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

Lacy Billings, 20, Dies In Accident Near Elkin, Sun.

Bill Billings Is Injured As Car Turns Over While Attempting To Pass Bus

Funeral service for Lacy Franklin Billings, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Billings, of Thurmond and formerly of Alleghany, who died Monday morning as a result of injuries received in an automobile accident, Sunday, was conducted yesterday at Potato Creek Methodist church with Rev. Gwyn Blackburn and Rev. Woodrow Wishon, officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

According to reports, young Billings, a veteran of 18 months service with the navy in the Pacific, was driving with his younger brother, Bill, at a rapid rate of speed. As he approached a Greyhound bus on a curve, he attempted to swerve the car, which overturned twice.

He and his brother reportedly went through the top of the car and Lacy Billings suffered a skull fracture, concussion and internal injuries. The two boys were taken to the Elkin hospital where Bill is still a patient. Although suffering from a fractured back, the younger boy is reported to be improving.

According to reports, the Billings brothers had carried their parents to a rural church and were returning home at the time the accident occurred on Highway 21, twelve miles north of Elkin.

Young Billings spent 18 months (Continued on Page 4)

Wiley Shore, 75, Buried Tuesday

Alleghany Man Dies After Several Years In Declining Health

Wiley Shore, 75, of Sparta, died June 9 at his home. He had been in declining health for the past several years and death was not unexpected.

Funeral service was conducted Tuesday at 2:00 p. m. at Shiloh Methodist church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

A son of Henry and Sally Swain Shore, he was born August 11, 1870, in Yadkin county, where he spent his early life. At the age of 21 he moved to Sparta to begin farming in the section and spent the rest of his life in the Sparta community.

He was a member of the Prather's Creek Baptist church.

Surviving are the wife, Mrs. Cora Petty Shore; two sons, A. G. Shore, of Winston-Salem and Charlie Shore, of Sparta; four daughters, Mrs. Dallas Willis, Mrs. Paul Lindsay, both of Marion; Mrs. Bessie Sanders, and Mrs. Laura Rector, both of Stratford. In addition, 14 grandchildren also survive.

SERVICES ANNOUNCED

Rev. Troy Blevins, of Mt. View, and Rev. Fred Blevins, of North Wilkesboro, have announced that they will preach at Liberty Baptist church at the annual decoration service on Sunday, June 16 at 11:00 o'clock.

The public is cordially invited to attend the service when graves in the cemetery will be decorated. Eld. C. R. Dancy will preach at Woodruff Primitive Baptist church on Sunday afternoon, June 16, at 3:30 o'clock, it was announced. The public is invited to attend.

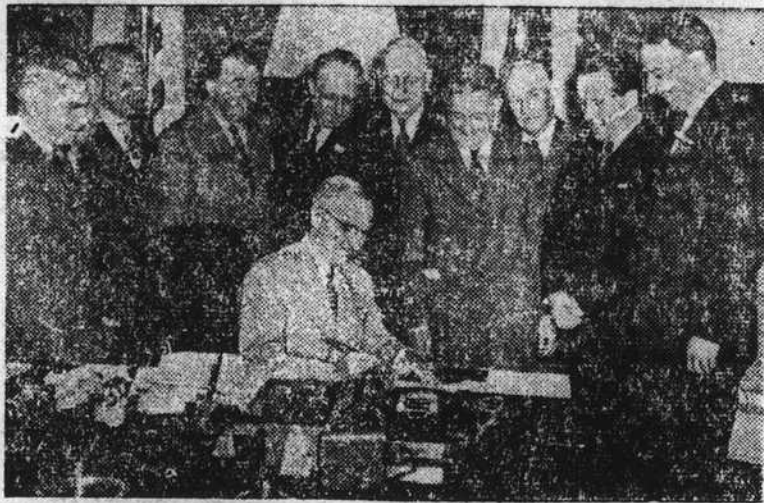
Cadet Reed Wins Coveted Award

Cadet Harold Reed, son of Joe Bill Reed, of Sparta, was awarded a silver loving cup for the best young cadet in his company at Augusta Military Academy, Ft. DeRance, Va., at the commencement exercises held there last week.

Cadet Reed was presented the coveted award in recognition of his all-round activities in the military school, including scholarship and citizenship.

A rising high school senior at Augusta, Cadet Reed is spending the summer here with his father. Prior to his entering the military school, he was a member of the Pines Creek school.

Signs Federal Pay Raise Bill



President Truman as he signed bill giving all government employees an increase of 14 per cent or \$250 annually, whichever is greater. Congressional leaders witness the signing of bill.

Many Women Attend District H. D. Meeting Here On Wednesday

Seven Counties Represented; Wilkes Group Wins Gavel For Attendance

More than 400 women gathered here yesterday for the annual district meeting of home demonstration club women from seven counties, which was held at the Sparta Baptist church. An outstanding success, the meeting was the first of its kind ever to be held in Alleghany.

Miss Ruth Current, State Home Demonstration Agent, made an interesting talk on planning home demonstration club work for 1947. She highly commended Mrs. Isom Wagoner, home agent and the women of Alleghany home demonstration clubs for the success of the meeting.

Miss Current was introduced by Mrs. Ward Ray, of Ashe county, district president. Miss Annie C. Rowe, western district agent, introduced special guests which included Miss Margaret Sedberry, home supervisor for the FSA of Watauga and Avery counties and Miss Ainslee Alexander, FSA supervisor for Alleghany and Ashe counties.

Home agents from each of the seven counties represented in the district were present. They included:

Mrs. Averja Gwaltney and Mrs. Agnes Watts, of Alexander; Miss Doris Whitesides and Miss Dorothy Fennell, assistant, Ashe county; Mrs. Georgia Cohoon, Avery; Mrs. Margaret Suddreth, Caldwell; Mrs. Mary Hamby, Betts. (Continued on Page 4)

Roaring Gap Camp To Open June 19

A precamp training for staff members which began yesterday, will be held at Camp Shirley Rogers, Roaring Gap, Miss Louise Shelton, camp director, said this week.

The staff includes: Miss Anne Upchurch, assistant director; Miss Jean V. Stockton, waterfront director; Miss Blanche Stockton, dietitian; Mrs. Mary Greenfield, nurse; Miss Emma Good, arts and crafts; Miss Frances Massey, business manager; Miss Carol Walker, Miss Velma Goodgain, Miss Cynthia Stiles, unit leaders; Miss Betty Hart, waterfront assistant; Miss Jean McArn, arts and crafts assistant; Miss Mary Chastain, Miss Betty Jane Hearne, Miss Virginia Caldwell, Miss Gloria DeVan, unit assistants.

Miss Shelton said that there were still a few vacancies in the older girls unit for the first two weeks period which opens June 9. Nonscouts may register to attend camp.

MRS. CARRIE JONES NOW ATTENDING ASTC

Mrs. Carrie H. Jones left this week for Boone where she will take a course in Library Science at A. S. T. C. Mrs. Jones took a similar course last year.

Miss Maybelline Richardson will keep the library during Mrs. Jones' absence. Miss Richardson has just returned from Radford college where she attended school for the past year.

Business Women Hear Mrs. Price At June Meeting

Mrs. Wilson And Miss Marjorie McManus, Of Winston-Salem, Also Speak

Mrs. Stella Price, editor of the Tar Heel Woman and past president of the North Carolina Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club, addressed the Sparta chapter at a dinner meeting here last Thursday night.

Mrs. Price gave an interesting history of the organization, the purpose and methods of organization of a club. In addition, short talks were made by Mrs. Wilson, past president of the Winston-Salem club and Miss Marjorie McManus, present president of the Winston-Salem club. Miss McManus brought greetings from the Winston-Salem club to the newly organized Sparta club.

The three club officials showed great interest in the newly organized club commending them for their enthusiasm and urging that they complete the organization soon in order that they might be admitted into the State Federation.

Miss Doris Wagoner, president of the Sparta club, presided at the meeting and introduced Mrs. Price. Eighteen members of the club attended the meeting.

Miss Wagoner pointed out that (Continued on Page 4)

Wool Pool Will Begin On June 17

Schedule For Collection Is Given By R. E. Black, County Agent

R. E. Black, county agent, announced this week the dates for collecting wool in the county.

Beginning next week, the schedule is as follows:

Monday, June 17, Piney Creek, 9:00 to 10:00 a. m.; Elk Creek, 10:15 to 12:00 noon; Dan Jones, 1:30 to 3:30 p. m.; Stratford, 4:00 p. m. to 6:00 p. m.

Tuesday, June 18, Laurel Springs, 8:00 to 10:00 a. m.; Mack C. Edwards, 10:15 a. m. to 11:00 a. m.; Whitehead, 11:15 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.; Sparta gym, 1:30 to 4:00 p. m.

Final Rites Held For Sparta Woman

Funeral service for Mrs. Florence Cox, 84, of Sparta, was held this morning at eleven o'clock at Pleasant Home church near Vox. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

The aged Alleghany woman, widow of Robert L. Cox, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clate Blevins, on Tuesday night.

Surviving are six daughters, Mrs. Lester Cox, Sparta, Rt. 2; Mrs. Clate Blevins, Sparta, Rt. 2; Mrs. Clint Tollivers, High Point; Mrs. John Miles, Bel Air, Md.; Mrs. Dewey Aldred, High Point, and Mrs. Artemus Higgins, Ennice, and one son, Letcher Cox, of Virginia.

One sister, Mrs. Alex Austin, of Independence, Va., and one brother, Will Lawson, of Galax, Va., also survive.

Discovers New Comet



David Rothbart, Washington grocer and amateur astronomer, discovered a new comet during a routine search of the heavens which has caused a stir in the astronomical world.

Many Entries Still Coming In For Horse Show Here June 22

Typhoid Clinic Will Begin In County June 20

Miss Gambill, County Health Nurse Announces Complete Schedule

Miss Matteline Gambill, county health nurse, this week announced the schedule for the routine typhoid fever clinic which will be held in Alleghany from June 20 through July 17.

Miss Gambill also pointed out that due to the clinic, the regular office hours of the health department had been altered slightly. They are now from 3:00 p. m. to 4:30 p. m.

The schedule is as follows: On Mondays; June 24, July 1, July 8, July 15—Wolf Branch School—9:30 to 10:00; Pine Swamp school—10:30 to 11:00; Whitehead P. O.—11:30 to 12:00; Citron P. O.—1:00 to 1:30; Laurel Springs P. O.—2:00 to 2:30; Meadow Fork Creek Church—3:00 to 3:30. On Tuesdays; June 25, July 2, July 9, July 16—Vox (Home of (Continued on Page 4)

Record Crowd Is Expected To Attend Big Event Here Saturday Week

Entries are coming in daily for the Sparta Horse Show to be held here on Saturday, June 22, under the sponsorship of the Lions Club, D. F. Sturdivant, chairman of the entry committee, announced yesterday.

Mr. Sturdivant pointed out that at least 75 entries are expected for the event, which it is predicted will draw one of the largest crowds Sparta has ever witnessed.

There will be an afternoon and evening show with the afternoon event beginning at two o'clock and featuring ten classes. The evening show will begin at eight o'clock and will also feature ten classes. Prizes range from \$5.00 to \$100.00 for the grand champion.

Much interest is being shown throughout the county as well as in many places throughout the state and in Virginia. Entries are coming in from many points, it was disclosed.

The track, officials state, is in excellent condition, and is reported to be one of the best in the country.

C. Of C. To Meet Tomorrow Night

Dr. Ellen Black Winston, N. C. Commissioner of Public Welfare, will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the Sparta Chamber of Commerce tomorrow evening at the community building, members were reminded this week.

With Dr. Winston will be Mrs. D. M. Lonon, 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.

A number of guests have also been invited to attend the meeting.

Every member is urged to be present for the meeting, Friday night.

SERVICES ANNOUNCED

Eld. I. B. Kilby, of Welch, West Virginia, will preach at Little River church, Saturday night, June 15. Service will begin at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Sinnett Suffers Fall

Mrs. John F. Sinnett, of Huntington, W. Va., suffered a broken leg on Tuesday afternoon when she accidentally fell while on a picnic on the Parkway. She was carried to the Martin Memorial hospital for treatment and left Monday for Huntington, W. Va., where she will be treated at the Chesapeake and Ohio hospital.

Mrs. Sinnett was accompanied by her husband, Dr. Sinnett and her mother, Mrs. A. V. Choate.

Name Committee For Compiling County History

B. A. Wagoner Heads Group As Temporary Chairman; Co-operation Asked

A group of interested people met at the courthouse here last Saturday and named a temporary committee for the purpose of making plans for compiling a history of Alleghany county. This committee, composed of members of various family names present, is as follows:

B. A. Wagoner, J. M. Cheek, J. Kemp Doughton, J. T. Fender, Miss Clyde Fields, Mrs. Arthur Matthews, Rev. Wm. Andrews, Raymond Smith, Van F. Miller, Mrs. Mack Jones, C. R. Roe, John L. Joines, John T. Miles, R. Floyd Crouse, J. R. Edwards, Ben G. Reeves, Amos Wagoner, Eld. S. G. Caudill, Alton Thompson, L. E. Edwards and Miss Emoryetta Reeves.

It was pointed out that other names would be added to this committee as other interested persons inquire into the history, in order that the entire county might be represented.

The plans, as suggested by those present, were that the temporary committee meet with all interested families at a later date at the courthouse, after due notice has been given in the News, and endeavor to establish an Alleghany County Historical Society, the duty of which would doubtless be to determine the type of book to be published, to assist in securing historical data, examine all matter submitted for publication to ascertain if it contained only true historical facts, records or happenings since the formation of the county about seventy-eight years ago. The history will be traced beyond to the time of the Indians.

Sparta Man Makes Baseball Record

Sgt. Dan Thompson Plays Shortstop With Eagles In Germany

Not only at home but across the seas, Sgt. Dan Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Thompson, of Sparta, has proven himself a star baseball player.

Sgt. Thompson, shortstop on the Eagle baseball nine in Furstenfeldbruck, Bavaria, Germany, is now en route to the States after serving two years in the Army. The sharp infielder performed for the final time with the Eagles on May 19 against Landsberg when the Eagles triumphed 14-0 in the first official baseball game ever played at Furstenfeldbruck.

A return to his home in Sparta, a summer of professional baseball and entrance into Wake Forest College, are all on Thompson's list of "wants" following discharge. He arrived in the European Theatre in November 1945, and was attached to Personnel and Special Services. Dan was also an important cog on the Locator File, championship volleyball team, which won three straight base titles.

During eight practice diamond tilts, Thompson compiled a batting average of .350 with the Eagles.

A graduate of Sparta high school, Dan was an outstanding athlete on the high school baseball and basketball teams. He also played baseball in Washington, D. C., before he entered the army.

Dr. J. A. Harrell Begins Practice

Dr. James A. Harrell, of Elkin, and grandson of Dr. J. L. Doughton, of Sparta, is now connected with his father, Dr. R. B. Harrell, in his Elkin offices, it was announced this week.

Young Dr. Harrell, a graduate of the University of North Carolina and of the Dental School of the Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, was recently discharged from the U. S. Naval Dental Corps at Farris Island, S. C., where he held the rank of Lieutenant (j. g.). Lt. Harrell was in service for one year.

Dr. Harrell has visited for a number of summers in Sparta, and is well known here.

Officers Of The Local Post Of Veterans Of Foreign Wars



Shown above are three of the recently elected officers of the Alleghany post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Left to right they are, Amon C. Edwards, Commander; Bill Collins, Sr. Vice-Commander, and Gene Irwin, Quartermaster. Officers not shown above are Frank Osborne, Jr. Vice-Commander; Charles Fugh, Adjutant; R. F. Crouse, Post Advocate; Glenn Busic, Chaplain, and Ted Porter, Hugh Perry and Cleo Reeves, Trustees.