

SUPERIOR COURT OPENS MONDAY

2 File For Mayor And 10 For Town Board Of Sparta

Election Is Set For May 6;
A Total Of 317 Voters
Are Registered

Only two candidates remained in the race for mayor when the books were closed here on Friday, G. Glenn Nichols and S. W. Brown. R. J. Randolph withdrew his name.

Those who have filed for membership on the town council are the following ten men: Beal Poole, Charles R. Roe, Dr. N. D. Fox, C. C. Castevens, Ben G. Reeves, D. C. Bledsoe, C. A. Miles, Dr. P. L. Choate, J. B. Reed and J. D. Higgins.

G. Glenn Nichols, registrar, reported that around 300 of the 317 voters are expected to cast their votes in the election, May 6.

Mrs. Thompson Is P.-T. A. Pres.

Succeeds Ralph Gentry; Officers
To Be Installed At
Next Meeting

Mrs. C. A. Thompson was named president of the Sparta Parent-Teachers Association to succeed Ralph Gentry at the meeting held at the school, Tuesday night.

Named to serve with Mrs. Thompson for the coming year were Albert Richardson, vice president; Mrs. R. Floyd Crouse, secretary; and Robert Allison, Treasurer. The officers will be installed at the next and last meeting of the association to be held at the school, Tuesday night.

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May 20 Is Last Day For Clinics

The remainder of the schedule of the pre-school clinics being conducted in the county for children who plan to enter school next fall is as follows:

Wolf Branch and Pine Swamp, April 29; Cherry Lane and Glade Valley, May 6; New Hope and Stratford, May 13 and Little Pine, May 20.

Dr. R. R. King, Jr., district health officer, asked that the parents cooperate in getting their children to these clinics.

ELDER C. D. HALL TO PREACH MAY 4

Elder C. D. Hall will conduct the service at the Beaver Creek Primitive Baptist church on Sunday, May 4, at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced this week.

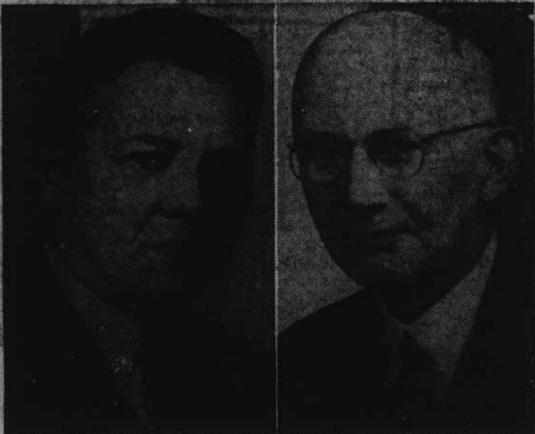
The public is cordially invited to attend.

Eugene Fender Now With F. B. I.

Eugene C. Fender, of Knoxville, Tennessee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fender, of Whitehead, has been selected as a special investigator to train police officers in various cities in Eastern United States, it was learned here this week.

Mr. Fender was appointed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and he is now undergoing special training in Washington, D. C. Mr. Fender is also a fingerprinting expert, it was learned.

Henderson Medal Winners



Dr. Lars O. Grondahl, left, research director, Pittsburgh, and Sedgwick N. Wight, Rochester, N. Y., who have been awarded the George R. Henderson medals of The Franklin Institute for outstanding engineering development. Grondahl developed a practical system of inductive train communication. Wight invented and developed major railroad signaling system contributing to the safety, speed and reliability.

To Expand Turkish Tobacco Experiment; Officials Make Survey Of Progress In County

33 Farmers In Alleghany And
Ashe To Cooperate In
Growing Leaf

The experimental efforts in the growing of Turkish tobacco which were started in this county last year have proven successful. Officials have been making a survey of the prospects for the crop this year. They report that a large percentage of the plant beds were seeded the latter part of March and plants are coming up in these beds.

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FARMERS LIKE PROJECT

The survey reveals that a large majority of farmers who grew Turkish tobacco last year are doing so again as they like its production. This year, in addition to experiments being carried on in Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga, Wilkes, and Caldwell counties, an experiment will also be started in Burke and Alexander, it was learned this week. Other counties in which the experiment

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War Relief Film Will Be Shown

"Seeds Of Destiny" To Be
Shown At Sparta Baptist
Church, Lions Club

The motion picture "Seeds of Destiny," which won the Academy Award for documentary films produced in 1946 will be shown here in Sparta, Rev. F. G. Walker, chairman of the relief clothing drive now underway, stated this week.

The movie will first be shown at the Sparta Baptist church, Sunday, May 4 at 7:30 o'clock and will later be shown on May 6 at the Lions club meeting at 8:00 o'clock at the community building.

This picture is reported to be the most graphic and accurate film yet produced showing the

Wildlife Club To Meet Fri. Night

Members of the Alleghany Wildlife club are reminded that the meeting will be held tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock at the community building when a moving picture on Wildlife and Soil Conservation will be shown.

Since sportsmen are now enjoying fishing season, it was stated that the club hoped to have several fishermen join as well as other interested persons. All members are urged by President G. Glenn Nichols to attend.

Farrington In County Jail; Chief Taylor Arrests Others

George Farrington, of Whitehead, allegedly reported to have been critically ill in the Wilkes hospital, is now being held in the county jail here on the charges of forgery, issuing bad checks and for forfeiture of bond, pending trial in superior court next week.

Farrington was released on \$100 bond last week following an arrest by Chief of Police C. Brant Taylor, on the charge of issuing bad checks. He was ordered to appear before Justice Nichols last Saturday but was reported to have been critically injured by a hit and run driver on the Parkway last Sunday. Farrington, however, was apprehended Monday morning about 10:00 o'clock by Chief Taylor, when it was learned that Farrington was not injured and had planned to leave the county on route to Ohio. Farrington had been slightly in-

jured when he was thrown from a car in which he was passenger and suffered several bruises and cuts about his person.

Clarence Caudill, of Sparta, was released on \$250 bond following an arrest by Chief Taylor, Saturday night, on the charges of non-support and public drunkenness. A hearing will be held Friday before B. F. Wagoner, justice.

Holton Taylor, of Laurel Springs, was arrested Saturday night by Chief Taylor on the charges of breaking and entering, carrying a pistol and public drunkenness. In a hearing before B. F. Wagoner, he was sentenced to 30 days on the roads for public drunkenness and the case was waived to court on the other two charges.

Sheriff Glenn D. Richardson, Chief Taylor and Deputy-Sheriff (Continued on Page 4)

Dr. Burgiss To Be Installed As Pharmacy Pres.

Succeeds E. C. Daniels, Of
Zebulon, As Pharma-
ceutical Head

Dr. T. Roy Burgiss, incoming president of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical association, will attend the annual meetings to be held in Charlotte next week.

The association will begin its meetings Sunday night and will continue through Wednesday, April 30. Dr. Burgiss will be in charge of the installation of the following officers: T. G. Crutchfield, of Greensboro, first vice president; J. C. Jackson, of Lumberton, second vice president; W. A. Ward, of Swannanoa, third vice president; and E. C. Daniel, of Zebulon, the out-going president who will become a member of the executive committee. He will have an active part in various other phases of the meeting.

Dr. Burgiss will be accompanied by Mrs. Burgiss who is scheduled to have a part on the program of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the association. They plan to leave here Tuesday for the meetings.

122 Students At Sparta On Honor Roll This Month

72 Elementary Grade Children
Make Honor Roll;
50 In High School

The honor roll for the seventh month at Sparta high school has been announced this week by Ray H. Walker, principal. A total of 122 students made honor grades, it was pointed out by Mr. Walker.

The honor roll by grades is as follows: first grades—Lorraine Roberts, Shirley Anders, Dale Poole, Rose Crouse, Juanita Todd, Charles Hoppers, Betty Sue Williams, Clayton Fender, Mattie Sue Bumgarner, Ronny Hash, David Blackburn, Tommy Edwards, Barbara Sue Busic, Betty Lou Busie, Lois Edwards, Patsy Miles, Kitty Walker, Mary Jane Sturdivant, Larry Atwood, Jimmy Finney, Joe Thomas Hampton, Gracen Lucas, Homer Miles.

Second grades—David Duncan, Robert Fox, Joe Thomas, Ralph Poole, David Truitt, Page Truitt, Dorman Wooten, Marian Cheek, Alice Crouse, Edna Jones, Peggy (Continued on page 8)

Plan Meetings Of Sheep Growers

A special series of meetings for sheep growers will be held in the county beginning tomorrow, R. E. Black, county agent, stated yesterday. A free movie entitled "The Story of Phenothiazine," which shows how Phenothiazine can be used to control internal parasites of sheep and other types of livestock, will be shown. There will also be discussions on sheep management, marketing and other sheep problems, Mr. Black stated.

The schedule for these meetings is as follows: Friday, 7:30 p. m. at the community building here; Monday, April 28, at 7:30 p. m. at Piney Creek high school; and Tuesday, April 29 at 7:30 p. m. at the Laurel Springs school.

Mr. Black stated that he hoped that as many sheep growers as possible would take advantage of these discussions and the movie.

Swanson Edwards At Welfare Meet

Swanson Edwards, welfare superintendent, will leave Sunday for the three-day meeting of the North Carolina Conference for Social Service to be held at the George-Vanderbilt hotel in Asheville.

The conference is a state-wide meeting for welfare workers and its main theme will be "Social Legislation." The conference will be held through Tuesday.

America's Pioneer Auto Builder



Death came to the famed auto industrialist, Henry Ford at his home in Dearborn, Mich. With Mr. Ford was his ever loyal wife. Born July 30, 1863, he was 83 at the time of his death. He married Clara J. Bryant, daughter of a Greenfield farmer on April 11, 1888. She is shown in center. The present head of the Ford Company, Henry Ford II, is shown at the right.

To Install Machinery For Hay Drying Experiment At Transou Test Farm Soon

Many At Program
At Piney Creek

Appreciation Expressed For
New Seats Installed In
School Auditorium

The 342 opera-type seats just installed in the Piney Creek high school auditorium were all filled Saturday night and some interested patrons had to stand in the aisles when a special musical program was given to show appreciation to the donors of the new auditorium chairs.

Music was furnished by Dale Weaver and the "Alleghany Play Boys." Following the entertainment, refreshments were sold.

John R. Halsey, chairman of the project to secure the seats and a member of the Piney Creek school committee, expressed his appreciation to members of the alumni and friends who so generously gave to make it possible to secure these new seats. It was inadvertently stated last week in (Continued on page 4)

Spring Practice Is Now Underway

Spring practice continues as the members of the Sparta Baseball club swung into action again yesterday on the local field. Practice will be held each Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons beginning at three o'clock, Elgin Edwards, manager stated.

All members of the team, or others who would like to join, are asked to be on the local diamond for practice.

Long Distant Calls Are Still Restricted Because Of Strike

Local telephone users now have the advantage over many others elsewhere during the present strike in which the Central Telephone company is not taking part. In addition to local calls, calls also are uninterrupted over the entire Central system, which means that Mount Airy, West Jefferson, Elkin and North Wilkesboro as well as other points on this line may be reached.

A representative of the local Central office, said that calls were still not being accepted by the Southern Bell System unless they are emergency calls. She pointed out that on average there were around ten of these calls per day handled out of the local office.

The Government started a fresh effort Tuesday to end the 16-day-old telephone strike. U. S. Considers plan a meet-

Experiments In Hay Curing
For This Section Will
Be Carried Out

Plans are being made to install complete, fully equipped hay drying equipment in the Beet Cattle Barn at the Upper Mountain Test Farm, located at the old Transou farm near Laurel Springs, it was announced today by J. A. Graham, superintendent.

This is being made possible by cooperation of J. C. Pierce, Jr., of the Animal Industry Department of State college, F. E. Miller, Director Test Farms, C. M. McCaslan, Agricultural Engineer of the Extension Service, and Gwyn Price, Director of R. E. A. who will furnish all the electrical equipment necessary for the demonstration, it was explained.

In addition to the above, J. M. Johns, of Farmville, Va., Agricultural Representative for the Aerovent Fan Co. and the Bennett-Ireland Co., has agreed to furnish a large Aerovent fan and an Ireland hay hoist for demonstration purposes, Supt. Graham said.

The size of the barn, in which the dryer will be installed is 36-66 feet and will be of slitted floor type. Latest methods will be used and all recommendations by the Dept. of Agricultural Engineering of State College and the United States Dept. of Agriculture will be carried out, it was explained.

"It is hoped that some valuable information will be gained from this important demonstration which will be of great value to the mountain counties in this vicinity for practice." (Continued on Page 8)

Murder, Assault Cases And Others Are Scheduled

Judge J. H. Clement To Pre-
side; Walter Johnston, Jr.,
Is Solicitor

Alleghany county's April term of superior court for the trial of criminal cases will open on Monday with Judge J. H. Clement presiding and Walter E. Johnston, Jr., as solicitor. With 32 cases on the docket, including two charges of murder and two for robbery and assault with firearms with intent to kill, and 11 continued cases, this term of court is expected to last all week.

The cases of Dr. B. O. Choate and S. W. Seagle, both charged with murder in connection with the death of Mrs. Annie Mae Crofts Anderson found dead in the Elkin Hotel last August, are expected to occupy the spotlight. The coroner's jury of Surry county found she came to her death as a result of an abortion alleged to have been performed by Dr. Choate.

Another case expected to attract much attention is that of John (Johnnie) Coy Evans and Odell Granville Evans, charged with robbery and assault with firearms with intent to kill in connection with the robbery and injury of Kelly Williams and his sister, Miss Mae Williams, of the Stratford community. They were robbed and attacked at their home on November 10.

The cases of the State vs. Ray Anderson and B. O. Wagoner, charged with manufacturing liquor are on the docket. Other cases expected to be tried, include Crockett Poe, charged with reckless driving and operating a vehicle under influence of some intoxicant; Walter Collins, alias Tom Harris, charged with forgery; Gilbert Johnson, charged with assault and robbery; Ray Hodge and Minnie Alley, with larceny.

Bennie McMillan is charged with assault and Reece Hanks, with destroying personal property, carrying a concealed weapon and assault. Cameron Musgrove is charged with larceny, and Glenn Shaw with non-sup- (Continued on Page 4)

Play To Be Given At Piney Creek

Entitled "The Green Light,"
To Be Presented Saturday
By Junior Class

The junior class of Piney Creek high school will present a mystery play entitled "The Green Light" at the high school auditorium Saturday, April 26, at eight o'clock.

The play, which has just been released for amateur performances after a long professional run, is expected to be an enjoyable mystery from all reports.

The cast of characters are: Miss Mattie, the sleeper, Wanda Young; Doctor Spaulding, her physician, Howard Richardson; Mary Marston, her niece, Joyce Osborne; Jerome Forrester, her nephew, Billy Halsey; Kitty Carey, a novelist, Leta Foe Woodie; Donald Rhodes, a newspaper reporter, Robert Caudill; Trinka Andersen, a Norwegian maid, Charlene Cox; Aesop, the caretaker, Albert Fugh; Madame Zenda, a mystic, Raline Barr; the phantom spinster, Susie Halsey.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

School Buses To Be Sold April 28

An auction sale will be held Monday, April 28, at one o'clock at the courthouse door here for the purpose of selling old school buses, Miss Clyde Fields, county school superintendent, announced today.

The buses are the ones previously advertised in the News to be sold on the terms of sealed bids to be sent to the superintendent's office, subject to approval by the State Board of Education.

Paul Miller, member of the county schools board, will be in charge of the sale.