

Red Cross Campaign Fund Drive Opens Saturday

House Would Outlaw Closed Shops In State

Many Liquor Bills Before Body; Cherokee Bill Turned Down

By Staff Writer
Raleigh—(Special)—With a definite affirmative vote, the house of representatives Tuesday passed and sent to the senate a bill to outlaw the closed shop in North Carolina.

The vote followed more than two hours of debate during which opponents of the measure pleaded that the record of labor in North Carolina "does not warrant this slap in its face."

Other opponents asserted that the bill would have no effect on the great majority of North Carolina industries and hence would be "nothing but an idle gesture."

29 Proposed Liquor Laws
The perennial row over liquor has resulted in introduction in the general assembly of 29 proposed laws.

The bills range from one offered by Senator George Penny of Guilford calling for a state-wide referendum on the prohibition question to one sent forward by the Wake delegation providing for a referendum in Middle Creek township in Wake on the sale of wine and beer.

A public hearing on the proposed state-wide referendum has been scheduled for March 4 and 5 by the joint finance committee. Prior to the hearing, a bill similar to the Penny measure probably will be introduced in the house.

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Cherokee Bill Doomed
Opposition resulted in an unfavorable senate committee report for Rep. Dan Tompkins' resolution memorializing congress to emancipate the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

The senate education committee voted an unfavorable report after 10 Indians from the Cherokee reservation voiced their protest at an hour-and-half hearing. Senator Parker arranged for the public hearing and made the motion for the unfavorable report. Only Swain's Senator Baxter Jones voted against the Parker motion.

Truck Hearing Started
The joint utilities commission opened this week the first in a series of hearings on a bill to rewrite the truck laws and define, classify and regulate motor carriers.

Chief opposition to the measure (Continued on Page 4)

Walls Arrested On Liquor Charge

Edison Evans Being Held In County Jail On Charge Of Non-Support

James Walls, of Sparta, was arrested last Wednesday on a charge of possession of whiskey in connection with a still located in the Head Mountain section. Sheriff Glenn Richardson and his deputies destroyed the 50-gallon still and 1,000 gallons of beer near his home near Cherry Lane, last week.

Walls was released under \$300 bond and will be tried at the April term of Superior court.

Edison Evans, of Cherry Lane, is being held in the Alleghany county jail on the charge of non-support. Evans was confined to the jail Tuesday. A hearing has as yet not been set.

PEGGY ESTEP DIES IN MOBILE, ALABAMA

News was received here this week of the death of Peggy Estep, three-year old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John H. Estep, of Mobile, Alabama. Peggy succumbed at her home on February 15 as a result of acute leukemia. She had only been ill for a short time, it was reported.

County Has Week Of Severe Winter Weather And Snow

ISSUES PROCLAMATION



President Harry Truman, who has officially proclaimed March as Red Cross Month.

Lunchroom To Be Continued At Sparta H. S.

Other County Schools Also To Continue Operating At Increased Prices

As of next month, school lunchrooms throughout the county, as well as throughout the state, will be on their own. Miss Clyde Fields, county school superintendent, reminded the public this week that the federal funds which have been used for operating the county's lunchrooms will be exhausted the early part of March. School units will have to now assume full responsibility for their own lunchrooms, she pointed out.

Alleghany county schools are planning to continue to serve (Continued on Page 4)

Name Committee For Merchants

At a meeting of a group of the majority of the merchants of Sparta last week it was decided to name a committee to pass on our solicitations, contributions and special advertising promotions not in local publications. Before making a canvass of the town an individual organization is expected to get the approval of the committee, it was pointed out.

Members of the committee are Kerns Wagoner, chairman, C. R. Roe, Bill Sprinkle, Wade Choate, and Judy Womble.

Rep. C. W. Ervin Writes Of Visit To School For The Blind

By C. W. Ervin
I visited a school in Raleigh last week. I never saw a school like that before. The boys and girls read with their fingers. I tried to read the school books, but I couldn't read with my fingers. They can read without books. They look at the work over their fingers. They play many games, but we saw some of the high school boys and girls. They play around the ring. When they are loose hands some times, they couldn't find the girl's hair again, but she could always find his hand. They called it folk dancing.

Travel Badly Hampered; Schools Are Closed; Few Accidents Reported

Following snow which started a week ago Wednesday morning, Alleghany has experienced a week of bitter winter weather, with the temperature dropping to as low as two degrees above zero and scarcely rising to as high as thirty. Added to the low temperature has been daily snow blizzards. As a result many of the county roads are still impassable and some sections of the main highways are covered with ice and snow.

An official reading of the measurement of the snow, which fell Wednesday a week ago, was nine and one-half inches, and with the low temperature much of this still remains on the ground. Slight blizzards almost every day since then have added some to the original snowfall which has been whipped by winds to leave some spots totally bare and to drift as much as eight feet in others.

Schools closed last Wednesday but expect to reopen Monday. (Continued on Page 4)

County Schools To Re-open Mon. Roads Blocked

County Roads Buses Show For

Alleghany county schools will re-open Monday provided weather conditions do not become worse and the county roads are cleared. Miss Clyde Fields, county school superintendent, stated this week. Ross Richardson, State highway supervisor, hopes to have all county roads cleared by Monday, it was pointed out.

Schools have remained closed since last Thursday and it was thought that they could be reopened today, however, the roads are still icy and drifts prevent safe travel.

Principals, teachers and students are asked to listen to news broadcasts over WBT, Charlotte, and the Galax station in case there should be any change in plans.

4-H Club County Meet Postponed

The meeting of the 4-H club county council which was to have been held at the community building, Saturday, has been postponed, John Burch, assistant county agent, stated yesterday.

The date will be announced later. The meeting was to have been held especially to name officers of the council. (Continued on Page 8)

The Red Cross Is On The Job Serving Veterans



During the fiscal year the Red Cross expects to spend \$80,000,000 in behalf of servicemen at home and abroad and for veterans and their families. This service merits your generous support.

Special Appeal For Red Cross Is Made By Irwin

County Chairman Of Drive Asks The Support Of Every Citizen Of Alleghany

Carl Irwin, chairman of the Red Cross Campaign Fund Drive yesterday issued the following statement urging the support of

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Farmers Must Complete Plans Before March 8

Alleghany farmers who have not already signed plans in connection with the AAA program for this year are reminded that these plans must be completed before March 8, if they are to participate in the payment program which offers \$52,000.00 in improved farm practices.

Post Office In New Quarters

The Sparta Post Office moved into its new quarters over the week end and is now located in the new building on South Whitehead Street recently completed by Higgins, Joines and Cheek. The REA office is to be moved to the building formerly occupied by the post office, next to the Northwestern Bank.

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Lions Club To Meet Tues. Night

The regular meeting of the Lions club will be held at the Shell Cafe, Tuesday night, March 4, Roy Ellison, president, announced.

Alleghany Boys And Girls To Celebrate 4-H Club Week

March 1-9 will be celebrated by the boys and girls in the 4-H Clubs in Alleghany county along with the rest of the country.

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Need Is Great; Cooperation Of Everyone Asked

Township Chairmen To Meet Drive Chairman Carl Irwin Friday Night

Alleghany county's Red Cross Campaign Fund Drive will officially open on Saturday, March 1, with Carl Irwin as drive chairman.

The county's quota has been set at \$300, and the cooperation of everyone is asked in raising this. The quota has been broken down and divided among the various townships and their chairmen. All of these chairmen are to meet at Twin Oaks at 8:00 o'clock on Friday to secure supplies and to discuss further plans for the drive.

The various chairmen and their respective quotas are as follows:

E. J. Pugh, Chanberry, \$50.00; Mrs. Dan Jones, Prather's Creek, \$40; Mack Woodie, Piney Creek, \$70; Bill Sprinkle, Gap Civil, \$100; I. W. Wagoner, Glade Creek, \$70; Ralph Gentry, Cherry Lane, \$30; Mrs. Ethelne Richardson, Whitehead, \$30.

Attention is called to the fact that 65 per cent of the funds raised remain in the local chapter to take care of the necessary work here. The remainder goes into the national headquarters fund.

"Because of the wonderful service the Red Cross has rendered and is still rendering I feel that we will have no trouble in raising our quota," Chairman Irwin said. A special appeal from Chairman Irwin is published elsewhere in this paper today.

Sparta Wins At

Girls Defeat Franklin In Their Opening Game In Tournament

The Sparta girls turned back the Franklin lassies 36-26 in the opening game last night at Elkin in the Yadkin Valley Conference. Andrews and Osborne set the pace for the local girls' team, scoring 13 and 12 points. Mitchell, the other local forward, scored nine points.

On the Sparta line up were Andrews, Mitchell, Osborne, Bennett, Cox and E. Mitchell and substituting was Woodleaf.

Tuesday and Thursday scheduled games for both of Sparta's high school teams against Mt. Airy and Flat Rock were cancelled due to the snow. Sparta girls were also scheduled to play Stanley last Thursday in the tournament at Barium Springs but had to forfeit the game as they were unable to reach their destination due to the snow and ice on the highways.

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Mrs. Miller was born June 9, 1881 and was married to Robbins Miller December 25, 1907. Mrs. Miller was a member of the Primitive Baptist church at Meadow Fork, having joined some 30 years ago.

Surviving are the following children: Mrs. Ira M. Valentine, of Atlanta, Ga.; Glenn Miller, of Sparta; Nancy Miller, of Radford, Va.; Claude, John S. and Bill, of Baltimore, Md.; Reba Miller, of Atlanta, Ga.; and Sam Miller, of Laurel Springs. Also surviving is one sister, Mrs. Dan Shumate, of Abshers, and three brothers, Hillary Joines, Stewardstown, Pa.; Hardin Joines, of Halls Mill; and Mayor Joines, of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and six grandchildren.

Mrs. John Mack Miles is expected to return today from Greensboro where she has been undergoing treatment in a hospital there. (Continued on Page 4)