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Dr. Robert King Named By Board As Health Officer

Expected To Begin Duties Next Month; Taking Special Training Now

Dr. Robert King, Jr., son of the former county officer of the tri-county unit, Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga counties, has been named to this office by the board. The counties have been without a full-time physician for this work and members of the board said they were happy to have young Dr. King to fill this place. He is now completing some special training in public health and is expected to begin work in the three counties next month.

Dr. Robert King, Sr., was health officer for the three counties for several years before resigning to resume his work in the medical mission in the Belgian Congo.

Miss Gambill Is Again With FSA

Resumes Work As Home Management Supervisor After Red Cross Work

Miss Lenna Gambill returned to work as Home Management Supervisor with the Farm Security Administration in Alleghany and Ashe counties on Monday after a two and one-half years leave of absence.

While on leave Miss Gambill did social case work with the American Red Cross Military and Naval Welfare Service. Her assignments included the Station Hospital, Camp McCain, Miss.; Regional Hospital, Fort Bragg, N. C.; U. S. Army General and Convalescent Hospital, Camp Butler, N. C. and Kennedy General Hospital, Memphis, Tenn.

Miss Gambill says that she is delighted to be back with the Farm Security Administration and that she has already observed that many farm and home improvements have been made by the farm families in Alleghany county during her absence.

Miss Ainslee Alexander who worked as Home Management Supervisor during Miss Gambill's absence has been transferred to Caswell county.

Welfare Worker Visits In Sparta

Miss Christine Anderson, field representative for the State Commission for the Blind, visited the local welfare department here last Thursday and Friday. Miss Anderson interviewed prospective people needing medical eye service or the services of the pre-conditioning center at Greenville. This visit was made following the survey of blind and visually handicapped made by the Sparta Lions Club last year, Swanson Edwards superintendent of public welfare announced.

New 4-H Clubs Are Organized

John Burch, assistant county agent of Alleghany, announced this week that with the assistance of Mrs. Isom Wagoner, home agent, two new 4-H Clubs have been organized in the county and a number of members added to the three clubs already in existence.

The new clubs include Laurel Springs and Rich Hill, while Little Pine, Sparta and Piney Creek already had clubs. The Little Pine club was only a girls club before it was reorganized.

To date, Mr. Burch and Mrs. Wagoner have met with the Little Pine, Laurel Springs, Piney Creek and Rich Hill clubs. They expect to meet with the Sparta club the latter part of September.

Mr. Burch has made a special effort to enlarge these 4-H clubs as well as organize new ones throughout the county.

SERVICE ANNOUNCED

Rev. W. H. Caldwell will preach at Chestnut Grove Baptist church on Sunday morning, September 22 at 11:00 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Sparta Team Holds Lead In Mountain Baseball League

RESUMES WORK HERE



Miss Lenna Gambill, who has resumed her work with FSA in the county after a leave of absence for two and one-half years.

Directors Are Named Saturday For Cooperative

Fifteen Members Are Chosen; Rural Electric Rate To Be Lowered

Directors of the Blue Ridge electric cooperative were named at the annual meeting held in Lenoir on Saturday. The rural electric rate is to be lowered, it was reported. The lowering of the rural rate however does not effect the present rate in Sparta, it was explained.

Those named as directors are: A. G. Beach, D. R. Moore, C. G. Poovey, Clyde Perry, Clarence Newton, Bert Mast, C. B. Graybeal, A. B. Hurt, R. C. Halsey, A. W. Greene, J. C. Goodman, D. M. Edwards, C. L. Mast, V. C. Lillard and Dan Jones.

American Legion Seeks Members

Ernest E. Edwards, adjutant of the Dean Parish Post of the American Legion, this week called attention to members that the fiscal year, 1946, ended on July 1 and that many memberships have expired since that date.

Mr. Edwards pointed out that the 1947 membership fees are now due and all Legionaries are urged to renew memberships as soon as possible by calling at the office of the Register of Deeds and paying their dues. The 1947 membership cards will also be issued, he explained.

Any veteran who has not joined the legion and wishes to do so, is urged to see Mr. Edwards at the Register of Deeds office.

"There are now 98 members of the American Legion in Alleghany county," Mr. Edwards stated, "and we are making a special effort to greatly increase this."

Twin Oaks Man Serves As Starvation Guinea Pig

Do you know what it's like to go without food for ten days? Norman Dodge Sexton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Garnett F. Sexton, of Twin Oaks, can probably tell you in a few days, because that is just what he is doing.

Dodge, along with six other conscientious objectors is now in the Metropolitan hospital off the coast of New York City where he will serve as a starvation guinea-pig in research work. For three months he will be subjected to the Life Raft experiment to aid in this work.

Five days before the deprivation period begins, he will exist on "777" rations. Medical examination is given every day, it was explained and the temperature and blood test taken daily. After the deprivation period begins, he will be given no food, only four

Wins Double-Header, Saturday, From Roans Creek; Only Two More Games

The Sparta team is expected to win the series in the Mountain Baseball league, as they held the lead last week end, capturing a double-header from Roans Creek on Saturday and taking a game from Pond Mountain on Sunday.

G. Glenn Nichols, manager of the Sparta team, said yesterday that the local players expected to take the next two games this week end to give them the series. They have lost only two games this season.

In the double-header, Saturday, Sparta took the first game from Roans Creek, 8-2 and the second 14-5. Castevens gave up six hits for the winners with Holloway catching. Bower gave up 14 hits for the losers with Miller catching.

In the second game, Atwood was on the mound with Holloway catching for the winners. Miller and Barr pitched for the losers and Bare was catcher.

In the Sunday game, Pond Mountain was defeated by the Sparta team, 10-8. Carpenter pitched for Sparta with Holloway catching. Stidam was on the mound for Pond Mountain with Ham catching.

Leading hitters for Sparta were Dan Thompson with a double and a triple and Edwards with three singles.

Pond Mountain defeated the West Jefferson team Saturday by the score of 18-14 with Dean Ham

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Sparta Lions Hear Governor Tuesday

Dr. D. J. Whitener, Deputy Governor, Also Present For Meeting

Dave Mooney, Cherryville, district governor of Lions International, spoke to the local Lions Club here Tuesday night on "Work of the Lions in North Carolina."

Lion Mooney explained that the Lions aided 3,960 blind persons in North Carolina last year and that their program this year would include improvement in North Carolina Education, since this state ranks 38th in the 48 states.

The district governor was introduced by Dr. D. J. Whitener, of Boone, deputy governor.

At the meeting, it was also announced that 12 members had agreed to take their cars to West Jefferson on September 25 to transport those who wished to take examination for tuberculosis at the clinic there.

ALLEGHANY BOYS LEAVE FOR ARMY

Three Alleghany boys, Tom Woodie, Eugene Cleary and Dean Richardson left Tuesday for induction into the armed forces at Ft. Bragg, Mrs. Mexa Phipps, clerk of the Alleghany draft board, announced yesterday.

Baptist Ass'n Names Officers At Annual Meet

Dr. N. D. Fox Elected Moderator; Walter Johnson, Clerk; Good Attendance

Dr. N. D. Fox was elected moderator of the Alleghany Baptist Association at the fiftieth anniversary association meeting at the Osborne Memorial church, Dr. Fox succeeds John M. Cheek, who has served for the past four years.

Walter Johnson, of Sparta, was elected clerk of the association to replace Van Miller, who has served as clerk for the past eight years. A. O. Joines was reelected assistant moderator.

Claude Gaddy, of Raleigh, chairman of the executive board of the State Baptist Convention made a short talk on Saturday afternoon and the association was greeted by Everett Miller, of Meredith college, Raleigh. The introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. W. H. Caldwell, M. A. Huggins, secretary of the Baptist State Convention, also addressed the association on Saturday afternoon.

On Sunday, Dr. I. G. Greer, superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, addressed the association on "The Rights of Children." Dr. Greer was introduced by Congressman R. L. Doughton. Special music was rendered by the Sparta Baptist choir under the direction of Mrs. Lillian Bott.

Rev. F. G. Walker closed the meeting with an evangelistic sermon. The next association will meet with the Scottville church.

Final Rites Held For Mrs. Spicer At Union, Sunday

Alleghany Woman Dies At Age Of 88 At Home Of Daughter In Trap Hill

Funeral service for Mrs. Rose Emma Spicer, 88, well-known Alleghany county woman, was held Sunday at Union Primitive Baptist church with Eld. C. B. Kilby and Eld. S. G. Caudill in charge. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Spicer, who has been in declining health for the past year died on September 13 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. D. Holbrook, at Trap Hill, where she had made her home for sometime. The daughter of Allen and Nancy Edwards Fender, she was born and reared in Alleghany county and many years ago was married to Morgan Spicer. They made their home at Whitehead until his death, when Mrs. Spicer moved to the home of her daughter.

She had been a member of the Union church for more than fifty years and attended the services there as long as she was able.

Surviving are one son, Sam Spicer, of Bel Air, Md., and two daughters, Mrs. M. A. Bryan and Mrs. C. D. Holbrook, both of Trap Hill. One son, Grady Spicer, died in 1912.

She is also survived by one

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Anderson Again Heads Committee

Ed M. Anderson, publisher of this newspaper, has been re-appointed chairman of the legislative committee of the National Editorial association.

This will make Mr. Anderson's fourth year as chairman of this important NEA committee. The membership of the committee is composed of presidents or other officials of every state press association in the nation.

The legislative committee maintains a Washington office and is interested not only in legislation that directly concerns the press, but also in legislative measures which concern the general welfare of the people, Mr. Anderson said.

Harvey Laffoon, of Elkin and immediate past president of the North Carolina Press Association, has been named on the committee to represent the state press.

Mr. Anderson, who won the Amos award this year for distinguished service to the weekly and small daily press of the nation, is also chairman of the executive committee of the Weekly Newspaper Bureau of the NEA.

Yellow Jackets To Tangle With Rural Retreat Tomorrow

Kick-off Is At Two O'clock On The Local Gridiron; Large Crowd Expected

The Sparta High Yellow Jackets were drilled through everything in the books during the last two days of practice in preparation for their tangle with the Virginia team from Rural Retreat on the local gridiron tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock.

Coach Joe Bill Reed said yesterday that the starting line-up had not yet been announced. However, the backfield is expected to include four lettermen.

The Yellow Jackets will be fighting hard to win Friday afternoon, since it is the first game of their third season and they are anticipating a big year. Coach Reed said that despite the fact that two key men had been lost in the line, the team is expected to be up to par this season. He stressed the fact, however, that the Rural Retreat team had gained a number of outstanding players since several veterans had returned and was expected to be a stronger team than the Yellow Jackets met last year.

The cheering section for the Sparta team has been organized and cheer leaders selected for the game Friday, it was pointed out. A capacity crowd is expected to be present for the opener. Charges will be made at the gate.

X-Ray Clinic To Be Held Sept. 25

Persons Will Be Examined For Tuberculosis At West Jefferson Health Dept.

Plans were completed this week by the Alleghany Health Department to hold a chest X-ray clinic at West Jefferson at the Ashe Health Department, on Wednesday, September 25, when a representative of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Sanatorium will be at the office there for the purpose of examining all old and arrested cases of tuberculosis and any previously advised to be checked, Miss Mattielene Gambill, county health nurse announced yesterday.

All those persons desiring to be

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Carson Property To Be Sold Soon

The A.S. Carson property, valuable real estate in the town of Sparta, is being subdivided and will be cut into approximately 125 building lots and small tracts, to be sold at public auction soon.

The streets have been laid out and are now being graded. They include property from the Carson residence to the Rex Mitchell residence across the street from the Modern Dry Cleaners.

The new development is expected to attract many home seekers, when the land is sold, it was announced.

This Veteran Lives In A Chicken House

Like scores of other war veterans' families Ex-sergeant Oral Deaton, center, his wife, Louise, and their two-year-old son, Russel, have resigned themselves to living in a makeshift dwelling. They were swindled out of a new home, so must continue in the chicken-coop type until their deposit is recovered or their new home built.

OUTSTANDING CHEMIST



Prof. Charles Coale Price III, who has been awarded the American Chemical society's prize in pure chemistry for 1946.

Masonic District Meeting Is Well Attended Wed.

Grand Master Bundy and Grand Secretary McIver Are Main Speakers

Grand Master William J. Bundy, and Grand Secretary William McIver spoke to the masons of the 34th district at the meeting held in the Ashe Lodge No. 594 last night. A large number of masons from the district attended, and a successful meeting was held, Edward J. Pugh, district deputy grand master, stated.

The officers conference was held yesterday afternoon following which the district meeting was held, at which time Grand Master Bundy and Grand Secretary McIver spoke to the group. Ashe Lodge No. 594 was the official host to the group. A number of members from the Sparta lodge attended the meeting.

Candidate Speaks To C. Of C. Friday

C. W. Ervin, Democratic candidate for House of Representatives from Alleghany county, addressed the Sparta Chamber of Commerce at the September meeting last Friday night.

Mr. Ervin made a brief talk to the county and what such an organization as the Chamber of Commerce might do for its improvement. He was introduced by President Alton Thompson.

Congressman R. L. Doughton, who was scheduled to address the meeting, was not able to be present.

Dinner was served by the Lucille Ford Circle of the Sparta Baptist church to more than 40 members and guests.

Public Speaking Contest Will Be Held In County

Topic Will Be "Soil Conservation"; Sponsored By N. C. Bankers Ass'n.

H. E. Singletary, soil conservationist for Alleghany county, announced this week that the public speaking contest under the sponsorship of the Banker's Association of North Carolina, would be conducted again this year with the subject for discussion, "Soil Conservation."

All high school students are eligible to enter the contest, he pointed out. Details and rules will be announced later.

Mr. Singletary explained that the contest would be held in the county before Christmas this year. The state contest will be held in March.

Miss Helen Walker, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. F. G. Walker, of Sparta, was winner of the state contest last year, it will be recalled and was a guest speaker at the North Carolina Banker's Association meeting at Pinehurst.

This year, it was explained, the contest will be held in 47 counties, instead of the 12 that were contestants last year.

Football Season Opens At ASTC

Mountaineers To Play Newberry College Saturday In First Home Game

The Mountaineers of Appalachian State Teachers College, with four weeks of hard practice under their cleats, appear to have one of the finest teams fielded at the Boone school in many years. They face their initial test Saturday, September 21, when they tangle with the Newberry Indians of South Carolina. Billy Lavak, head coach of the Indians, has tasted defeat at the hands of the Mountaineers in their five previous meetings and will bring the finest team he has ever had in to Boone this week seeking to end this record.

Head Coach Flucie Stewart, assisted by E. C. Duggins and Francis Hoover, has a fine array of fast and shifty backs behind one of the most rugged lines in the school's history to throw at the Indians. He hopes to show the homefolks the same brand of football that the Brewer-Stewart combination produced in the late thirties. Already casual observers at the practice sessions are comparing Johnny Hollar, 205 pound hard-driving halfback, to Len Wilson, Little All-American scoring ace, who drew fans from surrounding states to watch his sensational running. Both boys are natives of Boone and further the little town's reputation as the producer of great athletes.

Others who will form the lineup are Art Spoltore, quarterback; Eddie Mammorello, fullback and Eddie Adelman, halfback. Boyce Brown will play right tackle and Bill Brennan, right end.

The Mountaineers have a ten game schedule, with four games being played at Boone. The home games are Newberry college, September 21; Elon college, October (Continued on Page 4)

VFW Post Will Meet Sept. 26

The Bruce Wayne Osborne Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will meet at the community building on Thursday night, September 26 at eight o'clock. Amos Edwards, post commander, announced this week.

A special program of interest to all veterans has been planned, he stated and urged that all members be present.

Eugene Transou Is Critically Ill

Eugene Transou, prominent Sparta man and well-known cattleman throughout North Carolina, is critically ill at the Baptist hospital, Winston-Salem.

Mr. Transou, who has served in both the House of Representatives and the State Senate, recently announced his withdrawal as Democratic candidate for the House in Alleghany county in the coming general election.