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County's Infantile Paralysis Fund Drive Nearing Goal

Wildlife Bill Is Before Solons; Other Measures

Transportation, Fireworks, Agricultural Census, Veterans Considered

By Staff Writer

Raleigh—(Special)—A variety of legislation ranging from fireworks to the separation of the game and fish division from the department of conservation, which literally brought on fireworks is before the N. C. Legislature this week.

The North Carolina Wildlife Federation, which claims 18,000 members, had legislation introduced into the General Assembly Wednesday to divorce the Division of Game and Inland Fisheries from the State Department of Conservation and Development.

At the concluding session of the two-day annual meeting Tuesday, federationists re-elected P. K. Gravely, of Rocky Mount, president for next year, and leaders who asked that their names not be used said their sponsored separation bill would be dropped in both houses today.

Their divorce bill, which calls for the creation of a nine-man commission to assume all duties relating to game and fish, was circulated among legislators, and the federation's legislative committee says it now has the signatures of 61 House members and 14 Senators.

Insurance Changes
Proposed legislation to revamp North Carolina's insurance laws ran into a storm of opposition at a hearing here Tuesday.

More than a score of spokesmen for various companies, associations and realtors alleged flaws in proposed bills drafted by the Commission on Revision of the North Carolina Insurance Laws.

Principal opposition was aimed at proposals which would, in effect, eliminate group-insurance coverage of members of professional associations without a common employer and stop the writing of so-called "controlled" insurance business.

Views of the controversial matters were aired at a public hearing conducted by the revision commission and attended by about 100 persons. Presiding over the hearing was Dean R. H. Watach of the University of North Carolina Law School, chairman of the revision commission.

The commission met last night to consider the views expressed at the hearing, and probably will continue its session today.

Fireworks Limited
A five-member subcommittee adopted a report outlawing the sale of fireworks in North Carolina. A compromise measure by (Continued on Page Five)

Allen Hearing Set For Saturday

A preliminary hearing will be held before G. Glenn Nichols, justice of the peace, Saturday morning in connection with the shooting of Edison Smith on December 9.

Herbert Allen was reported to have fired a .22 pistol at Smith, wounding him critically in the abdomen. Smith has been undergoing treatment in the Elkin hospital and the hearing had previously been postponed due to his condition.

Work Clinic Is Well Attended

Approximately 103 Alleghany farmers took advantage of the annual work stock clinic held throughout the county last week, Emerson Black, county agent, reported this week.

Some 245 animals were treated by the licensed veterinarian here especially for the work. Although a good number of Alleghany farmers attending the clinic, Mr. Black stated that due to inclement weather conditions, that not as many farmers as were expected to attend were able to be there.

GOING TO MEXICO



President Truman, above, will fly to Mexico early in March for a visit with President Miguel Aleman, the White House has announced.

County Schools Invited To Enter Spelling Contest

Journal-Sentinel Will Again Sponsor Big Event For Schools Of This Area

Miss Clyde Fields, Superintendent of Alleghany schools, this week received an invitation along with other school officials in this area to take part in an annual Journal-Sentinel Spelling Bee.

Elimination contests are held in each county and the champions go to Winston-Salem for the finals.

Last year, young Louis Craft of the Lewisville school system was the winner in the Journal and Sentinel contest, earning a trip to Washington, D. C., participation in the National Spelling Bee, and a chance at fame and fortune.

The winner and his or her escort will be sent to the Capitol City to compete with State winners from all over the country, at the expense of the Journal and Sentinel. Educational and sight-seeing trips to Mount Vernon, the public buildings of Washington and other points of interest will be arranged.

The only requirement in the selection of the contestant is that the pupil not have passed beyond the eighth grade and will not reach his or her 16th birthday before June 1, 1947.

The winner of the National (Continued on Page 8)

Alleghany Men Attend VFW Meet

Gene Irwin and Cecil Murray represented the local post of the VFW at the council of administration meeting and banquet honoring Louis E. Starr, commander-in-chief, held in Raleigh Tuesday and Wednesday.

The banquet and meeting were held at the Sir Walter Raleigh hotel. Special guests included Governor R. Gregg Cherry.

Sparta Boys And Girls Teams Win Over Piney Creek, Tues.

The Sparta boys and girls basketball teams were both victorious in the two battles against the Piney Creek teams here Tuesday night. The Sparta boys, after an extra period play off were able to defeat the Piney Creek team 32-29.

At the half of the boys' game, Sparta was leading the visiting team 14-8 and by the end of the third quarter had an eight point lead. The score stood at 29 all when the regular playing period ended and then Sparta rang up the extra three points to make the victory theirs.

High scorer for the boys' home team was Bill Reeves, with a total of eight points, and Kennedy, for the visitors, with a total of 10 points.

In the girls' game, the home

County Finals In Conservation Contest, Feb. 4

County Winners To Get Prizes; To Enter Group Contest Feb. 13

T. R. Greene, of the soil conservation office, announced this week that the county finals in the Soil Conservation Speaking Contest would be held at the community building February 4, when representatives from the high schools will compete, beginning at 1:30. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Elimination contests are being held in the Sparta school on Friday afternoon of this week, and at Glade Valley on Friday night at 7:30.

The winner in the county contest will go to North Wilkesboro for the group contest on February 13. And the winner here will go to Elkin on February 20 for the finals. Here the contestants will compete for \$350 in savings bonds and a trip to the annual convention of the State Bankers Association at Asheville, accord- (Continued on Page 4)

Shell Service Station Entered By Thieves, Wed.

Passenger Tires Taken In Haul; No Arrests Made By Officers, Yet

The Shell Service Station was robbed of around \$300.00 worth of tires and other supplies sometime after midnight, Tuesday, when thieves forced their way into the building. The theft, discovered by the owner, Joe Dough-ton, at opening time on Wednesday morning was reported to the officers, who began working on all possible clues.

The thief or thieves, evidently entered after breaking the panes from the wash room window, officers reported. As far as it could be learned no attempt was made to rob the cash register and only tires for passenger cars and other automotive parts were taken.

This is the second robbery of the month in a downtown business establishment. The B. and T. drug company was entered a short time ago.

Local officers are expecting to make an arrest in connection with the Shell Station robbery, within a short time, it was learned.

S. Paul Carson Gets Promotion

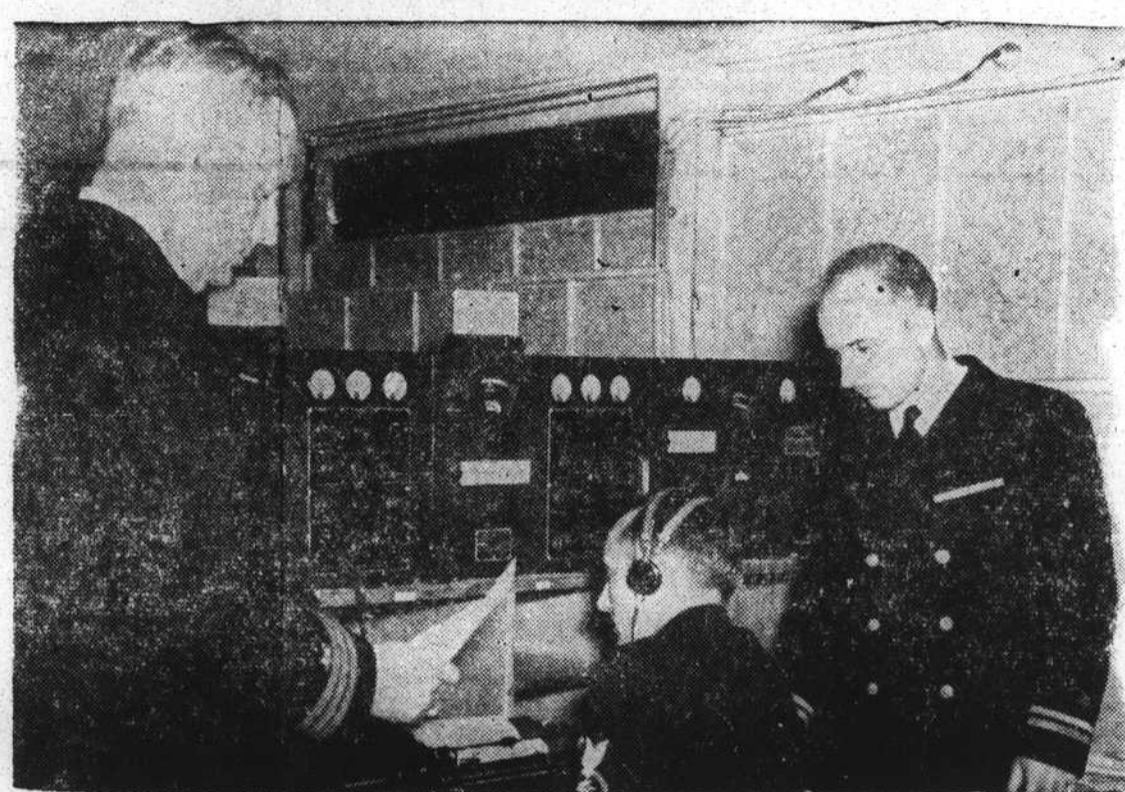
Of interest here is the announcement of the recent promotion of S. Paul Carson, of Raleigh, to the position of assistant cashier of the Wachovia Bank, there. Mr. Carson, who recently returned from service has been connected with this bank since 1933. His promotion was announced at the annual meeting. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Carson, of Sparta. He has many friends and relatives here, who will be pleased to learn of his advancement.

Hunting Season Closes On Friday

Attention is called to the fact that tomorrow, January 31, the hunting season officially closes.

District Game Protector, Walter F. Edmisten, of Boone, pointed out that sportsmen as well as land owners must cooperate for the protection of wildlife.

Navy May Establish Radio Unit In County



An Electronic Drill of Naval Reservists at the Charleston Naval Base in S. C. is pictured here. A similar setup will be used by Reserve Electronics Companies and Platoons in communities where they are established. Left to right are Commander Thomas I. Dean, Chief Radioman Rex C. Wiggs (from Warsaw, N. C.) and Lieutenant Roy C. Heavner (from Landrum, S. C.).

All AAA Reports Must Be In Before Feb. 15 For Credit

Failure To Make Reports In 1946 Practices May Costly To Farmers

It was announced this week by a member of the Alleghany county AAA committee, that all farmers participating in the 1946 AAA program must get their reports in before February 15. He explained that it would be necessary to report all of those to the state office and place them on the register of indebtedness who had not made their reports by that date.

It was also pointed out that it (Continued on Page 8)

Reports Reveal Progress Made By FHA Families

Alleghany county farmers operating under the farm ownership borrowers plan not only made progress in food production last year, but also made many improvements on their farms and farm buildings as revealed by reports at the annual meeting held at the community building on Saturday.

A number of F. H. A. families together with agricultural leaders gathered to discuss progress made and to outline plans for the coming year. Thomas Sears F. H. A. supervisor, gave an analysis of the past year, using charts to emphasize special points. Miss Lenna Gambill, home supervisor, discussed food production using visual aid pictures. Miss Margaret F. Fuller, district home supervisor, discussed the possibilities of home and farm beautification also using special charts.

A turkey luncheon was served the group after which other phases of the program were continued. Van Miller, supervisor, and Mr. Sears gave special recognition of the accomplishments of individual families. Mr. Sears concluded the program by citing aims for the coming year. The importance of soil conservation was outlined by H. E. Singletary. In addition to F. H. A. farmers and agricultural leaders members of the F. H. A. committee including Carl Hampton, Dan Jones and Carl Brown were also present.

County May Get Naval Reserve Electronic Unit If Enough Interest Is Shown By Citizens

Similar Units Are Now Being Organized Throughout Sixth Naval District

Naval Reserve Electronic Companies and Platoons are being organized throughout the Sixth Naval District and at present companies in Columbia, S. C., and Charlotte, N. C., have been activated. Weekly drills are now being conducted every Thursday evening at eight o'clock, with Headquarters Sixth Naval District (NAO-7) acting as master control station. The primary frequency for these drills is 2792 KC's and 2656 KC's is the secondary.

Lieutenant Commander H. M. Kennickell, of Winston-Salem, Naval Reserve Representative for this area announced today that Sparta may get a local unit if sufficient interested personnel can be found.

The units will be primarily for those reservists who have had communication, radar and technical electronic experience, however there will be openings for those interested in learning the (Continued on Page 8)

High School To Have Yearbook; Work Underway

Helen Walker Is Editor-In-Chief; Expected To Be Completed April 1

Sparta high school students are again publishing for the first time in a number of years the annual high school yearbook, R. H. Walker, principal, announced this week.

The new annual will contain individual pictures of students as well as group pictures of active clubs and other organizations and a number of special features.

Officers for the year book are Helen Walker, editor-in-chief; Evelyn Mitchell and Madec Irwin, associate editors; Tommy Sue Moxley, business manager; Pat Edwards and Sue McGrady, associate business managers; Jimmy Davis, advertising manager; Tommy Burgess and J. M. Bennett, associates; Jane Bledsoe, art editor; Bill Reeves, boys' sports editor; Mary Ruth Miller, girls' (Continued on Page 8)

County Teachers' Meeting Planned

A county-wide teachers meeting will be held at the Sparta high school library Wednesday, February 5. Miss Clyde Fields, county superintendent, announced this week.

The meeting will begin at three o'clock and all teachers are urged to be present.

USO Funds Now Total \$231.29; Schools To Send In Reports

Interest Shown In School Clubs

Nine clubs are now active in the Sparta high school, R. H. Walker, principal, stated this week. Much interest has been shown by the students and sponsors and many activities for the year have been planned by the groups.

The clubs are: monogram club, library club, journalism club, art club, FFA club, music appreciation club, home economics club, dramatics and French club.

High school students now have an organized activity period observed twice weekly, Mr. Walker pointed out.

All Groups Asked To Report Funds Collected Now

Total Of \$442.11 Reported To Chairman Mrs. Ruth Jones Choate

Indications yesterday were that Alleghany county would reach its original quota of \$550.00 for the Infantile Paralysis Fund Fighting Drive now underway. Mrs. Ruth Jones Choate, chairman, reported that a total of \$442.11 had been collected with some more organizations as well as individuals to be heard from. She asked that all funds, collected and not yet reported, be done so, at once, in order that the drive might be completed this month.

Mrs. Choate said she was pleased with the generous response from so many and wanted to particularly commend the schools for their work.

Listed here are some contributions not previously published: Alleghany News, \$10; Mrs. F. Miller, \$5.00; A Friend, \$3.00; Cherry Lane H. D. club, \$15.00; Laurel Springs school and community, \$28.15; Sparta school, \$75.22; Pine Swamp, \$6.00; Glade Valley high school, \$18.89; Whitehead school, \$9.10; Little Pine school, \$25.00.

Rural mail carriers giving \$5.00 each were Lon Mac Reeves, Isom Wagoner, Carl Irwin, John Tucker and Mack Woodie. Other rural carriers making generous contributions to the cause include Edd Pugh and Glenn Taylor.

Orange Juice Is Served In Schools

Miss Clyde Fields, Superintendent, Announces Addition To Menu

Vitamin-rich orange juice will be added soon to the menus in Alleghany county school lunchrooms Miss Clyde Fields, county superintendent of schools, disclosed this week.

Miss Fields said the County Board of Education has received 150 gallons of orange concentrate, purchased in Florida by the U. S. Department of Agriculture with school lunch funds. Reconstituted, one part juice to six parts water, the concentrate will provide the equivalent of 900 gallons of fresh juice.

Distribution of the concentrate, Miss Fields said, will be made to all schools in the county operating under the National school lunch program. This will be equivalent to approximately two quarts per child per month of the reconstituted juice.

Hundreds of thousands of gallons of the concentrated juice, from this year's Florida crop, have been bought by the U. S. Department of Agriculture for distribution to school lunchrooms in all states except California and Arizona. Distribution is being (Continued on Page 8)

R. J. Randolph Speaks To P.T.A.

R. J. Randolph, Sparta attorney, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Sparta Parent-Teachers Association held at the school last night.

Mr. Randolph pointed out to the group of parents and teachers the urgent need of the school for an athletic field as well as other general school needs.

Ralph Gentry, president, was in charge of the meeting.

Fri. Is Deadline For License Tags

The public is again reminded that 1947 license tags must be on all automobiles by Friday or a penalty will be imposed. Patrolman D. A. Houston stated this week. He said that if a car owner has his license and does not have them on his car, that does not excuse him from the penalty.

Patrolman Houston also warned the public to have all equipment checked, as more than a dozen persons were arrested during the week end for improper equipment and lighting.