

Referendum On Liquor Is Given To Legislature

Wage And Hour Bill Is Before Body; Gas Tax Refund Bill Killed

By Staff Writer
Raleigh—(Special)—A State-wide referendum bill to delight the hearts of most North Carolina prohibitionists was introduced in the General Assembly yesterday. It would let the people vote to outlaw liquor and everything but farm-fermented wines, give up \$3,250,000 a year tax and \$5,000,000 profit on beverages and turn the pages of North Carolina history back to the days of the old Turlington Act if passed. The bill was certain to pitch the 1947 Legislature, already split by dissension on everything from teachers' pay to rabbit propagation, into the midst of another bitter battle. Stamped with the approval of prohibition forces, it was headed for heavy legislative opposition, spearheaded by the 25 counties which vote, as well as drink, wet and reap substantial profit from ABC stores.

Defeat Predicted
Experienced observers last night predicted nothing but defeat for the referendum measure, but admitted that a point might have won by introducing it first in the Senate instead of the House. Even leaders in the prohibition fight have predicted that no referendum bill will ever reach the House this session.

Wage and Hour Bill
A State minimum wage-hour bill, backed by the Department of Labor, was introduced in the General Assembly Tuesday in the wake of the movement to outlaw the closed shop in North Carolina, but there were indications that newer and even more drastic laws to curb dictatorial labor union tendencies may be proposed in the Legislature.

Other bills, with more teeth than the anti-closed shop measure introduced by three ex-G. I.'s last week, are known to have been drawn. Whether or when (Continued on Page 8)

Chatham Talks With Doughton

Tar Heels Confer On Elkin Man's Possibilities As New Ambassador

Washington—Thurmond Chatham, millionaire blanket manufacturer from Elkin and Winston-Salem, visited Washington Wednesday and conferred with Congressman Robert L. Doughton, of North Carolina, who is booming him for appointment as ambassador to Great Britain. Chatham, who lost a close race for Congress in the Democratic primary last spring, visited several other friends in the capital, Doughton said.

Asked by a reporter if he had urged President Truman personally to nominate Chatham, Doughton replied, "Not yet." He indicated such action might follow a meeting of the North Carolina congressional delegation next week, when Senators Hoey and Umstead return from the state. Several prominent men are being mentioned as possible nominees to succeed Ambassador O. Max Gardner of Shelby, N. C., who died in New York a week ago on the eve of his departure for his new post at the Court of St. James.

Dan W. Miller To Be Buried Today

Funeral service for Dan Witt Miller, 30, of Laurel Springs, will be held this afternoon at two o'clock at the Peak Creek church. Rev. J. W. Luke will officiate and interment will be in the family cemetery. Mr. Miller succumbed in the Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem Monday after a brief illness. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Miller, and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Bert Miller, of Rexburg, Idaho; Mrs. Clark Blevins, of Laurel Springs; Mrs. Dovie Woodie, of Landis; Mrs. Joan Miller, of Nathan's Creek; Mrs. Herman Alexander, of Landis; Nancy Miller, of Laurel Springs; C. J. Miller, of Petersburg, Va.; and Tom C. Miller, of N. Wilkesboro.

USO Fund Drive Now Nearing Quota; Want All Gifts Reported

SILENT CARL SPEAKS



Sen. Carl Hayden (D-Ariz), recently made his second senate speech in 21 years. Back in 1926 he staged a filibuster on the issue of certain phases of the Boulder Dam bill—that speech lasted six weeks.

Alleghany Is One Among Few Counties In State To Reach Goal

It was announced this week by Miss Minnie Lou Edwards, assistant to county chairman C. R. Roe, that the USO drive quota would most likely be reached this week. Miss Edwards explained that there were still some contributors and workers to be heard from and asked that all contributions be turned in to her or Chairman Roe this week in order that the drive might be concluded.

Alleghany will be among the first counties in the State to reach its USO drive quota as many have fallen far behind. Chairman Roe was out of town yesterday and it was explained that other contributors not previously announced would be published in this paper next week. The county's quota is \$300.00.

Sparta Girls Win In Semi-Finals; Lose To Mt. Airy

Two Girls Named On All-Tournament Team; Sparta Boy Also Named

A fourteen point lead was the winning score over the Sparta girls when they battled with the Mt. Airy girls and lost the championship title of the Elkin Invitational Jaycee tournament Tuesday night. The score was 27-13, though the Sparta lassies played a hard fought game.

Osborne set the pace for the home town girls, ringing up a total of seven points.

Two of Sparta's girls were named on the all-tournament team following the finals. They were Tommy Sue Moxley and Uptie Andrews.

The girls were awarded \$100 following the semi-finals Monday night when they defeated the Union Grove girls by a close margin of 34-31. Uptie Andrews ran up the score for her team by scoring 16 of the 34 points. Mitchell led a close second with 11 points and Osborne scored 7 points.

In an earlier game in the (Continued On Page 4)

Richardson On USS Stormes

O. B. Richardson, seaman, first class, son of Oscar M. Richardson of Stratford, is serving aboard the destroyer USS Stormes. Richardson, who entered the Naval service in March, 1946, and received his recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Norfolk, Va., has been aboard the Stormes since June, 1946.

Many Here Favor Separate Game And Fishery Division

Sportsmen of this section were among the wildlife federationists, who turned out 300 strong for Tuesday's hearing in Raleigh by the House Committee on Conservation and Development to advocate a bill that would separate the Division of Game and Inland Fisheries from the Conservation Department and place administration of the game and fish laws under a new wildlife resources commission. It was recalled that it was in West Jefferson that Governor Cherry in an address before the Rotary club and others, before he was elected governor, said that he would favor the separation of the two. The committee heard only arguments in favor of the proposed divorce of the division from the department. Opponents of the measure will be heard Thursday,

Cars Damaged In Accident Mon. Near Twin Oaks

Car Driven By Crockett Poe Collided With That Of Army Colonel

Lt. Col. William Preston and wife, en route to Parrisburg, W. Va., were slightly injured in an accident here Monday, at 3:00 p. m., when a '36 Chevrolet driven by Crockett Poe, of Sparta, collided with them on the highway near Twin Oaks.

Poe was en route to Sparta and was reported by local officers to be driving under the influence of some intoxicant when he collided with the '42 Chevrolet driven by the army colonel en route to Sparta.

Poe suffered several face lacerations and Lt. Col. and Mrs. Preston were reported to be slightly injured. Preston's car was damaged approximately \$300 worth and that of Poe's \$100.

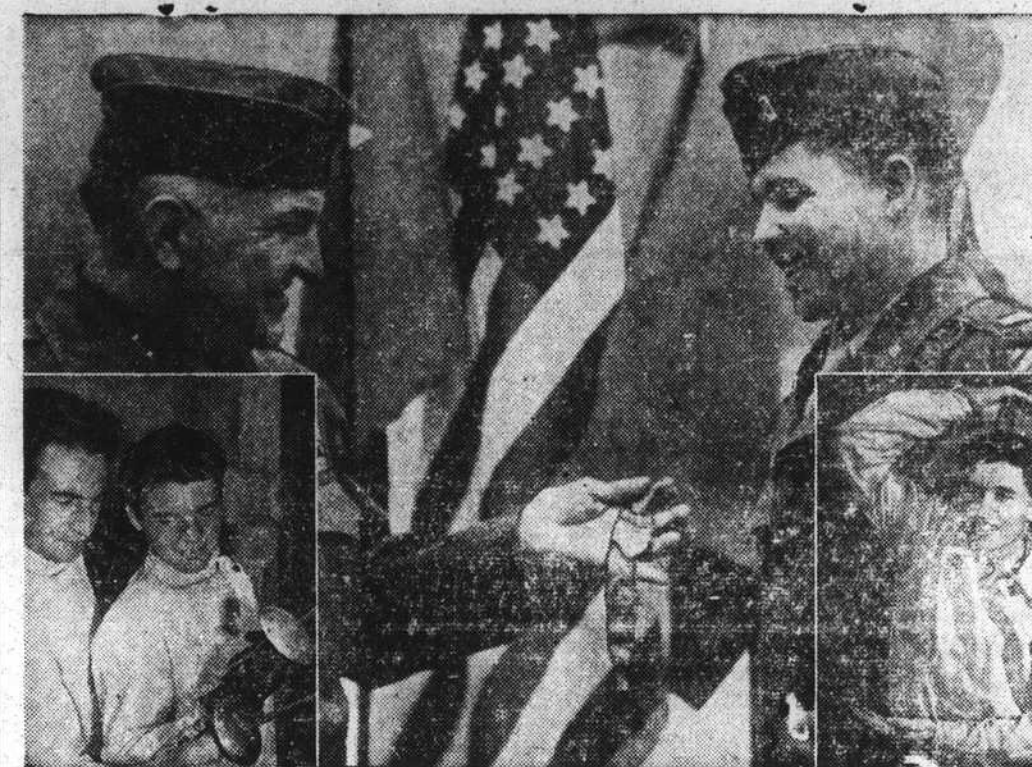
Poe was taken to the county jail and later released on \$300 bond. A hearing will be held Saturday before B. F. Wagoner, Poe being charged with drunken driving.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Preston were en route to a funeral in Parrisburg, W. Va., and were taken there by a taxi later Monday.

Drive Contest Winners Given

Winners in the school contest in the March of Dimes drive just completed have been announced this week by Mrs. Ruth J. Choate, county chairman. In the elementary grades, Miss Iva Zell Taylor's room was winner with Mrs. Rebecca Choate's fifth grade room as runner up. In the high school, Miss Minnie Lou Edwards' eleventh grade room collected the largest sum of money for the drive. Pictures of "Blue Boy" were awarded winners.

War Hero Is Now Training To Be A Movie Star



Audie L. Murphy, 23, Kingston, Texas, came out of World War II with the title of the most decorated GI. His gallantry won for him the Congressional Medal of Honor, three Purple Hearts, two Silver Stars, the Legion of Merit and the Croix de Guerre and nine other decorations. Here he is shown receiving the Congressional Medal of Honor—and his present occupation, training to be a movie star.

Another County Still Raided By Sheriff Thursday

100-Gallon Double-Boiler In Operation When Found By Richardson Deputies

Sheriff Glenn D. Richardson and deputies made another raid on one of Alleghany county's stills last Thursday.

The double-boiler 100-gallon still, located in the Cherry Lane township on Bull Head Mountain, was in operation when the sheriff and his deputies arrived on the scene.

Approximately 1200 pounds of chop were captured and 1500 gallons of beer destroyed, the sheriff stated.

One of the operators was captured and will be tried at the spring term of Superior court. The other operator escaped, however.

This is one of the many raids made here in the county by Sheriff Richardson since he began his tenure, and is evidence that the county is being rid permanently of the stills.

Alleghany Men Are Discharged

Three more Alleghany county men were honorably discharged from the U. S. Army and have reported to the local draft board, Sam L. Davis, local clerk, stated this week.

Those discharged were Odell C. Smith, of Enrice; Thomas Jackson Andrews, of Whitehead; and Louis Brinegar, of Sparta.

rites Held Monday For Kennedy Infant

Funeral service and burial rites were held at the Mt. Carmel cemetery for Julia Ann Kennedy, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mac Dale Kennedy, of Sparta on February 7. The infant succumbed a few hours after birth.

Week Of Cold Weather Here

After a week of bitter cold weather throughout the county, the temperature arose into the thirties for the first time, yesterday. More snow predicted by those claiming to be weather prophets, Wednesday, failed to materialize. During the past week the mercury hovered so near zero for so long that a number of water pipes were frozen as well as automobiles. In addition to the temperature, which dropped as low as 4 degrees below zero in some sections, snow blizzards also added to the uncomfortable weather. So welcome was the sunshine today that it received almost as much favorable comment as if it were unusual.

Bill Introduced By Rep. Ervin Regarding Allowance Of County Sheriff, Ratified

Valentine's Day Popular; Many Cards Are Sold

Schools And Other Groups As Well As Individuals Observe Day

There is perhaps no holiday more popular among the younger folks than St. Valentine's Day. Those of Alleghany are no exceptions. School girls and boys have been busy for days selecting valentines, making them and then deciding to whom they will be sent. In many of the school rooms there will be held the opening of the traditional valentine boxes. Others will have parties and all in all there will be few who do not take some notice of the day.

From the large number of valentines sold there are going to be exchanges among the youth of the county.

But those lacy cards and red heart-shaped boxes of candy sent on Valentine's Day have nothing to do with St. Valentine, according to Britannica Junior, the encyclopedia.

Members of the local scout troop will journey to Elkin Saturday morning for a special field day program at the Gilvin Roth Memorial Y. M. C. A.

A special program including a rally, weiner roast and moving pictures has been planned for the group. The program will begin at 10:30 o'clock.

The troop will be accompanied by H. E. Singletary, acting scout master.

Scout Troop To Go To Elkin, Sat.

A. C. E. TO SPONSOR GRAND OLE OPRY SHOW

A show will be given at the Alleghany courthouse in Sparta on February 18, at 7:30 p. m. it was announced here this week.

Robert Lunn, the talking blues artist, will be featured with his WSM Grand Ole Opry gang, from Nashville, Tenn. The show is being sponsored by the American Confederation of Enlisted Men. A small admission fee will be charged.

Health slides were shown at the school last week by Dr. Robert King, Jr., health officer, and plans are being made for future pictures.

Vets Wanting To Take Farm Training Must Enroll Now

Alleghany County veterans of World War II, who desire to take co-operative farm training under provisions of Public Law 346 (the G. I. Bill), must be enrolled for instruction by a vocational agricultural teacher prior to March 1, 1947, in order to receive tuition and subsistence allowance payments under the Veterans Administration training program, Gene R. Irwin, county service officer announced this week. Veterans not enrolled by the end of February cannot enter the farm training program until 1948, as new procedures require all enrollments to be made during January and February of each year in the future. This means that farm training—a co-operative program of organized instruction and actual on-farm training—will always start at the beginning of the crop year. "There are already some 8,000 veterans in the state taking farm training. They, and others entering before the new deadline, will have teachers and VA agricultural training officers. Evidence of satisfactory progress will be required to permit continuance of subsistence allowances at that time."

LION'S CLUB WILL MEET TUES. NIGHT

The regular meeting of the Sparta Lion's club will be held Tuesday night, February 18, at the Shell Cafe, Roy Ellison, president, announced yesterday. All members are urged to be present.

AAA Community Commiteemen Are Making Plans

More Than Half Of Farmers In County Now Signed Up For 1947 Plans

AAA community commiteemen, now working with the farmers of the county report that approximately half the farmers of the county have signed plans for 1947 practices. The others are expected to be contacted this month, and have their plans completed. It was pointed out that all farmers who expect to participate in the 1947 AAA program must execute a farm plan by March 1.

Attention was called to the fact that Saturday, February 15 is the last day for making 1946 reports on lime and phosphate received for that year.

For the convenience of the farmers who have not made their 1947 plans, the list of community commiteemen serving them is published here:

Cherry Lane—Chairman, Lester Woodruff; vice-chairman, Burt Crouse; regular member, H. J. Spicer.

Cranberry—Chairman, Robert Joines; vice-chairman, Charlie Roberts; regular member, Major Mabe.

Sparta — Chairman, Champ Duncan; vice-chairman, Arol C. Choate; regular member, Parley Truitt.

Twin Oaks—Chairman, G. C. Reeves; vice-chairman, C. G. Fender; regular member, L. C. Hampton.

Wolf Branch — Chairman, Arthur Gambill; vice-chairman, Elmer Edwards; regular member, Robert Taylor.

Barrett — Chairman, Lonnie Davis; vice-chairman, Hurst Higgins; regular member, James Wagoner.

Blevins X Roads — Chairman, W. C. Evans; vice-chairman, . . .

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Turkey Knob—Chairman, R. T. Landreth; vice-chairman, Harry Young; regular member, Fred H. Brown.

New Hope — Chairman, D. J. Jones; vice-chairman, F. G. Weaver; regular member, E. K. Templeton.

Stratford — Chairman, George Finney; vice-chairman, C. E. Edwards; regular member, C. G. Mitchell.

Whitehead — Chairman, Ralph Joines, vice-chairman, Lonnie Edwards; regular member, Mack C. Edwards.

School Secures New Equipment

Sixteen Millimeter Projector To Be Added To Vocational Department

Among the new equipment secured for the vocational department at Sparta high school is a sixteen millimeter sound movie projector, Ralph Cheek, vocational teacher, stated this week.

Blackout shades have already arrived and have been put up and the projector is expected to arrive in the next few weeks, it was stated.

In connection with the farm training program, approximately \$900 worth of equipment has been secured for the department, it was stated.

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Former County Woman Passes

News has been received here this month of the death of Mrs. Nannie Bowman, former Laurel Springs resident, who succumbed at her home at Germantown. She had been ill for several months, it was reported and death was not expected.

Last rites were conducted at Germantown Methodist church and interment was in the church cemetery.

Survivors are her husband and two sons; twin brothers, Will Wagoner, of Washington, D. C., and Carey Wagoner, of Piney Creek; and her mother, Mrs. Florence Wagoner Pruitt, of Laurel Springs.