

Well Concealed Moonshine Still Is Captured Mon.

Officers Destroy 1,000-Gallon Outfit In The Antioch Section

An almost perfect camouflaged moonshine still was captured Monday in the Antioch section when deputies Glen Richardson and Steve Spurlin stumbled on a 1,000 gallon outfit.

"I smelled it before I saw it," Richardson said. He explained that after the boxes and all equipment had been brought into the wooded area, poles had been placed around them and boarded with slabs, which were in turn covered with branches and twigs, making it almost impossible to distinguish from a distance. An opening just large enough for a man to crawl through served as the door.

"The top was also covered, making it impossible to distinguish the still from the air, except at a very low altitude," Richardson declared.

The officers reported that a run had just been made since the still was warm when they arrived. No arrests were made.

"It's certainly something new in still making," the officer stated.

Stock Clinic To Continue 2 Days

County Agent Black Urges Farmers To Bring Their Stock To Be Treated

Farmers were again reminded this week of two remaining days of the workstock clinic for the treatment of horses and mules for bots which will be held on Saturday and Monday, February 23 and 25 under the supervision of Dr. S. G. Eddins, veterinarian, of Galax, Va.

R. E. Black, county agent said this week that farmers had already received the treatment during the two days it was held this week. He pointed out that bad weather kept several farmers from bringing their animals to the appointed meeting places.

He also reminded farmers that horses may have water but no feed for twelve to eighteen hours before the treatment is given.

Following is the schedule for the two remaining days:

Saturday, February 23—8:45, Whitehead; 9:30, Mack C. Edwards; 10:00, W. F. Doughton; 10:45, M. E. Reeves; 11:30, Carey Brown; 12:15 p. m., Cleve Nichols; 1:15, Glade Valley; 1:45, Cherry Lane and 2:15, J. C. McCann.

Monday, February 25—8:30, Edmonds; 9:00 Barrett; 9:45 Hare; 10:30, Hooker; 11:00, Don Smith; 11:30, B. H. Rector; 1:00 p. m., Edwards Cross Roads, and 1:30, T. L. Crouse.

New Feed Store Will Be Opened

James Hawthorne, returned veteran of World War II, announced this week that he planned to open a feed and fertilizer store here in the near future.

Now under construction in northwest Sparta between the Firestone Service Station and the Doughton property is a 30 by 60 foot building which will house the new store. Mr. Hawthorne stated that the building is expected to be completed within the next thirty days.

He pointed out that the business would include the sale of feeds, fertilizer, seeds and some heavy hardware.

Textile Industry May Be Secured

During the past week interest in this area has been shown by representatives of the textile industry.

Some officials, who met with local representatives this week said they were favorably impressed with the possibilities of a new plant here, but were not ready to make any definite decisions as yet.

A number of local people have shown inclination to cooperate in every way possible to secure an established industry here.

Plans Underway For Red Cross Drive; To Meet Monday Night

NOW IN JAPAN



Cpl. Clayton Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Richardson, of Stratford, is now on the Hokkaido Island, Japan. Nineteen years old the day he sailed in October, Cpl. Richardson has been in service since April, 1945.

Cpl. Roy L. Smith Given Discharge; Wins Bronze Star

Served Two Years On Guam And Iwo Jima With Fighting Marines

Cpl. Roy Lee Smith, another of Alleghany's fighting Marines, was recently discharged from service, after having served on Guam and Iwo Jima. He wears the Bronze Star medal.

Cpl. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Smith, of Ennice, enlisted in the Marine Corps in September, 1943, graduated from the U. S. Marine Corps Infantry and Browning Automatic Section school at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif., and went overseas in July, 1944, with the Third Marine Division.

In addition to the Bronze Star he wears the Asiatic-Pacific theatre ribbon with two battle stars. He attended Sparta high school, where he was a member of the basketball and baseball teams.

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Harry Wingler Returns To Navy

Petty Officer First Class Harry Lee Wingler has returned to Raleigh for re-assignment in the navy, after spending a thirty-day leave with his wife, the former Miss Pansy Stoker, and small daughter, Sharon.

Petty Officer Wingler is a radioman and has just returned from twenty months in the South Pacific.

S. R. Nichols Will Serve As Drive Chairman; Other Committees Named

Plans are now underway here for the annual Red Cross Drive in Alleghany county which will open on Friday, March 1 with an assigned quota of \$625.00, county chairman Isom Wagoner announced this week.

S. R. Nichols, Sparta postmaster and past chairman of a number of war loan drives, will serve as chairman this year, Mr. Wagoner announced. Alton Thompson is secretary and treasurer of the organization.

A meeting of the chairman, other officials and persons interested in the drive, has been called for Monday night, February 25 at 7:30 o'clock in office of the Alleghany News, it was pointed out. Cards and letters have been mailed to a number of persons and everyone is urged to attend in order that the organization may be completed.

Mr. Wagoner explained that Alleghany county had been assigned a quota not half as large as the quota of \$1,700.00 in 1945 and not one third as large as the quota of \$3,400.00 in 1944. However, he explained, the co-operation of everyone will be needed (Continued on Page 4)

E. P. Caldwell To Assist Veterans

Will Be In The Office Of Register Of Deeds Here Every Wednesday

Eugene P. Caldwell, of Hickory, representing the North Carolina Veterans Commission, will be in the office of the Register of Deeds at the courthouse here each Wednesday to assist veterans in securing the benefits provided them by law, it was announced this week.

Mr. Caldwell, assisted by John T. Miller, will serve the area composed of Alleghany, Wilkes, Alexander, Catawba, Lincoln, Davie, Iredell and Rowan counties.

He will assist veterans in filing claims and in obtaining hospitalization, insurance, training on job and educational opportunities.

Family Day To Be Observed Mar. 3

"Family Day" will be observed at the New Hope Baptist church on Sunday, March 3, it was announced this week.

Rev. F. G. Walker, pastor, will deliver a sermon on "The Christian Home" at 2:30 o'clock. Sunday school will begin at 1:30, it was announced.

The public is cordially invited to attend the service and it is hoped that every family in the community will be able to attend.

Piney Creek Brothers In Service



Pfc. Albert Rutherford, left, has re-enlisted in the army for one year, after receiving his discharge and has returned to Germany. Cpl. Max J. Rutherford, right, has been discharged from the U. S. Marines, after 38 months overseas in the Pacific theatre. With 101 points, he wears the Purple Heart for wounds received at Okinawa. He also took part in the campaigns at Guadalcanal and Iwo Jima. The men are sons of Mrs. A. M. Rutherford and the late Mr. Rutherford, of Piney Creek.

Where Tons Of Granite Blocked Highway After Landslide



A partial view of the tremendous landslide of earth and granite that completely blocked around 75 feet of Highway 88, between Waverly and Trade, Tennessee, just below the power plant, several days last week. The road is now open with much of the debris yet to be removed. It is estimated that the slide poured around 50,000 tons of dirt and rock into the highway. (Staff Photo)

Lt. Claude Smith Is Home After 42 Months Overseas

Served In China-Burma Theatre Of Operation; Has 103 Points

Second Lieutenant Claude J. Smith arrived at his home at Piney Creek last week, after spending 42 months in the China-Burma-India theatre of operations.

Leaving Calcutta, India, on January 11 with 2,521 soldiers aboard, the USS Marine Robin made the 8,700 mile trip to Portland, Oregon, in 23 stormy days. En route, those aboard could view Singapore, Formosa, Manila, Okinawa and Mt. Fuji.

Lt. Smith will spend a 45-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Smith, of Piney Creek, after which he will report to Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, for reassignment.

With a total of 103 points, Lt. Smith wears the Good Conduct medal, American defense ribbon, American theatre ribbon, Europe-North Africa-Middle East theatre ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific theatre ribbon with two stars, China Liberation ribbon, the Burma star and the Victory ribbon.

W. J. Hotel Group Is Given Charter

Will Purchase Business Site For Proposed New Hotel Building Here

West Jefferson—(Special) — The charter for the New Hotel Company, Incorporated of West Jefferson has been approved with 32 original stockholders and the group will meet on Monday evening at 7:30 to elect directors and officers and to further activate plans for the proposed new hotel, here.

Charter members subscribed to \$2,650.00 of stock before the charter was applied for and plans have been made to purchase the Rhodes property beyond the Duncan Motor company on the Boone Road.

Much interest is already being shown in the proposed hotel and the meeting which will be held at the W. G. Vannoy furniture company, Monday, when further plans including a finance and building committee will be discussed. All interested parties are urged to attend. At the meeting last week, Wade Eller was named process officer to secure the charter.

SPARTA GIRL MAKES MARS HILL HONOR ROLL

Mars Hill—Miss Frances Eva Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Edwards, of Sparta, is listed among those on the second honor roll at Mars Hill college for the first semester just released by the registrar's office.

To be eligible for a place on the second honor roll a student has to earn 30 quality points, with no grade lower than C. Out of 768 students enrolled at the college, the names of 73 appear on the first honor roll and 129 on the second honor roll.

AAA Committeemen To Meet Mon. Afternoon To Report On Farm Plans For Year

Methodist Church Fund Has Reached Total Of \$15,451.00

Other Contributions Are Coming In; Plan To Begin Building Soon

Contributions to the Sparta Methodist church fund have reached a total of \$15,451.00. Rev. C. R. Allison announced this week with a number of additional private donations reported.

Construction of the new building is expected to get underway sometime in the near future, it was explained and a special effort is being made to reach the goal of \$20,000.00 set in the beginning. Definite plans for the structure have not been announced.

Those making contributions were: H. A. Vestal, Athens, Tenn., \$100.00; Cleve Nichols, \$100.00; Mrs. R. A. Doughton, \$500.00; Dr. T. V. Goade, Statesville, \$25.00; Rufus Edwards, \$1.00; and friends from Winston-Salem, \$265.00.

S-Sgt. W. N. Jones Now In Manila

Manila—Staff Sergeant William N. Jones, son of Mr. Frank E. Jones, Scottville, is presently serving with the 165th Field Artillery Bn., in Manila as Radio Sergeant.

Sgt. Jones entered the army on March 5, 1943 and has been overseas since June, 1945.

Prior to his entry into the army, Sgt. Jones was employed at the Edgewood Arsenal, Edgewood, Md. He is a 1941 graduate of Nathan's Creek High School.

Laurel Springs Father And Son Die Within Five Days

Death came twice in the course of five days in an Alleghany home at Laurel Springs this week when Robert Taylor, 59, and his son, Victor Eugene (Tyre) Taylor, 28, passed away.

Robert Taylor died suddenly in the Wilkes hospital on February 12, following a short and what was thought to be minor illness.

Funeral service was conducted February 14 at Pine Fork church with Eld. S. G. Caudill in charge. Burial followed in the Cranberry cemetery.

The Laurel Springs man left his widow, the former Miss Lena Tilly and one son, Tyre. Also surviving are his mother, Mrs. Ben Taylor and a sister, Mrs. Anabell Taylor, both of Raleigh; three brothers, Dr. Frank Taylor, of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; Tyre Taylor, Washington, D. C., and Charlie Taylor, of Laurel Springs

Around 500 Farmers Have Made Plans; Others Urged To Do So

A meeting of AAA committeemen for both the county and the various communities will be held Monday afternoon at the community building for the purpose of reporting on the number of plans already made for this year by farmers who will co-operate in the AAA program.

The county has an allotment of \$48,788.00 for improved farm practices under the AAA program, but in order to be eligible for a share in this, the farmer must make his plans with the community committee before March 15, Miss Bettie Halsey, chief AAA clerk, said yesterday.

After the meeting on Monday, when reports are made, the exact number of farmers who have made plans, can be determined and efforts will be made to include others in the program while there is still time to make plans. It is estimated that to date, around 500 farmers have made their plans.

Members of the county AAA committee include: Herbert Osborne, chairman; Arthur Gambill, vice-chairman; B. H. Rector, regular member and L. C. Hampton, first alternate. Community Committeemen:

Barrett: Lonnie Davis, Fred Collins and Hurst Higgins. Whitehead: Lonnie Edwards, E. C. Mitchell and Letcher Edwards.

Wolf Branch: Arthur Gambill, S. L. Perry and Robert Taylor.

Cranberry: M. E. Reeves, Robert Joiner and Charles Roberts. Cherry Lane: Lester Woodruff, Burt Crouse and H. J. Spicer.

Piney Creek: John R. Halsey, Ray H. Hash and Herbert Osborne. (Continued on Page 8)

Will Discuss PTA Organization On Monday, March 4

Mrs. Lawing And Mrs. Blair To Speak To Interested Parents And Teachers

The organization of a Parent-Teachers association in Alleghany county will be discussed here on March 4 when Mrs. Holland Lawing, director of district three, and Mrs. J. S. Blair, past president of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers, will address interested parents and teachers of the county.

The Woman's club, as a civic organization, was instrumental in obtaining the services of Mrs. Blair and Mrs. Lawing who will speak to the group on how to successfully organize and conduct Parent Teacher groups, throughout the county, it was announced.

The two ladies will be speakers at the regular meeting of the Woman's club on March 4 at three o'clock and every interested parent and teacher in the county is urged to attend. However, it was pointed out, the club is not sponsoring the movement, rather it is affording the opportunity of bringing these speakers to the parents and teachers who have long felt the need of such an organization in Alleghany county.

It is hoped that all parents in the town and those throughout the county will attend the meeting to obtain all the necessary information in order that the organization may soon be set up here.

Republicans To Meet On March 2

Delegates To Convention In Lenoir Will Be Elected At Meeting

Beale Poole, chairman of the Republican party in Alleghany county, announced this week that a meeting of all Republicans had been called for Saturday, March 2 at two o'clock in the courthouse here for the purpose of electing delegates for the convention which will be held in Lenoir on March 9.

Mr. Poole urged that all members of the Republican party in Alleghany county come out to the meeting.

Wildlife Club Will Meet Friday

The Alleghany Wildlife Club will meet Friday night at 7:30 for the purpose of electing officers for the year, 1946, it was announced this week.

Acting president G. Glenn Nichols, urged that every member be present for this important meeting.

Better Roads To Be Discussed Sat.

A "Better Roads" meeting is being called for citizens of Piney Creek township, Saturday, at one o'clock at the courthouse here, it was announced this week.

All persons who are interested in the improvement of the roads are urged to attend this meeting, when officials of the state highway department will be present.

For the past several weeks, the Piney Creek road has been practically impassable at times and has been in very poor condition during the entire winter despite the efforts of the highway department to keep it passable.

Anderson Will Speak To Press

Ed M. Anderson will be the banquet speaker at the annual institute of the Georgia Press Association to be held at the University of Georgia this evening.

Publisher Anderson recently spoke before both the Kentucky and Tennessee Press Associations.

Harvey Laffoon, president of the North Carolina Press Association accompanied Mr. Anderson to Georgia.