

Marshall Named Sec'y Of State As Byrnes Resigns

Congressmen And Senators Of Two Parties Heap Praise On Both Men

Washington—James F. Byrnes resigned Tuesday night as Secretary of State and President Truman chose as his successor the man who guided America's military fortunes in the war—General George C. Marshall.

Byrnes declared the doctors had warned him he must "slow down" and that he couldn't slow down in the job of Secretary of State.

Marshall, Army Chief of Staff in the war, is presently ending a presidential mission to China. The announcement of his selection to the Cabinet came at almost the exact hour, 7 p. m., eastern standard time, at which he was due to leave Shanghai, en route home.

The Pennsylvania-born, Virginia-educated Marshall takes over the job of helping make peace secure at a time when Republicans have taken over Congress. In the army tradition, he has shown no political connections.

This was not believed to be the reason for the change, however. The Senate, which rules heavily on foreign relations, already had shown a disposition to follow Byrnes' policies.

Congressional leaders were swift to heap praise on both men when the news reached Capitol Hill, Republicans and Democrats alike joined in.

The change in the top diplomatic post was a surprise. It had been known that Byrnes had grown tired some months ago, but the 67-year-old South Carolinian looked to be in very good health lately.

For Byrnes, the secretaryship was the last in a string of distinguished posts. He had served as a Senator, as a Supreme Court justice and as "assistant president" to Franklin D. Roosevelt in the role of War Mobilizer.

With Senate confirmation of Marshall—and no one doubted that it was sure—the change means that Marshall instead of Byrnes stands next in line for the presidency in the next two years. There is no Vice-President now and the Secretary of State heads the line of succession under law.

Marshall turned 66 last December 31, having retired earlier as Chief of Staff. Hailed as one of America's military geniuses, (Continued on Page 4)

Divisional WMU To Meet In Elkin

To Be Held On January 14; Several From Sparta Plan To Attend

A number of people from Sparta are expected to attend the Wilkesboro divisional leadership conference of the W. M. U. to be held at the Y. M. C. A. in Elkin on January 14, at 10:00 a. m.

The main address will be made by Mrs. J. S. Farmer, State Superintendent of Raleigh, it was announced. Lunch will be served at the noon hour at a nominal cost, it was pointed out.

Those expected to attend are associational superintendents, young people's leaders, chairmen of mission study, community studies and stewardship committees in addition to officers of the division.

Mrs. A. O. Joines, of Sparta, was recently elected secretary and treasurer of the Wilkesboro division of the W. M. U. meeting held at Mount Airy.

Church Group Has Meeting Tuesday

The Sparta-Glade Valley Presbyterian Auxiliary met on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Alton Thompson with Mrs. E. B. Eldridge, of Glade Valley, in charge of the program.

Mrs. Eldridge conducted a discussion on foreign missions. Mrs. John Guerrant, music teacher and dean of girls at Glade Valley high school led the devotional.

Following the program, the business session was held and a social hour followed with delicious refreshments being served.

Plans For Polio Fund Drive Made Here; Schools Are To Help

SEC'Y OF STATE



General George C. Marshall, who has been named as Secretary of State.

AAA Reports Are Needed If Work Is Accredited

Record Should Be Filed In AAA Office; May Receive Credit On 1947 Program

A number of Alleghany farmers have not yet made their 1946 AAA performance report. If any reports have been carried out, a cash payment is due. It is necessary that these practices be reported and an application for payment be signed at once, it was announced this week.

"Farmers who received 1946 lime and phosphate through the AAA office are asked to make a report of the use of same as soon as possible. If lime or phosphate has not yet been applied it can be transferred to the 1947 program, if the farmer will make a report on it," a member of the AAA committee said.

"If no report is made, the producer will be charged double for the material and placed on the register of indebtedness. Please don't let this happen to you. Orders for 1947 limestone are now being taken in the county office and lime is now being delivered to farms on this year's program. If you expect to use lime during 1947 you should place your order at once. You may also make your farm plan for 1947 in the county office," he added.

"Come in at once and make your 1946 performance report, sign your application for payment, make your 1947 farm plan and place an order for 1947 limestone. Producers who wish to file an application for a new grower tobacco allotment must do so by February 1," he concluded.

Truman Asks Congress To Curb Taxes; Reduce Debt

Washington—Smiling and conciliatory, Democratic President Truman Monday laid before the Republican 80th Congress a program to curb strikes, and asked continued high taxes.

His State of the Union message, applauded frequently by the joint congressional session, called for legislation to outlaw jurisdictional strikes and to check secondary boycotts and for a commission to devise machinery for the prevention of "paralyzing" nation-wide strikes.

The message was in large part a generalized one. It renewed only in broad outline many recommendations previously made in specific form, leaving details this time to Congress.

Minimum wage, farm program, health insurance, refugee immigration and civil rights legislation were some of the issues Mr. Truman raised for Congress to consider without telling it in detail what he feels should be done. Other problems, notably the Rent Control Act expiring June 30,

Mrs. Ruth J. Choate Again Chairman; County, Has Quota Of \$300.00

Mrs. Ruth J. Choate has again been named chairman of Alleghany county's Infantile Fund Fighting Drive and the quota has been set at \$300.00, it was announced this week.

Some advance work is now being done on the drive which officially opens January 15 and continues through January 31.

Ernest Edwards will serve as co-chairman with Mrs. Choate. Together they have worked out the plan for the drive, which will be conducted through organizations, clubs, schools and the solicitation of funds from business houses and individuals.

The following county officials have been appointed to aid in the drive:

Mrs. Ray H. Walker and Miss Clyde Fields, county chairmen of women's activities; Mrs. Blanche J. Lewis, county publicity chair. (Continued on Page 4)

Sparta To Have Stop Light Soon; Need Is Cited

Dr. C. A. Thompson, Mayor Protem, To Act In Absence Of Wagoner

At a meeting of the board of aldermen, this week, safety measures for the town were discussed and the members decided to place a stop light at the intersection of highways 18 and 21. This has been ordered and it is expected to be installed at an early date.

A number of other routine matters were discussed and disposed of. Since the mayor, Amos Wagoner, has gone to Florida, where he expects to spend several weeks, Dr. C. A. Thompson, mayor protem, will act in this capacity, it was announced.

Alleghany Couple Has Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Andrews, pioneer Alleghany county citizens, observed their 65th wedding anniversary at their home near Ennice on Christmas eve day. Mr. Andrews is 85 and Mrs. Andrews is 86 years of age.

With them to enjoy the occasion were:

Mrs. Alice Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Edwards, and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Andrews, Rudolph Edwards, Roy Lee Fender, Mrs. George Kenny, and son, of Salem, Va.

Don Edwards, Kenneth Fender, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Fender, Mr. and Mrs. John Andrews, Mrs. Rose Blevins, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Blevins, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Landreth.

Join The March Of Dimes, Help In The Fight Against Polio



Five-year-old Roger Hawk, left, almost completely paralyzed for eleven months made so rapid recovery within five weeks that he is called the "miracle boy" of Kernan's Hospital. Volunteer training courses, right, were sponsored by the Maryland Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, so that they could help Roger in his fight back to health.

Osborne Voted Most Valuable Yellow Jacket

To Be Given Award At Chamber Of Commerce Meeting Friday Night

Jack Osborne, voted the most valuable player of the year on the 1946 Sparta Yellow Jacket football team, will be awarded the trophy selected by the Sparta Chamber of Commerce for that player. The award, the first to be made by the Chamber of Commerce and now scheduled to be an annual event, will be made at the January meeting of the Chamber group on Friday night at the community building.

The entire Yellow Jacket squad, composed of about 30 players, and Coach Jo Bill Reed will be present for the occasion. Each member of the club will have a member of the football team as his guest.

The speaker for the evening has not been announced yet but efforts are being made to secure a football coach from Raleigh. The meeting will be held at 8:45 and dinner will be served. Business matters will be discussed following the program. All members are urged to attend.

Sentences Given In 3 Hearings

In three hearings before G. Glenn Nichols, justice of the peace, on Saturday, two sentences were given and one case was continued.

The case against Dick Gentry, charged with assault by Brant Taylor, was continued until February 4.

Otho Edwards, charged with public drunkenness, was fined \$50 and costs.

George Hight was given a 30 days jail sentence, suspended for six months on the condition that he would pay costs of the trial. He had been charged with assault on his grandmother.

MRS. LEWIS IS ILL

Mrs. Blanche Jones Lewis, editor of the Alleghany News, who returned Tuesday after being ill at her home in Canton, Georgia, continues ill and is now undergoing treatment in the Ashe Memorial Hospital.

JUNE IN JANUARY IN N. C. MOUNTAINS

While other parts of the nation were shivering from the onslaught of ice and snow and freezing temperatures, Alleghany county had a breath of spring.

Dandelions bloomed on the crest of the western North Carolina mountains and Mrs. N. C. Shepherd and Mrs. Jennie Jones brought proof of it into the News office this week.

On January 6 they gathered dandelions on the J. F. Cox farm in the Sweet Hollow section of the county.

USO Drive Is Now Underway; C. R. Roe Is Chairman; Quotas Assigned Each Community

Seal Sales Total \$143.00; Others Still To Report

Schools Asked To Send In Reports; \$42.01 Realized From Bangles

A total of \$143.00 has been reported by Miss Lou Edwards, chairman of the drive to sell Christmas seals, however, there are still 17 people who have not as yet sent in the money collected or returned the seals.

Mrs. Madge Reeves, of Whitehead school, led in the bangle group, having collected \$5.00 of the total amount of \$42.01. Mrs. Carrie Fender is principal.

The chairman again urged the schools to turn in their money as well as individuals who have not reported as it is now time to make the final report.

A list of the schools which have already reported is as follows: (Continued on Page 4)

Stolen Property Given To Owners

Two pieces of property, recovered on the Murphy place and credited to some of Fred Murphy's numerous robberies, was identified this week and returned to their rightful owners.

A new two-horse wagon, which has been the subject of much controversy here during the past few weeks, was identified by John Llewellyn, of Dobson, as the property of the W. E. Graham Construction company at Fries, Va., and also returned to them on Saturday.

Sparta Girls Lose Their First Game Tuesday At Flat Rock

The unbeaten Sparta high school girls' basketball team got their first taste of defeat Tuesday night when the Sparta team journeyed to Flat Rock for two games with that school. This was the Flat Rock girls' team's eleventh game and they are undefeated in their schedule thus far. The game was hard-fought and the final whistle found only a scant five points difference in the score, 23-18.

The Sparta boys also lost, this making their third defeat. They have won two games. The boys game, like the girls game, was also close, the score, 23-19.

Both Sparta teams met teams from Ronda here on Thursday night but when this paper went to press the results of the games were not known. The Ronda girls have an undefeated team and the game with them was expected to be a close one.

On Tuesday night, both boys and girls teams will go to Piney Creek for the first game with

Drive, Postponed Until This Year, Is To Be Pushed To Completion

C. R. Roe, chairman of the USO Fund Raising Drive announced this week that the drive originally scheduled for November, but postponed until this year, had now been activated and every effort would be made to complete it at an early date. Serving with Chairman Roe as co-chairman is Miss Minnie Lou Edwards.

The county has a quota of \$500 and this has been broken down and assigned to special chairmen in the various communities of the county.

The chairmen together with their quotas are as follows:

Piney Creek, Jean McMillan, \$50.00; Cherry Lane, Betty Joines, \$10.00; Sparta, Mrs. Hazel Thompkins, \$100.00; Little Pine, Claire Wyatt, \$40.00; Rich Hill, Ray Smith, \$40.00; Cranberry, Ed Pugh, \$40.00; Pine Swamp, Mrs. J. B. Reed, \$30.00; Wolf Branch, Mrs. Johnny Dale Gambill, \$30.00; Stratford, Mrs. Brantly Fender, \$10.00; Whitehead, Mrs. Carrie Fender, \$30.00; New Hope, Mrs. Laura Spalding, \$10.00; Liberty Knob, Mrs. Nannie McCann, (Continued on Page 4)

MOTHER OF SPARTA WOMAN DIES IN R. I.

Word was received this week of the death of Mrs. Rose Bousquest, mother of Mrs. Bryan Wagoner. Mrs. Bousquest died on Monday night at her home in Providence, R. I. She had been in ill health for several years.

Mrs. Wagoner left on Tuesday for Rhode Island and at the time of her departure, funeral arrangements had not been completed.

Winner Of Baby Derby Is Master Chas. Morrison

Alleghany's First Baby Of 1947 Is Born January 1 At Sparta

Charles Crysel Morrison arrived early New Year's night to claim the title of Alleghany's first baby of 1947. His birth was recorded at 8:12 p. m. after delivery by Dr. B. O. Choate. To Charles the News extends best wishes.

The infant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Morrison, of Sparta, is the second child of the Morrison family, and at birth weighed eight pounds.

To date no other birth has been reported in the county during the new year. Last year's winner was little Miss Doris Ann Sidden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Sidden, of near Sparta. She was born January 4. In 1945, Wanda Lee Crouse was the winner and in 1944, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johnson, of Sparta Rt. 1, was the winner.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Morrison are requested to call at the News office and receive a letter which they may present to the participating stores for the prizes offered by Sparta merchants who cooperated with this paper in sponsoring the First Baby Contest.

Master Morrison will receive a special deluxe baby set from the B. and T. Drug company and a toy dog from the Western Auto Associate Store. Cash and Carry will give the newcomer one half dozen cans of baby food.

Smithy's Store will give the winner a sweater set and Bell's Department store and Edwards furniture will both give blankets.

The Firestone store is giving a merry-go-round set and the Sparta Gift Shop is presenting the winner with a play bank.

The paper is being granted four theater tickets by the Spartan theatre.

Auto And Wagon Wreck Near Here

Colored Man Is Injured; Vehicles Damaged In Accident, Sunday

Two wrecks in Alleghany county this week brought serious injury to one and large damage to all vehicles concerned.

Late Sunday afternoon, a car driven by Ray Sparks, of Trap Hill, N. C., crashed with a 1940 Ford driven by Harrel Joines. The crash occurred at the intersection of highways 18 and 21, right in the heart of Sparta.

Neither of the occupants of the cars were injured but damage to both cars was large. The damage to Sparks' car was estimated at approximately \$200 and the damage to Joines' car at approximately \$115.

Lynn Bryant, colored, was seriously injured last Wednesday morning when the wagon in which he was riding was struck by a car driven by Click Choate. According to Choate, the wagon bore no light and as it was still dark, he failed to see it.

Bryant suffered a cut over the eye and chest injuries. The wreck occurred near the Pipe factory. The wagon was completely demolished and damage to the car was estimated at \$300.

U. D. C. MEETING WILL BE SATURDAY

An important meeting of the Alleghany county United Daughters of the Confederacy will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. C. A. Reeves.

Important business is to be discussed and all members and former members are urged to be present.

Grouse Season Ended On Jan. 1

Hunters were reminded this week that the grouse season for this section of the country ended on January 1. The quail season ends on January 10 and the rabbit season on January 31.

Dewitt Bryan, district game protector, issued this announcement and the statement that all violators of the game laws will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.