

## COUNTY RETAINS SCHOOL LEVY

### "Medical Center" Survey Being Made In County

#### Effort Made To See If County Wants Hospital

State And Federal Government Will Put Up Most Of The Money

A special Allegheny county medical center committee is now conducting a survey to determine if there is sufficient interest in this county to apply for a small "medical center" or a large "medical center" with a number of hospital beds.

It is believed that the county can obtain a hospital with most of the expense being paid by the state and federal governments if there is a need here and if the people want it.

Since there is no hospital in the county, the committee points out that the need definitely exists and states that a hospital can be obtained if Allegheny county people will put up one-seventh of the money.

This week the committee, composed of Dr. C. A. Thompson, Kemp Doughton and C. W. Ervin, sent out a letter to a large number of leading citizens in the town and county to determine their wishes.

The letter asks these questions: Do the people of Allegheny county want a hospital?

Would they contribute \$10,000 to build a \$70,000 hospital?

Would you be willing to give \$1.25 for each member of your family?

Would you be willing to give a \$10 share for your family?

The letter explains that the state and federal governments (Continued on Page 4)

#### Many Ladies To Attend Meeting

Around 80 Allegheny Women Plan To Go To Boone On June 4

Approximately 80 Allegheny county ladies are expected to attend the district federation meeting of the home demonstration club women to be held at Boone, June 4. The meeting will begin at 10:30 o'clock at the Boone Baptist church and Mrs. Ward Ray, of Ashe county, district president, will be in charge of the meeting.

Counties represented in addition to Allegheny will be Ashe, Avery, Alexander, Watauga, Wilkes and Caldwell. Brief reports will be heard from the presidents of the various county units showing the progress achieved for the past year as the presentation of plans for the coming year.

Mrs. Isom Wagoner, home agent, stated that two Parkway buses had been chartered for the trip and would leave Sparta at 8:30 a. m. and return at 5:30 p. m. Those who have not made plans to go should contact her at once.

Allegheny was hostess to the district women here last year. Mrs. Wagoner stated that she hoped a larger number of the club women would attend this year in order that they might be eligible for the attendance award.

#### Miss Fields' Car Is Damaged Here

A 1937 Dodge, owned by Miss Clyde Fields, which was parked off the pavement of U. S. Highway No. 221, in front of the Sparta Baptist church, Tuesday night, was hit by R. L. Wagoner, of Sparta, as he passed driving a '41 Chevrolet.

Wagoner was reported to be a hit-and-run driver and was apprehended by local authorities soon after the accident occurred. Miss Fields' car was damaged to the extent of \$100, officers estimated, and Mr. Wagoner, at \$20. No charges were preferred as Mr. Wagoner stated that he would pay for the damage.

#### New Ford Sedan To Be Given Away At Horse Show Arrives

##### ENDOWS ORPHANAGE



The late Muncy Steadham who endowed Oxford Orphanage and in whose honor a memorial service is being given by Sparta Lodge No. 423.

#### Steadham Gives Orphanage Sum Of \$40,000.00

##### Masons To Honor Steadham At A Memorial Service Here On June 5

A memorial service honoring the late Muncy Steadham will be held at the Sparta Lodge No. 423 on Thursday, June 5 when A. D. Leon Gray, superintendent of the Oxford Orphanage will be the principal speaker.

Mr. Steadham, well known Allegheny county farmer in the Elk Creek section, left his estate valued at \$40,000 to the Oxford orphanage, it was revealed in his will. Mr. Steadham, who was unmarried, died at the age of 74, leaving all but a small portion of his estate to the orphanage.

He was an active member of the Sparta Lodge and well known and beloved throughout the county, where he lived his entire life.

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##### ARMY RECRUITERS HERE EACH THURSDAY

U. S. Army recruiters Sgt. Earl Triplett and Milton De Luca will be at the Sparta Post office each Thursday afternoon from one until five o'clock.

Anyone desiring to see them, may contact them there.

#### Applications For More Fish In County Streams Are Made Here

Applications are being made by the Allegheny Wildlife club to state hatcheries for more fish to stock streams in this county.

A committee, composed of R. E. Black, chairman, R. C. Gentry and Alton Thompson, was appointed by President Glenn Nichols at a fish fry meeting of the club held last Saturday night at the community building.

R. F. Crouse, member of the state board of conservation and development and D. T. Bryan, game protector, offered to assist in every way possible.

The club met with the American Legion for the fish supper and Mr. Nichols presided.

Mr. Crouse stressed the importance of the wildlife club and urged that more members be secured, especially among the farmers of the county.

It was agreed that a membership drive would be launched and

##### Sale Of Tickets Going Fine. Plan To Publish Show Catalogue

The 1947 Ford tudor sedan that will be given away the last night of the Sparta Lions club horse show has arrived and is now on display at the Choate Motor company, Robert J. Randolph, chairman of the ticket committee, announced today.

He said the sale of tickets to the horse show is progressing splendidly and emphasized that individuals are privileged to purchase as many tickets as they desire and that attendance is not necessary to win the new car. The cost per ticket is only \$1.00. Solicitors will make the rounds in neighboring counties and cities.

Plans are now well underway to publish a horse show catalogue. Material is being prepared and the advertising committee, composed of Kern Wagoner, chairman, Joe Bill Reed, Roy Ellison and Dr. N. D. Fox, will sell ads the first of the week. The deadline for advertising in the catalogue is next Thursday at which time all copy must be given to the printer.

Tom Greene, general chairman, announced that a meeting of horse show committees will be held Friday at 7:30 o'clock at the Choate Motor company.

The horse show will be held here on June 20 and 21 and there will be a record number of entries, promoters state.

President Roy Ellison announced that the next regular meeting of the Lions club will be held on June 3.

#### \$168 Raised In Cancer Campaign

##### Just Short Of County's Quota. List Of Contributors Given

A total of \$168.52 has been raised towards the quota of \$225.00 in the cancer control drive sponsored by the Sparta Woman's club under the chairmanship of Mrs. R. Floyd Crouse, club president.

Mrs. Crouse stated that she appreciated the cooperation made by the citizens of Sparta as well as schools and the civic organization of the town.

Contributions made include Sparta high school, \$37.71; Piney Creek high school, \$24.75; Little Pine, \$14.57; Rich Hill, \$8.63; Whitehead school, \$7.00; Osborne Memorial church, \$6.00.

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#### Two Cafes Here Are Open Again

Sparta's two cafes, the bus station and Spaithey's cafe, have both been reopened after having been closed for repairs since May 9.

The bus station cafe reopened on Saturday after having installed a new three unit sink according to the new ruling. Some general repairs and improvements were also made, it was learned.

Spaithey's cafe reopened Monday after having installed a new stove and sink as well as other new equipment.

The Shell cafe, which was closed several weeks ago by the owner, reopened on Wednesday. The cafe has been repainted and some new equipment has been added as well.

#### VFW Will Meet Thursday, May 29

The regular meeting of the Albert Lewis Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will be held next Thursday, May 29, at the Twin Oaks Motor Company, Cecil J. Murray, post commander announced this week.

#### Allegheny Girls Graduate From School Of Nursing



Three Allegheny county girls are among the graduates of the Martin Memorial Hospital School of Nursing and received their diplomas at the graduation exercises May 11-12. They are, reading from left to right, front row: Lucy Gray Hill, Thomasville; Marjorie Ruth Brooks, Glade Valley; Beva Mae Snoddy, Mt. Airy; Viola Audrey McMillan, Cana, Va.; Nannie Andrews Jolly, Sparta; Nellie Sue Childress, Mount Airy; June Iris Culler, Brim, Va.; back row: Grace Virginia Anderson, Galax, Va.; Vivian Mae Hemrick, State Road; Nellie Annie McMillan, Cana, Va.; Jancie Juanita Cheek, Jonesville, Va.; Faye Martha Simpson, Dobson; Jennie Ethelene Beasley, Pilot Moun-

#### Another Still Final Exercises To Be Held At Sparta And At Piney Creek

##### Makes 21st One. Number Of Arrests Made And Trials Held

The sheriff and his deputies made another raid on an Allegheny still in the Cherry Lane township last Friday night, destroying a 40-gallon still.

This makes the total number of stills destroyed in the county by Sheriff Richardson 21 and the approximately number of gallons of beer destroyed as 21,000. Only 200 gallons of beer were destroyed at the still in the Brush Creek section by Sheriff Richardson, Deputy Wade Hoppers and Chief Taylor.

Other arrests made in the county last week included James Hamrick, of Petersburg, W. Va., who was arrested by Deputy Hoppers last Wednesday night for driving with improper equipment. In a hearing before Justice Nichols, he was fined \$10 and costs.

William Lane, of Crumpler, arrested Saturday for public drunkenness, was fined \$10 and costs at a hearing before Justice B. F. Wagoner, Saturday.

Charlie Poe, of Sparta, was released following being given a suspended sentence for three years, after being arrested Friday on a public drunkenness charge.

Elwin Harris and Hurley Wil- (Continued on Page 4)

#### Awards Are Made At Sparta School

##### Uptie Andrews Receives Valedictory Prizes. Others Announced

Awards for outstanding scholastic work as well as for recognition in school athletics, were made by Ray H. Walker, principal of Sparta high school, at the class night program held at the Baptist church Tuesday night. Uptie Andrews was awarded the valedictory medal and also a \$25 award, given by Daisy Belk Doughton, daughter of Mrs. Horton Doughton, for having the highest scholastic average for four years of high school. She was also presented the Reader's Digest award.

Carol Richardson was given a \$10 cash award for being the (Continued on Page 4)

#### Richie To Speak Here And Whittington At Piney Creek High

Final commencement exercises will be held tonight at 8 o'clock in the Sparta Baptist church for the Sparta high school graduates and Friday night at 8 o'clock in the auditorium for the Piney Creek grads.

Rev. Ralph Richie, pastor of the Elkin Presbyterian church, will deliver the commencement address here tonight. Diplomas will be delivered to the 46 members of the graduating class. Tomorrow night Rev. W. T. Whittington, pastor of the Baptist church at Damascus, will make the literary address at Piney Creek and Miss Fields, superintendent, will award the diplomas.

This Sunday at 11 o'clock the baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Rev. William C. Crum- (Continued on Page 4)

#### Around \$200,000 Raised For Glade Valley, Drive Continues

Approximately two-thirds of the \$300,000 campaign for funds to construct new buildings at Glade Valley school have been raised here and throughout the Orange and Winston-Salem Presbyteries, it was learned this week.

Of this amount, around \$3,000 has been raised in Allegheny county and it is hoped that this amount will be increased to at least \$5,000.

The drive will continue through this month, and solicitors are busy all over the territory. Paul Ingle, of High Point, is chairman of the drive for the Orange Presbytery and Tully D. Blair, of Winston-Salem, head the campaign in the Winston-Salem Presbytery.

All persons in the county are urged to contribute to this fund that will be used to erect an administration building and dormi-

tories for boys and girls. The citizens of this county are proud of Glade Valley school and appreciate the fine interest shown in it by all of the Presbyterians in this section.

The school is 37 years old and many local students have graduated from it.

E. B. Eldridge, head of the school, said he was pleased with the progress of the campaign.

#### Mt. Zion Church To Have Revival

Rev. Woodrow Wishon will assist the pastor of the Mt. Zion Methodist church at a revival which begins at the church Sunday morning.

Rev. W. C. Crummett, pastor, has extended a cordial invitation to the public.

#### Tax Rate Is Set At \$1.45; Needs Of Schools Cited

##### Slight Increases Made For School Upkeep And Agricultural Work

After hearing members of the county board of education and other public spirited citizens stress the urgent school building needs here and in Allegheny, the county board of commissioners agreed last Thursday morning to continue the special 50 cents levy for new school buildings and to increase the school service and upkeep fund during the next fiscal year.

It is estimated that the 50 cents levy will bring in about \$22,000 for the school building fund during the year 1947-48, which starts July 1, and that the upkeep income will total around \$6,500.

Realizing that additional buildings must be constructed here and in the county, the commissioners put on a 50 cents levy last July and it has produced around \$20,000 during this fiscal year.

By continuing the levy this year, the county will not have enough money to carry out an extensive construction program. The school building needs are estimated at around \$300,000.

The only way the county could obtain this much money is through borrowing or another bond issue.

The county's total debt now amounts to only about \$105,000 and there is much sentiment in this, as well as other counties, for another issue for school purposes.

The county's tax rate for the 1947-48 fiscal year was set at \$1.45, an increase of 10 cents over the current year.

The three specific increases in the levy are: agricultural instruction and county agents from (Continued on Page 4)

#### Mrs. Fields Died In Alabama Sat.

##### Beloved Woman Was Born And Reared Here; Survived By Mrs. Parks

Mrs. Frank P. Fields, a native of Sparta and a resident of this county for a number of years, died at her home in Gainesville, Ala., last Saturday.

She had been in declining health for the past six months and death was not unexpected.

Before her marriage, Mrs. Fields was Flora Carson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carson, of Sparta. She and her family lived at Elk Creek a number of years and moved to Alabama about 25 years ago.

She was an outstanding woman and mother and was much beloved by all who knew her. She is survived by her husband, six sons, one daughter and two sisters.

Joe Fields, of Independence, Va., is one of her sons and the other five live in Alabama. Mrs. Willis Wilson, of Staunton, Va., is the surviving daughter and her two sisters are Mrs. Henry Spough, Winston-Salem, and Mrs. Ellen Parks, Sparta.

#### C. R. Roe Named N. C. E. A. Pres.

C. R. Roe was named president of the Allegheny county of the N. C. E. A. at the county-wide teacher's meeting held here last Thursday. Mr. Roe succeeded Roy Ellison who has served in that capacity for the past year.

Representative C. W. Ervin spoke to the group on the great need for a hospital here in the county and the teachers voted 100 per cent to aid in raising funds for this purpose.

Other officers named included Miss Gladys Robbins, vice president, and Miss Edna Edwards, secretary.