



The Alleghany News

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

Alleghany County Is . . .
Outstanding Livestock, Agr.
culture and Tourist Center,
With A Population of 8,341.

VOLUME 57, NO. 32

\$1.50 a Year in Alleghany County

SPARTA, NORTH CAROLINA

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1946

\$2.00 a Year Out of County

Seventeen To Graduate From G. V. This Year

Commencement Exercises To Begin Saturday Night With Senior Play

The 36th. annual commencement exercises at Glade Valley Presbyterian high school, will get underway on Saturday night at 8:15 when the senior class will present a play entitled, "Tempest and Sunshine," E. B. Eldridge superintendent, announced this week.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered on Sunday, May 12, at 3:00 p. m. when the Rev. Ralph Richie, pastor of the Elkin Presbyterian church will speak to members of the graduating class and friends of the school. Special music will be featured with the sermon.

The music recital will be held on Wednesday night, May 15, at 8:00 p. m. under the direction of Mrs. Ellen Guerrant, head of the music department.

The graduating exercises will be held on Thursday, May 16, at 11:00 p. m. in the school auditorium, with Rev. Watt Cooper, pastor of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church delivering the commencement address. Rev. Mr. Cooper, a noted speaker, has served for the past three years as a chaplain in the U. S. armed forces.

Betty Lou Vannoy, of Reddis River, will deliver the valedictory address while Doris Collins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Collins, of Sparta and Largo, Fla., will deliver the salutatory address. Miss Vannoy had an average grade of 93.58 for her four years work and Miss Collins had an average of 93.25.

Fourteen girls and three boys will receive diplomas. They are: Doris Collins, Betty Lou Vannoy, Jean Collins, Gwendolyn Bare, Josephine Brown, Grace Hegler, Clarice Taylor, Frances Cook, Lorraine O'Neal, Ruby O'Neal, Mildred Rogers, Blanche Wooding, and Billy Long.

Mr. Eldridge pointed out that Glade Valley had enjoyed a most (Continued on Page 4)

Galax Newspaper Damaged By Fire

Nearby Buildings Are Also Damaged; Paper Not To Be Published For Weeks

GALAX, Va.—The Galax Post Herald, weekly newspaper and several other offices in the same building, were badly damaged by fire Saturday night.

Firemen were hampered by the explosion of three 50 gallon barrels of oil stored at the rear of the newspaper plant.

Presses, intertype and stereotype room at the rear of the newspaper plant were damaged and it was stated yesterday the paper may not be able to publish for several weeks.

The flames spread from the stereotype room, where they originated, to the offices on the second floor. These included those of Dr. Loe Coates, Miss Dossar Martin, dressmaker, and Vogue Beauty Parlor. The Carlan Building, housing the Economy Auto Supply Company, was damaged by smoke and water. The rear of the Mick or Mack Store was scorched by heat.



More and more cattle raisers are discovering increased income through raising their cattle on improved pasture and protecting their woodlands for timber crops. Protected from fire and grazing, trees will furnish reproduction for a constantly growing timberland.

Famine Fighter Dines With King



Former President Herbert Hoover, chairman of President Truman's famine emergency committee, is shown, left, as he lunched with King Farouk of Egypt in Cairo during Mr. Hoover's visit to the land of the sphinx.

Commissioners Ask Groups To Meet In Order To Make Plans For Community Bldg.

Maintenance To Be Decided Upon; Want Cooperation Of Organizations

The Alleghany County Commissioners this week issued a call to representatives of each of the civic clubs of the county to be present for an important meeting on Saturday afternoon, May 18, at two o'clock for a discussion of the problem of the maintenance of the community building.

It was explained that the Woman's Club, who has heretofore been in charge of the maintenance of the building, has relinquished all property belonging to them to the community and that a committee composed of members of each of the civic clubs would be appointed, therefore assuming the responsibility of the maintenance of the building to every member of the board of commissioners pointed out that it is hoped that an arrangement of this sort will solve all problems of the maintenance of this county building.

"The upkeep of the Alleghany county community building, one of the most prized buildings in the county, is the responsibility (Continued on Page 4)

Pvt. D. H. Royal Lands In Naples

LEGHORN, Italy—Pvt. Dwight H. Royal, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Royal, of Roaring Gap, arrived safely in Naples, and has been assigned to the 4468th. Truck Company, a unit of the Peninsular Base Section, the Army Service Force in Italy.

PBS served and supplied Fifth Army and the ground crews of the U. S. Air Force and Navy during the entire Italian campaign. The Base is commanded by Brigadier General Francis H. Oxx.

Pvt. Royal attended Sparta high school and was a truck driver prior to his entry into the army, on June 25, 1945. He took basic training at Ft. McClellan, Ala., before coming overseas.

400 Southern Textile Mills May Close Due To Strikes

CHARLOTTE.—Approximately 400 of the South's 700 textile mills will be forced to close within 30 days if the coal mine strike should last that long, W. P. Jacobs, president of the American Cotton Manufacturers Association, has announced.

Jacobs said that a "number" of mills already had shut down, due to the strike. He said he did not have complete figures on the number, but that he knew of several.

"Two-thirds of the South's textile mills now are on the verge of closing," he said, "and if the coal strike continues another month at its present rate practically every mill in the South will be forced to discontinue operation." Jacobs attributed the acute situation in which the mills now find themselves to the fact that they buy fuel directly from the mines and not from the retail dealers. Because this is true, he

T. R. Burgiss Is Elected Officer Of N.C.P. Ass'n.

Mrs. Burgiss And Miss Pat Burgiss Also Honored At Meeting

T. R. Burgiss, of Sparta, was recently elected first vice-president of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association at a meeting held in Asheville.

Mr. Burgiss, Sparta's only pharmacist for a number of years, has long been active in the state pharmaceutical association, and has held a number of offices in addition to the one to which he was recently appointed.

Mrs. Burgiss, who accompanied Mr. Burgiss to the meeting, was named parliamentarian of the association. Miss Patsy Roy Burgiss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burgiss, and secretary of the School of Pharmacy of the University of North Carolina, reported to the NCPA on the student branch of pharmacy of the University of North Carolina.

Five major issues, which will probably dominate the association's activities in the year ahead, emerged from the recent meeting. They include: the need for an adequate N. C. program for (Continued on Page 4)

John M. Miles Gets Discharge

Staff Sergeant John M. Miles, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Miles, of Sparta, returned home this week after serving for the past 18 months with the U. S. Army in Germany, Austria, and France.

S-Sgt. Miles, who was with the Third Army has been in service for the past two years. He has received an honorable discharge.

Married to the former Miss Elizabeth Hash, they have one daughter, Pat.

Mayor Declares May 20 Clean-up Week In Sparta

Back Taxes Must Be Paid; Stop Light May Be Erected At Intersection

The week of May 20 was officially declared "Clean-Up Week" in Sparta by Mayor Amos Wagoner at a meeting of the town council here on Tuesday night.

Mayor Wagoner issued a proclamation to the effect that all business houses and private homes should observe the clean-up week by clearing their property of all rubbish and carrying it out of the town limits.

"It is time that we gave our town a thorough spring cleaning," Mayor Wagoner stated and added that the co-operation of every person in the town, business men, housewives and children, would be needed to make the project a success.

In addition to clean-up week, Mayor Wagoner reminded all town citizens that all back taxes must be paid immediately or they will be advertised. Every person who owes back taxes has been notified, he pointed out. (Continued on Page 4)

M-Sgt. Spicer Is Designer Of War Monument

Depicts Friscan Regiment Of World War II; Stands In Kassel

Master Sergeant Kermit Spicer, son of Joe M. Spicer, of Glade Valley, recently designed a monument depicting the entire saga of the Friscan regiment in World War II. The monument now stands near the 30th. Infantry CP in Kassel.

Built in the shape of an obelisk, it is situated in the center of a group of three crossroads to proclaim the present ruling power in Kurhessen in black letters on a white background. The saga of the regiment is emblazoned on all four sides of the structure. Running across the top of each side in bright colors is the Presidential Citation, the Regimental Crest, and the Croix de Guerre ribbon with fourragere.

Under the impressive heading falls the names, in bold black letters, of the 30th's campaigns from French Morocco to Austria. A gold circle of eight battle stars (Continued on Page Four)

Cpl. Maines To Get Discharge

MANILA, P. I.—Corporal William F. Maines, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emory E. Maines, Sparta, was recently transferred to the 5th Replacement Depot near Manila pending shipment to the United States for discharge from the Army, according to a press release from the 86th (Blackhawk) Infantry Division.

Inducted April 11, 1944, Corporal Maines trained at Camp Wheeler, Georgia, before departing for overseas service February 19, 1945. He saw combat with the 86th Division in Europe and was redeployed for the Pacific theatre with the Blackhawk Division during August, 1945.

MOTHER'S DAY TO BE OBSERVED HERE

Mother's Day will be observed this Sunday in churches throughout the county with special services dedicated to the mothers.

The Sparta First Baptist church will hold its annual Mother's Day service at 11:00 o'clock Sunday morning. Rev. F. G. Walker will deliver a special sermon to the mothers. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

A special service will also be held at the Presbyterian church with the Methodists and Presbyterians having a joint meeting.

A special program of music will also be offered at both churches.

Other churches throughout the county will also have featured services on Sunday honoring Mother's Day.

Respond To Mercy Call For Wheat



Northwest grain farmers are responding to the appeal for their wheat to feed the starving millions in Europe and Asia. This scene at the Farmers Union Co-op elevator at Flasher, N. D., shows a group of the neighboring farmers who have just brought in their wheat.

Government Asking For Rationing Of Electricity As Coal Crisis Grows Acute

Unbeaten Sparta High Baseball Team Meets Va.

Grassy Creek To Play Sparta This Afternoon At Grassy Creek

The Sparta high school boy's baseball team has had one of the most outstanding seasons in recent years, winning every game played both on the local diamond and elsewhere.

In the first game of the season when the local team met Glade Valley there they won 8-6 and in the return game on the Sparta field, the local lads were victors with a score of 12-6. Bill Reeves, Sparta third baseman knocked a home run in this second game.

In the third game, Sparta won over Piney Creek 16-6 on the local diamond and in the return and fourth game of their spectacular season the local lads won 16-9.

The Sparta team met Independence at Independence for the fifth game, winning 5-2, with Independence scoreless until the final inning.

The game scheduled with Grassy Creek here last Friday was rained out, so Sparta will meet them there this afternoon. The Sparta lads have an excellent record. (Continued on Page 4)

Rev. F. G. Walker To Hold Revival

Rev. F. G. Walker, pastor of the New Hope Baptist church, will conduct the annual revival here from May 19 through 31, it was announced this week.

Services will be held each evening at eight o'clock except on Sunday, May 19, when the service will be held at 2:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend each of the services and to bring their friends.

Ban Placed On Much Freight Because Of Shortage Of Coal

Alleghany, like the rest of the nation, will feel the affects of the coal strike when the ban goes on freight shipments, effective Friday.

A number of passenger trains of many of the railroads have been curtailed and others are expected to be unless the strike can be settled.

The order embargoes all freight shipments by coal-burning trains except those of:

1. Live stock, live poultry and perishable freight.
2. Coal, coke, charcoal, petroleum and its products.
3. Food for human consumption, including wheat, corn, oats, rye, barley, rice, cereal products, salt, canned goods, sugar and lard substitutes, feed for animals and poultry not including hay and straw.
4. Printing paper and printing ink.
5. Medicines, drugs, surgical in-

Railroads Report 400,000 Idle; Expect Curtailment Of Gas Service

WASHINGTON.—A far flung dimout was urged by the Government last night, and steps were in preparation for nationwide rationing of manufactured gas as the coal strike crisis moved rapidly toward perhaps the most momentous showdown in the country's peace-time history.

The Civilian Production Administration called on electric companies in more than a score of Eastern and Midwestern states to put into effect a rationing system, starting with a "brownout" and progressing to a blackout of all except the most vital services.

Another order was prepared by CPA authorizing the rationing of manufactured gas where necessary. Expected to be issued today, it provides that companies making such gas may, at their discretion, curtail service to consumers.

The Civilian Production Administration reported that emergency soft coal stocks available for government distribution are less than the country normally would consume in 12 hours.

Simultaneously, the Association (Continued on Page 4)

Jones Withdraws From Senate Race

G. Glenn Nichols, chairman of the Alleghany county Board of Elections announced this week that Carl Jones, who was running for nomination for state senate on the Republican ticket against Paul Swanson, had withdrawn from the race, leaving Swanson unopposed and thus averting all chances of a Republican primary.

The announcement of the withdrawal was made this week, Mr. Nichols said. It was thought until this time that a Republican primary, the first in Alleghany county in a number of years, would be held this year.

Congress Passes Bill For War Dead Return

WASHINGTON.—Congress gave final approval and sent to President Truman Wednesday a bill authorizing return of the nation's war dead to this country for burial. The War Department would return and bury the bodies of any war dead whose immediate family requests such action.

Women Will Give Community Bldg. Assets To County

Club Votes Unanimously To Turn Over Community Bldg. Equipment To County

At the meeting of the Woman's Club here Monday afternoon, the club voted unanimously to relinquish all their property in the community building to the county, thus giving up the job of maintenance of the building which they have exercised since its erection in 1941. The Woman's Club invested approximately \$2,000.00 in equipment for the building at that time.

The resolution reads as follows: "All property of the Woman's Club in the community building will be relinquished to the county for a period of one year for their use as long as it is cared for and not destroyed, and that an inventory of this property will be made and that any damages or replacements will be taken care of by the fees of the building. Also no property may be removed from the building for any reason."

Mrs. R. F. Crouse, president of the club, pointed out that when the community building was erected that the Woman's Club was the only civic organization in the town with the exception of the American Legion and that the club was asked by the commissioners to assume the responsibility of the maintenance.

"It is only right that now that there are more organizations in the town, that they, too, should assume a joint responsibility for the upkeep of the building," she said.

Property of the club which is now in the building consists of dishes, silver, linens, a stove, hot water tank, cooking utensils, tables, chairs, piano, heater, and cleaning equipment.

A number of other business matters were also discussed at the meeting. Mrs. Edwin Duncan gave a report on the recent meeting with the commissioners which she and Mrs. Crouse attended.

Miss Emogene Choate, assisted at the piano by Mrs. Ross Reeves, sang "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" in observance of National (Continued on Page 4)

New Law Office Is Opened Here

Robert J. Randolph, Former Mt. Airy Attorney, Comes To Sparta

Robert J. Randolph, attorney from Mount Airy, has opened a law office in Sparta in the office room formerly occupied by the ration board.

Mr. Randolph, a native of Texas, is a graduate of Wake Forest law school. For the past several years he has been practicing law in Mount Airy where he was employed by the Fairchild Airplane Manufacturing Company.

Married to the former Miss Evelyn Fawcette, of Mount Airy, the new attorney expects to move his family here in the near future. They have four children.

"We welcome Mr. Randolph to Sparta and wish him much success in his practice here," Mayor Amos Wagoner said this week.

Since the death of Gov. R. A. Doughton, Attorney R. Floyd Crouse has been the only member of the Alleghany bar here.

Winter Weather Is Here Again

Alleghany county experienced some cool weather this week, which was described by one old timer as "blackberry winter." Cold rains and winds sent thermometers below forty.

The same man that labeled this cold weather as "blackberry winter" described the previous one, ten days ago as "dogwood winter." Snow flurries were seen throughout the county then.

Another party remarked that the first guaranteed warm weather would be the arrival of the cat birds. "We will not have any cool weather after the cat birds arrive," he declared. As to date no cat birds have been reported here.