

RED CROSS DRIVE NEARS QUOTA

Sparta Now Faced With Critical Water Shortage

Longer Pipes Are Necessary For Town Well

Cooperation Is Asked Until Situation Can Be Remedied; Schools Hampered

The old adage, "You never miss the water until the well runs dry," has come home to the people of Sparta during the past few days, since there has been an acute shortage of water, with the well literally almost dry.

According to information available the water reached a low level in the well before the shortage was discovered. And town officials are now making an effort to correct the situation as early as possible. In the meantime the cooperation of everyone is asked in using as little water as possible.

Work started on the well this week revealed that the supply in the well is so low that the present pipe lines do not extend below the water level far enough to draw a minimum amount of water from the well. Plans are now underway to lower the pipe lines as soon as the necessary material can be secured.

The shortage of water has handicapped business as well as (Continued on page 8)

R. K. Fortner Buried On Wed.

Succumbed At Waddell Hospital In Galax On Monday After Few Week's Illness

Funeral services for Richard K. Fortner, 70-year old Sparta resident, was held yesterday afternoon at two o'clock at the Pleasant Home church at Vox. Officiating were Elders Shade G. Caudill and Edd Douglas. Interment was in the Nichols cemetery. Mr. Fortner succumbed at the Waddell hospital in Galax on Monday after a few weeks illness. He had been undergoing treatment there for ten days before his death.

The son of the late Elizabeth Murphy Fortner and Patrick Fortner, he was a native of Yadkin county. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nannie Fortner and the following children: Edgar and Oscar, of Bel Air, Md.; Arthur, of North Brook, Pa.; Mrs. Vergie James, of Lanaloe, Iowa; Glenn, of Galax and Mrs. Hattie McLean and Mrs. Grace Brown, both of Sparta. Four sisters, Mrs. Tank Lowe, of Glade Valley, Mrs. Dave Higgins and Mrs. Sarah Andrews, of Ennice, and Mrs. Jesse Johnson, of Bluefield, W. Va., also survive.

Honor Roll Is Announced This Week For Sparta High School

The honor roll for the sixth quarter at Sparta high school has been announced this week by Ray H. Walker, principal. One hundred and twenty-five students made honor grades. Those on the honor roll included:

First grades: George Ed Farmer, Joe Thomas Hampton, Gracen Lucas, Homer Miles, Barbara Sue Busic, Betty Lou Busic, Lois Edwards, Patsy Miles, Hazel Woodruff, Mary Jane Sturdivant, Charles Hoppers, Dale Poole, Rose Marie Andrews, Shirley Andrews, Lorene Roberts, Rose Crouse.

Second grades: David Duncan, Robert Fox, Joe Thomas Irwin, Terry Johnson, Ralph Poole, David Truitt, Page Truitt, Dorman Wooten, Elizabeth Barton, Marian Cheek, Alice Crouse, Edna Jones, Peggy Miles, Lewis Porter.

Third grades: Walter Lee Hampton, Harley Walker, Bobby Busic, Bobbie Johnson, Patsy Roy Hill, Mary Franklin Crouse, Alma Jo Dutton, Stella Flo Dutton, Cornelia Richardson, Betty Ann Rector.

Fourth grades: Susie Sturdivant, Marion Allison, Hoyt Sparks, Ann Thompson, Jane Duncan, Doris Ann Blevins, Sally Quinn, Eleanor Ward, Victoria Crouse, Frances Crouse, Harold Hoppers, Shirley Ann Billings.

1350 Farmers Have Signed Plans For Improved Practices

Health Measure Given Approval By N. C. Solons

Would Match Federal Funds For Permanent Improvement In Program

By Staff Writer Raleigh—(Special)—The \$48,000,000 permanent improvements bill, carrying with it an appropriation to be matched with Federal funds for the establishment of a teaching hospital, nurses home and four-year medical school at the University of North Carolina, roared through the House Tuesday and went to the Senate.

The House had its busiest day of the session. It met at noon to pass the permanent improvements appropriations and other measures, and then held another session at 4 p. m. Finally, wearied after its long deliberations, the House adjourned just before it was scheduled to begin consideration of bills to prohibit the sale of wine in 17 counties and regulation of beer in those and six other counties.

The bills, which are expected to cause extended debate, probably will be considered when the House meets again at 11 a. m. today.

Amendments Rejected The permanent improvements bill swept by without an opposing voice after three amendments were voted down. Representative Hardison of Craven would have provided that the hospital-medical school could not be started until the Medical Care Commission's good health program of (Continued on Page 4)

Clinic Will Be Held Here Tues.

A pre-school clinic will be held Tuesday, April 1 at the Sparta high school by the Alleghany county health department, it was announced this week.

This clinic is to provide examinations and vaccinations for children who enter school for the first time next fall. Parents are asked to have their children there at that time.

1947 Plans Call For Approximately \$160,800 In Various Activities

According to reports received yesterday from Herbert Osborne chairman of the AAA committee, a total of 1350 Alleghany farmers have signed plans to cooperate with the program this year in a large number of improved farm practices.

It was explained that the allotment for AAA practices for the county at the present is \$52,800.00; but there is a chance to get this increased since the practices the farmers have signed for total \$160,800.00 it was stated.

A break-down of the total farm plans signed by the farmers shows that they are interested in many of the practices. The total of value various practices signed for is as follows:

Lime, AAA, 4,255 tons valued at \$11,701.00; lime, COM., 16,555 tons at \$45,526.00; phosphate, AAA, 51,260 100 lb. bags valued at \$48,184.00; phosphate, COM., 16,478 lbs. at \$15,489.00; potash, AAA, 171 100 lb bags valued at \$273.00; winter cover crops, 18,684 lbs. of crimson clover valued at \$2,802.00; vetch, 1460 lbs. (Continued on Page 4)

Cool Spring Arrives Here

Spring came in with a breeze that literally became a whirlwind, Friday and Saturday.

Sunday was a typical Spring day, but winds blew again on Monday, followed by rains and thunderstorms. Early Tuesday morning the snow started falling and continued throughout most of the day as well as into the night.

The strong wind together with the blowing snow made driving hazardous.

Yesterday morning the temperature dropped to a low of sixteen degrees above zero, bringing out winter coats again.

And as a climax to this seige of winter weather snow fell in earnest again today. This measured nearly three inches at noon. Most people predicted winter weather until after Easter.

Sparta Girls Make Good Record This Season



Shown above are members of the Sparta girls' basketball team who recently won the Yadkin Valley tournament at Elkin. The girls have made an exceptionally good record this season. Reading from left to right are: Front row, Uptie Andrews, Mabel Osborne, Tommy Sue Moxley, Annie Blanche Pugh, Mary Ruth Miller and Annie Sue Bennett; back row, Evelyn Mitchell, Ellen Woodruff, Clarice Mitchell, Jane Bledsoe, Johnnie Cox and Juanita Spicer.

Thieves Break And Enter Two County Stores

Canned Goods And \$50 In Cash Stolen; No Arrests Have Been Made

Two stores at Whitehead were raided by thieves within a week's time. The store owned by Carl Edwards was entered by thieves about midnight, Monday night. They gained entrance by breaking the glass in the front window. Approximately \$50 in cash was stolen as well as two cases of canned goods and a box of candy bars. Sheriff Glenn Richardson investigated and although several clues were uncovered, no arrests have been made as yet.

The grocery and feed store, owned by Letcher Edwards, was broken into Tuesday of last week, but was not reported to local officers until late Wednesday night. The thieves pried the hinges off the door of the feed room. A large package of garden seed was taken and later abandoned on the highway near by. A case of canned goods was also stolen. No money was found by the robbers. No arrests have been made in connection with the breaking and entering, local officers stated.

Dairy Meeting Is Planned For Farmers Interested In Producing Grade A Milk

Glenn Nichols Again Named As Wildlife Pres.

Other Officers Elected At Dinner Meeting Held Here Saturday Night

G. Glenn Nichols was re-elected president of the Alleghany Wildlife Club at the dinner meeting at the community building last Saturday night. Paul Miles was named vice-president to succeed D. F. Sturdivant and Albert Richardson was named secretary and treasurer.

Present at the meeting in addition to the forty members, were D. T. Bryan, county game warden, and Walter Hampton, warden from Independence, Va. During the meeting, it was stated that the Virginia authorities would recognize the North Carolina hunting licenses in the territory where the two lines connect and that N. C. wardens would recognize Virginia licenses. (Continued on page 8)

All Reports Are To Be Turned In Before March 31

Total Of \$348.00 Reported; Want To Conclude Drive This Month

With \$348.00 reported yesterday, Alleghany county is nearing its Red Cross Campaign Drive quota of \$390.00, but there are still a number of Township chairmen that have not completed their collections and reports, drive chairman, Carl Irwin said, yesterday.

Chairman Irwin said that he hoped that all workers would complete their collections and turn them in immediately since the drive is to officially close on March 31.

Mr. Irwin said there were three townships that were over the top in their quotas including the following: Gap Civil, \$120.00, Bill Sprinkle chairman; Glade Creek, \$90, I. W. Wagoner, chairman; Cranberry, \$38.00, E. J. Pugh, chairman.

He reported the following from other townships: Prather's Creek, \$27.50, Mrs. Dan Jones, chairman; Whitehead, \$30.00 Ethelva Rich- (Continued on page 8)

Still Destroyed Near Stone Mt.

Sheriff And Deputies Make Arrests On Assault And Drunkenness Charges

Another Alleghany county still was raided by the sheriff and his deputies near Stone Mountain last Wednesday evening when a 50-gallon boiler and still were destroyed. Sheriff Glenn D. Richardson reported that the still, looked to be comparatively new, and one run has already been made. Approximately 600 gallons of beer were destroyed. The operators have not as yet been discovered, local officers reported.

Several arrests were also made this week on minor charges, it was reported. Elgin Atwood, of Sparta, was arrested Saturday on an assault charge and was released on \$100 bond pending a hearing before B. F. Wagoner on April 19. Atwood was arrested by the sheriff following a warrant issued by Clint Combs, of Sparta, who reported that Atwood struck him after he had ordered him to leave his house.

Garnet Todd, of Ennice, was arrested Tuesday night by Deputy-sheriff Wade Hoppers, on the charge of public drunkenness. He was fined \$10 and costs before Sam Brown, justice of the peace.

To End Basketball Season Here Next Wednesday Night



Shown above are members of the Sparta boys' team who will meet Flat Rock here, Wednesday night. Reading from left to right are: Front row, Jimmy Davis, J. D. Smith, Bobby Joe Edwards, Carl Gentry, James Douglas and Coach Joe Bill Reed; second row, Boyden Atwood, Tom Hoover, Bill Reeves, J. M. Bennett and Cairy Caudill; third row, Jack Osborne and Willard Moxley.

Intramural Games Postponed; To Begin New Schedule, Tues.

J. H. Armbrust To Preach Sun.

Rev. J. H. Armbrust, district superintendent, will preach Sunday at the Chestnut Hill church at three o'clock, at the quarterly conference meeting, it was announced this week by Rev. William C. Crummett, pastor of the Laurel Springs charge. The public is cordially invited to attend.

To Study Farm Water Supplies

A special meeting on farm water systems will be held April 9 at 10:00 a. m. at the community building here when Elmer Daniel, representing the T. V. A., and Miss Pauline E. Gordon, Specialist in home management and house furnishings, will be here. All interested citizens are cordially invited to attend.

Due to the absences of players, the intramural tournament, sponsored by the Monogram club of Sparta high school, scheduled to begin yesterday, has been postponed until Tuesday, April 1, it was announced this week.

The new schedule is as follows: Tuesday, 2:10 p. m., eighth grade vs. ninth grade girls; 2:40 p. m., tenth grade boys vs. eleventh grade boys.

Wednesday, 2:10 p. m., tenth grade girls vs. eleventh grade girls; 2:40, eighth grade boys vs. ninth grade boys.

Thursday, 2:10 p. m., winner of eighth and ninth grade girls' game vs. twelfth grade girls; 2:40 p. m., winner of eighth and ninth grade boys' game vs. twelfth grade boys.

Winners of the girls' games Wednesday and Thursday will play in the finals at 1:30 p. m. Friday as will winners of the Tuesday and Thursday boys' game, at 1:30 p. m.

An admission will be charged, the proceeds of which will go towards buying new athletic equipment for the school.