

Freight Embargo Ordered; Parcel Post Is Also Cut

Plans Underway For Paved Road To Piney Creek

Meeting Held Here Tuesday To Discuss Project; Construction Planned

Plans for a paved road to Piney Creek were discussed at a meeting of representative Piney Creek citizens, Congressman R. L. Doughton, County Attorney R. Floyd Crouse and Raymond Smith, of Mt. Airy, state highway commissioner for this district. The meeting was held on Tuesday afternoon in the office of Mr. Crouse after Mr. Doughton had notified the Piney Creek residents that Mr. Smith would be here.

Following the meeting, Mr. Smith rode over the Piney Creek Road and assured the citizens that construction on a paved road for them would begin in the spring. No contracts have been let on the road but the money is available and it is expected that the contracts will be let soon.

Travel over the Piney Creek road has long been a problem to Alleghany county and conditions. (Continued on Page 4)

J. F. Busic Was Buried Tuesday

Funeral Service Held At Piney Creek Baptist Church For Well Known Man

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at the Piney Creek Primitive Baptist church for Mr. James Franklin Busic, well known Alleghany citizen who died at his home on Piney Creek section on Monday. The Rev. S. G. Caudill, pastor of the church, officiated. The burial was held at 11 o'clock and interment was in the Piney Creek cemetery. Mr. Busic was 71 years of age and was a lifelong resident of Alleghany county. He suffered a heart attack on Monday but apparently was recovering when he suffered another on Wednesday. He never regained consciousness after attack.

He was a faithful member of the Piney Creek Baptist church and served it loyally during his lifetime. He was married to Miss Dora Parsons, who died in 1928. He is survived by six sons, Clinton, Willie, Glenn, Carl, Rodney, all of Alleghany county, and Lon. (Continued on Page Five)

Junior Red Cross Drive Nets \$82.63

Schools throughout Alleghany county have reported in the Junior Red Cross Drive with the exception of Glade Valley high school and the sum total of funds collected is \$82.63. Minnie Lou Edwards, chairman of the drive, expressed her appreciation to all of those who helped in the drive. First aid supplies for all the schools have been purchased with part of the funds and each principal is expected to get the supplies for his or her school at the office of the county superintendent. These supplies were divided on the basis of the number of pupils and rooms.

The remainder of the funds are to be used for bedroom shoes, bed jackets and other gifts for veterans in hospitals.

Christmas Seal Sale In Progress

The 40th annual sale of Christmas seals in the anti-tuberculosis campaign is now on and approximately 160 Alleghany county citizens received seals last Monday. These seals amount to \$100, money that will be used to fight tuberculosis in this county and throughout the nation.

Only 30 of the people to whom the seals were sent have returned either the seals or the money. Officials of the seal drive urgently request that all of those who have received the seals send in their money at once or return the seals so that they may be sold to some other person. The money or seals may be sent to Minnie Lou Edwards, at Sparta.

Meet "Mrs. America's" Family



Because accepting the title of "Mrs. America" would mean being away from her family for a six-month tour, Mrs. Janies Pollock, Columbus, Ohio, rejected the title and \$2500 award she received as winner of a contest held at Jackson, Miss. She is shown with her husband and family.

Boy Scout Drive For Funds Lags; Contributions Are Slow; Only Half-Way Mark Reached

Chairman Randolph Urges Citizens To Cooperate; Drive Will Continue

The Alleghany Boy Scout drive, which began a week ago last Monday, is lagging woefully. The quota was set at \$600 and so far contributions have not much more than passed the half-way mark. Chairman Bob Randolph, who is conducting the drive, announced Wednesday that \$254.35 had been received, and urged those who had not made contributions to do so immediately so the drive could be terminated. Mr. Randolph said that checks, money orders or cash could be sent direct to him at Sparta, or brought to his office over Higgins' Barber shop.

"The drive will continue," Mr. Randolph added "until the full amount has been raised." Contributions thus far have been received from the following firms and individuals:

Ben G. Reeves, \$10.00; Farmers Hardware and Implement Co., \$10.00; Alleghany News, \$15.00; Spartan Theatre, \$10.00; Jay Har-

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E. Fred Reeves Is Killed Wednesday

E. Fred Reeves, 46, whose home was at Independence, and who was well known in this county and elsewhere, was killed in an automobile accident Wednesday night, November 27, while on his way to his home from Richmond to spend Thanksgiving. His body was found near his overturned automobile on a road three and one-half miles from Wytheville, about one o'clock. (Continued on Page 4)

Honor Roll For Glade Valley School Announced This Week

The honor roll for the two months of September and October was announced this week for the Glade Valley School. Honor students must make an average of from 95-100 and honorable mention students must maintain an average of 90-95.

The honor roll for September is as follows: 9th grade, Earl Dean Harris, Norma Jean Thompson; 10th grade, Jack Neal; 11th grade, James Robertson; 12th grade, Elaine Cox, Gene Livingston, Lenore Livingston, Elizabeth Long. Honorable mention students for that month are: 9th grade, Pearl Craven, Earl Dean Harris, Mary Lou Harris, Jean Miller, Barbara O'Neal, Jeanne Phipps, Jean Rockwell; 10th grade, James Emerson, Buddy Flap, Parker Hart, Eugene Ledbetter, Robert Laws, Frank Royak, Guy Sheets, Jack Simpson, Alva Tallam, Kyle Wheeler, Betty Jo Williams; 11th grade, Jack Bower, Lola Miller, James Robertson, Alfred State, Ronald Wright; 12th grade,

Hazel Walker To Represent Schools In Health Contest

Selected As Alleghany County Representative, She Goes To Boone December 6

Hazel Walker, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. F. G. Walker, of Sparta, has been selected as Alleghany's representative in the state-wide high school oratorical contest being conducted by the North Carolina Good Health Association. She will go to Appalachian State Teachers College, at Boone, to enter the second round of the contest on December 6. The subject on which all the contestants will speak is "North Carolina's Number One Need — Good Health."

\$500 college scholarships to any college of the winner's choice will be awarded by the Good Health Association to four finalists, a boy and a girl, both white and colored students. Also it was announced (Continued on Page 4)

School Christmas Holidays Given

Christmas holidays will be held for all Alleghany county schools, beginning on December 29 and lasting through December 29. That means that students will return to their classes on Monday, December 30. That will be a ten days period when no school activities of any kind have been planned. All Christmas plays and parties will be held prior to December 20.

Farmers To Vote On AAA Leaders Sat., December 7

Tobacco Marketing Cards Will Be Distributed At Various Polling Places

All AAA farmers are again reminded to go to the voting places on Saturday to vote for community committeemen for the coming year. The polls will be open from 9:00 a. m. until 6:00 p. m. It was announced this week by Herbert Osborne, AAA Chairman, that the 1946 tobacco marketing cards are now in the hands of the committeemen and will be delivered to the farmers in the twenty eight communities on election day.

The nominating meeting will be held at 9:00 a. m. on the morning of the election. All farmers are urged to be at the voting place and have a voice in nominating the men they wish to see elected. It is very important that each community elect men who will be able to do some work in connection with the program in the community, leaders pointed out.

Each community will also elect a delegate to the county convention, which will be held on Monday, December 9, at which time the county committee will be elected.

Two Awards To Be Made To Team

Jimmy Davis To Get One; Most Valuable Player Has Not Yet Been Selected

It was announced last week that Jimmy Davis, quarterback of the Sparta High school football team had been selected as the player to receive the football award being offered by the Sparta Chamber of Commerce. Davis is to receive an award, but it is not the one offered by the Chamber of Commerce.

Two awards are being given this year, one by Wade Irwin, Dick Gentry Jr. and Tommy Osborne, former students at Sparta High, and one by the Chamber of Commerce. Neither group was aware that the other was offering an award and when the play-

Results Of Coal Strike Are Felt

Schools in Alleghany county are about the only organizations that are not hard hit by the current coal strike. Their coal is bought in the summer, enough to last throughout the school year. Churches, business firms and homes have enough coal to last "until the first of the year," according to information given out this week by business men and home owners.

Lump coal is available to home owners, according to coal dealers, but stoker coal is practically non-existent.

Those people who, within the past year, have changed their heating devices from coal to oil are in almost as bad a predicament as coal users. Oil has become very scarce and the price has gone up considerably.

THREE NEW DEACONS AT SPARTA BAPTIST

Three new deacons were added to the roster at an ordination service at the Baptist church Sunday night. Ben G. Reeves, Wayne Waddell and Clennel Richardson are the three who received the charge from the Rev. F. G. Walker.

Sunday was "Pledge Day" at the Sparta Baptist church and the morning service was given to a discussion of Hithing.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE AT SPARTA METHODIST

The fourth quarterly conference was held by Sparta Methodists at the Presbyterian church on Sunday with a service that included dinner at the church. Dr. H. C. Allen, of Winston-Salem, district superintendent, was here and conducted the conference.

A Doll Doctor Is Needed Here



What this county needed was a clinic for sick and injured dolls, so the New York Children's Aid society filled the want. Carol Willing is trying to tell the doll's symptoms to the "doctors," Sisto Dolicaci, 9, and Joseph Allaria, 10, who are kept busy repairing them.

Alleghany County Teachers Hear Dr. King; Make Plans At Meeting Held On Tuesday

4 New Deputies Are Named This Week By Sheriff

The third meeting of the Alleghany county unit of the N. C. E. A. was held Tuesday afternoon at the courthouse with all of the fifteen schools in the county represented. One of the largest attendance of teachers was noted, with all present except four.

Dr. Robert R. King, county health officer, was the main speaker of the afternoon's session and spoke on the subject, "Leaders of Tomorrow Depend on the Health of Today." He discussed the school health program and the importance of class room health records. He stressed the importance of weight, height, tonsils, and teeth and urged teachers to aid in caring for children's diseases and encouraged the use of the various vaccines.

Following Dr. King's talk, a business meeting was held and directors appointed legislative and federal aid committees to represent Alleghany's unit. Mrs. Rebecca Choate was named chairman of the legislative committee. Others on the committee are Miss (Continued on Page 4)

SPARTA GIRL TEACHING AT GLADE VALLEY

Miss Unalee Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn D. Richardson, of Sparta, is now a member of the faculty of the Glade Valley high school. Miss Richardson who has been a student at ASTC, Boone, graduated there last week and will fill the vacancy created at the school by the resignation of C. W. Ervin, newly-elected state legislator. Mr. Ervin will go to Raleigh soon to assume his duties as a member of the legislative body.

Basketball Season Will Open Here Tuesday Night At 7:30

Basketball practice is continuing daily at the Sparta high school with the first game scheduled for Tuesday night of next week. The opening game of the season will be played here against Miller's Creek at 7:30 in the school gymnasium.

Coach Jo Bill Reed hopes to open the season with a smashing victory with both his boys' and girls' teams. He expects that the girls' team will have an unusually good season as he has one complete team, all of them veterans of two or three years experience and another team that is just about as good. Both teams are expected to see plenty of service.

The girls' starting team will probably be taken from the following players, Tommie Sue Moxley, Mary Ruth Miller, Annie Blanche Pugh, Urtle Andrews, Annie Sue Bennett, Mabel O'Leary, Clarice Mitchell, Jane Hildreth, Mildred Cooper, Johnnie

Rail Shipments Are Now Limited To Vital Items

Curtailed Is Result Of Coal Strike; Packages To Go To Armed Forces

Washington — A nation-wide embargo on railroad freight shipments, except for vital needs, was proclaimed Tuesday, parcel post packages were limited to five pounds at the height of the Christmas mailing season, and passenger mileage on coal burning trains was slashed another 25 per cent. These drastic measures were taken to conserve fuel in view of the coal strike.

The freight embargo and curbs on parcel post became effective at 12:01 a. m. Friday. The cut in railroad mileage takes effect at 11:59 p. m. Sunday and brings the mileage down to 50 per cent of the pre-strike level. A 25 per cent reduction already is in effect.

The Office of Defense Transportation, in announcing the passenger mileage cut, said in a statement that it "acted upon reports indicating that the railroads have on hand a 27-day supply of coal based upon the present rate of consumption."

The parcel post limitation strikes hard at countless persons now engaged in shopping for gifts for out-of-town friends and relatives. The limit of five pounds per package compares with the present limit of 70 pounds.

In still another step resulting from the coal strike, the Association of American Railroads' movement of freight planes for ocean export, except food and fuel, it was effective at midnight Tuesday.

Several Arrested During Past Week

Robbery At Stratford, Twin Oaks and Wreck Near Twin Oaks Involves Many

A crime wave struck Alleghany county during the week-end when four boys from Wilkes county robbed and assaulted each other, four negroes from Independence crashed with a car from Ashe county and when another man from Independence charged two Ashe county men with assault and robbery.

The first affray occurred at Stratford on Friday night when two Sprinkle boys, Vernon and Lawrence, in a car with Fred Baugus and Orland Coe were assaulted and robbed, according to their statements. According to evidence given when they requested warrants for the boys, Baugus and Coe robbed the Sprinkle boys of approximately \$400, put the Sprinkle boys out of the car and left them near Stratford. The Sprinkle boys came to Sparta, swore out warrants for Coe and Baugus, accusing them of robbery. They were arrested and placed under \$1,000 bond each.

Baugus and Coe, in turn swore out warrants for the Sprinkle boys, charging them with assault and battery. The warrants were delivered by the Ashe county sheriff and both men were arrested. (Continued on Page 4)

Gift Shop Opens In New Building

Alf Strauss, recently returned from the service is the manager of a new business for Sparta. Mr. Strauss, in partnership with Vance Choate, has opened the new gift shop, known as the Sparta Gift Shop in the recently completed building behind the Farmers Hardware and Implement company.