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February 15 Is Final Date For 1945 AAA Reports

Farmers Urged To File Applications In Order To Receive Payments

Herbert Osborne, chairman, Alleghany county AAA Committee, reminded farmers this week that February 15 is the last day that they may file 1945 performance reports as a basis for receiving payments earned under the 1945 AAA program.

"We are very anxious that every farmer in the county receive the payment that he has earned by participating in the 1945 program and therefore, we urge every one to file the report," Mr. Osborne said.

The AAA office is open each day from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. and from 8 a. m. to 12 noon on Saturdays, it was pointed out, and every farmer who has not filed a performance report and signed an application form is urged to call at the county office and do so at the earliest possible date.

Alleghany Woman Dies At Age Of 96

Mrs. McKnight Buried At Mountain View On Wednesday

Mrs. Rosa Kirby McKnight, 96, one of Alleghany's oldest citizens, died Tuesday morning at her home at Glade Valley, after suffering a fall two days before. The widow of the late Rev. Andy McKnight, she had been in excellent health until the time of her death. She enjoyed reading without glasses and was able to walk without the aid of a cane, although she had lived almost a century.

Funeral service was conducted at Mountain View Union Baptist church yesterday and interment in the church cemetery. She was survived by a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Three daughters, Mrs. Wheeler Nance, of Cherry Lane; Mrs. Sallie Jordan, of Sparta; and Mrs. Ella Kinzer, of Lynch Station, Va., and three sons, Spot McKnight, Cherry Lane; Sam McKnight and Nick McKnight, both of Sparta, survive in addition to other children in the west.

Parsons Rites Are Held Today

Funeral service for George Glenn Parsons, 65, of Rt. 1, Walkertown and formerly of Alleghany county, will be held at noon today at Elk Creek Primitive Baptist church with Rev. Dwight D. Mullis and Rev. C. R. Allison officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Mr. Parsons died Tuesday morning in the Baptist hospital, after several days' illness. The body remained at Volger's Chapel, Winston-Salem, where a short service was conducted this morning.

Survivors are the wife, the former Miss Charity Reeves; two daughters, Mrs. Cecil Collins, of Piney Creek and Miss Mary Ruth Parsons, of the home; one son, chief petty officer Milton G. Parsons, U. S. Navy; seven sisters, Mrs. W. C. Griffin, of Idaho; Mrs. Mary Nelson, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. W. A. Weaver and Mrs. F. H. Spry, of Maryland; Mrs. S. B. Kennedy, of Pennsylvania; Mrs. Dan Vaughn, of Delaware; and Mrs. Fred Osborne, of Piney Creek.

Eld. Wiley Combs remains critically ill at his home at Whitehead.

Melville Pruitt, 86, Dies February 1

Melville Pruitt, 83, died of pneumonia at the home of his son, Artis Pruitt, at Whitehead, on Friday. He was 103 years of age at the time of his death two weeks ago.

Funeral service was conducted at Landmark Union Baptist church on Sunday with Elders Walter Evans and Charlie Wooten officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

He is survived by two sons, Artis, of Whitehead, and Claude, of Boone, Va.

Polio Fund Drive Is Nearing Quota; Ask For Final Returns

Chamber Of Commerce To Present Donation At Meeting Tomorrow Night

The Infantile Paralysis Drive Fund in Alleghany county is expected to far surpass the quota of \$500.00 when the Chamber of Commerce meets here tomorrow night and turns in their contribution, it was pointed out by officials yesterday.

The total contributions reported to date are \$448.51, less than \$55.00 short of the quota, it was pointed out. With the exception of the Chamber of Commerce, each of the five organizations assigned quotas of \$100.00 each have reported that they have reached and exceeded the quotas.

The schools of the county report \$143.51, the Womens Club, \$105.00; The American Legion, \$100.00 and the Lions Club \$100.

The basketball game between the Sparta Lions and the Jefferson Rotarians Friday night netted a considerable sum, it was explained. "This was the last event for the benefit of the drive to be held in the county."

"With such a small quota in comparison to previous ones, we should have no difficulty raising the money," one official stated.

Evans Funeral Is Held January 31

Sparta Man Dies As Result Of Gunshot Wounds By His Son

Funeral service for Millard F. Evans, 65, was held last Thursday at Zion Primitive Baptist church with Elds. S. G. Caudill and J. C. Sparks in charge. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

The Alleghany man died instantly Monday afternoon as the result of gunshot wounds inflicted by his son, Dale Evans, at their home near Sparta.

Mr. Evans is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dora Richardson Evans, who was visiting her daughter in Maryland, at the time of her husband's death.

He also is survived by five sons, Ray, Rex, and Dillon Evans, all of Md.; Gaither and Dale Evans, Sparta; one daughter, Mrs. Edwin Edwards, of Maryland; his mother, Mrs. Laura Evans, of Havre de Grace, Md.; two sisters, Mrs. Posy Richardson and Mrs. Isaac Edwards, both of Maryland; and one brother, Albert Evans, of Glade Valley.

C. E. Cox, 78, Is Buried On Wed.

Funeral service for Charles Edwin Cox, 78, of Mouth of Wilson, Va., who died Monday night at the Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital, Elkin, was held Wednesday at Potato Creek Methodist church, Va., with Rev. C. R. Allison officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Well-known throughout Alleghany county, Mr. Cox served in the Virginia State Assembly. He was a leader in the political and business life of Southwestern Virginia for half a century.

New Merchant Marine Stamp Coming



Shown above, a replica of a postage stamp honoring the United States merchant marine which will soon be placed on sale. It will be of three cent denomination, printed in blue, of special delivery size.

Evans Released On \$4,000 Bond In Murder Case

Hearing Held Monday Before Justice Of The Peace, B. F. Wagoner

Dale Evans, 23-year-old Alleghany man, held in the murder of his father, was released on \$4,000.00 bond Monday, at a hearing before Justice of the Peace B. F. Wagoner.

Appearing as state's witnesses were Sheriff Jess Moxley, Coroner B. O. Choate and Frank Tester, of Sparta, who accompanied young Evans to local officers, where he gave himself up. Attorney R. F. Crouse represented the defendant.

According to the testimony offered by sheriff, Evans walked into his office Monday afternoon accompanied by Tester, a neighbor of the Evans family. He stated that Dale told him that he had shot his father after he returned from the mailbox to find the elder Evans holding his wife by the arm and with his fist drawn, say, "Damn you, I am going to kill you. When I finish her, I'm going to kill you next," indicating Dale.

"Before I realized what I was doing, I had picked up a gun and shot him," young Evans told the sheriff.

In the coroner's report, it was disclosed that the two shots entered the left shoulder about one inch apart and lodged on the right side, one at the floating rib and the other about four inches above a little to the center of the body. Dr. Choate testified that the shots had come to the skin, which made them easily cut out. In his testimony, Tester stated that Dale had visited his house earlier in the morning, relating to him that the elder Evans was "still on a rampage." Tester also stated that the elder man had been carrying a gun.

NOW IN OKINAWA



Cpl. Earl M. Cheek, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Cheek, of Ennice, notified his parents recently that he is in Okinawa and that he is getting along fine. He entered service in February, 1943, and has 93 points and two battle stars.

Schools Closed For This Week

Most of the schools throughout the county will be closed today and tomorrow, due to the bad condition of the country roads, Supt. Clyde Fields announced yesterday.

Supt. Fields pointed out that if no extreme bad weather exists this week end, schools will open as usual on Monday.

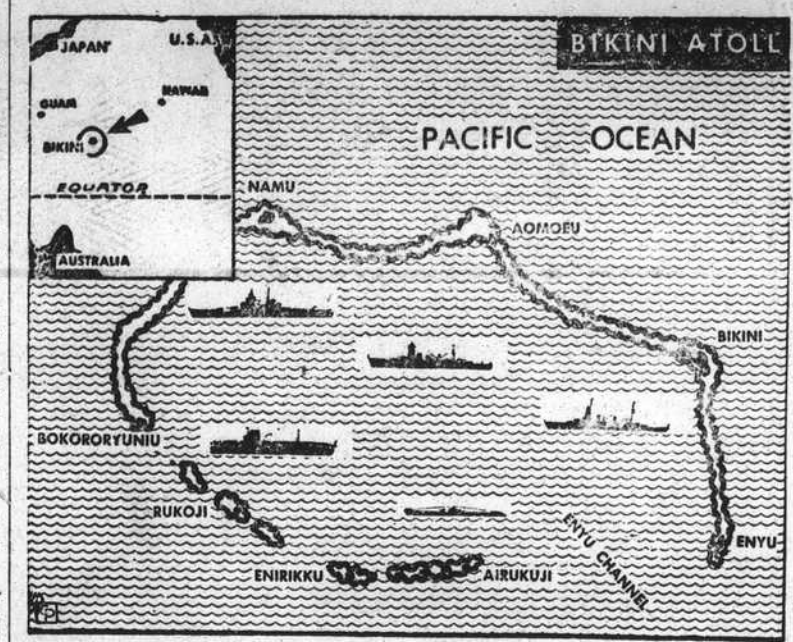
SUGAR PRICE INCREASE EFFECTIVE ON FEB. 10

Washington—An increase of "a little more than a half cent a pound in the retail price of sugar will go into effect Feb. 10, the OPA has announced.

At the same time refinery prices for cane and beet sugar will go up a half cent a pound, while the price for raw cane sugar will be increased .455 of a cent a pound.

Reiterating a recent statement by Stabilization Director John C. Collet, OPA said the higher prices are necessary because of an increase in the cost of Cuban sugar.

Where Atomic Bombs Will Next Fall



Lonely reef capped by 21 islets of which only 8 are big enough to bear names, Bikini atoll, in the Marshall islands, will be in the spotlight of world interests when history's third great atomic bomb explodes there in May. Chosen by the navy for its first test of the bomb's effect on vessels, the lagoon within the atoll will hold 97 ships of the "suicide fleet."

Local Troop Will Observe Boy Scout Week, Feb. 8-14; To Present Program Sun.

Plans For School Bldg. At Nathan's Creek Discussed

County Board Of Education And Commissioners Hold Joint Meeting

West Jefferson — (Special)— At a joint meeting of the Ashe county commissioners and members of the board of education on Monday, tentative plans for the proposed new school building at Nathan's Creek were considered.

Lester Stump was asked to secure as accurate estimate of the cost of the new building as possible and to submit this to the commissioners before definite action and appropriations are made. The Nathan's Creek high school building was destroyed by fire shortly before Christmas and efforts will be made to replace it before school opens next year. The gymnasium and a nearby church are now being used for class rooms.

The matter of improved sanitary conditions necessary if the schools are to remain accredited, was also discussed. Ashe is the last county in North Carolina to use outdoor toilets in the central schools according to reports received here. This must be corrected if the schools are to remain accredited.

CIRCLES TO MEET

A joint meeting of the Lucille Ford Circle of the Sparta Baptist church and Circle No. 1 will be held with Miss Jennie Hudson on Monday, February 11, it was announced this week.

Mrs. Clennel Richardson will be in charge of the program.

All members are urged to be present for the meeting when plans for the dinner to be served the Chamber of Commerce in March will be made.

FSA Families Make Record In Food Production In County

Each fall when new farm and home plans are developed with FSA families, a survey is made of the food produced and stored during the past year. Then a new conservation program is worked out for the coming year in order that an adequate food supply may be had for the family. Families are encouraged to can, if possible, a hundred quarts of fruits, vegetables, and meats for each family member, and to store an adequate supply of fruit, root and dried vegetables. In other words, they are striving to carry out a live-at-home program.

After plans were completed for the 78 FSA families this year, a summary was made of the food produced and stored by them for winter use. It was determined that an average of 258 quarts of fruits and vegetables and 31 quarts of meat were can-

Granville Liles, Scoutmaster, Invites All Boys To Join Scout Troop

Along with other Boy Scouts throughout the nation, Sparta Troop No. 78 will observe Boy Scout Week from February 8 through 14.

A member of the Old Hickory Council, the Sparta troop has been divided into two patrols with seven members each. Granville Liles, scoutmaster, this week issued an invitation to all boys from the age of 12 years to become a member of the troop which meets every Monday night from seven to nine o'clock at the community building here. Bill Sprinkle is assistant scoutmaster.

"The Boy Scout movement is a prime force in preparing tomorrow's men for their duty to themselves, their country and the world," said General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Chief of Staff of the U. S. Army in a message to the Boy Scouts of America, who will mark their 36th anniversary, February 8 through 14.

Plans are now being made for hikes, over-night camping trips and also for attending the Scout Jamboree at Camp Lassiter in Winston-Salem and at Camp Aree in Elkin. Scoutmaster (Continued on Page 4)

Johnston Speaks To C. of C., Fri.

A large crowd is expected to attend the February meeting of the Chamber of Commerce tomorrow night when Ira T. Johnston, prominent Jefferson attorney, will speak.

James Story, of West Jefferson, will provide music for the meeting, it was announced.

The ladies of the Methodist Missionary Society will serve the meal.

American Legion Post Increases Its Membership

35 New Members Added; To Sponsor Chicken Fry On Saturday, February 16

With thirty-five new members already enrolled in the membership drive of the American Legion, a special event is being planned for Saturday night, February 16, at the community building when other veterans of World War II are expected to join the local post, Robert L. Nichols, commander, announced this week.

The program will feature a chicken fry when all G. I.'s are invited to attend and bring their wives and sweethearts. A dance will follow the dinner at nine o'clock, it was announced.

New members of the Legion include: Garnet Nichols, Earl Richardson, Kyle Mabe, Guy C. Collins, Ray Greene, Wesley Gilliam, James Gambill, Clement Osborne, Clay Nichols, Pawnee Jordan, Louis Wagoner, Beauford Billings, Ernest E. Edwards, Doughton L. Perry, Robert Sparks, Britt Duncan, Elmer Hendrix, Coy Mabe, Walter Hodge, Wade McMillan, James Miles, James Osborne.

Floyd Billings, Dean Miller, Don Miller, Parnell Finney, Robert Pruitt, Joe Doughton, Rufus Brown, Hal Jones, Grant M. Harless, Jr., Ford McCann, Clarence Crouse and Garnet Wagoner.

Any veteran wishing to join the Legion may do so by getting in touch with Ernest E. Edwards, adjutant, in the office of Register of Deeds in the courthouse.

Reeves Andrews Succumbs In Md.

Former Alleghany County Resident

News has been received here of the death of Reeves P. Andrews, 59, at his home at Schuck's Corner, near Bel Air, Md., on January 28, after a lingering illness.

A former resident of this county, the deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Minnie Andrews; two daughters, Mrs. Lacy Francis, of Bel Air, Md., and Mrs. Grover Crouse, of Darlington, Md., and three sons, Kyle and Ray, of Bel Air, Md., and Pvt. Reeves, Jr., stationed with the U. S. Army at Chanute Field, Ill.

Funeral service was held on January 31 at the Oak Grove Baptist church with the Rev. J. O. Spencer and Eld. F. E. Thompson, officiating. Interment was in Oak Grove cemetery.

Those serving as pallbearers were: Bert Coomes, Elmer Poole, Bert Edwards, Fred Edwards, Thomas Edwards and Thomas Weaver.

DR. SMITH TO SUPPLY LAUREL SPGS. CHARGE

Rev. William Crummett, pastor of the Laurel Springs Charge announced that in his absence next Sunday, that Dr. Wiley Smith, Ph.D. of A. S. T. C., would fill the regular appointments at 11 A. M. at Ball Springs and at 3 P. M. at Transou.

Dr. Smith, who is an ordained Baptist minister, is a recognized authority on the Bible and the public is cordially invited to hear him. Mr. Crummett said he hoped all that could would avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing Dr. Smith.

AAA Committee Met Yesterday

County and community AAA committeemen met Wednesday afternoon in the community building to discuss 1946 farm plans, Herbert Osborne, AAA chairman, announced.

The committeemen agreed to make personal contact with the farmers of the county to determine the farm practices for 1946, he disclosed, adding that they felt that needs of the individual farmers would best be supplied in this manner.

Present at the meeting was M. L. Shepherd, AAA field representative, who gave suggestions for the 1946 program.

Twenty-eight committeemen attended the meeting.