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Double Funeral Held For Mr., Mrs. J. Duncan

Well-known Couple Of The Hooker Community Buried On Tuesday

Double funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon by Revs. E. W. Thompson and C. R. Allison at Glade Creek Union Baptist church at Hooker for Mr. and Mrs. John Wesley Duncan, both of whom died within four days of each other.

Mrs. Willie Blanche Duncan, 78, died March 29 at her home at Hooker following a long illness. She had been confined to her bed several months after suffering a stroke. The daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Edwards, she was married to John W. Duncan in 1888.

Funeral services for Mrs. Duncan was conducted at the home on Sunday by Rev. E. W. Thompson, Eld. W. H. Handy and Eld. G. M. Tedder, but the body was held pending the arrival of a sister, Mrs. Rose Lamb, of Denver, Colo.

News was received on Monday of the death of Mr. Duncan, 80, who was a patient in a Morganton hospital. He had also been in ill health for several months. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Duncan he had made his home in Alleghany county all his life, where he was a prosperous farmer of the Hooker community.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Left Moxley, of Cardiff, Md.; Mrs. Carl Reeves, of Sparta and Mrs. Robert Harris, of Bel Air, Md.; and two sons, Oscar E. Duncan, of Darlington, Md., and Guy Duncan, sergeant on the North Carolina highway patrol force stationed at Morganton.

Seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren also survive. Mrs. Duncan is survived by one sister, Mrs. Lamb and three brothers, Con Edwards, of David City, Neb.; Mack Edwards, of Douglas, Wyo., and Walter Edwards, of Sparta, N.C.

Business Women Elect Officers

To Complete Federation With State Organization In May

Plans are now underway for the federation of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Sparta, with the state organization, Miss Doris Wagoner, president, announced this week.

At a meeting of the club last Monday night, additional officers and committees were named to complete the organization. Mrs. Charles C. Castevens, Jr., chairman of the committee on constitution and by-laws, appointed the following members to assist her: Mrs. Gene Irwin, Miss Pauline Osborne and Miss Emoryetta Reeves.

Officers include: Miss Doris Wagoner, president; Mrs. Robert L. Nichols, vice-president; Miss Sue Reeves, corresponding secretary; Miss Marye Kennedy, recording secretary and Miss Bettie Halsey, treasurer.

Miss Wagoner explained that a special effort is being made to complete the federation by May in order that this club may send a delegate to the state convention.

It was decided that \$5.00 would be given to the Cancer Control Drive. Members will also serve the Chamber of Commerce in May.

The next meeting will be held in the AAA office at the community building on May 6, at seven o'clock.

Legion To Sponsor Steak Fry, Apr. 13

The Dean Parish Post 98 of the American Legion of Alleghany county will meet on Saturday night, April 13, at the community building when a steak fry will be given, Commander Robert L. Nichols announced this week.

All Legionnaires and all GIs are cordially invited to attend the steak fry and dance that will follow, he announced. Wives and friends are also invited to attend, and a discussion on the organization of an Auxiliary will be held.

Advantages Of Meat Packing Plant Are Cited To Farmers

TOWN MARSHAL



Cleo Reeves, who was named town marshal, city tax collector, and town water supervisor to succeed Glenn Richardson.

G. D. Richardson Resigns Posts In Town Offices

Cleo Reeves Appointed To Fill Vacancies As Town Marshal, Tax Collector

Glenn D. Richardson, town marshal, city tax collector and water supervisor for the past two years, this week offered his resignation giving as his reason the pressure of other duties.

At a meeting of the town council here Tuesday, Cleo Reeves, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Reeves, of Sparta, and returned veteran of World War II, was appointed to fill the three positions.

Mr. Richardson, a candidate for nomination for sheriff in the Democratic primary in May, is also a deputy sheriff, serving under Sheriff Jess Moxley. He pointed out that he found it necessary to resign due to other duties.

"I want to thank the people of Sparta and of Alleghany county for their co-operation during my tenure in office," Mr. Richardson stated.

The new town marshal, who began his duties here this week with the assistance of Mr. Richardson. (Continued on Page 3)

C. of C. To Meet Here Fri. Night

The Chamber of Commerce will meet at the community building Friday night, April 12 when members of the Lions Club will be their guests.

The new officers will preside for the first time at this meeting and a number of committees, as well as the board of directors will be named, Alton Thompson, president, announced.

All members are urged to be present for the meeting.

English Midget Car In New York



The new English Fergus "standard open tourer," priced above \$1,500 is being demonstrated by Joseph Ferguson, Jr. Some were constructed with right-hand drive, but sold as soon as they arrived from England.

Much Interest Shown In Alleghany; More Stockholders Will Be Sought

A meeting under the direction of County Agent R. E. Black, was held at the courthouse last Monday night for the purpose of giving the producers of livestock and poultry in Alleghany county first hand information on the proposed meat processing plant that is soon to be erected at or near Dublin, Va.

J. D. Wysor, of Dublin, field representative and director of organization for the Appalachian Meat Processing Cooperative, Inc., explained the operation of such a plant, describing how cattle, lambs, hogs and poultry would be prepared for market and giving detailed outline of the methods that will be followed by the cooperative in dressing and marketing the different products of the farmers.

Dr. B. A. Wagoner, of Wytheville and formerly of Alleghany county, president of the Wythe Farm Bureau Cooperative, who is assisting in the organization of Wythe and Alleghany counties, also discussed the benefits of the cooperative to the farmers, stating (Continued on Page 4)

Victory Gardens Urged For 1946

Food Supply Must Be Increased To Permit Greater Shipments Of Food

Growing a garden—whether it be in the backyard of the city or on the farm—is considered by the Famine Emergency Food Committee as one of the most important parts of the entire Emergency Food Program, Herbert Osborne, AAA chairman and manager of the emergency program in Alleghany county, said today, in urging the planting of Victory Gardens in 1946 to increase our food supply, and permit greater shipment of food items so critically needed by starving people of Europe and Asia.

"These people are victims of enemy invasion. Their harvest season is four months hence and in many sections of Europe, agriculture has been damaged by the worst drought in a century," Mr. Osborne asserted.

"In releasing more wheat, fats, oils, and other needed foods for shipment to these starving people, Victory Gardens will help immeasurably in making good these commitments; assuring adequate supplies here at home; and reducing the overload on transportation facilities," he said.

In view of a possible shortage of tin and steel that may limit the commercial production of certain canned foods, Mr. Osborne recommended careful planning of the garden to assure fresh vegetables during the summer months and extra amounts for canning for family winter stocks.

The President and the Secretary of Agriculture have called for full support again this year by the Victory Gardeners. It is expected that all Tar Heels will answer this call most willingly.

Cancer Control Drive To Start In County Today

Dr. N. D. Fox And Mrs. A. V. Choate Are Co-chairmen; Co-operation Asked

The Cancer Control Drive, under the sponsorship of the Sparta Woman's Club, is underway in Alleghany county with a quota of \$200.00 assigned. Dr. N. D. Fox is chairman of the drive and Mrs. A. V. Choate is co-chairman.

Officials of the drive are asking that each school in the county work with them in raising the fund and urged that teachers send in all collections as soon as possible to either Dr. Fox or Mrs. Choate.

All donations of \$1.00 or more will be published in the News, it was explained.

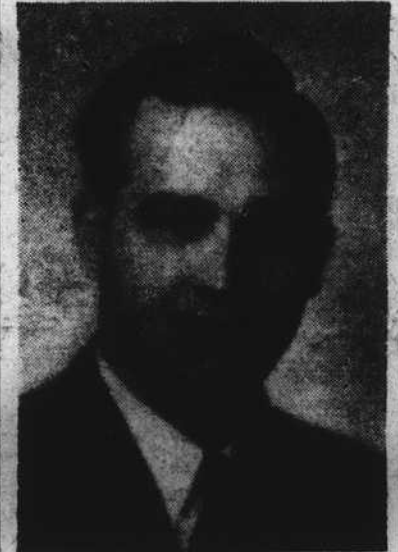
"We could not possibly give our money to any better cause than to the Cancer Control Drive," Dr. Fox stated, "since it is a proven fact that cancer is the chief cause of death in the United States.

The drive, which begins today, will continue through the month of April.

Governor Cherry, in his proclamation for the drive, called upon all citizens of the state to support the humanitarian work of the North Carolina Division of the Field Army of the American Cancer Society.

Governor Cherry pointed out (Continued on Page 4)

HEADS CANCER DRIVE



Dr. N. D. Fox, who will serve as chairman of the Cancer Control Drive in Alleghany county.

Move News Office To Doughton Bldg.

The office of the Alleghany News has been moved into the office building formerly occupied by the late Governor R. A. Doughton, next to the courthouse on Main Street.

The office building, generally known as "Governor Doughton's office" was occupied by Alleghany's great statesman for many years and was visited by many of North Carolina's most prominent citizens. Until the time of his death, Governor Doughton opened the office regularly, carrying on his law practice there.

Shared with his brother, Congressman R. L. Doughton, several weeks during each year when he was not in Washington, the office has housed two of North Carolina's most distinguished statesmen.

All subscribers of the News are invited to visit the office at any time.

The News is happy to secure this location as it will be more convenient for subscribers and others since it is on the ground floor.

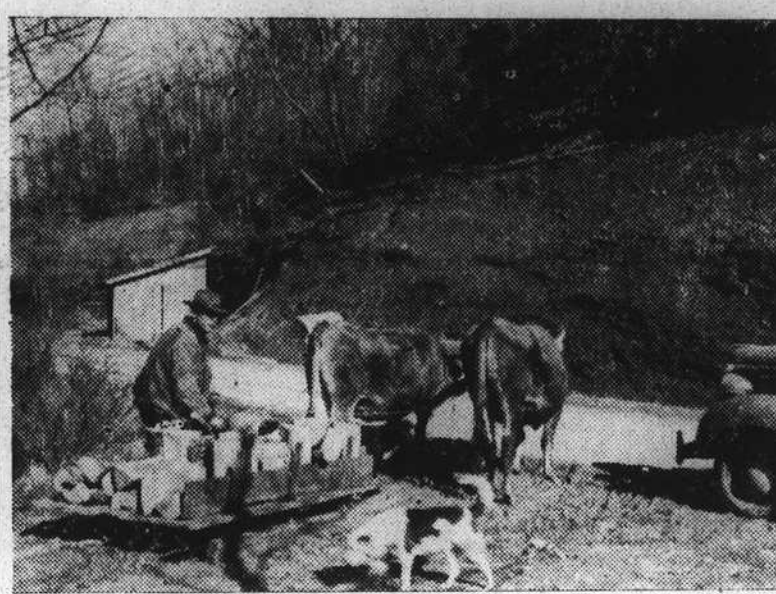
Woman's Club To Name Officers

A special meeting of the Sparta Woman's Club has been called for Monday afternoon, April 8 at three o'clock at the community building, Mrs. A. V. Choate, president, announced this week.

The purpose of the meeting will be the election of officers for the coming year, Mrs. Choate pointed out, and urged that all members be present.

Members of the nominating committee are Mrs. Granville Liles, Mrs. Ben G. Reeves and Mrs. R. E. Black.

Sturdy Oxen Pull A Load



Postmaster Roby Blevins, of Brandon, hauls a load of wood with a sturdy yoke of oxen.

More Turkish Tobacco Is To Be Grown In This Area; Model Barns To Be Erected

Clinic Schedule Announced By County's Nurse

Children Should Be Vaccinated Before Entering School Next Fall

A pre-school clinic will be conducted in the county next week, Miss Matilene Gambill, county health nurse, announced yesterday and all parents are urged to bring their small children for vaccination.

Miss Gambill explained that children from six months to school age would be vaccinated for diphtheria, whooping cough and small pox.

The clinic will be held from 9:30 to 12 noon at the following places:

Little Pine school, Tuesday, April 9; Wolf Branch school, Wednesday, April 10, and Laurel Springs school, Thursday, April 11.

It was also pointed out that clinics will be held in all schools of the county as soon as arrangements can be made. Parents will be notified through this paper of the dates.

Food Supplies To Be Stepped Up

Herbert Osborne, chairman of the Alleghany County AAA Committee, has been designated as Emergency Food Program Manager for Alleghany county and will help to speed the job of supplying food under President Truman's emergency famine relief program, in an effort to reduce the terrible suffering caused by enemy invasion and drought in Europe and Asia.

Mr. Osborne will enlist the co-operation of the Alleghany County USDA Council in coordinating the program and organizing the food conservation measures recommended by the President's famine emergency committee.

Local food conservation measures are now being worked out and every man, woman, and child in Alleghany County are requested. (Continued on Page Four)

Initial Experiments Conducted Last Year Successful; Plants Started

Initial efforts in growing Turkish tobacco in Alleghany and Ashe counties proved to be so successful last year that the experiment is being continued with increased acreage, John D. Wilkins, Agronomy Extension Specialist, in charge of the project, announced this week. And in addition to increased acreage, some model caring barns are to be erected and brought into service.

While it will be at least another year before the experimental Turkish leaf, grown here last year, will be tested by manufacturers, so far as the quantity produced, the initial effort was successful. The average in these two counties was from 800 to 1,000 pounds per acre, reports reveal. Farmers received seventy-five cents per pound for this leaf.

Alleghany farmers, who are to co-operate in the experiment this year by growing one-fourth of an acre are:

M. E. Reeves, Robert Joines, Vester Mabe, C. S. Wyatt, George F. Taylor, Everett Hendricks, E. S. Taylor, all of Laurel Springs; W. R. Barr, John L. Brown, Kyle W. Cox, T. E. Brown, Ray H. Hash, Claude Burchett, Lester Phipps, all of Piney Creek; G. E. Sturgill, Furches; Haywood Brown, Trap Hill, and Bert Williams, Stratford.

Three model storing and curing barns are to be built in Alleghany. (Continued on Page 4)

Final Spelling Contest On Sat.

The final elimination contest in the Spelling Bee, which has been conducted in four schools in the county, will be held at Sparta high school Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock, Supt. Clyde Fields announced this week.

All winners from the various schools will be present to compete for county championship, it was explained and the winner from this contest will enter the Journal-Sentinel Sixth Annual Spelling Bee at Winston-Salem.

Major T. H. King Receives High Honor In Luxembourg

In the beautiful old offices of the Prime Minister, in the presence of Honorable George Platt Waller, United States Charge d' Affaires at Luxembourg, His Excellency Monsieur Pierre Dupong, Prime Minister of Luxembourg, and Minister of War, conferred in the course of a simple but touching ceremony the Cross of Officer of the Grand Ducal National Order of the Oak-Leafed Crown upon Major Thomas H. King, United States Army, who has served as Chief of Claims in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the past nine months. Major King, formerly of Sparta and Washington, D. C., is the husband of the former Miss Jessie Fender, of Whitehead.

Major King in recognition of his especially devoted and meritorious services in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and is indicative of the high esteem in which he is held by the Grand Ducal Government. Major King has been specially distinguished in receiving not only a very high grade in this historic Order, but in receiving it directly from the hands of the Grand Master, or Chancellor, of that Order, because the Order of the Oak-Leafed Crown is the National Order of Luxembourg, and while it is bestowed in the name of the Fountain of Honor, Her Royal Highness the Sovereign, it is never given except on the proposition of the Grand Master. (Continued on Page 4)

Candidates File For Nomination In Dem. Primary

Republicans To Meet Friday Night To Name Candidates; Much Interest Shown

Much interest is being shown in county politics as the final date for filing draws near, and a number of contestants have announced their candidacy for nomination.

Following the announcement of the withdrawal of Robert L. Nichols from the race for nomination of sheriff of Alleghany county, subject to the Democratic primary, another candidate, Dean Halsey, of Piney Creek, announced that he would enter the race, still leaving three contestants for Alleghany's highest office in the May primary.

Halsey, a returned veteran of World War II, having served for several months in the European theatre of operations, is married to the former Miss Blanche Gambill.

Gene R. Irwin, son of W. Carl Irwin, of Sparta, filed this week as a candidate for nomination of Clerk of Superior court of Alleghany county. Irwin, who will enter the contest against S. O. Gambill, who has held the office for the past four years, has had experience in the duties of the office, having served as bailiff in the municipal court of the District of Columbia, Washington, D. C., and deputy clerk of the court, a commission which he held at the time he entered the navy in 1944. He has received his discharge after serving two years in the navy, 21 months of which were spent in the South Pacific.

One county commissioner will be elected this year, it was pointed out and Dillon Edwards has filed for nomination to succeed himself. Appointed to fill the unexpired term of R. L. Hendrix, he has served in the past on the board.

To date, no candidates for non-contestants have filed for nomination. (Continued on Page 4)

Monogram Club Organized Here

Officers Named; Members Of Yellow Jackets Presented Letters

A Monogram Club was organized this week at Sparta high school and letters were presented to sixteen football players on the Yellow Jacket team, it was announced.

Officers of the club include: Jimmy Davis, president; Dale Holloway, vice-president; Bill Reeves, secretary and treasurer and Tommy Sue Moxley, reporter.

The twenty-five members of the club include players on the football, basketball, softball and baseball teams of the high school. Letters were presented to the following members of the Yellow Jackets:

Jimmy Davis, captain of the team this year; Bill Reeves, last year's captain; J. M. Bennett, Dale Holloway, George Roe, Dan Taylor, Bill Edwards, Willard Moxley, Left Hinchey, Thompson Shepherd, Mack Joines, Carl Gentry.

Three players who are now members of the U. S. Navy were also awarded letters. They are Wade Irwin, Andy Mack Royal and Raymond Adams. Tom Reeves and Tommy Burgess were given letters as managers of the team.

Meetings of the club are held weekly, it was explained.

Stores To Close Wednesday PM's

The public was again reminded this week that Sparta business houses will close each Wednesday afternoon at twelve noon and will continue through September.

The custom has been practiced in Sparta for the past several years, it was pointed out, since it provides time for businessmen and employees to work in gardens and to enjoy some leisure time during the summer months.

Most business houses are co-operating with the closing practice, members of the Merchants Association said. (Continued on Page 4)