



GIVE  
TO THE  
RED  
CROSS

# The Alleghany News

AND STAR-TIMES—(CONSOLIDATED ON SEPTEMBER 2, 1941) —ALLEGHANY COUNTY'S ONLY NEWSPAPER.

GIVE  
TO THE  
RED  
CROSS



VOLUME 57, NO. 21

\$1.50 a Year in Alleghany County

THURSDAY, MAR. 7, 1946

SPARTA, NORTH CAROLINA

\$2.00 a Year Out of County

## Red Cross Campaign Now Underway

### Softball League To Be Organized By Sparta Lions

New Uniforms Are Purchased By Local Team; Bob Allison Is Chairman

The organization of a softball league which will include the Sparta Lions Club and other civic clubs from adjoining towns is now underway, it was announced this week.

Started by the Sparta Lions, teams from Independence, Va., Fries, Va., West Jefferson, North Wilkesboro, Elkin and a number of other towns are expected to join the league.

Much enthusiasm was shown by the local team last year, but no league was formed and games were held irregularly throughout the season.

The Lions have purchased 23 new uniforms of royal blue and gold with their name and the Lions' emblem on the suits, Bob Allison, chairman of the softball committee, announced this week.

"The schedule for the season will be announced as soon as possible," Mr. Allison said.

Practice by the local club will begin in the near future, it was explained, and an exceptionally good team is expected for the season.

### Dairy Payments To Be Continued

Plan Provides For Payment Of 90 Cents Per Hundred For Whole Milk

The Dairy Production Payment Program will be continued through June 30, and rates for the April-June period will be the same as those for the corresponding period for last year, Herbert Osborne, chairman, Alleghany County AAA Committee, announced today.

Under the program, Mr. Osborne said, the milk rate to be paid to North Carolina farmers for April is 90 cents per hundredweight for whole milk produced and sold and 17 cents per pound for butterfat. For the May-June period, the rates will be 55 cents per hundredweight for milk and 10 cents for butterfat.

The AAA Chairman pointed out that the payments will be subject to termination or revision in the event of any general increases in price ceilings for milk and its products.

According to the Stabilization Director's announcement of January 29, the general level of returns for milk producers will be maintained during 1946 at the 1945 level, either by subsidy payment or increase in price ceilings should the subsidy be eliminated.

The Dairy Production Payment Program was designed to make payments to farmers on the milk and butterfat they produce and sell to offset increased dairy production costs and to encourage a continued high rate of milk production.

The program has been in operation since October, 1943.

### JOHNSON IS MADE SURGEON-IN-CHIEF

Dr. Harry D. Johnson has been appointed surgeon-in-chief of the Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital in Elkin, it was announced this week.

Dr. Johnson is a member of the American College of Surgeons.

### Wilkes County Has Bad Fires

North Wilkesboro experienced one of its worst fires in the business section on Tuesday night when a theatre, drug store and pool room were destroyed.

The Wilkes hotel was also threatened and fire departments from neighboring towns were called upon before the blaze was brought under control.

A part of the Miller's Creek school property was destroyed earlier in the week.

## Delegates Named By Republicans At County Convention

NEW TREASURY AIDE



Max Gardner, former governor of North Carolina, has been named by President Truman to the post of under-secretary of the treasury.

### Special Meeting Of Town Council Called For Mon.

Important Business To Come Before Town Governing Board, Mon. Night

The headlines this week might be something like this, "Council Fails To Meet Monday night because that is exactly what happened here last Monday night."

The newly elected Mayor, Amos Wagoner, arrived at the courthouse promptly on the stroke of seven, the appointed time set for the all-important meeting, and along with one faithful member of the town council, Dr. C. A. Thompson, began a long wait for other members of the town governing board.

But 7:30 came and the members did not show up, and the new Mayor went home quite disturbed.

"If we are to carry on the affairs of the town in the proper manner, it is both necessary and urgent that we meet monthly to discuss and work out problems that may arise," Mayor Wagoner said.

"I, therefore call a special (Continued on Page 8)

### American Legion Post Calls Meet

A special meeting of the Dean Parish Post 98 of the American Legion has been called for Friday night, March 8, at 7:30 p. m. Post Commander Robert L. Nichols announced this week.

Cards have been sent to all Legionnaires and to a number of businessmen throughout the county, it was pointed out.

## Much Interest In Local Politics; Candidates File

Much interest in local politics was shown here this week as small groups of men gathered on the street to discuss the candidates for the coming Democratic primary in May.

Rumors circulated throughout the county of prospective candidates but to date only three men have filed. Glenn D. Richardson and Arthur Gambill for sheriff and G. Glenn Nichols for representative in the general assembly.

Gambill, prominent young farmer of Sparta, will enter the race for his first public office, in the county government. He is now vice-chairman of the Alleghany county AAA committee and in addition has served two years as secretary of the AAA. Mr. Gambill is married to the

### W. B. Poole Again Chosen As Chairman; District Convention Saturday

All sections of the county were represented at the Republican convention at the courthouse on Saturday, when W. B. Poole was again named chairman of the Republican executive committee of Alleghany county.

Delegates to the congressional district convention to be held in Lenoir on Saturday, were named as were alternates.

Paul Swanson, Alleghany county lawyer, who is now practicing in West Jefferson, was nominated by the group as a candidate for election to the state senate of North Carolina. Possibilities of other candidates in the coming election were discussed but no others were endorsed by the body. A meeting will be held on Friday, April 5, for this purpose, chairman Poole announced.

Named as delegates to the district convention were the following:

Glenn Johnson, Frank Brooks, (Continued on Page 8)

### Stock Clinic Is Big Success Here

206 Animals Are Treated During Four Days Of Work-stock Clinic

The workstock clinic for the treatment of horses and mules for botts, which was held in Alleghany last week was unusually successful with 206 animals treated, R. E. Black, county agent, said this week.

The clinic was under the supervision of Dr. S. G. Eddins, veterinarian, Galax, Va., and was conducted for four days in this county. More than 100 farmers brought animals to the clinic.

"Despite the bad weather during the first two days of the clinic, the response of the farmers in bringing out their animals was excellent," Mr. Black declared.

A number of farmers have already stated that they got excellent results from the clinic.

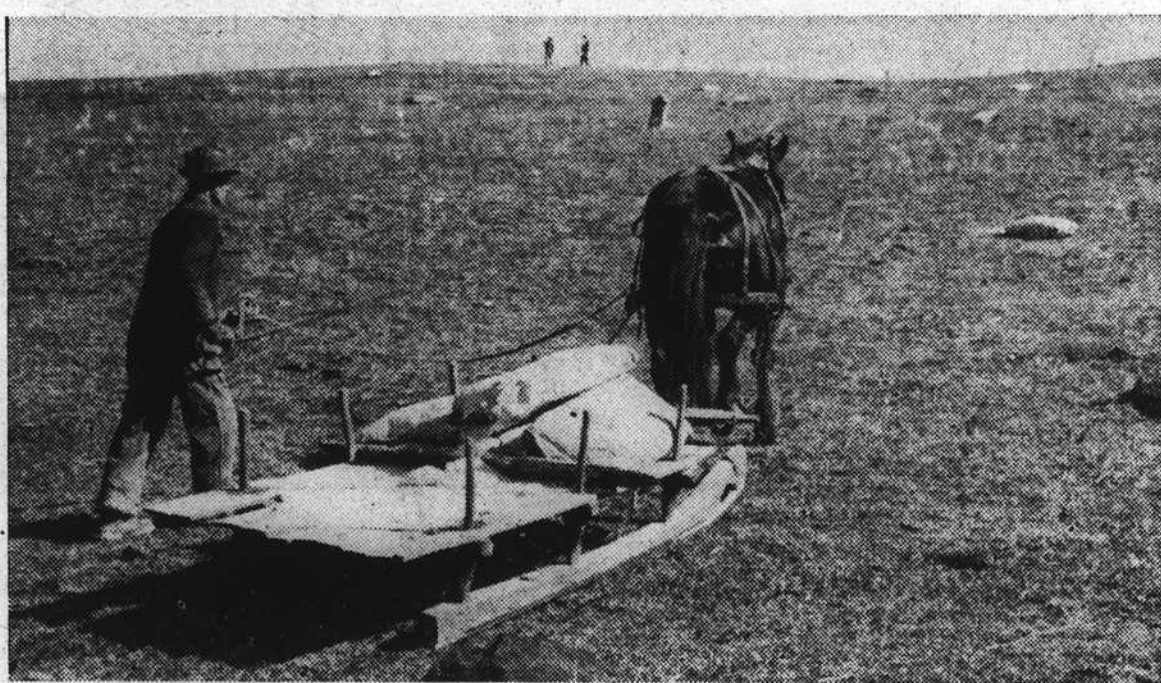
### Sparta Teams Are Losers At Elkin

Sparta boys' basketball team marched to the finals in the Yadkin Valley Conference championship tournament Monday night, only to lose to the Elkin team, 18-52.

The Sparta team defeated Beulah last Thursday night, after defeating East Bend in one of the first games of the tournament.

The Sparta girls were eliminated in the first game when they lost to the Yadkinville team, 13-14 in the final minutes of play.

### Improving Pasture Land By The Use Of Phosphate



Here is a good method of improving county hillside pasture land. Dewey Roten is hauling phosphate which is being distributed by two helpers. The picture was taken on the farm of G. O. Burgess in the Beaver Creek section of Ashe county.

### Local Lions Are Second In Drive For Membership

Have Ladies' Night Here On Tuesday Night; Ask For State Patrolman

The Sparta Lions Club ranks second in the state of North Carolina in the recent membership drive, President Joe Bill Reed revealed at the regular meeting of the club on Tuesday night when Ladies' Night was observed.

Starting with only 21 members, the membership has now reached 42, he explained. Clay county ranked first in the state and Boone was third.

It was also announced that tentative plans are underway to sponsor an Easter Dance, provided an orchestra can be secured. Definite plans will be announced later.

President Reed also stated that the Sparta Lions Club would go on record as asking for a State Patrolman for Alleghany county, adding that any other civic organization which desired to do so would be welcomed to join the Lions in securing action on this move.

Plans for the horse show and the softball league were also discussed at the meeting.

More than 65 persons were present for the dinner meeting, when the meal was served by the Wesleyan Guild of the Sparta Methodist church.

### Sweet Honored At Appalachian

The campus-wide election for Appalachian State Teachers College superlatives, sponsored by the Rhododendron staff, elected Worth Sweet, former pastor of Laurel Springs charge, as Mr. Appalachian, the most valuable and most popular student.

A run-off was necessary to determine who would represent the college and Worth Sweet was selected in a run-off with A. J. Smith. Worth has the record of being an outstanding student in physical education, having played basketball two years and having wrestled this year.

Miss Ellen Philbeck, of Shelby, was selected as Miss Appalachian.

### Sheep Farmers Attend Meeting

Farmers from three counties, Alleghany, Ashe, and Watauga, as well as farm agents from all of the counties in this area, attended the special meeting and demonstration for sheep growers held at the Upper Mountain Experiment Station at Transou yesterday.

In addition to the demonstrations and moving pictures, lecturers, including George Litton, of V. P. I., spoke.

## Lions Now Making Plans To Sponsor Horse Show In May; Bleachers For Track Arrive

### Sparta Boys To Meet Reeds Team At Winston, Sat.

Sparta Teams Make Good Record In Journal And Sentinel Tournament

Sparta's gold-clad girls of Alleghany moved into the second round with a 27-18 victory over Dobson high school, of Surry county, in the first girl's game of the 20th annual Journal and Sentinel Northwest basketball tournament, last Tuesday night at Reynolds high gymnasium.

Bennett, Osborne and Andrews all scored well for Sparta while Marion dropped in 12 points to lead the attack for Dobson.

The Sparta boys are scheduled to meet the boys' team from Reeds high school on Saturday afternoon at three o'clock.

### 11 County Teams Enter Tourney

West Jefferson—(Special)—Eleven county basketball teams have entered the all-star memorial tournament, to be held March 18-23, Zeb V. Dickson, principal of the West Jefferson high school, announced this week. Much interest is being shown in the tourney by adjoining counties and entry blanks have been sent in to the officials by Alleghany, Wilkes, Avery, Caldwell and Davie counties. A total of 17 men's teams and approximately the same number of women's teams have been sent blanks, the officials reported. County teams which have entered are the Lansing Snowbirds, Nathan's Creek married women, Nathan's Creek and Fleetwood.

### Show Expected To Be One Of Sparta's Biggest Events Of Spring

The Sparta Lions Club this week announced that plans are now underway for a horse show here in May and pointed out that the newly constructed track would be in fine shape for one of Sparta's biggest events of the spring.

Bleachers with a seating capacity of 500 have already arrived and are ready to be set up, Joe Bill Reed, Lion president, announced yesterday. The bleachers are of the knock-down type and can be readily moved to any location, it was explained. Plans have been made by the Lions to loan the bleachers to the school for the football season this fall.

President Reed pointed out that two horse shows would probably be held in Sparta this year, one in May and the other in the fall, since the show planned for last October could not be held due to bad weather conditions.

A special committee of the Lions club is now working on plans for the May show, which promises to be a big event in (Continued on Page 8)

### Betty Ann Miller Makes Dean's List

Miss Betty Ann Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Van Miller, of Laurel Springs, and member of the junior class of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, has been placed on the Dean's list for work done the first semester. To make this list, students must average "B" or better. This honor carries with it the privilege of unlimited class cuts and extended social privileges.

### President And Secretary Of UNO



The two top men of the United Nations organization, left, Paul Henry Spaak, Belgium, president of UNO, and at right, Trygve Lie, secretary general, shown in confidential pose as they round up affairs in London before moving headquarters to the United States.

## Civic Clubs Are Asked To Make Contributions

Drive Is Off To Slow Start; Need Cooperation Of All To Raise Quota

With one week of the annual Red Cross Drive in Alleghany county passed, only \$102.50 has been reported to date, S. R. Nichols, drive chairman, said late yesterday. This leaves \$522.50 yet to be raised before the quota of \$625.00 is met.

However, Mr. Nichols stated that reports from all townships had not yet been received and that a number of programs and entertainments are being planned for this week end. He stated that all quotas were much smaller this year than they have been heretofore and the county quota is expected to be met at an early date.

Miss Minnie Lou Edwards, member of the Sparta high school faculty and representative of the school in the drive reported the \$92.50, it was explained. Reports were not available from other schools in the county. A contribution of \$10.00 was reported from the Young Business Women's Club.

Everyone who has not made a contribution to the fund this year is urged to do so at once. It was explained that in addition to the township chairmen, any rural letter carrier, Miss Clyde Fields, Miss Minnie Lou Edwards, Alton Thompson or Mr. Nichols will take memberships to the Red Cross. A number of special assistants have also been appointed by the township chairman.

A square dance will be held at Laurel Springs school, Saturday night, March 9; Ed Pugh, Cranberry township chairman, announced this week.

## To Keep Ration Book Number 4

Other Spare Stamps In Book Are To Be Designated For Sugar

Raleigh—Housewives were advised today by the Office of Price Administration to retain in their possession War Ration Book 4, now used only to obtain sugar.

Although the currently valid sugar stamp 39 is the last stamp in War Ration Book 4, that is specifically labeled for purchases of sugar, spare stamps in that book will be designated as sugar stamps from time to time. For this reason, War Ration Book 4 should be retained even after Sugar Stamp 39 has been used, OPA emphasized.

Sugar Stamp 40 was used for the 1944 home canning program, OPA explained.

## Dan Thompson Promoted To Cpl.

Army Air Forces Reinforcement Depot In Europe—Furstenfeldbruck, Germany—Dan T. Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert V. Thompson, of Sparta, has been promoted to the rank of corporal, it was recently announced at this headquarters. While he is at this post, situated near Munich in the heart of a picturesque Bavarian forest, Cpl. Thompson will have an opportunity to enjoy the famous scenery and the superb winter sports facilities which have made this region famous throughout the world. Within easy driving distance is Garmisch-Partenkirchen, site of the 1936 Winter Sports Olympics, now converted into a luxurious Army rest center.

Cpl. Thompson arrived overseas in November, 1945, and he has received the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, the World War II Victory Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal.

VISITS HERE  
Miss Ellen Hardin, freshman at Greensboro College, Greensboro, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hardin.