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County Teacher Allotment For Next Year Is 53

Some Schools Are Deleted And Others Get Increases, Based On Attendance

Miss Clyde Fields, county superintendent of schools announced yesterday that Alleghany county's allotment of teachers as determined by attendance and set up by the N. C. Department of public instructions for the coming school year is 53.

This is one less than was allotted last year, due to the fact that the State department deleted New River school as well as Glade Creek and Prather's Creek colored schools. She explained that some plan of transporting these students elsewhere would be worked out.

Miss Fields pointed out that in several of the schools there were some gains.

Of the total allotment this year there are 12 high school teachers; a total of 44 white elementary grade teachers and two colored teachers.

Record Is Made In Attendance

Forty-Six Sparta H. S. Pupils Attend 1945-46 Year Without Absences

Forty-six pupils of Sparta high school had a perfect attendance record for the year 1945-46, C. R. Roe, principal, announced this week.

The following is a list of the students and the grades:

First grade—David Duncan, Joe Thomas Irwin.

Second grade—James Elwood Finney, John Wayne Edwards, Robert Franklin Busic, Patsy Ruth Dolinger, Cornelia Porter Richardson, Mary Franklin Crouse.

Third grade—Thomas Absher.

Fourth grade—Doris Jean Edwards, Katy Lee Finney, Rosemond Maines, Georgalee Cox, Janet Royal.

Fifth grade—Shirley Bumgardner, Betty Jean Edwards, Dorothy Jean Edwards, Mabel Jean Hines, Betty Jo Tolliver.

Sixth grade—Harvey Brown, Joan Maines, Lois Royal, Marjorie Truitt.

Seventh grade—Sue Edwards, Joe McMillan, John Franklin Norman, Clarence Sparks, Mary Lee Irwin, Thelma Lyons, Vena Evelyn Miles, Sally Bert Phillips.

Eighth grade—Annie Marie Billings, Fred Roupe, Cecil Brooks.

Ninth grade—Georgia Taylor, Maude Taylor, Hazel Andrews, Gene Andrews, Betty Jean Fender, Boyden Atwood.

Tenth grade—Ruth Crouse, Wayne Brooks, Ellen Woodruff.

Eleventh grade—Billy Richard-

Laurel Springs Have Revival

Revival services at Laurel Springs Baptist church began Monday evening, June 4, and will continue through June 10, 1946.

Rev. B. B. ... pastor, assisted by Rev. ... of Sugar Grove ... conduct the services. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Smokey Says:

SHUCKS—THIS JOB'S GONE UP IN SMOKE! I'LL HAVE TO HUNT ANOTHER ONE!



When the growing timber supply is destroyed by wild fires, mills shut down and workers lose their jobs. Burned woods pay no wages to woods workers or mill hands.

Libya Is Promised Independence



Agreement of the Big Four foreign ministers assured eventual independence for Libya (a) and Russia gave up demands for trusteeship of Tripolitania in North Libya.

Over 300 Women Expected To Attend District Meeting Of H. D. Club Here On June 12

Seven Counties Are To Be Represented; Miss Current Will Speak

Plans are now underway for the annual district meeting of home demonstration club women from seven counties, to be held at the Sparta Baptist church on Wednesday, when around 350 women are expected to attend.

Counties represented in addition to Alleghany will be Ashe, Avery, Watauga, Caldwell, Alexander, and Wilkes. Miss Ruth Current, N. C. Home Demonstration agent, will be the guest speaker. Brief reports will be heard from the presidents of the various county units showing the progress achieved for the past year as was the presentation of future plans.

Mrs. Ward Ray, of Ashe county, district president, will be in charge of the meeting. Mrs. Isom Wagoner, Alleghany Home Demonstration agent, is in charge of arrangements. The meeting will open promptly at 10:30 a. m., Mrs. Wagoner announced.

The complete program is published elsewhere in this paper.

This is the first time the district meeting has been held here.

Rural Carriers Name Officers

At the annual meeting of the Alleghany County Rural Carriers' association held on Saturday evening at the Shell cafe, officers for the coming year were named and other business matters transacted.

R. Glenn Taylor was elected president to succeed Lon M. Reeves, who has held this position for several years. Other officers named include Vance Choate, vice president and Ed ... secretary.

There was a good attendance of this group as well as the Women's Auxiliary of the organization.

Honor Roll Is Announced For Last Month At Sparta School

During the last month of school, there were a large number of students in the Sparta school, on the honor roll. The list, as announced by Principal C. R. Roe, is as follows:

First grade — Mary Gilliam, Robert Fox, Virginia Ruth McMeans, Patsy McKnight, Peggy Miles, Nancy Petty, Vivian Andrews, Bennie Rector, Edward Crouse, Joe Thomas Irwin, Terry Johnson, Lewis Porter, David Truitt, Page Truitt, David Walker, Dormand Wooten, Marion Cheek, Iris Ivey, Alice Crouse, Edna Jones, Geraldine Sturgills, Elsie Hines.

Second grade—Bobby Busic, Billy Barton, John Wayne Edwards, James Finney, Walter Lee Hampton, Bill Phillips, Rosey Caudill, Mary Franklin Crouse, Lois Jean Crouse, Alma Jo Dutton, Stella Flo Dutton, Patsy Hill, Cornelia Richardson, Max ... Spinkie, Billy Combs, Jim ... Fender, Bobby Dean Caudill, Norma Jean Smith.

Program For H. D. District Meet Announced Here

County And Town Officials Will Take Part; Reports Will Be Heard

The program for the all-day meeting of the home demonstration clubs of the seven counties in this district which will get underway at the Sparta Baptist church on Wednesday morning at 10:30 with Mrs. Ward Ray, presiding.

Following the song, "America," the devotional will be given by Rev. F. G. Walker, pastor of the Sparta Baptist Church. Welcome will be extended by Mrs. Champ Duncan, representing Alleghany Home Demonstration clubs. Mrs. Arthur Greene, of Watauga, will respond.

Official greetings will be extended by Amos Wagoner, Mayor of Sparta, and J. C. Gambill, chairman of the Alleghany Board of County Commissioners.

Following the reading of the minutes and roll call, reports of the work will be heard by counties. Mrs. Gene Irwin, accompanied by Mrs. Haswell Rector, will render special music.

Mrs. Ward Ray will present the speaker, Miss Ruth Current, N. C. Home Demonstration Agent. (Continued on Page 4)

W. M. U. Meeting To Be Held Today

The annual meeting of the WMU will be held today at the Sparta church, beginning at 10:30 o'clock, it was announced.

Each member of the hostess society has been asked to come and bring whatever she would like to contribute toward the lunch, which is to be served there.

Dr. Winston To Speak To C. Of C. Friday, June 14

N. C. Commission Of Public Welfare Will Be Heard By Group

Dr. Ellen Black Winston, N. C. Commission of Public Welfare, will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the Sparta Chamber of Commerce, on Friday evening, June 14, Miss Pearl Fields, program chairman, announced this week.

In addition to members, a number of special guests including members of the board of county commissioners, members of the welfare board, clerk of the court, Swanson Edwards, who will resume his duties of county welfare superintendent in the near future and Miss Doris Wagoner, also of the welfare department, are expected to be present.

With Dr. Winston will be Mrs. D. M. Lanon, of Marion, Field Representative of the N. C. Board of Public Welfare, for this area.

Dr. Winston's visit to Alleghany is a part of a State-wide tour she is making, visiting the various counties and becoming acquainted with the people as well as acquainting the public with the work and problems of the welfare of the State as a whole.

Pfc. J. P. Miles Jr. Is Accidentally Killed In Italy

Former Alleghany Man Was Killed In Train Accident On May 17

News has been received here of the death of Pfc. James P. Miles, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Miles, Sr. According to the information received he was accidentally killed in a crash between a train and a jeep in Naples, Italy, May 17, where he was stationed.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, the former Miss Arlene Jolly; three brothers, Wade, Billy, and Sam; four sisters, Peggy, Patsy, Mary Lee and Nancy; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Miles, and several aunts and uncles.

Pfc. Miles was married in November and was sent overseas in December.

Record Crowd Is Expected For Big June, This Week

Nathan's Creek — (Special) — Saturday and Sunday the annual big June meeting will be held at the historic Senter Baptist church at Nathan's Creek, when several hundreds of people are expected to gather.

Elder Ed Davis, Moderator of the Senter district, will preach as will visiting elders. Among those expected to take part in the service are D. P. Broadway, Salisbury and Webb Kilby, Welch, West Virginia. There will also probably be others, it was announced.

Attendance is expected to break all wartime records since travel conditions are not so acute as they have been in the past few years. Prior to the war and the curtailment of travel facilities more than 5,000 people have attended this annual event.

The Big June, as it has long been known, is the first of a two-day Primitive Baptist meeting to be held in this section during the summer and has, for more than three quarters of a century, attracted a large crowd.

Sales Record Is Made By Sanders

Charles J. Sanders led his company of 75 men, including superintendents and district managers, in life insurance sales for the year, it was reported here this week.

Mr. Sanders, who was formerly employed by Reins Sturdivant Burial association, of N. Wilkesboro, has led in sales for the Imperial Life Insurance Company for the past two years.

He is the son of Mrs. Carrie Sanders, of Stratford, and the late C. M. Sanders.

Officials Shake On End Of Strike



Railroad strike ends with a handshake. Left to right, A. F. Whitney, trainmen's union; Dr. John R. Steelman, conciliator; and Alvanley Johnson, engineers' union.

Plans Now Going Forward For Horse Show For June 22; Many Entries Are Now Coming In

Medals Given At Sparta School Finals, Saturday

Debating And Recitation Contests Attract Much Interest

While there were no graduates at the Sparta high school this year, due to the addition of the seventh grade, commencement exercises held on Saturday morning attracted an unusually large crowd.

The debating and recitation contests were held and medals awarded the winners.

In the debating contest the subject was: Resolved that every able-bodied male citizen of the United States should have one year full-time military training before reaching the age of 24. Upholding the affirmative were Adele Blum, Sue McGrady and Wanda Truitt; while the negative was defended by Lewis Fender, Uptie Andrews and Evelyn Mitchell. Adele Blum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Blum, of Whitehead, was the winner of the medal presented by the Northwestern Bank.

In the recitation contest Carol Blevins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Blevins, of Cherry Lane, was the winner of the medal. (Continued on Page 4)

School Property To Be Improved

Due to limitations of supplies and labor, it was pointed out by school officials that improvements to school buildings would probably be curtailed this year. It was explained, however, that as far as it was possible, that sanitary conditions of buildings as well as water supplies would be improved. Some necessary repair work is also expected to be carried out during vacation months, Miss Clyde Fields, superintendent of schools said.

Sponsored By Lions Club; Grounds Are Now Nearly Completed

Interest is growing daily in the Sparta Horse Show to be held here on Saturday, June 22, under the sponsorship of the Lions Club, when a record number of entries for the initial event are expected.

D. F. Sturdivant, in charge of entries announced yesterday that new ones were coming in daily, and that more are expected before the show opens.

Many inquiries from distant points are now coming in, Mr. Sturdivant explained.

There will be a show in the afternoon at 2:00 p. m. and another at night at 8:00 p. m. There will be ten classes in each show with awards running from \$5.00 to \$25.00.

Books are being issued under the direction of J. K. Wagoner, listing the various classes and awards as well as other information relative to the show.

Mr. Wagoner said that he was well pleased with the interest being shown and believed this would be one of the most successful events of its kind ever held in this section.

Final work is being completed on the track and other grounds so that everything will be in readiness for the show.

Miss Edwards To Work For Crouse

Miss Eva Edwards has recently accepted the position as secretary to Hon. R. F. Crouse. She fills the vacancy left by the resignation of Mrs. Charles Castevens, Jr.

Miss Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Edwards, of Whitehead, a graduate of Sparta high school, graduated from Mars Hill this year. She was an honor student, a member of the business club, which requires the making of the honor roll, as well as a good personality.

Observe Automobile Golden Jubilee



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford rode again in the car that Ford first drove on the streets of Detroit on June 4, 1896. He was honored as an automotive pioneer during the Automotive Golden Jubilee recently held at Detroit.

Alleghany County Is ...

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

Special School Tax Planned By Commissioners

Needed To Build Sparta Graded School; Would Pay For Building Soon

R. Floyd Crouse, attorney for the board of county commissioners, announced this week that a special tax levy for the purpose of raising funds to erect a necessary graded school building for Sparta is now being considered.

Attorney Crouse explained that the amount of the levy would be announced later. This will be determined by the amount of money deemed necessary to erect the building, he said. According to the present plans the building will be designed so that it can be erected in sections, with more added on from time to time.

Mr. Crouse pointed out that in a tentative survey of opinion on the matter, that most people agreed that it would be more satisfactory in the long run to make the levy sufficient to pay for the proposed building within two years.

"If we build it while the price of cattle is fifteen cents, we do not want to find it necessary to pay it back when the price of cattle drops to five cents," one man aptly said. "If we build it on cheap money we should certainly pay for it on cheap money," another declared. Another man pointed out, "Buildings erected while money is plentiful should be paid for out of this same kind of money instead of waiting until it is scarce and very hard to get."

Blevins Rites Held On Tuesday

Succumbed At Home Of His Mother, Mrs. Rose Blevins, On Sunday

Funeral service for Charles Blevins, 32, who died Sunday afternoon at the home of his mother, Mrs. Rose Blevins, was held Tuesday morning at the Crab Creek church. Interment was in the church cemetery with Elder C. B. Kilby and Lee Woodruff officiating.

Pallbearers were Reid Poole, Beale Poole, Cleve Nichols, Onis Andrews, Cecil Murray and Kyle Edwards.

Flower girls were Mrs. Cecil Murray, Lynore Bare, Nellie Atwood, Sally Ruth Atwood, Lois Hudson, Mrs. David Higgins and Ida Maude Black.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Rose Blevins; father, Vance Blevins, of Maryland; five sisters, Mrs. Tressie Hudson, Mrs. Opal Hudson, Misses Wanda and Alene Blevins, and Gene Blevins, of Sparta.

Lonnie Edwards Given Discharge

Lonnie Lee Edwards, was recently discharged from the U. S. Navy after 20 months in service, 18 of which were spent overseas. He served as a motor machinist mate, first class, on U. S. T. No. 926, participating in the invasion of Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, the Philippines, Okinawa and Iwojima, of the Ryukyu Islands.

Mr. Edwards, his wife and small daughter, Gail, are spending sometime with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Edwards, at Whitehead.

Mr. Edwards plans to enter State College June 10 where he will resume his studies in mechanical engineering.

COUNTY HAS JUNE FROST WEDNESDAY

This county continues to have periods of cold weather commonly known as various winters, called by oldtimers by such names as "dogwood winter", "blackberry winter" and "catbird winter."

Tuesday and yesterday morning the county not only felt a "June winter", but witnessed a heavy frost in several sections of the county.

Due to the fact that most of it melted away before the sun came out, little or no damage was reported, however, one weather prophet, who has a name for most every kind of weather said, "This must be 'bride' winter."