

## 75 Graduating From Allegheny County High Schools

### Health Needs Of County Discussed Here Wed. Night

Committee Is Appointed To Make Study; Much Interest Is Shown

At a meeting of a group of interested citizens at the courthouse, last night, a special committee was named to study health needs of Allegheny county and to investigate the possibility of building a health center or small hospital, here. This special committee, composed of Dr. C. A. Thompson, Kemp Doughton and Rev. C. W. Irvin, have been asked to report their findings to the board of commissioners for official action.

Presiding at the meeting was Dr. R. R. King, county health officer, who pointed out that the district health department had no official responsibility for the project but that it was the concern of the people of the county. Wade E. Eller, district sanitarian and Dr. King, in presenting the information, pointed out that the county is already being considered as the site of a health center.

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### Overseas Relief Drive Continued

Clothing, Bedding And Shoes Will Be Collected Through May 31

The drive for overseas relief which was scheduled to end May 31, has been continued until May 31, it was announced by Rev. Henry G. Ruark, state director of the campaign.

Members of the Boy Scout Troop No. 78 made a house-to-house canvass last Saturday in an effort to raise as much as "a pound a person" in bedding, shoes, and clothing. Although the people responded generously, more is needed.

The local churches, schools and the courthouse are all centers for collecting the clothing, and citizens of Sparta and Allegheny county as a whole are asked to use this additional time to send in their contributions.

Gifts of money will also be accepted and may be sent to the local churches, Rev. F. G. Walker, chairman of the drive, here, stated.

### Relief Film Is Shown At C. Of C.

Following the fish fry held at the community building Friday night, members of the Chamber of Commerce were shown the film "Seeds of Destiny," shown in connection with the relief clothing drive now underway in the county.

Rev. C. D. Hutton, of Glade Valley, spoke briefly to the group on the value of education to self. Rev. Mr. Hutton, who had planned to bring a Glade Valley chorus with him and was unable to do so, rendered several special selections of music.

C. W. Ervin, representative, also spoke briefly to the group on highlights of the 1947 Legislature.

### Enrollment Of Schools Is 1900

The total enrollment of the high schools and elementary schools of the county this year is 1900. Of this number 320 are in the high schools and 1580 in the elementary grades. This is an increase over the past year. This increase in enrollment is partially due to the normal increase in population as well as the return of veterans and some families who were away during the war doing war work, officials point out.

In the high schools the girls outnumber the boys with a total of 176 to 144.

They also lead with a small percentage in the elementary grades as well. Here there are 885 girls and 715 boys.

## 135 Veterans "Go Back To School" To Study Farming

Sparta Has 90 And Piney Creek 45; Get Class Work With Practical Training

In addition to the veterans that have come back to school for regular work in the Allegheny county high schools, others have enrolled in the farm training program, one of the many phases of on the job training opportunities offered them under the G. I. bill of rights.

There are 135 young men of the county who, under this program get classroom work along with their practical farming. These training classes are given at both Sparta and Piney Creek high schools in connection with the vocational agriculture departments.

At Sparta there are 90 veterans on the program under the supervision of Ralph Cheek. Special instructors for the program include James A. Graham, who is in charge of the Test Farm at Transou and Roy Ellison, with Herbert Woodruff and Cleve Nichols in shop work.

At Piney Creek there are 45 veterans on the program under the supervision of Ernest Minnich with Dent Pugh and Sidney Pugh as assistants. Here the new projector is used for visual education in connection with the classes.

Reports from the years work reveal that several trainees have already purchased farms, where they are putting into practice what they have learned under the program. A number have carried out special soil conservation practices and have done other improvement work on the farm.

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### HEADS SCHOOLS



Miss Clyde Fields, who is completing her fourth successful year as county superintendent of schools.

### Lunch Program In Schools Has Been Successful

Over 113,000 Meals Are Served During The Current School Year

During the present school year, which is drawing to a close, more than 113,000 meals will have been served in the school lunchrooms, according to reports from the schools. This means that hundreds of children have been better prepared mentally and physically to carry on their school work.

There are now four lunchrooms in operation in Sparta, Piney Creek, Little Pine and Rich Hill. Three of these schools, Sparta, Little Pine and Rich Hill, have bought refrigerators this year. Through the federal aid plan they are receiving some funds for pots, pans, storage bins and some other equipment this year. This

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### Cafes Are Closed By Sanitarian

Sparta's two cafes that were in operation, the bus station and Smithey's cafe operated in connection with the store were closed last Friday by Sanitarian Jack D. Cobb until some changes can be made. The Shell cafe had already been closed by the owner for some repairs. Many week end visitors, including the circus found themselves without an eating place.

Officials at both Smithey's and the bus station said that they planned to be ready for re-opening soon. According to a new ruling the cafes must have three compartment sinks, one for washing, scalding and sterilizing, one of the cafe men pointed out. "We are always happy to comply with the rulings of the health department and know that it is a necessary and useful organization, but we would have appreciated being given a little time to secure a new sink instead of being ordered closed until we can secure one," one operator said.

### County Teachers Met This Morning

The final county-wide teachers meeting for this school year was held this morning, when plans for closing were discussed as well as plans for the 1947-48 school year.

Bus schedules, needed supplies and other problems were discussed by the group. Representative Ervin presented the health needs and discussed the possibilities of a health center and it was presented at the public meeting Wednesday evening.

### Need Of New Bldg. Discussed By P.T.A.; Work Reviewed

The school building program for Allegheny county was thoroughly discussed by eighty interested parents and teachers as well as other specially invited guests at the dinner meeting of the Sparta Parent-Teachers Association Tuesday night. Members of the county board of education as well as county commissioners were also present.

Plans for improving and building new school buildings were discussed by the group. Speaking in behalf of Sparta high school was Ralph Gentry, out-going P. T. A. president, who discussed the growing need of a new building at Sparta as well as the need of a new athletic field. Miss Clyde Fields, county school superintendent, in discussing the original blue prints for a proposed high school building at Sparta pointed out that since building materials had advanced the original plans of building could not be followed. The possibility of moving the high school to a new site and to leave the grade school at the old site was also discussed by the group.

Greek Hill, member of the board of education, and Guy Perry, county commissioner, both spoke favorably in regard to the building program, as well as other county school improvements, and Mr. Perry pointed out that plans were now to continue the present levy for the schools.

A special P. T. A. committee, composed of D. F. Sturdivant, Rev. F. G. Walker and R. J. Randolph, as well as representatives of several civic organizations, are to meet with the county commissioners today to discuss plans for increasing the levy for this year.

Members of the P. T. A. were also asked to contact their congressmen in regard to federal aid.

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### 4 Veterans To Get Diplomas

Four Allegheny county veterans, who served in World War II, are to receive diplomas next week along with the other regular members of the graduating classes.

J. D. Smith, Leff Royal and Howard Carpenter will receive diplomas at Sparta. The first two in this group have already passed the G. E. D. Tests and have taken jobs.

Karl Davis received sufficient credits from work while in service and will receive a diploma from Piney Creek high school.

### Allegheny Has 59 Teachers In School System

Sparta Leads Other Schools With 22; All Teachers Are Well Trained

Allegheny county now has a total of 57 white teachers and principals and two colored teachers, bringing the total up to 59 for the county.

While this county has felt the teacher shortage, it has been more fortunate than many in having for the most part, well trained, experienced teachers; and the additional salary given teachers by the legislature will most likely keep some, who would have otherwise had to leave the profession, leaders pointed out.

In the two central high schools of the county there are 12 principals and teachers, leaving a total of 47 in the grades.

Glade Valley is operated under the Presbyterian board and not Allegheny county.

In the central schools Sparta has the largest number of teachers with twenty-two and Piney Creek has a total of thirteen.

A complete list of the high school teachers in the schools of the county is published in connection with their respective school activities in this edition. The other elementary teachers of the county are:

Sparta, Mrs. Flora B. Dutton, Mrs. H. E. Singletary, Ivy Grace Doughton, Mrs. Madge Reeves, Mrs. Ruth J. Choate, Mrs. Rebecca Choate, Mrs. F. Guy Walker, Ivazelle Taylor, Edna Lee Edwards, Mrs. Zelma R. Ellison, Mrs. Bessie McMillan, Eula Mildred Taylor, Mrs. Grace C. Rector.

Cherry Lane, Bettie Joiner; Glade Valley, Mrs. Beatrice D. Gentry; Liberty Knob, Mrs. Nanie W. McCann; New Hope, Mrs. Lura Spalding; Stratford, Mrs. Brantly Fender.

Pine Swamp, Mrs. Rachel Thompson, Mrs. Vera E. Reed; Whitehead, Mrs. Carrie V. Fender, Mrs. Jettie C. Mathews; Wolf Branch, Mrs. Johnny T. Gambill, Mrs. Clytie D. Reeves.

Piney Creek, Gladys Robbins, Hazel J. Phipps, Elma Waddell, Jean McMillan, Rachel Halsey, Maxine Parsons, Mrs. Blanche Osborne, Mrs. Ruth W. Halsey.

Little Pine, D. Clair Wyatt, Mrs. Mallie Handy, Mrs. Eula E. Truitt, Mrs. Cecile Gibson.

Rich Hill, Ray V. Smith, Mrs. Paul Smith, Mrs. Ruby Lee Duncan, Mrs. Josephine J. Wilson.

Laurel Springs, Fred T. Hart.

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## School Building Needs For County Are Presented

### FINALS SPEAKER



Rev. W. T. Whittington, who will deliver the literary address at Piney Creek, Friday night.

### Sparta Group Cites Urgent Need For Building; Other Needs Outlined

A group of representatives of the P. T. A. and other public spirited citizens met with the officials of the county this morning to cite the urgent need of a building for Sparta, since the elementary school building is far inadequate and additional room is also needed for the high school. It is hoped that some immediate action can be taken on this.

More consolidation or some additional buildings are also needed in other parts of the county. An elementary school building in Prather's Creek township has been proposed, and a negro school building in Cherry Lane township.

### IMPROVEMENT MADE

Because of great shortages of material and scarcity of labor, much repair work has been out of the question this year. Some has been done and other improvements made, however. Twelve new outdoor toilets have been built. And at Piney Creek the water system, indoor toilets and lavatories have been installed.

Laurel Springs school has dug a deep well and installed a complete water system. This was sponsored by the Grange. The county paid for the materials and the Grange, the labor.

Long needed fire escapes have

### Hundreds Are Transported To School On Buses

16 Buses Have A Total Of 630 Miles Daily; Make Records In Safety

Transportation of school children in Allegheny county is an important part of the school system; as there are 1400 transported daily by the buses that travel a total of 630 miles each day.

The county received two badly needed new school buses this year and officials point out that two more have been promised for the next school year.

The school buses have made a remarkable record this year for timeliness and safety as well as economy. Much of this is due to the well trained drivers as well as the fact that every effort is made to keep all buses in an excellent state of repair.

School officials pointed out that they were well pleased with the records made this year, particularly since the conditions of the roads and the weather were unfavorable part of the time.

### Sparta Student Awarded Trophy

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### Music Taught In County's Schools

In addition to the regular courses of study, Allegheny county schools have the advantage of having music taught in many of them. Where formal classes are not held, singing is stressed in the grades.

A Piney Creek Mrs. Myrtle Jones and Miss Gladys Robbins, through their music have added much to the culture of the school and the community.

At Sparta, Mrs. P. L. Choate has taught piano to a number of students. Here one of the most popular courses has been that of music appreciation taught by Mrs. Ida J. Warren. Lectures, recordings and discussions are used.

### Students Win In County Contests

Allegheny county high school students entered several contests this year, among them being the soil conservation contest and the spelling contests of the county and the WSJS contest.

Julian Hyde, Glade Valley high school student, was the winner of the county soil conservation contest held in February and was fourth place winner in the district contest at North Wilkesboro, later that month.

Roma Ruth Phipps, of Piney Creek, was the winner in the county spelling contest but was unable to represent the county in the WSJS spelling event. She was represented by Edward Rector, of Sparta, instead.

### County Agents Go To District Meet

County Agent R. E. Black and John P. Burch, assistant agent, attended the district meeting for county agents held at the Sky Brook Farm at Waynesville Wednesday.

### Health Clinics Next Tuesday

It was announced this week that the final pre-school clinics would be held at Sparta on Tuesday at nine o'clock and Rich Hill at 10:30 and Little Pine at 11:30 on the same day.

When these clinics are held this will complete this schedule in the fifteen schools.

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### Paper Dedicated To Education

The Allegheny News is happy to dedicate this issue to the schools of the county, to the graduates and to the progress of education.

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### Livestock Judging Team Wins At Statesville On Sat.

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The livestock judging team, composed of Fieldon Miller, Bobby Black, and Wayborne Mitchell, was awarded a \$45 prize as well as the honor of having 166 more points than any other team representing Northwestern North Carolina.

Fieldon Miller was individual high scorer over the 104 contestants. His score was 486.75 out of a possible 600. The team as a whole scored 1283 points out of a possible 1500.

The team judged one class of swine and six classes of beef cattle.

The boys are now eligible to compete in the State contest which will be held at Raleigh July 8, 9 and 10. If winners

### School Planned For Bus Drivers

A bus driver's school for all prospective school bus drivers for Allegheny county will be held at the Sparta high school Tuesday, May 20, at 9:30 a. m. Miss Clyde Fields, county school superintendent, announced this week.

C. I. Yelton, representative of the department of motor vehicles, will be here to interview and instruct all prospective drivers. Those who are interested are asked to contact him here Tuesday.

### Finals At Sparta And Glade Valley Set For Thursday

Piney Creek Exercises, May 23; Outstanding Speakers Secured

This year 75 graduates, 45 girls and 30 boys are being awarded diplomas from the three high schools of the county at the commencement exercises, which will get underway Sunday and continue through next Friday night.

Several outstanding speakers have been secured and other special programs have also been planned including plays and class night activities. The public is cordially invited to attend all of these exercises.

The exercises for Sparta high school will begin Sunday, May 18, when the baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Rev. C. D. Hutton, of Glade Valley, at 8:00 p. m. at the Sparta Baptist church. Class night will be observed by the seniors, Tuesday, May 20, at 8:00 p. m. The commencement address will be delivered Thursday, May 22, at 8:00 p. m. at the Sparta Baptist church by Rev. Ralph Richie, pastor of the Elkin Presbyterian church.

The senior play, "The Eyes of Love," will begin the commencement exercises at Glade Valley high school, Saturday night, May 17, at 8:15 p. m. Through error, the date was omitted in last week's paper when a previous announcement was made. The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Dr. J. O. Mann, director of religious education for the synod of North Carolina, at 7:30 p. m. Sunday, May 19.

West person church will be the finals speaker Thursday, May 22, at 11:00 a. m.

Piney Creek exercises will get underway Saturday night, May 17, at 8:00 p. m. when the senior class will present the play "Here Comes Charlie," in the high school auditorium.

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