

Evans Men Caught By FBI Now Held In Sparta Jail

Miss Edwards Is Named Chairman Of Alleghany USO

County Has Quota Of \$500; Plans Are To Be Announced Soon

Miss Minnie Lou Edwards, popular Sparta teacher, was this week named chairman of the USO drive for Alleghany county. Representatives from the State headquarters said they felt fortunate in securing Miss Edwards, who has been successful in the work of the Jr. Red Cross and other drives she has assisted in. It was also announced that Miss Clyde Fields, county superintendent of schools, would assist Miss Edwards in the drive.

The county has been assigned a quota of \$500, and plans for raising this are to be announced soon, by the new chairman.

It was pointed out that Alleghany as well as other counties still has a number of men in service, others in training and still others in the hospital that must be served by the USO, and the cooperation of everyone will be asked in raising this county's quota.

Funeral Is Held For Mrs. Irwin

Was Buried At Antioch Primitive Baptist Cemetery On Wednesday

Mrs. J. E. Irwin, 72, who died within two hours after she suffered a stroke Monday of last week, at the home of Miss Mae Williams, where she had gone for a short stay, was buried at the Antioch Primitive Baptist cemetery Wednesday afternoon.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. at the Antioch Primitive Baptist church. The officiating minister was Rev. J. E. Irwin.

Flower girls were: Mrs. J. L. Bare, Mrs. Wiley Sturgill, Mrs. Floyd Sexton, Mrs. Verna Tedder, Mrs. Worth Bodenhammer, Mrs. Leo Irwin, Mrs. Cecil Murray, Mrs. Robert Andrews, Mrs. Wade Goodman, Mrs. Ralph Check, Mrs. E. J. Richardson, Mrs. Robert Evans, Mrs. Edwin York, Mrs. Gene Irwin, Mrs. Glenn Richardson, Misses Patsy Atwood, Sharon Robertson, Marian Check, Sandra Irwin, Carol Absher, Bertrance Absher, Madge Wyatt, Una Lee Richardson, Mary Lee Irwin.

REV. MR. SNYDER TO CONDUCT SERVICE

Rev. Kenneth Snyder, of Boiling Springs, will conduct the service at the Laurel Springs Baptist church on Sunday at eleven o'clock, it was announced this week.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Ban Is Lifted On Marriages Of G. I.'s And German Girls

Frankfurt, Germany—The U. S. Army announced yesterday the lifting—with one reservation—of the ban against the marriages of American soldiers and German girls, and an army spokesman said a "German war brides" transport might sail soon for the United States.

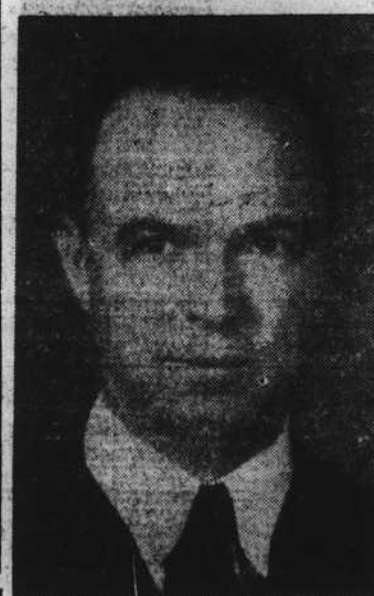
Colonel George S. Eyster, who announced the ban's removal by General Joseph T. McNarney, European theatre commander, said it probably would become effective within 15 days when details are worked out.

The single reservation, Eyster said, is that the marriages cannot take place until just before an American is to return home.

Eyster said he had "no idea" how many Americans now in Germany might apply to marry German girls, but that he believed a "brides" transport would be provided. The army announced only last week that 4,000 American war veterans had applied for permission to have German girls en-

Tri-County Lamb Show For Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga Planned By County Agents

HEADS AGENTS GROUP



R. E. Black, county agent, who was recently named vice-president of the State group of county agents. He is also president of the district organization.

Many Alleghany Students Enter Essay Contest

Winners Will Be Announced Next Week; To Compete In State Contest

Students in Alleghany county and state essay contest sponsored by his paper and the North Carolina Press Association.

County winners are to be announced next week and the winner of the first place will be entered in the State contest. The subject this year: "A Free Press; Voice of Freedom, Guardian of Liberty," has proven interesting to the many who entered the contest. Many of the students have done some valuable research work in connection with the con-

County prizes are given by this paper and State prizes are to be awarded in January by the North Carolina Press Association.

New Telephone Line Going Up

A new telephone line is now being constructed by the Central Telephone company between Sparta and Twin Oaks. A crew of five men are at work on the project which is expected to be completed next week.

Telephone service to Twin Oaks has been limited for some time due to the condition of the line which is being replaced by the one now under construction.

Large Number Of Prizes To Be Offered To 4-H Club Boys And Girls

Initial plans for a Tri-County 4-H Club Lamb show to be held in West Jefferson next summer were outlined by farm agents of Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga counties at a meeting last week when R. W. Farnum, of the Extension Division of State College met with the group to assist in working out details.

The present plans call for the show to be held in West Jefferson July 24 with cash prizes totaling \$203.50 in addition to the ewe lamb to be given away. It was also proposed to make this an annual event with definite goals for enlargement each year. Tentative plans call for each county to raise \$100.00 for the initial event next year.

The planning group set up four classes of lambs to be shown. These will include: pen of three lambs, set of twin lambs, individual lambs and county groups of five with a minimum of three exhibitors.

The rules governing entries are as follows:

- 1. No trimming and blocking except around dock, may trim feet; 2. Buck lambs must be docked and castrated, ewe lambs must be (Continued on Page 4)

Welfare Board Plans Program

Field Agents

The Alleghany County Board of Public Welfare composed of D. F. Sturdivant, R. C. Halsey, and Mrs. C. A. Thompson, met in regular session Wednesday evening, December 4, when Miss Elizabeth Wells, Field Representative for the State Board of Public Welfare, was a visitor.

The following action was taken on public assistance cases: for old age assistance, five applications were approved, two applications (Continued on Page 4)

C. Of C. To Meet On Friday Night

The December meeting of the Sparta Chamber of Commerce will meet at the community building on Friday night at 7:30 o'clock.

At this time Dr. Robert King, Jr., district health officer, will discuss the aims of the North Carolina Good Health Association, Inc., and other phases of public health work.

Here Is One Of The "Little" Answers To Pork Shortage



It is hog killing time in Alleghany, and this typical Poland China porker, raised on the farm of Miss Thelma Bare, at Wagoner, was one year old and weighed 550 pounds when he gave himself up to ham, sausage and lard. He was bought from George Sheets, of Wagoner. (Photo by Ted Bare.)

WINS PEACE AWARD



Miss Emily Green Balch, 79, Wellesley, Mass., named joint winner of the Nobel Peace prize for 1946. An internationally-known economist and a member of the Wellesley college faculty, Miss Balch is also president of the International Women's League for Peace and Freedom.

Eye Clinic To Be Held In Sparta December 18-19

Preliminary Examinations Have Been Given Many By Dr. Robert King, Jr.

The annual eye clinic, held jointly by the Alleghany Health and Welfare Departments, will be held December 18-19 by Dr. John I. Wilsey, of Winston-Salem, at the Health Department in the Community building.

Preliminary examinations have been given by Dr. Robert King, Jr., on school children, applicants for old age assistance, applicants for aid to the blind, and clients of the Farm Security Administration and notifications have been sent to those needing

The examinations are free as Dr. Wilsey is to be paid by the State Commission for the Blind and glasses will be furnished at \$5.00 for simple lenses and \$7.50 for compound lenses. Where the patients are unable to buy their own glasses an effort will be made to secure public funds for these, it was explained.

If there are others who wish to be examined they should contact Mrs. Fay Reeves at the Health Department, Dr. King said.

REVIVAL IS STILL IN PROGRESS AT TRANSOU

A revival is now in progress at the Transou Gospel Tabernacle and is being conducted by Rev. and Mrs. Verlin Kling, of Bunker Hill, Ind.

Services are held each Sunday at 11:30 a. m. and each night at 7:00 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend, Rev. Grace Jones, announced.

Herbert Osborne Is Again Named Chairman Of County AAA Committee; Voting Light

Election Held On Saturday; L. C. Hampton Is County Vice-Chairman

Only 291 of the 1,000 AAA farmers eligible to vote in the election on Saturday went to the polling places to elect community committeemen and delegates to the county convention. The number voting was an increase over last year when only 250 cast their ballots.

Herbert Osborne was again named county chairman. Chosen to serve with him were L. C. Hampton, vice-chairman, and D. J. Jones. Chosen as first and second alternates were Arthur Gambill and G. C. Reeves.

Community committeemen named were as follows:

Cherry Lane—Chairman, Lester Woodruff; vice-chairman, Burt Crouse; regular member, H. J. Spicer; first alternate, Paul Woodruff; second alternate, Watson Lowe.

Cranberry—Chairman, Robert Jones; vice-chairman, Charlie Roberts; regular member, Major Mabe; first alternate, Everett Taylor; second alternate, S. S. Landreth.

Sparta—Chairman, Champ Duncan; vice-chairman, Arol C. Choate; regular member, Parley Truitt; first alternate, Tam Gambill; second alternate, G. L. Cox. Twin Oaks—Chairman, G. C. Reeves; vice chairman, C. G. Fender; regular member, L. C. Hampton; first alternate, Homer C. Rector; second alternate, J. G. Joines.

Wolf Branch—Chairman, Arthur Gambill; vice chairman, Elmer Edwards; regular member, Robert Taylor; first alternate, C. N. Crouse; second alternate, (Continued on Page 4)

Hotel Elkin Is Sold For \$107,750

Elkin—Hotel Elkin was purchased at auction yesterday by T. J. Frazier, North Wilkesboro businessman, at a bid of \$107,750. The hotel was bought from T. R. Sample, owner for the past eight years. He is now operating a hotel in Fredericktown, Mo.

Operated for the past four years under direction of the Anderson Hotel system, Hotel Elkin will remain under this company's direction until its lease expires in six years.

Meanwhile, John Morgan, resident manager, announced that extensive improvements are planned for the comfort of hotel guests.

Several bidders for the property were present from widely separated cities yesterday and competition was lively.

SERVICE OFFICER



Gene Irwin, who was named veterans service officer to replace Ernest Edwards, who recently resigned.

Allen Is Held In Connection With Shooting

Edison Smith Is Critically Wounded When Shot In Saddle Mountain Section

An argument between two life long friends almost ended in disaster Monday night when Herbert Allen shot Edison Smith near Saddle Mountain.

Allen was reported to have fired a .22 pistol at Smith, wounding him critically in the abdomen with three perforations in the large intestine and two in the bladder. Smith was rushed to the hospital in Elkin where his condition this morning was reported to be very serious. Attendants said, however, that considering the nature of his wounds, he was holding his own.

Allen is now being held in the Alleghany county jail, pending the condition of Smith, before charges are made against him.

Tobacco Markets Give Good Prices

Alleghany farmers selling tobacco on the Boone market are pleased with prices and service they are getting, according to reports received here.

The markets, which were slowed down temporarily because of the coal strike, are now back on their regular selling schedule, it was announced by officials.

Because of the dry weather, much of the tobacco raised in this county has not yet been put on the market. The rain this week has helped grading conditions, however.

Are Held Without Bond; No Date Is Set For Hearing

Arrested Near Dublin After Fleeing From County Following Burglary

The strong arm of the law reached out to pick up Johnny and Odell Evans near Dublin, Virginia, on Saturday and they are now being held without bond in jail in Sparta, in connection with the robbery-wounding of Kelly Williams and his sister, Miss Mae Williams, on November 10.

Due to the condition of the victims no date has been set for the hearing as yet. It is not expected to be held until early next year, however.

Charles W. Brown, special agent in charge of the Richmond FBI office identified the two men wanted on charges of unlawful flight to avoid prosecution at Sparta.

Brown reported that FBI agents, tipped that the men would be found in the Dublin vicinity, made the arrests as the pair sat in an automobile there Saturday morning. The arrests, Brown said, climaxed a search that had traced the fugitives through several Eastern states.

The robbery-attack on the Williams brother and sister took place at their home in the Stratford community on Sunday evening, November 10, as they sat in the living room when the intruders entered. According to information from the sheriff, both men were masked and one had a gun in his hand. The Williams were told to turn over all the money they had in the house. Mr. Williams attempted to reason with the men and was shot. Miss Williams was shot through the hip but was able to go to the back of (Continued on Page 4)

Boy Scout Drive Far From Quota

Drive To Continue Until \$500 Mark Is Reached, Chairman Randolph Stated

The \$500.00 quota for the Alleghany Boy Scout Drive is still far from being reached, Chairman Bob Randolph stated this week. Contributions are still coming in slowly, he pointed out, and urged the public to cooperate and send theirs in now.

The drive which got underway in the county November 25, should by this time be near its termination, however, contributions are coming in so slowly that it will be extended further. Mr. Randolph pointed out that the drive would continue until the quota had been reached in full.

Some business houses as well as individuals have been quite generous but there are still others who can give to the Boy Scout cause.

Contributions may be sent directly to Chairman Randolph at his office over Higgin's Barber shop.

Sparta And Miller's Creek Teams Divide Honors, Tues.

Baseball got underway in the county Tuesday night when a large crowd of fans witnessed the Sparta-Miller's Creek game in the local gymnasium. The home team split the bill with the visiting teams, Miller's Creek, mighty Wilkes county team, easily defeating the hard fighting Spartans by a score of 36-19.

The Sparta girls rallied, however, and rang up a 33-13 victory over the visiting lassies.

Fans will again have the opportunity to see the local teams in action tonight as they clash with Low Gap at 7:30 o'clock. A large attendance is expected and both teams should be at their best.

The schedule for the remainder of the season as far as has been worked out, is as follows:

- Sugar Grove, December 17, here.
- Fries, Va., December 20, here.
- Ronda, January 8, here.
- Piney Creek, January 14, there.
- Miller's Creek, January 16, there.

Sugar Grove, January 24, there. Piney Creek, January 28, here. Fries, February 21, there.

Merchants Have Good Xmas Trade

With only 11 more shopping days left before Christmas, local merchants, who report good business from early shoppers point out that they still have plenty of both gift and practical merchandise left for those who have not completed their pre-holiday buying.

In spite of unusually warm weather, Christmas buying has been unusually good here. Merchants attribute this to the fact that there is more available merchandise here than in many places. Many customers who have made efforts to supply their needs in such larger towns point out that there is more to be found in the stores here.