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Rural Carriers Mark 36th. Year Of Service Here

Have Been A Part Of State
Mail System For 50 Years;
County Has 10 Carriers

Tuesday marked the fiftieth anniversary of rural letter carriers in North Carolina, but for Alleghany county it marked only the thirty-sixth year of service, since the first route was established here in 1910.

Much advancement has been made during those thirty-six years of service, with ten carriers now making the rounds of the county every day except Sunday and on legal holidays. The saddle horse and the horse and buggy have given their day to the automobile, disappearing with the "bad roads," that were long the "sore thumb" for the rural carriers.

Probably the most well known of any government employees in the county, the rural carrier not only delivers the mail, but he serves as a doctor, listens sympathetically to the woes of his patrons and even serves as a grocery boy after working hours. He is probably in closer contact with the patrons of his route than any other one person in the county.

With the establishment of a rural route in Alleghany, in 1910, which is now known as Sparta, Rt. 1, it took in the Hooker community, going through the Bull-head section of the county. S. A. Choate, well-known cattle trader and former sheriff of Alleghany served as the first carrier and in 1915 his son, A. V. Choate, took over. Mr. Choate, after a few more years of service is in line for retirement under the government plan.

Sparta, Route 2, followed later with J. R. Hawthorne as temporary carrier until the regular route was taken by R. L. ...

Also in the group who have served the longest is Carl Irwin. (Continued on Page 4)

Election Board Holds Meeting

C. W. Ervin's Name Not To
Appear On Official
Election Ballot

At a special meeting of the Alleghany County Board of Elections here this week, it was ruled that the name of C. W. Ervin, Democratic candidate for the House of Representatives, could not be printed on the official election ballot. G. Glenn Nichols, chairman, announced yesterday.

The ruling was made, since the executive board had no authority to name Mr. Ervin, Mr. Nichols stated.

"This does not mean, however," he said, "that Mr. Ervin will not be in the race."

Either a blank space will be left in the tickets and Mr. Ervin's name will be written in, or he will have his own tickets printed.

The confusion came about, it was explained after the withdrawal of G. Glenn Nichols and Frank Osborne before the primary and the nomination of Carlisle Higgins, by the executive board. After Mr. Higgins' withdrawal, Mr. Ervin was named, but it was too late to have his name printed on the tickets.

15 From County Attended Clinic

West Jefferson — (Special) — Mrs. Carrie McNeill reported that a total of 174 persons were checked at the chest clinic held at the health department at the hospital yesterday. Of that number, Mrs. McNeill stated that fifteen persons came here from Alleghany.

The X-ray test was used here for the first time in the clinic, the results of which have not been heard from at this time. In 1941, the fluoroscope was used in a similar clinic held by the health department.

Mrs. McNeill stated that she was pleased with the results of the clinic and was glad that so many had taken advantage of it. Mr. Satterwhite, of Sanatorium, was here especially for the clinic.

Eugene Transou, 74, Alleghany Leader, Was Buried Monday



EUGENE TRANSOU

Dr. Choate Asks Case Be Moved To Alleghany

Judge Wilson Warlick Will
Give Decision On
Matter Today

Mount Airy.—Dr. B. O. Choate, prominent Alleghany physician, pleaded to be tried in Surry county Superior Court this week on the murder and abortion, entered plea for abatement yesterday, asking that the case be tried in Alleghany county.

Dr. Choate and Clarence W. Seagle, of Charlotte, are both charged with abortion and murder in the death of Mrs. Annie Mae Anderson, on August 25.

A coroner's jury found that Mrs. Anderson died as a result of an abortion allegedly performed by Dr. Choate. According to testimony, the abortion was allegedly performed in Alleghany county. Mrs. Anderson died in an Elkin hotel.

Solicitor Ralph Scott said in Surry County Court yesterday that Dr. Choate objected to the venue on the grounds that if the crime was committed, it was done in Alleghany county and moved a motion that the case be moved to that county for trial.

The motion was argued yesterday. Judge Warlick, presiding, postponed decision until morning.

Attendance Is Good In Grades

Mrs. Carrie V. Fender, principal of Whitehead school, reported this week that the third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades each had perfect attendance records for the first month of school, a record that is most

The first and second grades who did not have perfect attendance records, reported only eight absences, it was pointed out.

Time To Start Christmas Shopping For Men Overseas

It's early, but not too early to start Christmas shopping for personnel overseas. Announcement has just been made that such packages may be mailed without request slips between October 15 and November 15, by Major George F. Heinz, postal officer of the Seventh Army.

That gives relatives and friends of the GIs a month longer to mail packages to insure their arrival overseas by Christmas Day than was the case during the war, Major Heinz stated, due to the great reduction of soldiers in foreign fields since the shooting stopped.

Only one package may be mailed by any one person to any individual overseas in any one week during the mailing period specified. The weight limit per package is 70 pounds and may meas-

Funeral Attended By Large Crowd; Many From A Distance Present

Funeral service held on Monday morning at 11:00 o'clock at the Sparta Baptist Church for Eugene Transou, 74, former legislator and one of the best known men of this section was attended by a large crowd.

Taking part in the service were Rev. C. R. Allison, pastor of the Sparta Methodist Church, Rev. F. G. Walker, pastor of the Sparta Baptist Church and Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian State Teachers College. Burial followed in the Liberty Memorial Cemetery at Whitehead.

Mr. Transou died early Sunday morning in the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem following a short period of critical illness.

A native of Ashe county, he was born at Transou Jan. 22, 1872, a son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Transou. The homeplace is now the site of the N. C. Experiment Station.

Educated Under Doughton

He was educated at Ore Knob under the tutelage of the late Lieutenant Governor R. A. Doughton, and at Laurel Springs and the old Sparta Institute. Mr. Transou early displayed an aptitude for agriculture which led him into the cattle business. He owned the largest herd of pure-bred Angus cattle in North Carolina. (Continued on Page 8)

Calhoun Rites To Be Held On Fri.

Mrs. Calhoun Succumbs In
Hospital After Suffering
From Severe Burns

Funeral service for Mrs. Claude Calhoun, 45, of Laurel Springs, will be held tomorrow at 10 o'clock at the Gillespie Presbyterian church. Rev. J. W. Luke will officiate and will be assisted by Revs. K. J. Foreman, Jr., and Carl Stark. Interment will be in the Hamm cemetery.

Mrs. Calhoun succumbed at the Ashe Memorial hospital yesterday morning after having been treated there for severe burns for the past seven weeks. The deceased was reported to have been kindling a fire in the kitchen stove at her home at Laurel Springs when the oil can she was using exploded in her face. Mrs. Calhoun suffered severe burns on her entire body. The flames broke out over the entire house, burning it to the ground, it was reported.

Her condition was reported to have been good until last week when she became critically ill.

The daughter of Mrs. Rebecca Barr, of Lansing, and the late E. Lundy Barr, she was married to Claude Calhoun, who survives. She is also survived by the following children; B. B. Calhoun, and Mrs. Ray Powers, of Kenneth Square Pa.; Harry L. Calhoun, of Hemlock; Mrs. James Rhodes, of Lansing; Cecil and Bernard Calhoun, and Misses Catherine and Geraldine Calhoun, all of Laurel Springs.

James Graham To Help In N. C. Fair Exhibits

Will Be In Charge Of Sheep
Exhibits In Raleigh,
October 15-19

J. A. Graham, assistant director in charge of the Upper Mountain Test Farm at Transou has been placed in charge of sheep exhibits at the State Fair to be held in Raleigh October 15-19, it is announced by Dr. J. S. Dorton, manager.

Pointing out that the beef cattle and sheep exhibits this year are expected to be larger than ever before, Dr. Dorton declared that he felt fortunate in being able to secure the services of Graham, who grew up on a farm in Rowan county and was made superintendent of the Transou station in January.

In discussing the beef cattle and sheep exhibits, Dr. Dorton said that the American Aberdeen-Angus Breeders Association will appropriate 15 per cent to the regular State premium offering on Aberdeen-Angus, these special premiums being paid directly to the exhibitors by the association.

Wildlife Club To Meet October 3

Judge F. Donald Phillips, Ross
O. Stevens And J. Hort
Doughton To Speak

Judge F. Donald Phillips, of Rockingham, and Ross O. Stevens, of Raleigh, will be heard at the meeting of the Alleghany Wildlife Club on Thursday, Oct. 3, at the community building here. In addition, J. Hort Doughton, of Statesville, will address the group. G. Glenn Nichols, president, announced.

The meeting will feature a high fry at the community building, he pointed out.

Mr. Nichols explained that the club was scheduled to have met on Friday night, September 27, but was postponed until October 3. He urged that all members be present.

Naomi Douglas Is Contest Winner

Miss Naomi Douglas, of Sparta, was among the first five blue ribbon winners at the annual district 4-H Club Dress Revue and Clothing Achievement Contest at the Forsyth County Courthouse in Winston-Salem, yesterday.

Miss Douglas, winner in the county contest last Saturday, was accompanied to Winston-Salem by Mrs. Isom Wagoner, Alleghany home agent. She wore a green wool ensemble with black accessories. Her bag, gloves and hat were all hand made.

The runner-ups in the county contest were Miss Reba Edwards, of Sparta, and Miss Joyce Osborne, of Piney Creek.

Winners in the district contest were Miss Ivalyn Sparger, of Surry and Miss Mary Tesh, of Davidson. They were chosen from a group of 12 county winners. The winners were judged for design, work, type and general attractiveness of the dresses they wore. All the dresses were made by the girls.

Mrs. K. G. Jarvis Attends Reunion

Mrs. K. G. Jarvis, of Sparta, recently attended a reunion of her family at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. E. Wyatt in Washington, D. C. This was the first time in ten years that the family had been together.

Those present were Mrs. Jarvis' mother, Mrs. M. L. Hinsley, of Chicago; Mrs. Wyatt, Mrs. Herman Stout, of Shawnee, Okla.; Mrs. Joe Andrews, Mrs. G. O. Kent, and Mrs. W. A. Bradberry, all of Richmond, Calif., and E. C. Hinsley, of Oklahoma City, Okla. Miss Bernice Jarvis, of Sparta, was also present.

SUBSIDY PAYMENTS ON MILK STOPPED

Herbert Osborne, chairman of the Alleghany AAA, announced this week that no more subsidies would be paid on milk and cream and asked that no applications be sent to the AAA.

Designs Portable Sound Movie Outfit



Patients at the Roanoke, Va., Veterans Administration Hospital here view sound movies by means of a portable outfit, designed and assembled by Marshall E. Bryarby, who stands at the right of the device.

Fall Term Of Court Will Open On Mon.; Have Light Docket

N. C. Governor
To Address Rally
Saturday P. M.

Many From County Expected
To Attend Meeting In
Wilkes County

A number from here are expected to hear Governor R. Gregg Cherry fire the opening gun in the Democratic campaign in Wilkes and other Northwestern North Carolina counties at a Democratic rally to be held at the Wilkes courthouse next Saturday.

R. M. Brame, Jr., chairman of the Wilkes Democratic Executive Committee, announced the event yesterday.

Mr. Brame said the rally will begin at 2 p. m. Dock Walsh and his string band will furnish music and there will be other entertainment features. Governor Cherry will speak at 3 p. m.

Eye Clinic To Be Held Here On Sat.

Miss Mattilene Gambill, Alleghany county health nurse, announced this week that any person, either child or adult, who wishes to have their eyes examined, should come to the health department on Saturday, September 28 between 8:30 and 12 noon.

Miss Gambill pointed out that this examination will make patients eligible for the eye clinic which will be held in October or November, at which time glasses will be fitted and other eye treatment given.

Miss Gambill explained that she would make the examination on Saturday.

SERVICE ANNOUNCED

Rev. Fred Blevins and other ministers will begin a meeting at the Liberty Baptist church at Whitehead, Sunday night, October 6, it was announced this week.

Sparta Remains At Head Of League; Scottville Is Second

Sparta remains at the top of the league as the time for the play off approaches. Games, however, are scheduled through the week end of October 12 and 13. Scottville is still in the No. two position having eliminated Lansing from the play off this past week end, on the winners' diamond by a close margin of 6-5, on Saturday. It was a pitcher's duel between Cox, for Scottville, and Blevins, for Lansing, fans reported.

The games scheduled between West Jefferson at Nathan's Creek and Sparta at West Jefferson were reported to be rained out. Results of the game played yesterday were not available in time for publication. Since it was reported that the above games were rained out, others not reported to this office were probably rained out also, officials said.

Yellow Jackets To Meet Wilkes Team Tomorrow

Game To Be Played On North
Wilkesboro Field Tomorrow
At 2:00 P. M.

A steady downpour of rain and a field four inches deep in clay mud greeted the Sparta High Yellow Jackets on Friday afternoon for their first football game of the season, and although the Rural Retreat team arrived, it was the decision of the coaches that the game be called off.

Taking the disappointment with true sportsmanship of a fighting team, the Yellow Jackets are in fine shape for the game with North Wilkesboro tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock.

With the field cleared of mud this week, the Yellow Jackets have undergone rigid practice in preparation for their meeting with the North Wilkesboro lads tomorrow. The Wilkes eleven lost to the Booneville team 20-7 last Friday, it was pointed out.

Civic leaders in Alleghany were reminded last Friday of the extreme need of the high school football team for a suitable field for their games. Had they been playing on a grassed field, the game could have gone on as scheduled despite the rain, officials stated. The Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club and the Parent-Teachers Association have been working on a plan for a new field, but no concrete plans have yet been made, it was pointed out.

Vets May Get High School Diplomas

May Obtain Credit For Some
Special Course While
In Training

Alleghany World War II veterans along with others throughout the country, who did not graduate from high school may find it possible to do so now by taking an examination, which if passed, will entitle them to a diploma.

This is true especially where a veteran needs only one or two subjects. While in service many have had training for which credit may be secured in meeting requirements for high school graduation. This demand of the armed forces personnel for academic credit for educational achievements as well as military training and experiences prompts the new system of accreditation.

It has been suggested that a credit of one unit be allowed to any student who needs such credit, for a year's service in the armed forces. This unit of credit for general military experience may be counted as a unit in social studies. If he has two or more years of service he may be allowed not to exceed two units in meeting the requirement of sixteen units for graduation.

If a student cannot meet requirements for graduation from high school on basis outlined above he or she may attend a regular high school or institution where refresher courses are offered, it was explained.

The State Department of Public Instruction and the North Carolina College Conference have adopted a plan for admission of these and other veterans to college by examination. This examination will be given at colleges. This testing program will include a psychological test, an English (Continued on Page 4)

FSA Officials At Winston Meet

Van F. Miller, Thomas H. Sears, and Miss Lena Gambill, personnel from the Alleghany-Ashie unit of the Farm Security Administration, attended a meeting of District III and part of District II at the Robert E. Lee Hotel in Winston-Salem, on September 24. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the general plan of work to be carried out by FSA during the next twelve months. It was emphasized that this program tied in with the over-all agricultural program in the county. The meeting was conducted by W. B. Oliver, District Supervisor of District II, Theodore S. Royster, District Supervisor of District III, and Miss Margaret F. Fuller, Area Home Management Supervisor.