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

Jury List Drawn For Sept. Term Of Superior Court

Court Scheduled To Open On Sept. 30; Judge R. A. Rousseau Will Preside

Jurors for the fall term of the semi-annual Superior court for Alleghany county were announced this week by S. O. Gambill, clerk of court. The court is scheduled to open on Monday, September 30, with Judge J. A. Rousseau, of North Wilkesboro, presiding. Erle McMichael, of Winston-Salem, will serve as solicitor. Jurors drawn are as follows: C. G. Fender, Clyde Edwards, Mack Edwards, Robert Hoppers, Clarence Cox, C. C. Choate, J. H. Douglas, E. E. Delp, Cleve Wilson, Ralph Joines, Everett Hendrix, Cary Edwards, Carl Kirby, Lawrence Reeves, E. L. Williams, P. C. Collins, Cary Brown, S. E. Smith, T. R. Franklin, Everett Jinkins, Eugene Hampton, Paul Miles, Eddie Hoppers, Lundy Estep, L. L. Cox, Howard Kennedy, S. W. Brown, Paul Smith, Dan Jones, Jess Poole, Buren Landreth, John R. Edwards, John A. Crouse, W. W. Cheek, D. C. Duncan, and E. C. Truitt.

Cooperative To Meet Saturday

Directors To Be Named; Reports Are To Be Heard From Committees

According to an announcement received here this week in a bulletin from the Blue Ridge electric cooperative, the annual meeting will be held at Lenoir on Saturday when reports will be heard from officers and committees. The bulletin announces that the following have been nominated as directors: A. G. Beach, C. C. Poovey, Clarence Newberry, C. B. Graybeal, R. C. Edwards, J. C. Goodman, D. M. Edwards, D. R. Moore, Clyde Perry, Bert Mast, A. B. Hurt, A. W. Greene, C. L. Mast, D. J. Jones, V. C. Lillard, and G. M. Sudderth. No announcement is made as to who are the members of the nominating committee. It is further announced in the special bulletin that the cooperative will continue to sell electric appliances. This practice has been objected to by local dealers as well as many others in other localities, because of its unfair competition.

County Health Nurse Resigns

Miss Mattie'ene Gambill Will Not Be With Department After October 1

It was announced this week that the resignation of Miss Mattie'ene Gambill, Alleghany county health nurse, has been received by the health department and that she will no longer occupy the office after October 1. Miss Gambill, a native of Alleghany, came to the county in March and has conducted an excellent work here in the schools and in the county at large, it was pointed out. Members of the board expressed genuine regret at her resignation. To date no person has been secured to fill the vacancy but it is hoped that a new nurse will be secured in the near future. Members of the health board explained that the services of a health nurse are vitally essential to the county, particularly since there is no state health doctor in Alleghany.

Tax Books Now In Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Jess Moxley, tax collector for Alleghany county, announced this week that the 1946 tax books were now in his office and that those who wished to pay their taxes now might do so. Sheriff Moxley pointed out that by paying '46 taxes now, that tax payers would get a discount and would avoid the penalty imposed for delinquent taxes. It was pointed out also that the county tax rate was raised this spring with 50 cents going for the construction of a new school building.

Yellow Jackets Will Meet Virginia Team Here September 20



HEADS VA DIVISION
Brigadier General Francis R. Kerr, wartime chief of the Army Exchange Service and deputy director of the Army Service Forces Special Services Divisions, heads VA's Special Services Division.

Sparta Wins Two Double Headers During Week End

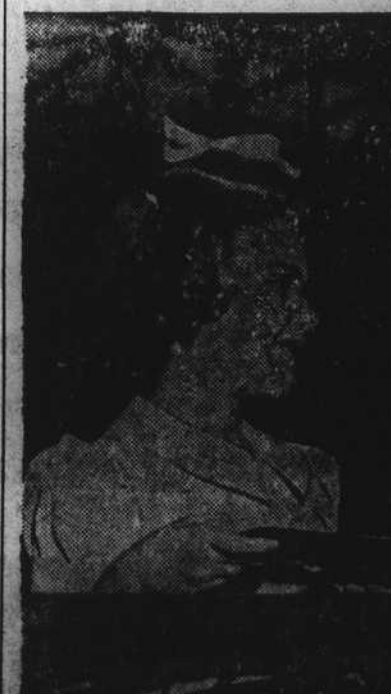
Defeats Both Lansing And Scottville Teams; Now Ranks First In League

Sparta held their top ranking position in the Mountain Baseball League last night and when they defeated a double header from Scottville Sunday on the Scottville Diamond winning 10-6 in the first game and 16-0 in the second in addition to taking a double-header over Lansing on the local diamond, Saturday afternoon, winning 4-3 and 8-1. Atwood and Moxley were on the mound for Sparta in the Sunday games and Cox for Scottville. Dan Thompson and H. Atwood scored a home run and a single and 4 hits and a triple, respectively, for Sparta. Leading hitter for Scottville was Worth Shepherd with three hits for five times at bat. Carpenter was on the mound for the winners in the second easy victory. Campbell and Cox (Continued on Page 4)

Taylor Named Town Officer

Brant Taylor, of the Furches community, was named town policeman by the Town Council here this week and assumed his duties on Monday morning, it was announced. Mr. Taylor was appointed to this position following the resignation of R. D. Gentry and Clint Caudill, who have served as officers for the past three months.

Jimmy Sewell Has His Fans



It was ladies day at Forbes field, iPittsburgh, and this young lady, Jacquie Kuhn, 7, finds herself tongue-tied and breathless as her idol, Jimmy Sewell, 8, autographs a book for her. Jimmy is the son of the Pirates' "blooper ball" pitcher, Rip Sewell.

Sparta High Eleven To Begin Third Season Next Week; Hard Workouts Given

The Sparta High Yellow Jackets will plunge into their third season on Friday, September 20, at two o'clock when they meet Rural Retreat on the home field here. Coach Joe Bill Reed said yesterday that the team showed great promise and some outstanding playing was expected to be seen in the opening game here next Friday. The starting lineup was not given but a number of lettermen will be on the field, he stated. The Yellow Jackets underwent rigid workouts this week and the team shows excellent promise, Coach Reed said. Coach Reed also pointed out that the Rural Retreat team would be a much bigger threat than last year since four veterans are back in the line-up this year. The Yellow Jackets will probably play their first game on the high school field, but practice has been going on this week at the Lions Club field at the race track, since the high school field is very rocky and not satisfactory for games. Much complaint was made by visiting teams last year about the condition of the field and efforts are being made to secure a better one, it was explained. Charges will be made at the gates for all games, it was disclosed.

Masons To Hold District Meet

Grand Master Bundy and Grand Secretary McIver To Be Present.

Masons of the 34th district will meet at Jefferson with Ashe Lodge No. 594 as host on Wednesday, September 18, it was announced this week by Edward J. Pugh, district deputy grand master. The officers conference will be held at four p.m. in the lodge hall and all officers of the lodges in the district and other interested masons are urged to attend. The district meeting will be held at seven p. m. at which time Grand Master William J. Bundy of Greenville, and Grand Secretary William McIver, of Raleigh and Sanford, will be present. They will also be present for the officers conference. A successful meeting is planned, Mr. Pugh stated, and he urged that all Alleghany county Masons make a special effort to attend. Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Smith of New Orleans, La., have returned to Sparta to make their home. They are living with Mr. Smith's mother, Mrs. Joe Smith.

Will Hold Annual Dress Revue Here On September 21

Watauga Home Agents And FSA Supervisor Will Be Judges In 4-H Contest

The annual Alleghany county 4-H Club dress revue will be held at the community building here on Saturday, Sept. 21 at two o'clock, Mrs. Isom Wagoner, home agent and 4-H Club director, announced this week. More than twenty contestants from the various clubs throughout the county are expected to enter the contest, it was explained. They will wear dresses and suits which they have made during the past year. Judges will be Miss Ainslee Alexander, of the FSA; Miss Joyce Southerland, home agent of Watauga county and Miss Billie Matherson, assistant home agent of Watauga. Mrs. Wagoner explained that the winner in this contest will enter the district contest to be held in Winston-Salem on Wednesday, September 25. The winner in that contest will enter the state contest, she said. Mrs. Wagoner said yesterday that an outstanding show was expected this year and urged that all mothers and other interested persons attend the revue. It will be recalled that Miss Naomi Douglas, a member of the Sparta club was one of the six winners in the state last year in the dress revue. Miss Douglas will again be a contestant, it was announced.

Sparta Industry Plans Expansion

Personnel To Be Enlarged To 150; Machinery To Be Installed

An expansion program is underway for Sparta Pipes, Inc., D. P. Lavetis, manager, announced this week, as he pointed out that the personnel would be enlarged to at least 150. National and international distribution for Sparta made pipes, aggregating in excess of 100 gross (14,400) per week, will be carried out, Mr. Lavetis explained, adding that the fire proofed briar blocks which are turned into fine pipes are acknowledged by the industry as superior to any briar pipes, either foreign or domestic. In the enlargement program, more machines will be added and the personnel which is now 130 is expected to reach 150 by the end of the year. Since the discontinuance of the block plant at Boone, the plant here has been opened and is now in full operation so that the entire procedure for pipe making from the native burl to the finished pipe is carried on in the Sparta plant.

Buildings Now Underway Here

A number of new buildings are now underway in Sparta, including two residences. Julius Womble is erecting a house on Whitehead street next to the Wade Choate home while Joe Bare is building on Highway 18 next to the J. K. Wagoner residence. The Hoppers garage on the Whitehead road is practically completed, it was disclosed.

Thieves Attempt To Steal Auto

Thieves were "almost, but not quiet," successful in getting away with R. G. Warden's automobile at his home at Stratford last Monday night. The two thieves had wired the car, in the absence of any keys, and driven it down the road from the side of the Warden residence where it was parked, when they ran into a wire fence and were forced to abandon the car and run. Mr. Warden, who heard the prowlers ran into the yard, but would have been unable to have stopped them, had the bumper of the car not become entangled in the wire fence when they ran off the road. The men were not identified, since it was dark and they escaped through the meadow. No damage was done to the automobile.

County Democrats Name Senator And Representative Sat.

C. W. Ervin Is Candidate For Representative, Wade E. Brown For Senate

Interest in politics in Alleghany county increased this week when the Rev. C. W. Ervin, of Sparta, was named as a candidate for the House of Representatives and Wade E. Brown, of Boone, was endorsed as a candidate for the senate, at a meeting of the Democratic executive committee here, Saturday. The nomination of the Rev. Mr. Ervin was made following the receipt of a letter from Carlisle W. Higgins, former candidate for the office, stating that he had received a new assignment in the prosecution of the Jap war criminals in Tokyo, making it impossible for him to get back to North Carolina in time to run for the office. Well known throughout the county, the Rev. Mr. Ervin has taught in the public schools here for the past several years. A graduate of Davidson College, he has also been in the ministry for a number of years. Following the nomination of the Rev. Mr. Ervin, the executive board again endorsed the nomination of Wade E. Brown, of Boone, for a candidate for the Senate from Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga counties. It will be recalled that Alleghany county was entitled to the nomination this year, but with the withdrawal of the candidate named, Eugene Transou, the nomination was given to Watauga. Mr. Brown will be officially named at the Watauga convention on September 21, it was pointed out. He was endorsed at the Ashe convention last week. Much interest is being shown in the coming election and a large vote is expected from both the Democrats and Republicans in this county.

Meat Ceilings Brings Shortage

Expected To Grow Worse Within Next Few Weeks; Little Livestock On Market

Meat went back under retail price ceilings Tuesday but most cities faced a severe shortage which packers and wholesalers predicted would grow progressively worse for the next few weeks. Recent record livestock marketings, before price controls were reinstated, brought a temporary abundance in meat in the butcher shops but retail buying over the week-end left little but cold cuts, fish and poultry in the coolers. George Dressler, secretary of the National Association of Retail Meat Dealers, said many butcher shops were planning to close for a week at a time to accumulate (Continued on Page 4)

Three Alleghany Youths Receive State FFA Degree

Three Alleghany youths recently received the Carolina Farmer Degree at the State meeting of the Future Farmers of America at Raleigh, Ralph B. Cheek, vocational agriculture teacher at Sparta high school, announced this week. This degree, conferred by the State Chapter, was given to only 74 boys in North Carolina out of 12,000 FFA members, it was pointed out. Those from Sparta receiving the degree were Fielden Miller, Jimmy Reeves and Wayborn Mitchell. Mr. Cheek pointed out that there are four degrees in the FFA, the first two which are conferred in the local chapters, the Green Horn and the Chapter Farmer Degree. The third is the state degree which the Sparta boys received and the fourth and last is the national degree known as the American Farmer degree. To qualify for the Carolina Farmer degree, the boys must have had two years of instruction

GOES TO CONGRESS



Mrs. Katherine Price-Collier St. George Tuxedo Park, N. Y., who won the Republican nomination for congress from the 29th district Orange county. She has a daughter and two grandchildren.

Deaf And Blind Children Must Attend Schools

Children Should Be Reported To Swanson Edwards, Alleghany Truant Officer

Attention is called this week to the fact that North Carolina compulsory school attendance law requires every blind and deaf child of sound mind in North Carolina to attend a state school for the deaf and blind, Swanson Edwards, school attendance officer for Alleghany, stated. The compulsory attendance age for blind and deaf children is from six to eighteen years, it was disclosed. Anyone having custody or knowledge of children of the above group should report their names to Mr. Edwards at once, in order that arrangements can be made to get them into school. Mr. Edwards also pointed out that the State Commission for the Blind is sponsoring a pre-conditioning center at Greenville, for blind adults above 18 years of age. In this center they learn how to make adjustments (Continued on Page 4)

Theatre Under New Management

Charles Gwaltney, of Statesville, has assumed the management of the Sparta Theatre, following the resignation of Paul Dearman, who has returned to college, it was announced this week. Mr. Dearman came to Sparta recently when the theatre was leased by Trotter and Sams from Ben G. Reeves.

County Board Of Elections Makes Change In Line

Glade Creek Citizens Will Be Able To Vote In Gap Civil Township

At a meeting of the Alleghany County Board of Elections here Tuesday afternoon, it was voted to change the boundary line of the Gap Civil and Glade Creek townships in the coming general election this fall, due to the inconvenience of a number of voters in the Glade Creek township. According to a ruling passed by the board, the township line will be changed, bringing a number of voters from Glade Creek to Gap Civil township, since it will be more convenient for these voters to reach the polling place in Sparta than Little Pine where the Glade Creek polling place is located. The change in the township line will begin near the Lester Cox home, to Pleasant Home church, by the S. M. Duncan home, the Joe Larue farm and south by the late M. L. Collins place to the mouth of Glade Creek, G. Glenn Nichols, chairman of the board, pointed out. Since only two members of the board were present, the matter of the printing of ballots for the coming election was not decided upon.

Travel Signs On Parkway Wanted

Senator Bailey Endorses Request For More Informational Signs

Washington — Endorsing the move of the North Carolina travel council to bring about the installation of informational signs along the Blue Ridge parkway, Senator Josiah W. Bailey today requested National Park service headquarters in Chicago to permit erection of suitable markers as an aid to motorists traveling the parkway route. The senator's action, through his secretary, Kidd Brewer, came in response to an inquiry from Earl J. Petro, Jr., executive manager of the travel council at Pinehurst. Speaking for the council, Petro pointed out that although the organization was "in complete agreement" with the parkway commission policy against commercial advertising along the parkway, it recognized motorists' definite need for information regarding necessary travel facilities, food, lodging, gas and oil. Pointing out such facilities were available only in towns near the parkway, the council suggested installing signs at appropriate intersections showing mileage to nearby cities, along with some information (Continued on Page 4)

Doughton Will Speak To C. Of C.

Congressman R. L. Doughton will address the Sparta Chamber of Commerce at the community building here tomorrow night at 7:30, Bob Allison, chairman of the program committee announced this week. Congressman Doughton will speak on a general subject, it was explained. It was pointed out that this is the first address to be delivered to the club by the noted Alleghany statesman. The dinner will be served by the Lucille Ford Circle of the Sparta Baptist church. All members are urged to attend.

Accept Orders For Lime At AAA

Herbert Osborne, chairman of the AAA for Alleghany county, reminded farmers this week that September 25 is the closing date for accepting applications for lime. Mr. Osborne pointed out that due to the shortage of phosphate, more lime must be used this fall and he urged that farmers place their applications as soon as possible. In addition, Mr. Osborne urged that farmers follow through on their conservation work that was approved on their farm plans last spring, even though it might mean substituting other practices for the original ones.

COUNTY SCHOOLS GET NUMBER OF NEW DESKS

Supt. Clyde Fields announced this week that a number of new desks had been received for the eighth grades at Sparta, Piney Creek, Little Pine, Rich Hill and Laurel Springs.