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## Sparta To Observe Clean-up Week, May 20 - 25

### Much Interest Is Shown In Local Politics Here

### To Hold Republican Primary For First Time In 15 Years In Alleghany

With the Democratic primary little more than a week away, interest in local politics reached a high peak, with the sudden announcement that a Republican primary would also be held.  
N. Carl Jones, who withdrew from the Republican race for nomination of State Senate last week, yesterday announced his re-entry into the race against Paul Swanson. Jones pointed out that he withdrew with the understanding that Swanson was to do likewise and upon Swanson's failure to do so, he announced his re-entry, making it necessary to conduct a Republican primary in Alleghany county for the first time in the past fifteen years.

Three contests will be staged in the Democratic party, the race between Erle McMichael and Walter E. Johnston for solicitor; the race between Glenn D. Richardson, Arthur Gambill and Dean Halsey for sheriff and the race between Carl Hash and Greek Hill, for county board of education.

Eugene Transou will be un-

### New Serial Will Begin This Week

### Sally, Heroine Of 'Whirlwind' Is In For Adventure In The Opening Chapter

A new serial, entitled "Whirlwind," begins in this issue of the News.

Quite different from the life of Newspaper Reporter Ann Clayton, this is a modern story of the life of an airline hostess, who is supposedly content with thrilling experiences in the air.

First Officer Jimmy Kennedy, an officer with a line—though not successful in making dates with one Sally Alliston, supplies one of the romantic interests. Sally, the twenty-one year old attractive heroine, is not the happy carefree lassie she appears to be, for her personal life is not running smoothly. The daughter of a housekeeper for the wealthy and well known Jethrup family, Sally has always been in love with Philip, the heir to the Jethrup industry and estate.

Grandfather Jethrup is looking out for the family name, and is trying to prevent anything from materializing from a childhood romance of Philip and Sally's. Sally, of course, loves Philip too much to stand in his way, socially. Readers will not want to miss a single chapter of this exciting new story, written by Norma Newcomb.

### Shearing School To Be Held Fri.

It was announced this week that a sheep shearing school would be held Friday, May 24, at 9 o'clock at the Upper Mountain Experiment Station at Transou. E. A. Warner, of the Sunbeam corporation, formerly the Chicago Flexible Shaft company, will be here to help conduct the schools.

### Alleghany Girl ASTC Graduate

Commencement exercises for Appalachian State Teachers College were held for the year 1945-1946, on May 8.

Fifty-one seniors received bachelor of science degrees, thirty-three of which have received their training and degrees in the high school field and are qualified with high school, class A certificates; three are in the elementary education combined with some special subject; eight in elementary education, and seven in the primary education. Graduates are taken from twenty-six counties and four states.  
Ruby Dancy, of Alleghany, was among the graduates.

### Chamber Of Commerce Plans Sponsorship Of Athletic Program For Sparta School

#### WINS CONTEST



Miss Cleo Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Jones, of Furches, who recently won the national Forensic contest.

### Cleo Jones Gets National Honor In Va. Contest

### Alleghany Girl Wins First Place In National Forensic Tournament

Miss Cleo Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Jones, of Furches, received a national honor recently, when she was awarded the Strawberry Leaf Society award in a national speaking contest held at Martha Washington College, Fredericksburg, Va.

Miss Jones, a graduate of Sparta high school and ASTC, Boone, has been an outstanding student in oratory throughout her school career, having won seven medals in addition to the national award. Miss Jones, who is now doing graduate work at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, (Continued on Page 4)

### Operetta To Be Given At Sparta

The Primary grades of Sparta school will present an operetta, "If I Were Queen" at the school auditorium on Friday evening, May 24, at eight o'clock.

A May Queen is crowned and the Lords and Ladies as well as the woodland folk gather to do homage to this Queen, who has been chosen not for beauty alone but for her kind heart as well.

The characters are: Nina, the beggar maid who becomes "Queen of the May"; Eleanor Ward; Court Jester, Franklin Andrews; Robin Redbreast, Terry Johnson; Mr. Froggie, Robert Fox; Mr. Wood-

### County Men Now Serving Overseas



T-5 John T. Ham, left, now serving in Italy, has recently been promoted to his present rank. He is married to the former Miss Lena Sheets and they have one daughter. Pfc. Claude S. Rouse, right, has notified his wife, the former Miss Cleo Bryant, that he has arrived safely in Bomberg, Germany. He has been in service for 19 months.

### Commencement At Piney Creek Begins Saturday

### Will Have Number Of Programs For Closing Exercises; No Graduating Class

Although there will be no graduating class at Piney Creek high school this year, a number of programs have been planned for the commencement exercises, it was announced this week.

A declamation and recitation contest will be held on Saturday May 18, at one o'clock in the school auditorium. Joe Perry and R. E. Landreth are the only two contestant in the declamation contest while those entering the recitation contest are Grace Fields, Norma Douglas, Ruby Absher, Edna McMillan, Katie Halsey and Patsey Billings.

On Wednesday evening, May 22 at 7:30 p.m., a style show, "Miss Modern Cinderella" and a grade program consisting of a pageant "Little Red Riding Hood" and an operetta, "Sunny on Sunnyside" will be given. A small admission charge will be made.

Climaxing the commencement program will be the senior play, a three act comedy entitled, "The Bargain Bride," by Jay Tobias, on Friday night, May 24 at 7:30 (Continued on Page 4)

### Representatives Of Civic Clubs To Meet On Sat.

### Commissioners Call Meet To Discuss Maintenance Of Community Building

The Board of Commissioners of Alleghany county again reminded citizens this week of the call meeting to representatives of each of the civic clubs of the county for a discussion of the maintenance of the community building, at the courthouse on Saturday afternoon, May 18, at two o'clock.

Members of the board of commissioners pointed out that it is hoped that an arrangement can be worked out, whereby every civic club in the county will have a responsibility toward the upkeep of the community building, "the pride of every citizen of Alleghany." Heretofore, the maintenance of the building had been in charge of the Woman's Club.

Notices to each of the leaders (Continued on Page 4)

### June 1 Is Final Date To Sign For AAA Program

Farmers are again reminded that the closing date for signing farm plans for the 1946 AAA program is June 1. Anyone who has not signed a farm plan by this date will not be eligible to participate in the 1946 program, it was explained.

During the last few days the farmer's copy of the farm plan has been mailed to him showing practices which have been approved for his farm.

Any farmer who needs more lime, phosphate or other prac-

### Cemetery To Be Cleaned May 31

Friday, May 31, has been set as the date for cleaning the Wooduff cemetery at Cherry Lane and making repairs around the church and cemetery, it was announced this week.

All persons who are interested are asked to come to the church on May 31, when the old fence will be removed from the cemetery and a new one replaced and when new seats will be made for the church. It was explained that the material for the seats had been sawed and that all materials were ready. Carpenters were asked to bring their hammers, chisels and saws for the work. Mattocks are also needed, it was explained, to clean the fence row for the new fence.

### Town To Impose Special Tax On All Businesses Within Incorporate Limits Soon

### Mayor Wagoner Points Out Need Of Revenue In Meeting Town Expenses.

A special business license will be required of every business house in Sparta, beginning June 30, Mayor Amos Wagoner announced this week, following a meeting of the town council.

This newly imposed tax will include businesses of every classification, including stores, garages, service stations, theatres, banks and every other business in the town, Mayor Wagoner explained. The dealer or owner of the business, upon payment of the license fee, will be granted for proper consideration all rights and privileges for the purpose of carrying on the business as classified.

Mayor Wagoner explained that the license fees would be worked out by the town council accord-

### Final Exercises Are Held Today At Glade Valley

### Seventeen Graduates Will Receive Diplomas At Exercise

The 36th annual commencement exercises at Glade Valley high school will come to a close this afternoon when seventeen boys and girls will receive their diplomas, Supt. E. B. Eldridge announced yesterday.

The Rev. Watt Cooper, pastor of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church, will deliver the commencement address, Mr. Eldridge announced. The Rev. Mr. Cooper, a noted speaker, has served for the past three years as a chaplain in the U. S. Armed Forces.

The preceding programs of the commencement have been well attended, it was pointed out. The senior play on Saturday night was a sell-out. A number of people attended the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, which was delivered by the Rev. Ralph Ritchie, pastor of the Elkin Presbyterian (Continued on Page 4)

### Sparta Woman Oldest Alumna

Mrs. Jane Hampton Jones, of Elkin, widow of Frank Jones, and former resident of Alleghany county, is the oldest living alumna of Mitchell College at Statesville, it was disclosed this week.

Mrs. Jones, who spent most of her married life in Sparta, reared and educated her children here, making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Roy Barker, in

### Ministers Are Asked To Make Appeal For Food Collection

Alleghany ministers along with all others have been urged to make special appeals for the Emergency Food Collection now underway in thousands of communities throughout the nation, it was announced today by Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace, national chairman of the campaign to relieve hunger and starvation in famine-stricken lands. The collection of cash to buy food economically in large quantities and of gifts of food canned in tin is in behalf of UNRRA, of which F. H. LaGuardia is director general.

Protestant, Catholic and Jewish leaders giving their wholehearted support to the collection as members of the national committee include Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, and Bishop of the New York area of the Methodist Church; Harper Sibley, of Rochester, chairman of the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction; the Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, of New

#### SHOW WINNER



Ida Maude Black, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Black, who won third place on her entry in the Hereford class of the Atlantic Fat Stock Show at Richmond, Va., recently.

### To Install VFW Post In County Saturday Night

### Organization Will Be Perfect And Officers Installed At Meeting

A post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will be instituted in Alleghany county on Saturday night, May 18, at eight o'clock when a department officer will be present to carry out the necessary installation procedures, Joe E. Doughton, acting quartermaster, reminded veterans this week.

At a preliminary meeting recently, temporary officers of the post were named in order that the charter application might be sent in, it was pointed out. However, the organization has not been perfected, it was disclosed. The charter application has been (Continued on Page 4)

### Billings Killed In Auto Mishap

Elmer Billings, 41, of Cherry Lane, was killed instantly when the automobile he was operating left Highway No. 21, five miles south of Sparta, at 6:00 o'clock, Sunday evening.

His automobile left the highway and while attempting to bring it back on the highway, it overturned on the right shoulder of the road, State Highway patrolmen reported.

Mr. Billings suffered a broken (Continued on Page 4)

### Mayor Wagoner Proclaims Week To Beautify Town

### All Citizens Are Asked To Co-operate In Effort To Clean Up Town

Mayor Amos Wagoner has declared the week of May 20 as official clean-up week for the town of Sparta and every business house, all public buildings and every private home in the town have been asked to cooperate in the united effort to beautify the town.

In a proclamation issued by Mayor Wagoner last week, it was explained that the citizens of the town have been asked to clear all property of rubbish and to remove it not only off the property but outside the town limits. "Every business man, housewife and every boy and girl is asked to take part in this clean-up campaign, and without the co-operation of everyone, it cannot be a success," Mayor Wagoner stated.

The streets will be cleaned and possibly repainted, it was announced. Business houses will get rid of all trash in the vicinity of their business and all private homes will also cooperate in the united effort by clearing away unsightly rubbish.

Heretofore, clean-up week has been observed in the town, but this year it is expected to be carried out more vigorously, it was explained. A number of new business houses have been erected and others are under construction, leaders pointed out, adding much to the town. Now that summer is on the way and a number of tourists are expected to travel through Sparta, it is the duty of every citizen in the town to make it as attractive as possible.

### Auto Sales Co. To Open On Sat

### Ben G. Reeves, Prominent Local Business Man Is Dodge-Plymouth Dealer

Ben G. Reeves, well-known local business man, has been appointed Dodge-Plymouth dealer for Alleghany county and will hold a formal opening of his new garage, The Auto Sales Company, on Saturday.

Mr. Reeves will also handle Crosley and General Electric electrical appliances, and RCA, Crosley and Zenith radios.

A prominent business man in Alleghany, Mr. Reeves operates the Spartan theatre here in addition to the Sparta Recapping plant. He is vice-president of the Sparta Chamber of Commerce and an active civic worker.

The public is cordially invited to attend the opening of the new garage on Saturday. At three o'clock, Saturday afternoon two new seven feet deluxe refrigerators will be sold to the lucky person at ceiling price, it was announced.

### Stamp 49 Good Until August 31

The public is again reminded that Spare Stamp No. 49 is good for five pounds of sugar until August 31, when it expires.

Spare Stamp No. 9 is also good for five pounds of canning sugar and expires October 31.

### Donations For Cemetery Sought

All those persons who have relatives buried at Union cemetery at Whitehead have been asked to make donations for the upkeep.

A caretaker has been engaged, it was announced, and in order that he may be paid, it is necessary that donations be made. It was explained that a cost of \$4.50 was incurred each time the cemetery was mowed and that it had already been mowed three times this spring.

All donations should be given to either Henry or Charlie Edwards, of Sparta, or W. E. Hoppers at Whitehead.