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## Infantile Paralysis Fund Drive To Open Monday

### Sparta Postal Receipts Reach New High Peak

Gain Of \$5,177.19 Over Last Year Reported By Postmaster Nichols

All previous records were smashed by the Sparta post office in postal receipts for the four quarters of 1945, the total income amounting to \$79,063.20, a gain of \$5,177.19 over the preceding year, according to figures released yesterday by Postmaster Silas R. Nichols.

During the past year, receipts at the local post office have shown a steady gain, reaching the highest point in the final quarter when they amounted to \$20,500.68. Receipts for the other three quarters were first, \$17,224.01; second, \$16,548.86; and third, \$16,826.11. The sale of postage stamps alone amounted to \$7,963.54, it was pointed out, with the final quarter showing the highest sales.

These figures, Postmaster Nichols explained, do not include the sale of bonds, defense stamps and revenue stamps.

Total receipts for bonds issued in the Sparta post office during 1945 amounted to \$73,680.75, he pointed out, a loss under the sales in 1944, due to the fact that there were only two bond drives in 1945, while there were three in 1944.

### Baptist Pastor To Leave Jan. 17

Rev. G. R. Blackburn Accepts Charge At Robbins In Moore County

Rev. G. R. Blackburn, pastor of the Liberty and Chestnut Grove Baptist churches in this county will leave January 17 to take charge of the First Baptist church of Robbins in Moore county, it was announced this week.

Rev. Mr. Blackburn has been in charge of the two Baptist churches for the past five years. Before coming to Alleghany, he was connected with churches in other points in North Carolina and Virginia.

The new charge which he will take over is in a town of 3,000 people, it was pointed out. He will serve as full-time pastor there.

Rev. and Mrs. Blackburn and their small daughter, Geraldine, will be greatly missed by the people of the county, friends pointed out. Rev. Mr. Blackburn has done a splendid work with both the church at Whitehead and that one in the Hooker community, it was explained.

### Prices Are Good On Boone Mart

The Mountain Burley Tobacco Warehouses, re-opened at Boone on Monday, after being closed for the holidays and reported good prices for the opening days.

Prices on both quality and lower grades of tobacco showed some gain, officials said.

"We will be open until January 31 and even longer if there is still a sufficient amount of tobacco to be sold," Roscoe Coleman, operator, said. Mr. Coleman pointed out that there was plenty of room in the warehouses and extended a special invitation to all farmers to sell the remainder of their tobacco in Boone.

### Willie Baugues Buried On Wed.

Funeral service for Willie Baugues, 60, of Ennice, was held yesterday morning at Mountain View church with Rev. Mack Brooks and Rev. Nathan Wilmouth in charge. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Baugues died at his home at Ennice January 7, following a severe illness of about three months.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Stella Baugues and an infant daughter, one year old.

### ENDORSES DRIVE



President Harry S. Truman sees the 1946 March of Dimes conducted January 14-31 by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, as a tribute to his predecessor, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

### Winner Of Baby Derby Is Little Miss Ann Sidden

Alleghany's First Baby Of 1946 Is Born On January 4 At Sparta

Little Miss Doris Ann Sidden, of Sparta, made a belated arrival last week end to claim the title of Alleghany's first baby for 1946, with her birth recorded January 4 at 2:30 p. m. after delivery by Dr. P. L. Choate. To her the News extends best wishes.

The infant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Sidden, who live just out of Sparta on the Twin Oaks road, is the second child in the Sidden family. Her mother is the former Miss Lois Edwards.

To date no other birth has been reported in the county during the new year, a most unusual record. Another unusual fact is that the baby contest winners for the past three years have been girls and that each of the three doctors in town have delivered one of the babies. In 1944 the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johnson, of Sparta Rt. 1 was the winner with Dr. B. O. Choate the doctor.

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### Roberts Rites Held Last Week

Funeral service for Mrs. Delphia Roberts, of Ennice, was conducted last Thursday at Saddle Mountain church. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Roberts died at her home near Ennice on January 1. Those attending the funeral from a distance were: Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Cochran and family, of Bel Air, Md., and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hayes, of West Virginia.

### Four Cardinals Named By Pope



Pope Pius XII named Archbishop Samuel A. Stritch, Chicago, (upper left), Archbishop Francis J. Spellman, New York, (lower left), Archbishop Edward Mooney, Detroit, (upper right) and Archbishop John Glennon, St. Louis, as members of the College of Cardinals.

### Farmers To File For New Tobacco Allotments Now

Feb. 1 Is Final Date; Conditions For Eligible Farmers Are Cited

All eligible producers interested in applying for a new grower tobacco allotment should file an application at the Alleghany AAA office prior to February 1, C. G. Collins, chairman Alleghany county AAA committee, said here today.

He pointed out that in order to be eligible for a new tobacco allotment, the following conditions must be met: (1) The farm operator shall have had experience in growing the kind of tobacco for which an allotment is requested either as a sharecropper, tenant, or as a farm operator during the past five years, or if the farm operator has been in the armed services of the United States, within five years prior to his entry into the armed services; (2) the farm operator shall be living on the farm and largely dependent on the farm for his livelihood. (Continued on Page Four)

### Quail Season To End January 10

Alleghany Is Excepted In Game Laws; To Observe Shorter Season

The grouse season closed in Alleghany county on January 1, sportsmen were reminded this week by game authorities, and it was pointed out that the quail season will close on January 10.

Hunters in Alleghany were also reminded that the quail and grouse season in the adjoining counties would not close until January 31, but that Alleghany county is an exception and will observe a shorter hunting season.

The rabbit season in this county will remain open until January 31, as it will in other counties.

It was also pointed out that all merchants who are buying and selling furs must secure a license. A strict check-up is being made on all fur dealers, it was announced. License may be secured directly from the Raleigh office of Conservation and Development.

Serving as game protectors for Alleghany county are H. Grady Farthing, of Watauga; Walter F. Edmisten, also of Watauga, and Harvey Goodman, of Ashe county.

### Superphosphate Orders Are Taken

Orders are now being received at the Alleghany AAA office for a limited amount of superphosphate to be supplied under the Purchase Order Plan, C. G. Collins, chairman announced.

Farmers signing for this material will be expected to move it from the warehouse in Sparta, Mr. Collins pointed out.

### Orphans Will Benefit In Victory Clothing Collection



These Polish born children are among European war orphans that will receive clothes in the Victory Clothing Drive. Special dates and collection points for Ashe county will be announced next week.

### County Schools To Open Monday If Roads Permit

Teachers And Patrons Asked To Secure Information On Opening On Saturday

Following in the wake of severe sleet and snow storms during the holidays, came heavy rains this week, practically paralyzing travel on the county roads of Alleghany. Schools were dismissed on Monday of this week, as the roads were marked impassable for the school buses. They will resume work on Monday, January 14, only if the condition of the roads permits, Supt. Clyde Fields said yesterday.

Miss Fields pointed out that all students, teachers, patrons and others interested in the schools should get information on the opening of the schools from Sparta on Saturday afternoon as it will be impossible to tell the condition of the roads until the last possible moment.

R. E. Richardson, superintendent of the State Highway Department in Alleghany said yesterday that the country roads were in the worst condition that they had been during the winter and that it would be sometime before they would be in good shape again. The road bottoms are practically gone, he pointed out, and all travel by heavy vehicles in the condition in which they now are only makes them worse. (Continued on Page 4)

### Tax Listing Is Started Tuesday

Tax listing in Alleghany county got underway on Tuesday although a number of dates had to be changed due to the bad condition of roads.

G. Glenn Nichols, tax supervisor, urged that all individuals list their own taxes where it is possible. It was explained that there is a penalty for failure to list during this month.

### Sheriff Gets Big Liquor Outfit

Keen eyes and a bit of searching on the part of Sheriff Jess Moxley and Deputy Glenn D. Richardson led to the discovery of a 200 gallon moonshine still and the arrest of Floyd Jones, 45-year-old farmer in the Cranberry community, last Thursday evening.

Following a report on the still earlier in the week, the local officers drove past the Jones home and noticing that some mahogany wood had been cut and hauled toward the house in a small sled, they picked up the trail which led, not to the woodhouse, but straight through a barn shed and about 300 yards to a still, set up and ready to run.

Confronted with the evidence of an illicit still so near his residence, Jones admitted that it was his and that he had just made a run, officers stated.

Released on \$300.00 bond, Jones was bound over to spring term of superior court.

### Methodist Church Fund Now \$5,720; Donations Sought

### Red Cross Work Is Commended By Representative

Mrs. Marion Ritzert Praises Work Done By Home Demonstration Clubs

In a recent survey of American Red Cross work in Alleghany county, the chapter was highly commended for the work that is being carried on here. Mrs. Marion Ritzert, general field representative of the southeastern area, Atlanta, Ga., said this week.

Mrs. Ritzert pointed out that the home demonstration club women of the county, headed by Mrs. Isom Wagoner had done an excellent job in the production of 93 sweaters for servicemen, representing more than 3,300 hours of work.

These sweaters will be used both for the men of the armed forces overseas and for those less fortunate men in army and navy hospitals here at home, it was explained.

"It is only a small token of our appreciation," she said. (Continued on Page Four)

### C. of C. MEETING IS AGAIN POSTPONED

The Chamber of Commerce meeting, which was scheduled to have been held on Friday night, has been postponed, due to the bad condition of roads throughout the county, President R. F. Crouse announced yesterday.

The February meeting will be held at the regular time, it was pointed out.

### Goal Of \$20,000.00 Is Set For Rebuilding Sparta Church; Many Contribute

The Methodist church fund has reached a total of \$5,720.00 to date from private donations. Rev. C. R. Allison announced yesterday.

Added to the insurance, which amounted to \$4,000.00, this gives a total of \$9,720.00 on the goal of \$20,000.00 for the erection of a Methodist church in Sparta to replace the brick structure destroyed by fire on December 1, it was pointed out.

In addition to donations already received, the Duke Foundation is expected to contribute a sizeable amount to the fund, it was explained. A committee of three women of the county, headed by E. Black and C. H. Vestal, are meeting with Foundation leaders today in Durham.

Solicitors for the fund program are Rev. Mr. Allison, Mrs. Mexas and Mrs. Mexas. (Continued on Page 4)

### Motorists To Get New Tags By Feb. 1

State Highway Patrolman Jones, this week reminded motorists that they must secure the new 1946 license tags and have them on cars by Feb. 1.

After January 31, it will be unlawful to drive a car without a new 1946 license plate, Jones explained. Car owners in Alleghany may secure license plates from the nearest office, at N. Wilkesboro, or they may order same from the department of motor vehicles at Raleigh, it was explained.

### FSA Assisting War Veterans In Making A Success In Farming

By Staff Writer

Many of our men are returning from fighting overseas and beginning the search for a farm where they may retire with their families to earn a living. One might readily ask this question: "Are plans being made to help these returning veterans to locate a farm which they may rent or purchase?" The answer is "Yes". A committee of agriculture workers and leading farmers in each county has been organized to assist those men who wish to return to the farm. Congress has passed a bill, the "G. I. Bill of Rights," which will provide loan funds for those wishing to purchase a farm.

Back in 1919, veterans returning from World War I, were not so fortunate in having loan funds made available for purchasing farms. Mr. Lonnie Reeves was among the returning World War I veterans. Twenty-three years later, he did take advantage of

the assistance offered by the Farm Security Administration and purchased a farm with loans funds provided by that agency. When Lonnie Reeves returned to the states, after serving four months overseas, he moved to the Joe Spurlin farm, where he worked as a laborer. After his marriage in 1922, they moved to the New River farm. Their only livestock at this time was a heifer calf owned by his wife.

In 1941, they applied to Farm Security for an operating loan of \$630.00 for the purchase of workstock and equipment. Their assets at this time amounted to \$745.00; their indebtedness was \$45.00. This, by hard work and good management, they had been able to accumulate in spite of the 1940 flood, which had destroyed much of their food and feed crops.

A loan of \$4,428.00 was made to the Reeves family in 1943 for the purchase of a portion of the New River farm. At the end of (Continued on Page Four)

### County Has Quota Of \$500; Woman's Club Is Sponsor

To Be Assisted By Four Other Organizations With \$100 Quotas Each

With a quota of \$500.00 assigned to Alleghany county for the Infantile Paralysis Fund Drive, plans to conduct the campaign are being completed and work will begin on Monday, it was announced this week.

Under the sponsorship of the Woman's Club, the drive will be conducted through five different organizations with each assigned a quota of \$100.00, it was pointed out. The Chamber of Commerce, The Lions Club, The American Legion, The Woman's Club and the schools of the county are each being asked to be responsible for \$100.00 of the quota leaders explained.

Since there is no special chairman of the drive, leaders of the five organizations will act as chairmen with Supt. Clyde Fields serving for the schools. Committees within the various organizations will be appointed and asked to serve, it was announced.

A number of entertainments are being planned to raise money for the drive, it was revealed.

As in former years, it was stated, one-half of all the money collected in the county will remain here to finance the hospitalization, care and treatment of local sufferers. The other half goes to headquarters of the National Foundation and is used for continuing research, education and emergency aid in epidemics throughout the nation.

### R. R. McMillan Gets Promotion

Now Serving With 56th Station Hospital At Cairo, Egypt

Headquarters Africa - Middle East Theater (AMET), Cairo, Egypt, 2 January 1946 - Private Robert R. McMillan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bruce McMillan, of Mouth of Wilson, Va., at present time assigned to the 56th Station Hospital, Camp Russell B. Turkstep, Cairo, Egypt, has recently been promoted to the rank of private first class.

Pfc. McMillan arrived in Egypt three weeks ago with a large group of men and the "old" medic of the hospital threw a party welcoming them to Huckstep.

Pfc. McMillan joined the army in March, 1945, at Fort Bragg, attended a medical technician course at the Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado, and served in several United States camps before being sent overseas.

While in Egypt, Pfc. McMillan has had the opportunity of visiting the Pyramids and Sphinx and several other points of historical interest in Cairo.

Pfc. McMillan attended the Virginia-Carolina High School, Grassy Creek.

### Elk Creek Man In Va. Legislature

Hugh S. Calhoun, of Elk Creek, Va. went to Richmond, January 8, to represent Grayson County in the State Legislature. Mr. Calhoun was born in Ashe County and came to Elk Creek with his parents when he was 16 years old. He is a son of T. M. Calhoun, who represented Grayson County in 1942.

### Seek Donations In Memorial Fund

Donations to the Wrench Memorial Fund have reached a total of only \$14.00, it was pointed out this week as more money was sought on the \$50.00 goal.

All donations will be accepted by D. F. Sturdivant, who heads the drive to erect a monument at the graves of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Wrench, former editor of The Alleghany Star and his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Wrench were buried at the Glade Valley cemetery but no markers have ever been placed at their graves, it was pointed out.