war in Europe as the people of this county accepted the news with no visible elation, but calmly and with deep, almost unspoken thankfulness.

The last of the three great events, the surrender of the Japanese and the end of the war brought a different reaction as all bedlam broke loose in Sparta following the announcement of the surrender. Many wept, others shouted and yelled, main street was crowded with autos with horns and sirens going full blast.

2. An extensive building program got underway in Sparta. Buildings constructed or under construction include The Choate Motor Co. garage building, the building located between the Sparta Garage and Western Auto

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### Production Of Milk Shows Big Jump This Year

#### Much Progress Is Also Made In Improvement Of Herds; Income Shows Gain

The dairying industry in Alleghany has shown a marked increase during the past twelve months, bring into the county a total estimated income of \$375,000.00, a gain over last year of more than 25 per cent.

According to figures just released by R. E. Black, county agent, 10,500,000 pounds of milk was produced in this county in 1945. This shows an increase of 25 per cent over the 1944 production figures of 7,875,000 pounds, it was pointed out.

Mr. Black stated that at the peak of the season, Alleghany farmers were producing around 40,000 pounds of milk per day.

Mr. Black also pointed out that the milk subsidy, distributed through the AAA office here added much to the income of dairymen, with \$12,000.00 paid during one month at the peak of the production.

Much interest is also being shown in building up dairy herds in the county, he said, with five purebred Guernsey bulls bought by Alleghany farmers during 1945. Twenty purebred females were also added to the herds, he explained. The county has a total of thirteen Grade A milk producers with a total of around 250 cows.

Since Alleghany county has no milk receiving station, the milk is shipped to the Coble plant in Lenoir; Carnation plant in Galax; Kraft Cheese plant in West Jefferson and two Grade A producers ship milk to the Klondike Farms in Elkin.

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