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## Schools Open With Record Enrollment

### Alleghany Gets Extra Allotment Of Scarce Sugar

Sugar Is Granted By OPA Through Influence Of Congressman Doughton

Some relief for the acute sugar shortage in Alleghany county was seen this week with the announcement by a wholesale grocery firm that a carload of sugar would be available for this section this week end or the first of next week.

Through the influence of Congressman R. L. Doughton, it was learned here yesterday, an extra allotment of sugar has been made by the OPA for this section. The sugar is being handled by a wholesale grocery firm and will be shipped by rail to Elkin where it will be distributed.

All retail merchants in Alleghany county who wish to get sugar are asked to send their name and address, along with the total of the amount of stamps they have for the purchase to Thomas and Howard Company, care General Delivery, Elkin, N. C., and they will be notified when to get the sugar, it was explained.

The merchants will pick up the sugar direct from the Elkin depot, it was pointed out. Customers must purchase the sugar from the retail grocers as usual, it was announced.

Housewives throughout the county, who have been having much difficulty in securing sugar for canning and other household needs, will welcome the extra allotment, merchants declared.

### Hunting Law Violated Here

Two Men Are Fined For Killing Squirrels Before Season Opens

PAUL CROUSE, of Alleghany county and Blain Eller, of Ashe county, were each fined \$5.00 and cost at a hearing before Justice of the Peace G. Glenn Nichols this week for violation of the hunting law, it was announced.

Crouse and Eller were arrested by Harve Goodman, county game warden, for killing squirrels out of season. They had six squirrels when they were caught, it was announced. The two men were hunting in the Bullhead section of this county.

Warden Goodman warned hunters that the hunting laws would be strictly enforced, pointing out that persons caught violating them in any way would be subject to fine. He explained that the squirrel season does not open until September 15.

### SERVICES ANNOUNCED

Eld. Edd Douglas and Eld. Mack Daniel will preach at the home of Eld. A. L. Presnell on Friday night, August 30 at 8:00 p. m., it was announced this week. The public is cordially invited to attend.

### Building Struck By Lightning

A blinding flash of lightning struck the community building Monday afternoon during an electrical storm here, but did no damage other than loosening some of the tones in the left chimney.

The office of County Agent R. E. Black was not occupied at the time the lightning struck, but the stove pipe, which was connected to the chimney, was knocked down and soot and trash cluttered the furniture in the room.

Members of the staff in the AAA office reported that the impact sounded like a stick of dynamite going off on the roof and an eye witness said that the whole chimney was lighted until it looked like it was red hot.

Fortunately, no fire was started from the flash, and there was little damage.

### Alleghany Baptist Association To Be Held September 7-8

MODERATOR OF ASS'N



John M. Cheek, moderator, who will preside at the Alleghany Missionary Baptist Association Sept. 7-8.

### County Board Of Elections Will Meet Tomorrow

Will Determine Legitimacy Of Nomination Of Present Candidate

At the meeting of the nomination of the Democratic candidate for representative from Alleghany county will be determined tomorrow morning at ten o'clock at a call meeting of the Alleghany County Board of Elections in the courthouse here, G. Glenn Nichols, chairman of the board, announced this week.

The meeting was called following the protest filed by the Republican party, which stated that the board of elections had no authority to file the candidate, in the first place, since no vacancy actually existed at the time. It will be remembered that following the withdrawal of G. Glenn Nichols and Walter F. Osborne, Jr., as candidates for the nomination for representative before the primary, the executive board named Carlisle Higgins as a candidate. This action is what the Republican party is protesting, contending that the executive board did not have the authority to do so before the primary. It was pointed out that the law states that such an appointment may be made after the primary, but makes no mention of any time prior to a primary.

In addition to this matter, the board will also pass on a change in the township line between Glade Creek and Gap Civil. The (Continued on Page 4)

### More Drastic Priorities Are Put On Building Materials

Washington — The Government slapped more drastic priorities on building materials for the lagging housing program Tuesday night and ordered a 27 per cent slash in nonresidential building.

This followed disclosure by Civilian Production Administrator John D. Small that he will gradually transfer virtually all his control over new construction, except industrial plants to Housing Expediter Wilson W. Wyatt.

The decisions — reached after Reconstruction Director John R. Steelman had referred a dispute between the two officials — were announced jointly by Small and Wyatt, who termed them "drastic" and "sweeping." They take effect Sept. 1.

Greater volumes of scarce materials, ranging from 75 per cent on sinks and 50 per cent on bathtubs, will be set aside by manu-

Dr. I. G. Greer And Hon. R. L. Doughton To Be Speakers

The 50th annual session of the Alleghany Baptist Association will be held at the Osborne Memorial church at Piney Creek on Saturday and Sunday, September 7 and 8, John M. Cheek, moderator, announced this week.

Since last year, it was pointed out, the executive committee of the association ordered that the meeting be limited to two days' and one night's session instead of the regular three-day session.

Dr. I. G. Greer, superintendent of the Baptist orphanage at Thomasville, will be one of the principal speakers on the program, while Rev. W. T. McGhee, of the Baptist hospital, Winston-Salem, will also speak. Hon. R. L. Doughton, Alleghany's distinguished statesman, will also address the association briefly on Sunday morning, it was announced.

Mr. Cheek pointed out that a detailed program of the proceedings would be given next week. One of the outstanding church events of the year in Alleghany county, hundreds of people are expected to attend the two-day session.

### Sparta School Is Overcrowded

The extremely crowded conditions at Sparta high school have warranted the building of a petition in the auditorium to house the eighth grade, Principal Ray H. Walker, said this week.

Since this is the first year that the school will have a twelfth grade to graduate, and since there are a number of new students entering the eighth grade and since so many students left the school last year because there was no graduating class, the classrooms all over the school are extremely crowded, it was pointed out. In addition, there are 83 first grade pupils to date, with more expected, a larger number than has ever entered school at Sparta.

### Sgt. Eldridge Gets Promotion

Sgt. Bryan Eldridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Eldridge, of Glade Valley, was recently promoted to his present rank at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, where he is stationed with the Quartermaster Corps Truck company.

Sgt. Eldridge spent eight months overseas in Germany, after which he re-enlisted for eighteen months.

### Are Attending Agricultural Meeting At State Test Farm



Here are some of the leaders who will attend the meeting at the State Test Farm at Transou, today. Reading from left to right: Congressman R. L. Doughton, Commissioner W. Kerr Scott and W. B. Austin.



### Stores Will Be Closed Monday For Labor Day

County Commissioners Will Postpone Monday Meeting Until Tuesday

All business houses and public offices in Sparta and throughout the county will be closed on Monday, September 2, in observance of Labor Day, it was announced this week.

A number of people expect to observe the last holiday of the summer fishing, picnicing or staying home for a day of rest.

The Board of County Commissioners of Alleghany county who were scheduled to meet on Monday, announced that they would postpone the meeting until Tuesday. The regular business will be taken up at this time, it was pointed out. The schools of the county will remain open as usual.

The Northwestern Bank will be closed for the day and the B. and T. Drug Company will observe Sunday hours, as will the Sparta Bus Terminal.

Alleghany county rural carriers will observe the holiday and there will be no rural delivery on Monday, it was announced. The Sparta post office will also be closed, opening only for morning and afternoon mails.

No special entertainment has been planned here to date, and the holiday is expected to be quietly observed.

### VFW Post Meets Here Tonight

The Bruce Wayne Osborne Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will hear the ninth district president at their regular meeting, Amon Edwards, post commander, announced.

A record attendance is expected for the meeting, when the group will hear their first speaker from state headquarters.

### THOMPSON REUNION WILL BE HELD SUN.

The Thompson family reunion will be held at the Rocky Ford church at Mitchell's River, near Elkin, on Sunday, September 1, Rush Thompson, of Glade Valley, announced this week.

All members and friends of the family are cordially invited to attend the reunion.

### HOME AGENT ATTENDS MEET IN ASHEVILLE

Mrs. Isom Wagoner, Alleghany county home agent, is attending a meeting of Home Demonstration agents at Asheville this week. Mrs. Wagoner will meet with her regular clubs next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Potrer Collins and daughter, Virginia, have returned home from a visit with relatives in Maryland. They were accompanied home by Mr. Collins' nephew, Jack Billings, who spent a week here.

### N. C. Board Of Agriculture And Other Officials Meet At State Test Farm Today

### Mt. Primitive Baptist To Hold 148th Meeting

Session To Open Friday And Continue Through Sunday; Visiting Elders Expected

The one hundred and forty-eighth annual session of the Mountain Primitive Baptist association will convene at Saddle Creek church, five miles west of Independence, Va., on Friday morning at 11 o'clock for a three-day meeting.

Hundreds of visitors from North Carolina and other states are expected to attend the association. Eld. S. B. Roberts, of Galax, Va., is moderator; J. M. Rector, of Galax, clerk and Lon M. Reeves, of Sparta, assistant clerk.

The business session of the three-day meeting will be held on Friday morning at the church and the introductory sermon will be delivered. An afternoon session will also be held in an outdoor stand. The association will convene at 10 o'clock on both Saturday and Sunday mornings and at 1:00 o'clock on each of the afternoons. Lunch will be served on the grounds on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

A number of visiting elders are expected to be present for the meeting, among them: Eld. George Denny, Pilot Mountain; J. A. Fagg, Winston-Salem; Watt Tuttle, Danbury; D. P. Broadway, Salisbury; W. I. Kilby, Welch, Va.; J. D. Vass, of Hillsville, Va., past moderator of the association; Ed Davis, Whitetop, Va.; Joel E. Marshall, Stuart, Va., and J. Harris from the New River Association.

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### Sparta Shut Out Scottville Team In Game Here Saturday

Hundreds of enthusiastic fans witnessed the shutout handed Scottville Saturday by a strong Sparta team on the local mound, by a score of 9-0. Atwood, pitching for Sparta, gave up five hits, while Shepherd and Huffman, on the mound for Scottville, gave up a total of 15. Holloway was catcher for Sparta, and Perkins for the losers.

In the second week end winning for Sparta, West Jefferson was defeated 9-4 here, Sunday. West Jefferson was in the lead 3-2, until the seventh inning, with seven runs. Paul Perkins was pitching for West Jefferson and John Mac Edwards for Sparta.

In the second game, Lansing was the winner by a score of 9-1, with Blevins and King again on the mound. Eleven strike outs were made with King and Key leading hitters for the winners.

### Kerr Scott And Dr. L. D. Baver Speak To Leaders Attending Meeting

Members of the N. C. Board of Agriculture, Commissioner W. Kerr Scott, highway officials, Lt. Governor L. Y. Ballentine, Congressman R. L. Doughton, extension officials of State College and many other leaders interested in the agricultural development of North Carolina gathered at the Upper Mountain Experiment Station, at Transou today, to initiate the program now activated there.

The day's program got underway at 11:00 o'clock when Fred E. Miller, director of N. C. Test Farms, presided. Mr. Miller presented Commissioner Scott, who, in turn, introduced the members of the board and other officials.

Dr. L. D. Baver, director of N. C. Experiment Stations, was among the officials who spoke to the group. Following the formal program in the morning a barbecued-beef picnic lunch was served. In the afternoon officials and others had an opportunity to view the test farm.

D. S. Coltrane, assistant Commissioner of Agriculture, as well as all members of the board, including W. B. Austin, Jefferson; Claude T. Hall, Roxboro; D. R. Noland, Clyde; J. H. Poole, West End; Charles T. Cates, Mebane; D. J. Lybrook, Advance; Lyon L. Weil, Goldsboro; W. Ivan Bissett, Grifton; Miss Ethel Parker, Gatesville; Hoyle C. Griffin, Monroe, are expected to be present.

James Graham, superintendent of the Test Farm, and W. B. Austin have been working with other officials on the arrangements for the meeting.

George Lee Eldridge returned home this week from Myrtle Beach where he spent a week with Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Berry.

### Every Teaching Position Filled By Opening Date

Crowded Conditions Exist In All Schools Throughout County

All schools throughout Alleghany county opened on Monday morning, with a total enrollment far exceeding any previous year in the history of the county schools, according to all reports and with every teaching position filled, Supt. Clyde Fields said yesterday.

Opening exercises were held in a number of the schools and many parents visited the first day, it was pointed out. No exercises were held in the Sparta school since the auditorium was partitioned for classrooms due to the crowded conditions, it was explained.

Some changes were made in the teaching positions in the various schools throughout the county as to grades, it was pointed out.

The unusually large enrollment has constituted a big problem in most of the schools, but classes have met this week despite the crowded conditions, it was explained. A light schedule has been observed at Sparta school, it was pointed out.

It was also explained that schools throughout the county would be in operation on Monday and would take no holiday in observance of Labor Day.

### Murder Charges Have Been Drawn

Sparta Doctor Released On \$15,000 Bond In Connection With Woman's Death

Solicitor Ralph J. Scott said yesterday that warrants had been drawn charging Dr. B. O. Choate, of Sparta, and C. W. Seagle, of Charlotte, with murder in connection with the death of Mrs. Annie Mae Crofts Anderson, who died in an Elkin Hotel on Saturday night.

Mrs. Anderson, a native of Davie county and daughter of W. M. Crofts of Mocksville, was found dead in bed at Hotel Elkin Sunday morning. A coroner's jury empaneled by Dr. J. L. Woltz, of Mount Airy, Surry coroner, found she came to her death as the result of an abortion alleged to have been performed by Dr. Choate.

Both Dr. Choate and Seagle were first charged with aiding and abetting in the death of Mrs. Anderson as the result of an abortion. Dr. Choate is at liberty under a \$15,000 bond.

Seagle, who delayed in posting bond until Tuesday was held in jail until that time when he was released under an \$8,000.00 bond.

Guests of Mrs. John M. Cheek, Monday, were Mrs. Minnie Cornett, of Fresno, California, and Mrs. J. C. Padgett and Mrs. L. C. Dickenson, of Independence, Va.

### Sugar Stamp 49 To Be Extended

Washington—OPA announced Tuesday that spare ration Stamp 49 will be good for five pounds of sugar through Sept. 30, instead of expiring Aug. 31 as originally scheduled.

The extension was granted, OPA said, because of local shortages which have prevented housewives in some areas from using the stamp. The agency said spare Stamp 51 will be good for five pounds of sugar during the October-December quarter.

The sugar stamp announcements came as the Administration's economic high command sought to reconcile differences between OPA and the Agriculture Department on the level of ceilings to be re-established on meat animals Thursday.