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Horse Show To Be Held Here, Saturday

Graystone Inn Opens Today For Summer Season

Burlington Mills Group Will Hold Executive Meeting There At Opening

Graystone Inn, nationally-famous summer resort at Roaring Gap, formally opens today when an executive meeting of the Burlington Mills group is being held, Manager Greek Bovard announced yesterday.

The Inn is under new management for the first time in the past ten years, with Greek Bovard, of Florida, taking over the resident management, which position his brother, Walter T. Bovard, has held for the past nine years. He was unable to resume his duties there this year due to ill health, but is spending the summer at Roaring Gap.

Anticipating one of the largest seasons in the history, with all bans lifted on travel, the inn has been redecorated and the grounds are particularly lovely this year. Ralph Lang, of Charlottesville, Va., will return as golf professional. Mrs. Virginia Moss, of Mile-Away Stables, Southern Pines, will again be at the stables and Jackob, of the Duke University tennis team, will be at the Gap this summer as tennis professional, it was announced.

Patterson, of the Bath and Tennis Club at Palm Beach, Fla., will have charge of the lake this summer, it was stated. Miss Ethel Lee Trinkle, of Roanoke, Va., will be in charge of the gift shop and her mother, Mrs. C. A. Spence, also of Roanoke, will be in charge of the flowers.

The inn was purchased (Continued on page 4)

Plans Made For County History

Letters Are Sent To All Former Residents Of County; Co-operation Asked

B. A. Wagoner, temporary chairman of the committee appointed to make plans for compiling a history of Alleghany county, announced this week that letters were being sent to all former residents of the county, asking that they join the Historical Society and contribute what information they can toward such a history.

The Historical Society, which is to be formed at the next meeting of the committee will complete the organization for the writing of the history of Alleghany county, including its churches, its agriculture, its development, its government and its schools. The second part of the history will contain a genealogy of all the interested families in the county.

Mr. Wagoner urged this week, that any family having friends or relatives who have moved away from the county, should turn their names in to Miss Clyde Fields, superintendent of schools, at her office here, either by calling at the office or writing. In this manner, it is hoped to contact all the former residents who would be interested in the writing of the history of the county.

Murrell Wagoner Drowns In Calif.

News has been received here of the death of Murrell B. Wagoner, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Wagoner, of Watsonville, California.

Young Wagoner, a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Wagoner, of Sparta, was drowned while swimming on June 15. A seaman second class in the U. S. Navy, he had spent one year in the South Pacific and had recently returned to the states. He was stationed at Shoemaker, Calif., at the time of his death.

Surviving are his parents, one brother, Orrin, Jr., and three sisters, Doris, Peggy and Patty, all of the home.

Ed M. Anderson Is Presented National Newspaper Award At Convention In Colorado

WINS NATIONAL AWARD



Publisher Ed M. Anderson, who was presented the Amos Award for outstanding service rendered weekly and small daily newspapers of nation.

Spartan Theatre Leased By Two Statesville Men

Lease To Become Effective August 1; Parkway Theatre Also Leased

The Spartan Theatre, owned by Ben G. . . of Sparta, has been leased for a period of ten years to . . . and Willie B. Sams, of Statesville, it was learned here this week.

The Parkway Theatre, in West Jefferson, owned by Mr. Reeves and Russell Barr was also leased to the two Statesville men.

The lease will become effective on August 1, it was stated. No changes will be made in the theatres at present although some remodeling and painting will be done in the near future.

Mr. Reeves, who has been connected with the Spartan Theatre for the past eleven and one-half years, will devote more of his time to the Auto Sales Company and to the insurance business. He is a representative of the Farm Bureau Insurance Company, and also has the Dodge-Plymouth dealership for the town of Sparta.

A prominent civic leader and businessman, Mr. Reeves is now vice-president of the Sparta Chamber of Commerce.

Mabel Crouse Is Honor Graduate

Miss Mabel Crouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Crouse, of Sparta, delivered the valedictory address to the graduating class of 90 seniors at Gary high school, Gary, W. Va., at the commencement exercises there recently.

Miss Crouse, who attended school there throughout her high school career, finished in summer school last year, but was invited to return to deliver the valedictory with her class when they graduated this spring.

The graduating program centered around the theme of "World Peace" with the title, "Listen America." It began with an address on the atomic age and ended with the flag raising on Iwo Jima.

Those attending the exercises from here included Mrs. Elmer Crouse and Mrs. Charlie Edwards.

Former Resident Dies Suddenly

News has been received here of the sudden death of Jim Hatch, 15, of Kinston. He died suddenly of a heart attack only a few days after returning home from a visit here.

A former resident of Sparta he was married to Miss Eva Ward of Stratford, who preceded him in death.

C. R. Roe Resigns As Principal Of Sparta School

Has Held Position For Past 16 Years; No Appointment Made To Fill Vacancy

C. R. Roe, principal of Sparta high school for the past sixteen years, has resigned his position there, the Sparta school board announced this week.

Mr. Roe, a staunch advocate of advancement in public education, has served his post well during these sixteen years and will be greatly missed at the school.

Coming to Alleghany county in 1930, Professor Roe found a staff of ten teachers and an enrollment of 250 pupils in the elementary grades and 119 in the high school. Today he leaves the school with a staff of 21 teachers and a total enrollment of 750 pupils, having seen 500 boys and girls graduate from Alleghany's largest high school.

During his tenure in office, a modern two-story brick high (Continued on Page 4)

KILLED IN ITALY



Pvt. James Miles, Jr., who was killed in an accident in Italy.

Final Rites For Pvt. Miles Are Held In Italy

Son Of Mr. And Mrs. J. Paul Miles, Of Cherry Lane, Killed In Accident

Pvt. James P. Miles, Jr., was buried in Tricesimo, Italy, following his death in an accident on May 17, it was learned here this week.

The following official information was received by his wife and parents: Pvt. James Miles, Jr., Company K, 350th Inf., was killed when (Continued on Page 4)

Curb Market Will Open At Roaring Gap, Friday, For Third Year Of Operation

Home Demonstration Club Women Of Alleghany Sponsor Market

The Roaring Gap curb market, sponsored by the home demonstration club women of Alleghany county, will open on Friday morning, Mrs. Isom Wagoner, home agent and director of the market, announced yesterday.

When the market opens on Friday, it will begin its third year of operation, marked by steady progress each year. Mrs. Wagoner stated that 75 women are expected to participate in selling on the market this year.

A meeting to make the rules of the market and set ceiling prices, is being held at the community building today, it was explained. It had not been previously planned that the market would open so early, but there is a great demand for the products and it was decided to open a week early.

Mrs. Wagoner explained that the club women were anticipating the biggest year they have had, with more people expected at the Gap and with more demand for (Continued on Page 4)

Presnell Is Cited For Survey Work On Oregon River

Expedition Made Survey Of One Of Oregon's Wildest Rivers In Record Time

Cayce Presnell, son of Eld. and Mrs. A. L. Presnell, of Sparta, recently won a promotion and compliments from his superior officer, Lt. Commander Ira R. Ruebottom, A. V. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey officer, for outstanding work in surveying one of eastern Oregon's wildest river canyons, the Grand Ronde river. The party chosen to survey the river, which had never before (Continued on Page 4)

Bible School To End Sunday Night

The final commencement program of the Daily Vacation Bible School, which has been conducted at the Sparta Baptist church for the past two weeks, will be held on Sunday night at 7:00 o'clock, Miss Irene Richardson, superintendent, announced yesterday.

The commencement program will consist of songs, poems, salutes to the American and Christian flags and the Bible and questions and answers on the Bible. There will also be exhibits by (Continued on Page 4)

Record Crowd Is Expected; Many Prizes Offered

John Anderson Will Act As Master Of Ceremonies; O. E. Fowler Is Ring Master

Hundreds of people are expected to attend the Sparta Horse Show, under the sponsorship of the Lions Club, here Saturday afternoon and evening when more than 80 horses will be shown.

One of the biggest events of the year in Sparta, the program will feature two shows, one at two o'clock in the afternoon and the other at eight o'clock in the evening. More than \$1,275.00 will be given away in prizes, ranging from \$5.00 to the grand prize of \$100.00 for the grand champion of the show. A list of entries will be found elsewhere in this paper.

John Anderson, former advertising manager of the Alleghany News, will act as master of ceremonies of the show. Mr. Anderson is now associate editor of the Transylvania Times at Brevard.

O. E. Fowler, of Winston-Salem, will be ring master at both shows, it was announced. Shine Ogan, of Charlotte, will be the judge and ribbons will be awarded by Miss Emoryetta Reeves.

Following the afternoon show, a mule race will be staged with entries from various parts of the county, and following the evening show a water battle will be staged between the Sparta and Independence voluntary fire departments.

Everything is in readiness for the show. (Continued on Page 4)

To Hold Carnival Here June 24-29

Lions To Sponsor Mighty Continental Shows On Lions Lot Here Next Week

The Sparta Lions Club will stage their big June Carnival and Festival here in Sparta from Monday, June 24, through Saturday, June 29. The carnival will be held on the Lions Club lot next to the horse show ring.

Featured on the midway will be the mammoth Continental Amusement Shows with many thrilling riding devices, clean, entertaining side shows, and prize-winning concessions.

An added feature that will delight the hearts of all ladies will be the giving away of twenty pair of nylon hose that will be awarded absolutely free to the lucky ticket holders. These nylon hose will be given away on opening night, Monday, June 24.

The carnival will feature chairplanes, ferris wheels, merry-go-rounds, and other rides that will delight the hearts of both old and young.

Members of the Lions Club stated that parking facilities would be available back of the Shell Service Station.

Sugar Stamps 9, 49, Now Valid

Sugar ration stamps now valid are spare stamps 9 and 49. Spare stamp 10 will become good July 1 for five pounds of home canning sugar.

Spare stamp 9 is also good for five pounds of canning sugar. Both 9 and 10 will be valid through October 31.

Sparta Stores To Close Sat. P. M.

All business houses in Sparta will close on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock for the horse show, members of the merchants' committee, announced yesterday.

This will give an opportunity for every person to attend the show, it was explained. The stores will be closed throughout the afternoon.

Biggest Catch Of The Season, All In One Family!



The Mayor does it again, except this time he presents the proof. Shown in the string of fish are 45 trout measuring from nine to eighteen inches in length. Reading from left to right are, Mayor Amos Wagoner, Mrs. Wagoner and R. A. Wagoner, Jr., Alleghany's champion fishermen.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES



John Anderson, of Brevard, who will act as master of ceremonies at the horse show, Saturday.

Public Welfare Work Discussed By Dr. Winston

State Commissioner Of Public Welfare Addresses Sparta Chamber Of Commerce

"Public welfare is a local responsibility," Dr. Ellen Winston, State Commissioner of Public Welfare, told members of the Sparta Chamber of Commerce here last Friday.

Dr. Winston pointed out how the state department worked closely with the county branches, relying on them for guidance in determining the need of each particular community.

"In our 1946-47 budget \$21,400.00 has been set aside for the program of aid to the aged and to dependent children in Alleghany county," Dr. Winston said, as she pointed out the vast work of the welfare department.

"Public welfare is a growing program and Alleghany county is moving along rapidly," she said. "As we look ahead, we look to groups such as these for understanding and co-operation and support."

Dr. Winston was presented by Swanson Edwards, who will re-assume his duties here on July 1 (Continued on Page 4)

To Hold VFW Meet Here On June 27

A meeting of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will be held at the community building on Thursday night, June 27, at eight o'clock, bringing the extended membership drive to a close, Commander Amos Edwards announced this week.

All members are urged to bring their friends and anyone who is interested in joining the organization is asked to do so at this meeting, since the membership will be closed at that time and new members can be admitted only by a two-thirds majority vote by the membership, it was explained. The Sparta post now boasts 40 members, Commander Edwards stated.

In addition to emphasis on membership, the entertainment for the summer will be planned and a number of committees appointed, it was explained. Plans are being formulated for a picnic during one of the summer months.

UNION SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT WOODRUFF

A union meeting will be held at the Woodruff Primitive Baptist church on Sunday, June 30, it was announced this week.

The meeting will be an all-day affair with lunch served on the grounds, it was pointed out.

Services will also be held on Saturday at two o'clock and on Saturday evening at early twilight.