

Farmers Vote On AAA Committeemen December 7

Sparta Stores Now Ready For Xmas Business

Thousands Of Items Of Gift Merchandise Available Here Now

Sparta merchants are making preparations for a record Christmas business here, this season, when every effort will be made to supply the needs of the buying public.

Thousands of items in gift merchandise are now on display in the stores and still others will make their appearance within the next few days in order to give everyone in this area an opportunity to have a wide selection, here in local stores.

While the selection of gift merchandise is varied, merchants point out that some items cannot be replaced and urge everyone to shop early while stocks are complete.

Nation-wide surveys show that this year, more than ever, people are turning to practical gifts.

School Supper Nets Over \$400

Proceeds To Be Used On Whitehead Lunchroom; Sponsored By H. D. Club

The box supper at the Whitehead school house last Friday night netted the school a total of \$410.97, according to reports from the Whitehead station club which event.

The cake for the supper brought \$156.35 and was presented to the winner, Miss Annie Marie Jones. Miss Zella Caudill was the runner-up in that contest.

Major Tom King was awarded the bottle of pickles for the honor of being the ugliest man and this event brought \$36.00.

Highest prices paid for individual boxes were \$14 and \$16. Those boxes belonged to Misses Irene and Carol Richardson.

Proceeds from the supper will go toward a lunchroom for the school. The H. D. club and the school expressed their appreciation for the loyal support and help of all those who had a part in making the supper a success.

Many Turkeys Are Sold Here

Thousands of Alleghany county turkeys are playing an important role in the observance of another peacetime Thanksgiving today as they form the centerpiece of feast tables along the Atlantic Seaboard.

Unofficial estimates placed the number of these prize Thanksgiving fowls, bought and sent out of the county at around 6,000. The turkeys were shipped out by motor and by rail to distant points in many cases. Many went to New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore.

These fowls averaged slightly more than 14 pounds weight and brought an average of thirty-two and one-half cents per pound.

Baseball Meeting To Be Held Fri.

A meeting of baseball players and fans will be held Friday night at 7 o'clock at the Alleghany courthouse to complete the organization for next year's season. Officers will be elected, including a manager, coach, captain of the team and treasurer.

Glenn Nichols served as manager of the team this year and Laurence Reeves as coach. All interested persons are urged to attend the meeting so that a representative group may have a voice in the organization.

Has Much To Be Thankful For



This young man, Little Roger Philip Berg, of Union City, New Jersey, is only two years old, but he knows too well that it is a drumstick of this turkey he will enjoy today.

County Quietly Observing Thanksgiving; Churches Holding Special Services

Hunting Season Opens; Business Houses Close For American Holiday

Alleghany is observing its second peacetime Thanksgiving in peace and quietness today, with unusually mild weather. Turkey is plentiful and with a bountiful supply of other Thanksgiving delicacies everyone is expected to enjoy the day.

County offices and business houses are closed in observance of the American holiday.

Several churches held programs last night and others have been planned for today.

Hunters that have ammunition, are expecting a big day as the quail season opens.

Football fans had to go elsewhere to seek their amusement. Many are attending the Wake Forest-South Carolina game in Charlotte.

Ashe County Boys In Hearing Mon.

Six Ashe county boys, charged with assault, were tried in court here Monday morning for their part in a fight in which Wiley Irwin was the victim on November 4. Jack Cox and Junior Pope were all bound over to the next term of court and placed under \$500 bond each. Evidence against the other three, Garvie Davis, Lundy Davis and Lillard Davis, was not sufficient to indict them. The hearing was held before G. Glenn Nichols.

According to evidence submitted, the three boys indicted were found guilty of assaulting Wiley Irwin at his home near Stratford.

Greatest Needs Of State Are Schools Gov. Cherry Says

Raleigh — Governor Cherry Tuesday gave an inkling of his message to the next General Assembly in telling a meeting here of the North Carolina Citizens Association that the State's "outstanding need is that of public schools."

He warned his listeners that the State must make up its mind on what it wants from its educational program. The Governor traced the expansion in 1931 of State-wide support of public schools to six months to a nine-month program in 1943.

"Some of our citizens, in their eagerness to have even better schools, criticize the schools because the run-of-mine high school graduate cannot measure up to the standards set by some of the college entrance requirements, or cannot successfully match wits with the graduates of the outstanding preparatory schools," he said.

"We must make up our minds. If we expect the average public high school graduate, coming from a teaching load of 32 pupils, to compete with a preparatory school graduate, coming from a school with a teaching load of 15 pupils, then instead of spending \$50 per pupil per year, we must spend \$125 per pupil per year, or more than \$100,000,000 per year on public schools to provide comparable opportunity."

The Governor said that the State will spend \$48,000,000 from its general fund for the schools in the current year. The request for the next biennium is more than \$60,000,000 per year, or \$123,000,000 for the biennium. This amount, he said, would be required to provide a 20 per cent increase in salaries, and is larger than the whole general fund receipts in 1942, when the receipts were \$58,350,000.

Schools Urged To Report In Junior Red Cross Drive

Glade Valley, Stratford And Rich Hill Still Unreported In School Drive

Three schools, Glade Valley, Stratford and Rich Hill were still unreported in the Junior Red Cross drive as the campaign neared completion this week. Miss Minnie Lou Edwards, chairman of the drive, urged that all reports be sent in immediately.

A report from the Piney Creek school gave them a contribution of \$13.48. The contributions according to grades was as follows: first grade, \$2.30; second grade, \$3.01; third grade, \$1.05; fourth grade, 93 cents; fifth grade, \$1.25; sixth grade, \$1.45; seventh grade, 64 cents; eighth grade, 80 cents; ninth grade, fifty cents; eleventh grade, 55 cents; twelfth grade, \$1.00. No report was made from the tenth grade.

Little Pine reported a contribution of \$4.65.

From the Sparta high school, Mrs. Ellison reported 35 cents more than was reported last week, making a total of \$1.40 from her room. Mrs. Ruth Choate's first grade reported \$1.00. Mrs. Tompkins' eighth grade was added to the list of 100% enrollment. Other 100% classes in the Sparta school were Mr. Ellison's 12th grade and Mrs. Dutton's 8th grade.

Approximately \$80 has been collected in the drive. Among the county schools, Piney Creek has made the largest contribution with Whitehead second.

Sales Of Burley Tobacco Open On Monday

Boone Warehouses Expect Good Season; Ceiling Prices Are Removed

Burley tobacco sales on Western North Carolina markets will begin on Monday, it was announced by officials. And the warehouses at Boone, where most of the Alleghany crop is sold have been open to receive the crop some time. A number of Ashe county farmers have already hauled theirs over there in order to be ready for the opening.

Tobacco men say that while dry weather has hampered preparation of tobacco for market in some instances, the farmers have been able to prepare much of the weed for opening day sales.

Warehousemen report the weed already is flowing into the markets. They add that this year's smoking grades will bring a better price than they did last year because of the price ceiling removal.

Under the rules of the Burley Auction Warehouse Association, sales will be held three and a half hours a day this season, with a limit of 1,200 baskets for each warehouse.

Boone now has two separate warehouses companies, the Mountain Burley Warehouses, successfully operated for the past several years by Roscoe Coleman and the Farmers Burley Warehouse opened this year by C. C. and Rex Taylor, and A. G. Wright.

Both report that they have everything in readiness for a good season.

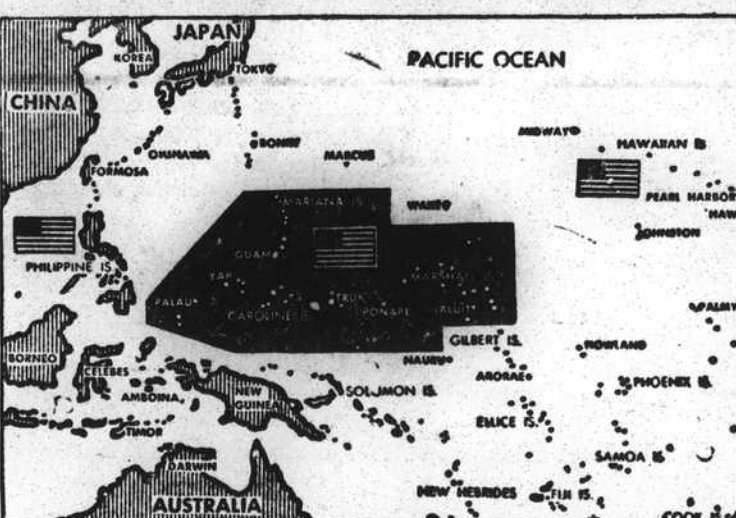
Doctor Choate's Car Is Located

Dr. B. O. Choate's car, which was stolen from his home here late Saturday night, was found abandoned early this week near Wytheville, Virginia.

Dr. Choate had left the switch keys in the car and some party or parties discovering this, made use of the vehicle. Officers, who investigated the theft and went to Virginia to recover the car reported that it was undamaged, as were surgical instruments and other valuables in the car. As yet trace has not been found of the thieves.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Thompson left last week to spend the winter in Florida.

Islands' Trusteeship Is Debated



The area in black on this map shows the location of the former Japanese mandated islands which the United States has formally notified the United Nations it will agree to put under UN trusteeship. The offer is contingent, however, upon the U. S. remaining the administrative authority.

Yellow Jackets End Football Season With Five Victories; Basketball Practice Begins

Jimmy Davis Is Named Most Valuable Senior On 1946 Sparta Football Team

The Yellow Jacket football season came to a close Friday with the last game being played with Wilkesboro in Wilkesboro. The Jackets came out on the short end of a 26-12 score to make their total of defeats for the season three. They have won five games.

The Jackets scored first in the game Friday, on the second play of the game. They advanced the ball to the 40 yard line on the opening kickoff and on the next play, Rizotti passed to Shepherd 60 yards for the first tally of the game. Wilkesboro scored in the second quarter and the half ended 6-6.

Wilkesboro came to life in the third period and scored three times before the Jackets could cross the goal line again. The Jackets' second touchdown came in the final period when Davis plunged over from the 2 yard line.

While credit goes to all the boys for the fine season they have had, the players themselves have selected Jimmy Davis, quarterback, for the title of the most valuable senior on the team. For this honor Davis will receive a trophy from the Chamber of Commerce. It will probably be presented at the January meeting. (Continued on Page 4)

Church Services Are Announced By Elders

Elder Eddie Martin and Elder Edd Priddy will preach at the Little River Church, in Sparta on Monday, December 2. They will fill appointments at the Union church on December 3 at 11 a. m.; Antioch, December 3, at 2:30 p. m.; Elk Creek, December 4, at 11 a. m.; Little River at night; and Zion on December 5 at 11 a. m.

Honor Roll For Sparta School Is Announced By Principal

The Sparta school honor roll for the third month is announced this week by Principal Ray Walker. According to grades it is as follows:

- First grade: Barbara Sue Busic, Betty Lou Busic, Lois Edwards, Mary Jane Sturdivant, George Ed Farmer, Joe Thomas Hampton, Homer Miles, Tommy Edwards, Ronny Hash, Hardin Lyons, Nancy Nell Cox, Clayton Fender, Gall Randolph, Laurine Reeves, Betty Sue Williams, Juanita Todd, Rose Crouse, Rose Marie Andrews, Dale Poole, Charles Hoppers, Lorraine Roberts, Don Wooten, Georgie Billings, Herbert Singletary, Charles Andrews.
- Second grade: David Duncan, Robert Fox, Joe Thomas Irwin, David Truitt, Page Truitt, Dorman Wooten, Elizabeth Barton, Marion Cheek, Alice Crouse, Edna Jones, Vivian Andrews, Edward Crouse, Lewis Porter, Jeraleen Williams.
- Third grade: Bobby Dean Caudill, David Edwards, Walter Lee Hampton, Sandra Shockley, Cornelia Richardson, Bobby Johnson, Patsy Roy Hill, Stella Flo Dutton, Alma Jo Dutton, Mary Franklin Crouse, Betty Ann Rector, Maxine Sprinkle, Bill Phillips, John Wayne Edwards, Bobby Busic.
- Fourth grade: Eleanor Ward, Marion Allison, Jane Duncan, Ann Thompson, Harold Hoppers, Hoyt Sparks, Susie Sturdivant, Sally Quinn, Doris Ann Blevins, Victoria Crouse, Frances Crouse.
- Fifth grade: Doris Jean Edwards, Phyllis Moxley, Ina Lee Rector, Wilma Richardson, Bobbie Sturgill, Shirley Ann Thompson, Gaynell Truitt, Nancy Waddell, Charles D. Douglas, Tommy Wagoner.
- Sixth grade: Carol Hoppers, Carol Sue Irwin, Sylvia Ann (Continued on Page 4)

Voting Places Of Communities Are Announced

All Alleghany AAA Farmers Are Urged To Take Part In The Election

Annual elections for the farm committeemen, who will administer the agricultural conservation program, will be held in Alleghany county and throughout North Carolina on December 7. Nominating meetings will be held on the morning of the seventh and voting will begin immediately after the nominating meeting.

To be elected will be an agricultural conservation community committee of not more than three farmers and two alternate members and a delegate to the county convention. At the county convention, delegates from all communities will choose a three-man county committee.

All those who are participating in the 1946 Agricultural conservation program are eligible to vote and it is hoped that a representative vote will be cast.

The ballot boxes will remain open until 8 p. m. Following is a list of the voting places in each community:

Cherry Lane, S. E. Caudill's Store; Cranberry, Floyd Richardson's Store; Sparta, AAA Office; Wolf Branch, Andy Evans' Store; Twin Oaks, G. L. Fender's Store; Whitehead, W. L. Edwards' Store; Barrett, Barrett; Blevins Cross Roads, E. H. Rector's residence; Piney Creek, Oscar Gambill, Jr.'s Store; Turkey Knob, Carl M. Kennedy's Store; New Hope, New Hope; Stratford, Sander's Store.

Piney Creek Has Successful Fete

Thanksgiving Supper Nets \$285.50; Proceeds To Go To Lunchroom

The Thanksgiving supper, sponsored by the P.T.A. at Piney Creek school last Friday night, was termed a huge success by officials of the organization. Proceeds from the supper amounted to \$285.50.

In the baby contest, Evelyn McKnight was crowned queen. She received 3,962 votes. The runner-up, Helen Perry, received 3,821 votes. Total amount from the baby contest was \$118.38.

Miss Lorene Moxley won the cake for the prettiest girl and Harley Douglas was awarded the pickles that always go to the ugliest man. (Continued on Page 8)

Potash Is Added To Farm Practice

The practice of potash has been added to the 1946 Alleghany county handbook of conservation practices, Emerson Black, county agent, stated this week.

The credit rate is three and one-half cents per pound of available K 2 O. This rate is equivalent to \$2.10 per hundred pounds of 60 per cent murate of potash, Mr. Black pointed out.

Any farmers desiring to use a mixed fertilizer may receive credit for the potash content as well as the phosphate, he added.

Ten People Attend District Meeting

Ten citizens of Alleghany county attended the Northwestern District Welfare Conference held on Tuesday in Greensboro. The morning program consisted of a panel discussion on public welfare services. The main feature of the program was an address made by Dr. Ellen Winston, state commissioner of public welfare. Dr. Winston discussed requests that will be made to the 1947 state general assembly for needed changes and improvements for a more effective welfare program in North Carolina. Those attending from this county were Mrs. C. A. Reeves, Mrs. Amos Wagoner, Mrs. J. T. Inskeep, R. C. Halsey, Rev. F. G. Walker, Rev. W. H. Yoakeley, Rev. Ellison, W. E. Sprinkle, Dr. Robert R. King, Jr. and Sylvanus Edwards.