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Alleghany County Is . . .

Outstanding Livestock, Agriculture and Tourist Center, With A Population of 8,341.

HEAVY VOTE EXPECTED IN PRIMARY, SAT. Plans Underway For Sparta Horse Show June 22

Entries Coming In Daily; Good Show Expected

Sparta Lions Club Will Sponsor Show; Many Prizes Will Be Offered

Plans are now well underway for the Sparta Horse Show here on June 22 under the sponsorship of the Lions Club and preparations are being made for a record crowd.

Entries are coming in daily. D. F. Sturdivant, chairman of that committee, announced yesterday and an excellent show is expected. It was explained that a judge had been secured from Charlotte.

A show book will be made up, listing the entries and different classes. The book is under the supervision of J. K. Wagoner.

Special committees have also been appointed for the track, lights, seats, concessions and publicity, it was disclosed. Members of the club pointed out that 500 seats were purchased by the Lions last fall and will be set up for the show in June.

A large number of saddle horses from Alleghany county will be entered in the show, it was explained. Owners include D. F. Sturdivant, Robert Joines, Bill Musgrove, Charlie Edwards, Tom Greene, Henry Edwards, and others.

In addition to saddle horses, special prizes are also being offered for the two best teams of work horses in the county. It is also expected that many entries entered in the show.

To Conduct Sheep Shearing School

Two Schools To Be Held In Alleghany On Saturday, May 25

E. A. Warner, of the Sunbeam Cooperation, Chicago, Illinois, will be in the county on Saturday, May 25 to conduct two sheep shearing schools. R. E. Black, county agent, announced yesterday.

The schools will be conducted at the following places:

D. C. Duncan farm, Sparta, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

John C. Halsey farm, Piney Creek on Saturday afternoon.

As there are very few custom sheep shearers in the county there may be some difficulty in getting the sheep sheared this year, Mr. Black pointed out. He urged that anyone wishing to learn more about shearing sheep should attend one or both of these schools and learn the proper method of shearing.

Mr. Black also explained that this is a good opportunity for a number of men to learn the sheep shearing business and shear for others. However, he pointed out, farmers who plan to do their own shearing will certainly be benefited by working with Mr. Warner as he is an expert in the field.

Smokey Says:



It's time to take action when you see a fire in the woods. You can help prevent a wildfire by being careful with matches and cigarettes. Smokey the bear is here to remind you that these woods burners burn me up!

Council Of War Against Strikes



Senators Allen J. Ellender (Dem., La.), Scott W. Lucas (Dem., Ill.), William F. Knowland (Rep., Calif.), and James O. Eastland (Dem., Miss.) hold a council of war in Washington to see what they can do to halt strikes that interfere with the wheels of industry.

Group To Compile History Of Alleghany County; Call Meeting Here For June 1

All Interested Persons Are Asked To Meet At The Courthouse On June 1

A special meeting has been called for Saturday, June 1 at two o'clock at the courthouse of all those persons interested in compiling a history of Alleghany county.

This meeting, which will include groups from both in and out of the county, will be held in an effort to work out some concrete plan for gathering the material and writing the history of the county, it was explained. It is urged that all families who are interested in the writing of such a history should lend every effort to make it possible. Representatives from every civic organization are also urged to be present, as are ministers and representatives from the various churches.

Plans now underway provide that the manuscript should contain the history of the county and its people and should be of interest to every citizen of the county. (Continued on Page 4)

Sparta PTA Will Meet Here May 28

The Sparta Parent Teacher's Association will meet in the library of Sparta high school on Tuesday night, May 28, at 7:30 p. m. for the last meeting of this school year, it was announced this week.

All parents and teachers are requested to make a special effort to attend the meeting when plans will be made for next year's work.

A Real Kitten On The Keys



This mussy knows its Ps and Qs. "Winnie," uncrowned king of Canadian keyboard kitties, demonstrating his hunt and peck touch system. He can catspaw m-o-u-s-e with equal speed in daylight or darkness. He makes his home with L. L. Irwin, Delta, Ontario.

VFW Group Will Meet May 30 To Name Officers

New Chapter Now Has 37 Members; More Expected To Join Soon

A special meeting of the Veterans of Foreign Wars has been called for Thursday, May 30 at eight o'clock at the courthouse for the purpose of electing officers, it was announced this week.

The meeting which will be on Memorial Day, is expected to be well attended, Gene Irwin, acting quartermaster, announced. He urged that all members be present and that they bring their friends with them. To date there are 37 members of the organization, it was disclosed.

At the meeting last week, the organization was not completed since it was held open for new members.

The new post which has been instituted here has been named the Bruce Wayne Osborne Post, for the first Alleghany man killed in action in World War II. The post number is 7034.

To Award Seventh Grade Diplomas

146 Elementary Students To Receive Certificates Of Graduation

Approximately 146 students will graduate from the seventh grade in the elementary schools throughout the county during the next week, Supt. Clyde Fields announced yesterday.

Miss Fields said that brief exercises would be held in most of the schools and that seventh grade certificates would be awarded.

The various schools and graduates include: Sparta, 50; Cherry Lane, 2; Glade Valley, 4; Liberty Knob, 2; Stratford, 5; Pine Swamp, 3; Wolf Branch, 4; Piney Creek, 20; New River, 2; Little Pine, 21; Rich Hill, 14, and Laurel prings, 13.

The colored schools to have seventh grade exercises include: Glade Creek, 3, and Gap Civil, 3. Two schools have no seventh grade students enrolled, it was explained.

Clean-up Week Is Being Observed

Clean-up week is being observed in Sparta this week by special order of the Mayor. Citizens are cooperating fully with the program, it was pointed out.

Mayor Wagoner again urged that every person who had not cleared his or her property of all rubbish in an effort to beautify the town, do so now.

Many people in the town are repainting, re-decorating and doing general cleaning in co-operation with the clean-up week, it was observed.

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.

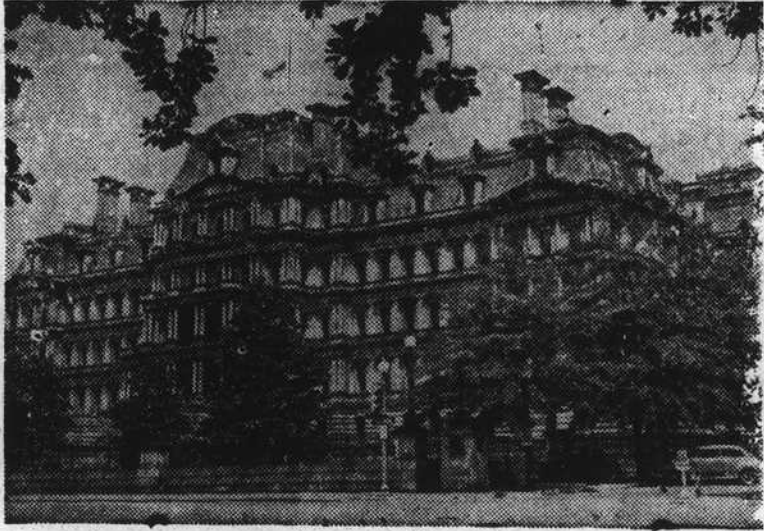
A May Queen is crowned and the Lords and Ladies as well as the woodland folk gather to do homage to this Queen, who has been chosen not for beauty alone but for her kind heart as well.

The operetta is under the direction of Mrs. Lon Mac Reeves, and Miss Ivazelle Taylor.

BIRTH ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. John Hoyt Osborne, of Independence, Va., announce the birth of a son, John Hoyt, Jr., on May 14. Mrs. Osborne will be remembered here as the former Miss Glenna Duncan.

"New" Addition For The White House



The famous old structure known as the state, war and navy building during the early days of Washington. The building will soon be taken over by the White House to be used as an annex for the executive offices.

Committee Is Appointed For Upkeep Of Community Bldg.; Heating Plant Also Discussed

1946 Wool Pool Is Contracted For Alleghany

Shearing Demonstration On Friday; Wool To Be Collected June 17 And 18

The Alleghany wool pool for 1946 has been contracted along with pools from Ashe, Watauga, Grayson and Carroll counties to J. Cam Fields, of Fields Manufacturing company, of Mouth of Wilson, Va., at 52½ cents a pound for clear wool, R. E. Black, county agent, announced this week.

The decision was reached following a conference of representative sheep raisers of the counties involved a few days ago. The wool will be collected, as has been done over the past several years and will be paid for as collected.

Mr. Black said that a schedule for collections would be published shortly, giving the sheep raisers ample notice on when to make their deliveries. Collections for Alleghany will be made June 17 and 18.

There will be no differential in price for clear wool between tied or untied fleeces.

Mr. Black again reminded the farmers that a sheep shearing demonstration would be held at the State test farm, at Transou, Friday, starting at 9 o'clock and continuing through the day.

E. A. Warner, of the Sunbeam Corporation, will be in charge along with Howard Stamey, assistant to L. I. Case.

Miss Bettie Halsey Named Chairman Of Maintenance Committee

A special committee to supervise the maintenance of the Sparta community building, was appointed last Saturday afternoon at a joint meeting of the county board of commissioners and representatives of the civic clubs of the county.

This joint committee, composed of members of the various clubs, will give the responsibility of the upkeep of the building to all the civic organizations, thus relieving the Woman's Club, who has been in charge of maintenance for the past several years.

Miss Bettie Halsey was named chairman of the committee. Those serving with her are Alton Thompson, Dr. N. D. Fox, and Mrs. Amos Wagoner. Miss Halsey was also appointed secretary and treasurer of the committee.

Rules were also passed to the effect that a fee of \$10.00 will be charged for all dinners and \$3.00 will be charged for all dinners given in the building. It was pointed out that all meetings may be held in the hall free of charge. All dinners and dances must be paid for in advance, it was disclosed. If, by chance, the dance (Continued on Page 4)

Sparta To Meet Lansing Sunday

The Sparta baseball team will meet Lansing on the local diamond on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, it was announced this week.

All baseball fans are cordially invited to see the game.

Blue Ridge Parkway Fund May Reach Budget Request

WASHINGTON — Blue Ridge Parkway development funds for 1947, pared by 50 per cent in the House, will be increased by Senate-House conferees to an amount closer to Budget Bureau recommendations, Rep. Robert L. Doughton, of the Ninth Congressional District, has been assured.

Pioneer advocate of the 480-mile scenic highway, Representative Doughton had contemplated urging the House Thursday to restore the Parkway development funds slashed from the Interior Department supply bill by the Appropriations Committee. However, survey indicated Republican members almost solidly against amendments to increase spending, with several Democrats also in favor of accepting the committee recommendations without change.

The committee cut appropriations for parkways, including Blue Ridge, from a \$15 million budget estimate to \$7,500,000. Of this, \$5 million was obligated under contract authorizations—\$2,996,000 for Blue Ridge projects and \$2,004,000 for Natchez Trace. Blue Ridge is slated to get \$1,250,000 of the remaining \$2,500,000 and \$100,000 would go to the new Foothills Parkway in Western North Carolina. Doubling this \$2,500,000 would boost the final total to \$10 million, two-thirds of the budget recommendation. This is expected to be the ultimate decision.

Sen. Clyde R. Hoey already has pledged himself to seek a larger appropriation in the Senate, where hearings on the interior bill are progressing.

While admitting the \$7,500,000 for the four parkways is only half the budget figure, the House committee observed "it is actually in excess of prior appropriations, with the possible exception (Continued on Page 4)

Four Contests To Be Decided In County, Sat.

Both Democratic and Republican Primaries Will Be Held.

Hundreds of Alleghany voters are expected to crowd the polls, Saturday when a record vote is cast in both the Democratic and Republican primaries.

Election officials pointed out that ballots were being issued to the various voting precincts today at a meeting of all election judges here at the courthouse.

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

The Republican contest will be staged between N. Carl Jones and Paul Swanson for State senate. It was pointed out that a relatively small Republican vote is expected to be cast this year in the first primary conducted by the Republican party in this county in a number of years.

All voting places in the seven townships of the county will open at 6:30 a. m. and close at 6:30 p. m., G. Glenn Nichols, chairman of the Alleghany board of elections pointed out.

Stores in Sparta are expecting a record business on Saturday, with most of the people in the county coming out to vote.

TO CLEAN CEMETERY AT PRATHER'S CREEK

All persons who are interested in the upkeep of Prather's Creek cemetery, are asked to meet there on Saturday, May 25, when the cemetery will be cleaned.

Those interested persons are also asked to bring tools with which to work.

Garage Opening Well Attended

Mrs. W. E. Hoppers, Robert Edwards Lucky Winners In Purchase Rights

A large crowd attended the opening of the Auto Sales Company here last Saturday when the new Dodge and Plymouth cars were shown for the first time this year.

Ben G. Reeves, well-known local business man, was recently appointed Dodge-Plymouth dealer for Alleghany. Two new cars and a pick-up truck were shown at the opening.

In addition to the showing of the cars, two new refrigerators were sold to the lucky person. Tickets were passed out to all those present and two numbers were drawn. Mrs. W. E. Hoppers, of Whitehead, was the first winner and purchased at ceiling price a new General Electric refrigerator. Robert Edwards, of Sparta, was the second winner, and purchased the Crosley refrigerator.

Mr. Reeves stated that he wished to thank his friends for the splendid attendance at the opening.

Cpl. R. K. Crouse Gets Discharge

Corporal Russell K. Crouse arrived home last week from the Philippine Islands where he had been stationed since July 1945. Cpl. Crouse landed in San Francisco and came to Fort Bragg where he received his honorable discharge from the service.

He served with the 779th tank battalion and at the time of his discharge was with the 13th air force.

Cpl. and Mrs. Crouse and daughter, Patsy, are now visiting his mother, Mrs. R. A. Crouse, at Glade Valley.