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## Midwestern Press Ass'n To Meet At Shatley Springs

Harvey Laffoon, President Of State Press Association Will Attend

More than 50 members of the Midwestern Press Association, together with their families and other guests are expected to attend the summer meeting of the group at Shatley Springs on Saturday night at 7:30, when Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian State Teachers College, will be the principal speaker.

Dr. Dougherty, pioneer North Carolina educator, will discuss the press in its relation to education. He will be introduced by Publisher Ed M. Anderson.

Special music by Jean Kennickell will also be a part of the program.

Harvey Laffoon, president of the North Carolina Press Association, Miss Beatrice Cobb, secretary, and a number of other officials are expected to attend.

A number of other special guests including Congressman R. L. Doughton, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Crouse, Mayor and Mrs. Amos Wagoner, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Thompson, and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Duncan, have been invited to attend.

Several members of the press will arrive on Saturday afternoon and will visit the bean markets and other points of interest. Most of them will avail themselves of the opportunity of traveling over the beautiful Blue Ridge Parkway, while in this section.

Mrs. Ed M. Anderson is president of the Association and will preside. Other officers are Charlie Mebane, secretary, and W. O. Barrett, vice-president.

## Twin Oaks Child Buried

Succumbed Last Thursday Following A Severe Attack Of Croup And Measles

Jackson, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Whitaker, of Twin Oaks, died at his home on August 1 following a severe attack of croup and measles.

The funeral service was conducted on August 2 at Shiloh Methodist church with Rev. W. H. Caldwell and Rev. E. B. Barton in charge. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Surviving in addition to the parents are three small brothers. Two grandmothers, Mrs. Doll Watson, of Sparta, and Mrs. Steve Delp, of Galax, Va., also survive.

Flower girls were Audrey Sexton, Lucky Poole, Loraine Shumate, Mr. Victor Rutherford, Mrs. Bert Shumate, Petty Lou Watson and Bobby Jean Maines.

## Vets Reunion Set For August 17, 18

Veterans of the 81st. Wildcat Division will hold a welcome home reunion for the boys of the New Wildcat Division who are back home from glorious service in the Pacific against the Japs. The reunion will open on Saturday, August 17, with registration at the Blue Ridge Hotel, at Mount Airy, beginning at 3:00 p. m. At 8:00 p. m. there will be an old time fiddlers' contest and square dance. Sunday, August 18, there will be a business meeting at 10:00 a. m., when officers for North Carolina will be elected. At 1:00 p. m. a memorial service for the dead will be held, and dinner will be served at 2:00 p. m.

All veterans who served at any time in the 81st. Wildcats are cordially invited.

## TO PREACH SATURDAY

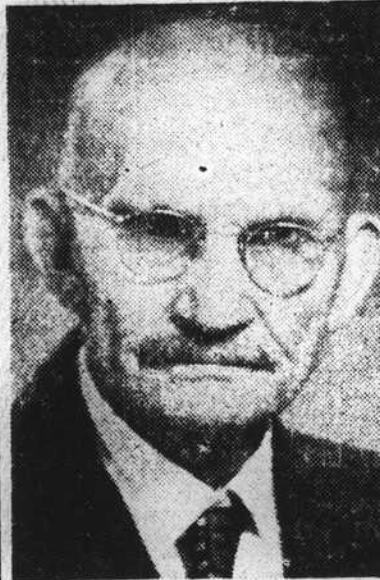
Eld. S. P. Roberts, of Independence, Va., will preach at Little River Primitive Baptist church on Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced this week. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## SUPT. FIELDS ATTENDING MEET.

Miss Clyde Fields, superintendent of schools of Alleghany county, is attending a superintendents' meeting at Chapel Hill at the University of North Carolina this week.

## Baptist Training Union Conference To Be Held Aug. 24-25

WILL SPEAK SATURDAY



Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of A. S. T. C., who will be the guest speaker at the Midwestern Press meeting at Shatley Springs, Saturday.

Harvey T. Gibson, State Director, To Be Guest Speaker At Sparta

Plans are now underway for a Baptist Training Union Conference for all the Baptist churches in the county on August 24 and 25 at the First Baptist church of Sparta. Miss Dorothy Evans, director, announced this week.

Harvey T. Gibson, of Raleigh, State Baptist Training Union director, will be the guest speaker, it was pointed out.

The program will begin with an address to the officers of the Training Union and the deacons of the church on Saturday evening at eight o'clock. Officers of the Sparta branch of the training union include: Miss Evans, director; Bill Sprinkle, associate director; Mrs. F. G. Walker, general secretary; Mrs. Walter Johnson, pianist; Walter Johnson, choirster; Department leaders, Dr. N. D. Fox and Walter Johnson, adult; Bill Sprinkle, and Helen Walker, young people; S. E. Singletary, intermediate; Mrs. S. E. Singletary and Mrs. Verna Wagoner, Juniors and Mrs. Bill Sprinkle and Mrs. Swanson Edwards, story hour.

On Sunday morning at eleven o'clock, Mr. Gibson will deliver an address on the work of the training union, its importance and its relationship with the educational program of the church. Climaxing the conference will be a

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## Construction Of Milk Receiving Station Begins

Guy T. Perry Is General Field Manager And Supervisor Of Building

Work on the Coble Dairy Plant here is expected to get underway in the near future, officials pointed out this week with materials being brought in daily for the construction.

Guy T. Perry, general fields manager for the plant and supervisor of the building, explained that as soon as the labor and all materials were available, work would be started immediately.

Farmers in the section are anxious for the completion of the plant since it will mean much to them in the way of haul bills for their milk. In addition, it was explained, the plant will provide employment for a number of local people.

The dairying industry in Alleghany county in 1945 showed a

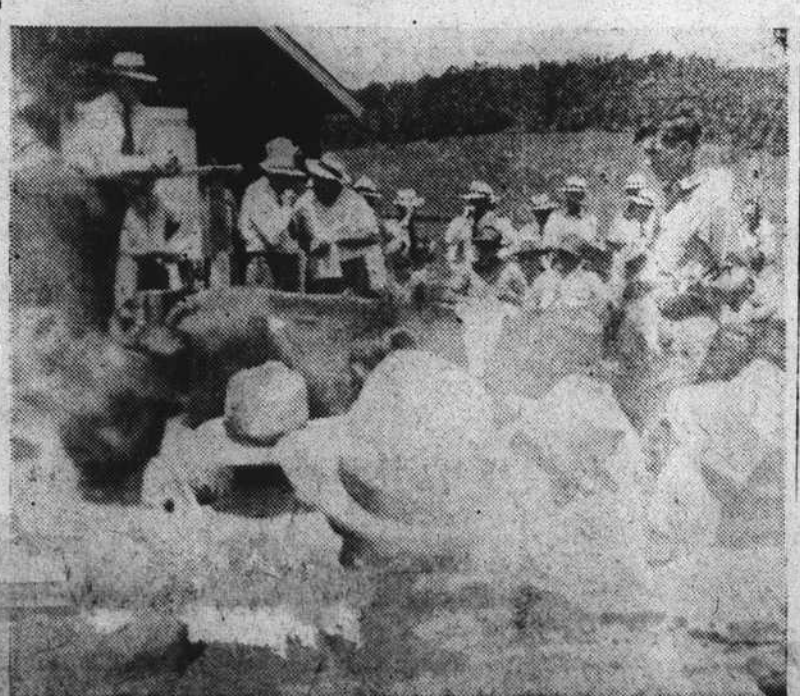
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## Ballots May Be Obtained For Vets

G. Glenn Nichols, chairman of the Alleghany county board of elections, announced this week that both the county and state absentee ballots for the general election this fall, were now in his office and that any person wishing to make application for a soldier overseas or in some camp in the States, might do so now.

Mr. Nichols pointed out that applications should be made by some member of the family of the soldier or by the soldier himself.

## Hundreds Attend Guernsey Sale



Hundreds of farmers attended the Guernsey promotional sale at the State Test Farm at Transou, last Friday. (Staff Photo)

## Ray H. Walker Is Named Principal Of Sparta School

Has Been Principal Of Cleveland High School For Past Five Years

Ray H. Walker, of Cleveland county, has been named principal of Sparta high school for the coming school year, it was announced this week.

Mr. Walker, who has acted as principal of Cleveland high school for the past five years and who previously served as teacher and athletic director there, is a graduate of Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone. He is now working on his Master's Degree at the University of North Carolina and has completed half the work necessary for such a degree.

A native of Neva, Tenn., Mr. Walker taught one year in Watauga county, before going to Cleveland.

The new principal will take the place of C. R. Roe, who resigned last year after serving as principal for the past 16 years.

"Mr. Walker comes to us with an excellent record and we welcome him to Sparta high school," a school official said this week. He expects to be here to begin work next week.

Mr. Walker is married and has two children of early school age. He will make his home at the A. C. McMillan residence just outside the city limits.

## Poultrymen To Meet Aug. 8, 9

Ashe Farmers Expected To Attend Meeting In Statesville

Alleghany poultrymen are expected to attend the three-day poultry training school which began in Statesville yesterday and which will continue through tomorrow.

The purpose of this school is to train and qualify hatchery personnel for flock-testing and blood-testing work and to discuss with them their poultry problems, especially in connection with the eradication of pullorum disease. J. J. Fourie, of the Veterinary Division of the N. C. Department of Agriculture, stated.

If hatcherymen or their employees plan to do their own blood-testing work, they must attend the school and pass the written examination in order to qualify and obtain a permit as a flock-testing and pullorum-testing agent, Mr. Fourie pointed out.

## Alleghany Men Buy Guernseys

Alleghany county dairymen got their share of the prize purebred registered Guernsey cattle offered at auction in the sale at the State Test Farm, at Transou, last Friday. These animals came from some of the best herds in North Carolina and were consigned to the sale in order to increase interest in the dairy business and to enable farmers of this area to improve their herds.

Ashe county dairymen making purchases were as follows:

J. R. Phipps, Silas Creek, 1 bull, \$140.00; Bruce Shepherd, Transou, two heifers, \$380.00; Banner Blevins, Crumpler, one heifer, \$260.00; Joe Davis, Laurel Springs, three heifers, \$705.00; Lee DeBoard, Grassy Creek, one heifer, \$135.00; Gwyn Little West Jefferson, one bull, \$150.00; Bower Walters, Jefferson, one heifer, \$165.00; W. H. and Jones Dillard, Jefferson, one heifer, \$130.00; J. B. Tucker, of Rugby, Va., and Ashe county, purchased four

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## Draft Board Will Close On Fridays

Mrs. Robert L. Nichols, clerk of the draft board, announced this week that the office would be closed each Friday for eight weeks beginning Friday, Aug. 9. Mrs. Nichols pointed out that instead of taking a regular vacation, she had been granted such a leave. All those persons who are supposed to register at the office on Friday, may call the following Monday morning, she explained.

## Last Of Nazi PW's Leave U. S.



The last batch of German prisoners of war, with the exception of those still in hospitals or in prisons convicted of crimes, are shown as they sailed for their homeland from Piermont, N. Y.

## Outlook Bright For Future Of Dairy Industry In County, W. W. Fitzpatrick Declares

### Sheep Raising Is Profitable Here In County

Mrs. Rufus Gillam And N. H. Bell Both Net Good Returns From Ewes

R. Emerson Black, county agent, as proof that sheep raising can be profitable. The proof may be found in the case of Mrs. Rufus Gillam, of Stratford, who purchased four ewes for \$54.00 in February, 1945. The income from the four ewes was \$116.22, Mr. Black stated. This year, the same four ewes raised seven more lambs and the lambs alone brought her \$127.17. Since Mrs. Gillam had increased her flock the wool was not sold separately, but the estimated value, Mr. Black stated, would be \$10.00, making a total income of \$135.17, the income per ewe being \$33.79. "That is profitable sheep raising," Mr. Black stated.

Another sheep grower, N. H. Bell, of Sparta, kept 19 ewes and five lambs last fall. The wool from the 24 sheep sold for \$92.59, Mr. Bell reported. He sold 16 lambs for \$316.08, the subsidy being included, and kept six lambs which were valued at \$114.90, making the total income

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### COUNTY HEALTH NURSE WILL TAKE VACATION

Miss Matteline Gambill, Alleghany county health nurse, announced this week that she would be in her office on the week of August 12 through 17.

Mrs. Cleo Reeves, clerk of the board, will be in the office, however, it was pointed out.

### Importance Of Breeding And Feeding Program Stressed By Dairy Leaders

Farmers and business and professional men were assured of continued prosperity in the dairy industry, by W. W. Fitzpatrick, manager of the famous Quail Roost Farm, at a meeting of the Jeffersons Rotary club last week, when a number of dairy specialists, farmers and others were guests on the eve of the purebred registered Guernsey sale held at the State Test Farm at Transou. A number of people from Alleghany attended both the dinner and the sale.

Fitzpatrick, presented by H. H. Farnum, Dairy Specialist of the Extension Division of State College, pointed out some of the requirements in making a success of the dairy business. He stressed good breeding, continued improvement of herds, proper handling and feeding. In the feeding program he explained the value of alfalfa and the new Ladino clover. Mr. Fitzpatrick described some of the points in judging the value of a dairy cow.

Before presenting the speaker Mr. Farnum reviewed the dairy program in the county. He pointed out that in Alleghany, one of the leading dairy counties in the State, there are now more than 50,000 pounds of milk sold daily. He lamented, however, that there are less than 25 purebred sires in the county. "We have hardly scratched the surface in the dairy industry," he said, and added that in addition to the breeding program farmers must improve their feeding program. He explained the value of Ladino clover.

Farnum was introduced by H. D. Quessenberry, in charge of the meeting. Quessenberry also asked for an introduction of guests and presented R. A. McLaughlin.

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## Alleghany Has New Assistant County Agent

John P. Burch Named To Assist R. E. Black; Will Accompany Group

John P. Burch, of Surry county, this week assumed his duties as assistant county agent of Alleghany county.

The first assistant agent this county has ever had, Mr. Burch is a graduate of N. C. State College, Raleigh, class of '46. He spent sometime in military service, returning to State after his discharge, and graduating with a B. S. degree in animal husbandry.

"We are fortunate in securing Mr. Burch as an assistant agent," one county official stated and added that he is expected to promote more 4-H club work in Alleghany in addition to general farm work along with R. E. Black, county agent.

A part of the salary of the new assistant agent will be paid by the demonstration farmers of the county, and will not, therefore, be a big burden on the taxpayers, it was pointed out.

Mr. Burch will spend next week in Raleigh with a group of 4-H club boys and girls from Alleghany, who will take a 4-H Short Course at State College.

## New Ball League Now Organized

Piney Creek, Landmark And Helton Join With Teams From Virginia

The Virginia-Carolina League, composed of three Ashe county teams and three from Virginia, has been organized, it was learned here this week.

The teams composing the league are Piney Creek, Landmark, Helton, Whitetop, Green Cove and Komarock.

The opening game of the league was played last Saturday when Piney Creek defeated Landmark by a score of 22-17. A home run was hit in the third inning by Bruce Sexton. Walter Sexton hit a triple in the sixth and a home run in the seventh, driving in three runs. Russ Spencer pitched the entire game for Piney Creek while Kent Dickson and Ed Lambert each pitched for Landmark.

Sunday Piney Creek was again the victor defeating Whitetop by the score of 19-6. Doubles were hit by W. Sexton, Dale Powers and James Francis. Sexton and Powers were on the mound for Piney Creek and Hash pitched for Whitetop.

## Reunion Held By Hoppers Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hoppers had all their family together for the first time in three years last Sunday when they met for a reunion at their home in Sparta.

Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hoppers and daughter, Bobbie Lee, of Sparta; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hoppers and children, of Roanoke, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lyon, of High Point, and Mr. and Mrs. James Hoppers and son, Billy, of Sparta.

## Sugar Still Is On Scarce List

Raleigh—OPA District Director Theodore S. Johnson today urged housewives to keep a sharp curb on the family's sweet tooth—for the rest of the year at least.

"Treat your sugar as you would a store of gold dust," Johnson said. "It's that precious and it is going to continue precious for several months."

According to the Secretary of Agriculture, Johnson explained, sugar will not be off the scarce list before 1947.

Estimates show that if supplies were ample, Americans would consume eight million tons of sugar this year with our increased population and buying power, he said, but the total coming in will be just under five and a half million tons.

Johnson stressed the importance of using canning sugar allowance for preserving fruit rather than for making jams and jellies, adding that every bit of food

## They March For A Principle



Asserting that their living standard is cut in half by discontinuance of the sale of nickel cones and drinks, a group of Burbank, Calif., boys picket a malt shop. The picket line was broken when the proprietor invited the boys in for "one on the house."