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## Yellow Jackets Seeking Fourth Shut-Out

### New Methodist Pastor Begins Work At Sparta

#### Is North Carolina Native And Served As Chaplain In U. S. Army

The Rev. W. H. Yokeley assumed his duties here as the new pastor of the Sparta Methodist church Sunday and delivered his first sermon at the morning worship service. The new pastor has just been released from the United States army where he served two years, with seven months of that time spent in Panama. He was discharged from Ft. Bragg last week with the rank of captain and is still on terminal leave as he reports to his new charge.

He is a graduate of High Point college, the city of which he is a native, and immediately prior to his entry into the service was pastor of the Mitchell's Grove church, near High Point. His first pastorate was at Connelly's Springs, N. C.

Mrs. Yokeley is a native of South Carolina, having been born at Myrtle Beach, and the Yokeleys are parents of two daughters, Sharon, 5, and Deedy Elizabeth, 2. They are at home here now in the Methodist parsonage.

The Rev. Yokeley will be pastor for seven churches in this area and plans, if possible, to have four services at Sparta each month. Heretofore there have been only two. His schedule is as follows:

Sparta, the first and third Sunday mornings at 11 o'clock and the second and fourth Sunday evenings at 7:30 o'clock. Antioch, (Continued on Page 4)

### Funeral Services For J. O. Pruitt

Funeral services were held Sunday for John Otto Pruitt, 46, who died Thursday at his residence in Winston-Salem. Mr. Pruitt was a former resident of the Laurel Springs section and had only recently moved to Winston-Salem. His death came as a result of a heart attack.

He was the son of John Q. Pruitt, of Laurel Springs, and the late Mrs. Pruitt. In addition to his father he is survived by his wife, Mrs. Leona Petty Pruitt, one son, three brothers and three sisters.

The Rev. Mack Tedder and the Rev. John Tolliver conducted the final rites from the Pleasant Grove Baptist church at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Interment was in the family cemetery at Laurel Springs.

### Trustees Named For Trust Fund

J. T. Fender, of Whitehead, and John M. Cheek, of Sparta, were elected to the board of trustees of the Liberty Memorial Trust Fund at the second annual meeting of that group held Saturday afternoon. The meeting was held at the Liberty Baptist Church with Professor John M. Cheek, author of the Trust Fund Agreement presiding.

The election of these two board members completed the organization of the board. Other members are H. Carey Cheek and Kern Wagoner.

A. O. Joines read the provisions for the election and duties of the trustees and J. T. Fender was requested to read the roll of charter members and the amount contributed by each.

On motion it was decided to leave the charter membership open for twenty additional days, until November 8, in order that all subscriptions might be paid and others who plan to make contributions to the trust fund might have the opportunity of thus becoming charter members.

It was announced by the presiding officer that \$3,755 of the \$5,000 goal had been paid. Other (Continued on Page 4)

### Saws Wood And Writes Book



The fact that he is totally blind hasn't prevented Monroe L. Fox, above, from maintaining a heavy work schedule. Owner of a dude ranch near Chama, New Mexico, purchased through a Veterans Administration-approved loan, the ex-Seebee rides, saws wood, does carpentry work and has written a book. The blast from a Jap bomb blinded Fox on Iwo Jima.

### Saturday Is Last Day For Voters To Register; Little Interest In Amendments

#### All Registration Books Will Be Kept At The Polls On Saturday, Oct. 26

Unregistered voters who wish to take part in the general election on Tuesday, November 5, must register on or before October 26. Glenn Nichols, chairman of the county board of elections, pointed out.

He explained that the registrars would be at the voting places all day on Saturday. Veterans who became of age while away and have not registered since their return, are reminded that they must do so if they are to vote.

Saturday, November 2, will be challenge day, Chairman Nichols explained.

Registrations in the various precincts in the county have picked up this week and more are expected to get their names on the books before Saturday night.

In addition to the various officers for State, U. S. Congress and county offices there will be two amendments to be voted upon; but so far there seems to be little interest in these.

The first amendment is designed to make the Constitution equally applicable to men and women as to jury service, sufficient to amend (Continued on Page 4)

#### V. F. W. PLANS MEET THURSDAY, OCT. 31

The Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter of Sparta will have its regular October meeting at the Shell Cafe on Thursday night, October 31. Supper will be served at 7:30 o'clock and all members and veterans eligible to become members are urged to attend.

### Doughton Herefords Take Top Honors At State Fair



J. HORTON DOUGHTON

Top honors among the Hereford cattle at the North Carolina State Fair went to J. Horton Doughton last week with his famous bull, Meadow's Domino 36th 4487388, capturing more blue ribbons than any other single animal. He won first place for bulls calved between January 1 and April 30, 1945. He was also the grand champion winner. The reserve championship was won by his Domino 73rd 4720570. He captured two blue ribbons for the two bulls owned and bred by exhibitor, Domino 73rd also won blue ribbon for bulls calved after September 1, 1945.

Other blue ribbons won by herefords from the Doughton Meadows farm, owned and shown by J. Horton Doughton, included (Continued on Page 8)

### King, Queen To Be Crowned At School Party

#### Six Entries In Baby Contest; Entertainment To Be On Wednesday, Oct. 30

Candidates for king and queen of the Sparta high school, to be crowned at the Halloween carnival on Wednesday night have been selected and are announced this week. Candidates were selected from each class as follows: 12th grade: for queen, Madge Wyatt, Jane Bledsoe; for king, Thompson Shepherd and Howard Carpenter.

11th grade: for queen, Lorraine Holloway; for king, Jack Osborne.

10th grade: for queen, Betty Jean Fender and Carol Richardson; for king, Edsel Andrews and John Woodruff.

9th grade: for queen, Louise Royal; for king, Tom Reeves.

The king and queen will be selected by votes and the winners will be crowned as the main feature of the carnival.

Six children have been entered in the baby contest and the prize for the winner of that group will be donated by the Northwestern Bank. The entries are: Betty Lou Hines, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hines; Katherine Mills Randolph, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Randolph; Joyce Lee Poole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Lee Poole; Raymond Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Jones; Wayne Sparks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sparks; and Bobbie Reynolds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Reynolds.

The winner of that group will also be selected by votes and votes for either of the groups may be cast for one cent each. Posting of the standing of the baby contest will be made in the elementary school building and in the B. and T. Drug Co.

Entries may still be made in the latter group. Babies entered in the contest must be under three years of age.

Special prizes will also be given for the best costume and that (Continued on Page 8)

### Baptists Observe Laymen's Day At Sunday Services

#### Garland Johnson, Elkin Layman, Was Main Speaker; Joines Honored

Laymen's Day was observed at the Sparta Baptist church Sunday with the morning service dedicated to J. L. Joines and the evening service centered around the theme "Cooperation Essential in Church Growth." Dr. N. D. Fox presided at the morning session and special recognition was shown to Mr. Joines for his work in the Sparta church during the past fifty years. John M. Cheek presented Mr. Joines, who responded.

The principal speaker of the hour was Garland Johnson, one of the outstanding laymen of the church. (Continued on Page 4)

### Leaf Farmers Are To Vote On Quotas Friday

A final appeal was made today to Burley tobacco growers of Alleghany by Herbert Osborne, chairman of the County Agricultural Conservation Committee, in urging farmers to participate in the Burley tobacco referendum on tomorrow, October 25. Local polling centers will be open from 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. All persons interested in the 1946 crop of Burley, either as owner, tenant, or sharecropper, are eligible to vote in the referendum.

"Congress has made it possible for us to decide for ourselves whether we want marketing quotas continued on Burley tobacco for 1947 and it's up to us to go to the polls and state our preference," Mr. Osborne said.

### Carnival Planned For Piney Creek

Piney Creek high school gymnasium will be the scene of a Halloween carnival, planned by members of the school faculty for Tuesday, October 29. One of the main features of this program will be the crowning of a queen of the high school.

The queen will be selected by votes which may be placed for one cent each. Any participant may enter for the queen contest, whether in school or not.

A prize will be given for the best costume and anyone may enter, wearing the costume of his choice.

Other features of the entertainment will be fortune-telling, the grab bag, house of horrors, bean guessing, ball rolling and cake walks and many other attractions.

The entertainment begins at 8 o'clock. Refreshments will be available.

### Calf Sells For New Record Price



Seven-month-old calf, Noble Deborah, sold for a new world record price of \$10,560, topping the previous record by \$3,000, at the Curtiss Farms, Cary, Ill. The calf was purchased by Mrs. F. L. Weyenberg, Thiensville, Wis. Shown with the calf is her dam, Quail Roost Noble Primrose, which was purchased by the Curtiss farms in 1945 for \$17,000.

### Former Governor Broughton To Speak Here November 2 At The County Courthouse

#### Parkway Areas To Close Soon For '46 Season

#### Roadway To Remain Open; Warnings About Forest Fires Given Public

The Blue Ridge Parkway picnic areas at Cumberland Knox near the Virginia line, and Bluff, near Laurel Springs, are closing on October 31 for the 1946 season, G. B. Liles, district ranger, announced this week. Visitors desiring to use these areas are urged to plan their picnics prior to October 31.

The motor road will remain open through the parkway in both Virginia and North Carolina and visitors may travel the parkway all during the year.

Visitors to the Parkway are urged to be careful with their fires, whether campfire in the parks or whether smoking while traveling. The forest fire season is approaching and fires are dangerous. All picnic fires should (Continued on Page 4)

### Boy Scouts Will Have Honor Court

The Sparta troop of the Boy Scouts of America will have its first court of honor here at the Sparta Baptist church on Saturday night at 8 o'clock. This was the announcement made this week by Scoutmaster Granville Liles. Several members of the troop will be honored by advancement to the rank of second class Scouts. The public is cordially invited to attend the ceremony.

### Record Crowd Witnesses Series; Last Game Sunday

The deciding game of the series of the Mountain Baseball league will be played on the West Jefferson diamond at two o'clock Sunday afternoon. Both Scottville and Sparta appeared in rare form as they divided the week end series games before what was believed the largest crowd of baseball fans ever to witness a game on the West Jefferson diamond. Scottville's easy win of 14-5 on Saturday aroused the interest of the fans and they witnessed a close victory of 7-6 for Sparta on Sunday in an eleven-inning game.

On Saturday, Cox was on the mound for the winners and Perkins was catcher. Shepherd, McMillan and Billings, leading hitters for the winners, scored a double and two singles and two singles respectively.

#### Will Be Introduced By Hon. R. L. Doughton; Rally Begins At 2 P. M.

Former Governor J. Melville Broughton will be the main speaker at a program planned for Alleghany county citizens on Saturday, November 2. He will speak under the auspices of the Alleghany County Democratic Committee and will be introduced by Hon. R. L. Doughton.

R. F. Crouse, chairman of the committee, will act as master of ceremonies, and in commenting on the forthcoming rally said:

"We feel that we are extremely fortunate in securing Mr. Broughton as our speaker. He is well known to the people of North Carolina and is a forceful speaker."

No barbecue or feed has been planned and the activities will take place at the county courthouse. Music by Cliff Evans and band will be a feature of the program.

"If the courthouse will not hold the crowd, and we do not anticipate that it will, the meeting will be held on the courthouse lawn," Chairman Crouse said.

All Alleghany citizens are cordially invited to hear Mr. Broughton.

#### CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT MT. ZION

The Rev. William C. Crummett, pastor of the Laurel Springs Circuit Methodist churches announced that the first quarterly conference will be held in the Mount Zion church on Sunday, October 27, at 7:30. The Rev. J. H. Ambrust, district superintendent, will preach at that time.

This will be a very worthwhile service and the pastor extends a cordial invitation to all to attend.

### Cove Creek Is Next Opponent Here On Friday

#### Kick-off Slated For 1:30 P. M.; Defeated Flat Rock Friday 46-0 In Easy Game

The Sparta Yellow Jackets rolled on to new heights with their impressive victory last week over Flat Rock and are pointing to another victory this year when they meet the Cove Creek eleven in a return engagement. The game will be played on the local field and the kick-off is scheduled for 1:30.

In the first game played with Cove Creek, the Yellow Jackets came home with a 32-0 win tucked in their pockets. It was an easy victory and both the first and second teams saw plenty of action. But Coach Joe Bill Reid isn't resting on his past laurels—he's putting his charges through some hard scrimmages this week in preparation for the game.

The starting line-up is expected to be as follows: Atwood, left end; Taylor, left tackle; Holloway, left guard; Joines, center; Bennett, right guard; Moxley, right tackle; Caudill, right end; Rizoti, fullback; Reeves, left halfback; Osborne, right halfback and Jimmy Davis as quarterback.

The game Friday with Flat Rock was the Yellow Jacket's third straight shut-out. The boys rolled up 46 points while their opponents were vainly trying to get near the goal line. The only time the visitors threatened was about midway in the game when they reached the Jacket's 20 yard (Continued on Page 8)

### Adele Blum Died Here On Sunday

#### Was Popular Member Sparta Senior Class; Funeral Held Tuesday

Hearts of Spartans were saddened Sunday by the news of the untimely death of Adele Blum, Sparta high school senior, who died en route to the hospital following a brief serious illness. Adele had been ill for some time but complications from pneumonia were the immediate causes of her death.

Born December 7, 1929, she was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Blum. Mr. Blum is principal of the Wardlaw school at Columbia, S. C., and Adele resided in Sparta with her mother and four brothers. She was an excellent student at the high school, a member of the 12th grade and the many floral offerings attested to the high esteem in which she was held by her classmates and by the citizens of Sparta. Upon completion of her work at the high school she planned to enter either Duke University or the University of South Carolina.

She was a member of the Liberty Baptist church and for the past four years had served as secretary of the Sunday school. Funeral services were conducted from her church on Tuesday (Continued on Page 8)

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- TUESDAY, OCT. 29  
The P. T. A. will meet at the Sparta high school library at 7:30 Tuesday night.
- WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30  
The Halloween carnival will be held at the Sparta gymnasium at 7:30 Wednesday night, sponsored by the Sparta school faculty.
- THURSDAY, OCT. 31  
A square dance, sponsored by the Woman's club will be held on Halloween night at the Community building for the benefit of the Sparta high school athletic fund.
- SATURDAY, NOV. 2  
The Boy Scout Court of Honor will be held at the Sparta Baptist church on Saturday night at 8 o'clock.  
The Alleghany Wildlife club will sponsor a square dance at the Community building on Saturday night.