

ABC Store Turned Down By Alleghany

Road To Piney Creek Will Be Completed Sat.

Other Alleghany Roads Are Now Undergoing Improvements

Improvement work is now being done on roads throughout Alleghany county. The nine miles of newly constructed asphalt pavement running from U. S. Highway 221 to the Piney Creek post office, will be completed, Saturday, it was learned. Construction work which has been underway on the Piney Creek road for several weeks is nearing completion and the road is now open to the public.

Highway No. 88 running past Whitehead and Laurel Springs is now being oil-treated and although traffic is being held up for short intervals, it should be completed within the next week, and regular travel can be resumed. The first section of the road, running from Sparta to Whitehead, was treated last summer.

Other parts of the county roads are to be repaired this summer also, it was learned.

Edwards Family Holds Reunion

Mrs. Edwards On Lawn When More Than 100 Guests Were Present

Edwards first reunion was held last Sunday at the home of Mrs. Grover C. Cox in Independence, Va., with five generations present which are as follows: Mrs. S. O. Edwards, 84, of In-

John Higgins, Jr., and son, Master Glenn Arthur of Piney Creek.

Mrs. Edwards is the mother of fourteen living children, forty-five grandchildren, forty-three great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

The following children were present: Mrs. Grover C. Cox, Independence, Va.; Charles T. Edwards, Piney Creek; Mrs. John Richardson, Aberdeen, Washington; Mrs. Maggie Williams, Spearfish, S. D.; Mrs. Gene Mitchell, Stratford; Mrs. Lollie Black of Twin Falls, Idaho; Mrs. Albert Ward, Nottingham, Pa.; also Frank and George Edwards, of Akron, Ohio. Other children that were absent are Cleve and Elmer Edwards, Spearfish, S. D.; (Continued on Page 4)

Work Will Begin On Well Monday

Plans are now to begin work on the new town well next week. Mayor G. Glenn Nichols stated yesterday. The property on which the well will be dug was owned by Mack Atwood at Twin Oaks.

R. E. Faw and Sons, well drilling concern, of Hickory, has the contract for the job. In the meantime, citizens of Sparta are asked to be as conservative as possible with the present water supply.

If work goes, according to plans, the well should be completed by September 1.

Robt. A. Berry Awarded Degree

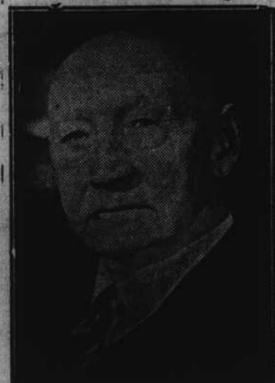
Robert Allen Berry, son of Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Berry, of Belmont and formerly of Sparta, was awarded the bachelor of science degree at the commencement exercises held recently at Davidson College.

Mr. Berry has accepted the position as teacher and coach at the Riverside Military Academy at Gainesville, Ga., and Hollywood By the Sea, Fla., for this next year.

Prior to studying at Davidson, he attended King College, Bristol, Tenn., where he was active in sports activities, having been a member of the baseball team, 1944, basketball team, 1945, 1946, 1947, and the track team 1945, 1947.

County Benefits In Agricultural Fund Allotment

TO SPEAK SUNDAY



Congressman R. L. Doughton, who will speak at the annual decoration service at Mt. Zion Methodist church, Sunday.

R. L. Doughton To Speak At Mt. Zion Church, Sun.

Will Also Be Guest Speaker At Chamber Of Commerce Meeting, August 8

scheduled for a number of speeches here in the county.

He will deliver the message at the morning worship service on Sunday at 11:00 o'clock at the Mt. Zion church, when the annual decoration service will be held, Rev. William C. Crummett, (Continued on Page 4)

Sparta To Play Flat Ridge, Sun.

Sparta scored two more victories on the week end defeating Flat Ridge at Flat Ridge, Saturday afternoon by a score of 16-6 and by winning at Independence, Va., Sunday, 9-6.

On the mound Saturday for Sparta was Adams with Holloway and Reeves, as catchers. Sunday, Geyer was pitcher and Holloway, catcher.

The baseball club will sponsor a dance at the community building Saturday night beginning at eight o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

The schedule for this week end is as follows: Sparta at Bridle Creek, Saturday; Flat Ridge at Sparta, Sunday.

Group Meets To Organize Farm Bureau



A group of Alleghany leaders recently held a dinner meeting to organize a farm bureau. Seated from left to right: John I. Eagles, field representative, N. C. Farm Bureau; Clyde E. Greene, president, Watauga County Farm Bureau; Emerson Black, Alleghany county agent and R. F. Shaw, executive vice-president, N. C. Farm Bureau.

Improved Farm Practices And School Lunch Programs To Continue

This county along with others in North Carolina will be greatly benefitted by the restored agricultural allotment in which this state will receive an estimated \$17,732,290 for soil conservation, rural electrification, school lunches and farm tenant purchases over the coming year.

Last week the county AAA office began to again issue purchase orders for phosphate and other materials, after being curtailed for several weeks.

Those connected with the program, said today that the school lunch programs would probably be able to operate as usual, since all of the allotment is to be spent on lunches and none on equipment.

A report from Washington reveals that six southern states—North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Virginia—will receive \$83,277,888. Except for farm tenant purchases and soil conservation, the (Continued on page 8)

Officers Raid Two More County Stills; Total 34

Three Men Arrested On Pub-

law, making the total number destroyed now 34. Sheriff Glenn D. Richardson, reported this week.

One 50-gallon still, located near Saddle Mountain, was cut up by officers destroying 1000 gallons of mash. The second 50-gallon still, located in Cherry Lane township near Brush Creek had 500 gallons of mash on hand which were destroyed by the officers.

Several men were arrested this (Continued on Page 4)

Bus Drivers To Have School Here

A school for bus drivers will be held at the Sparta high school beginning Tuesday morning, Miss Clyde Fields, county school superintendent, announced this week.

All drivers or prospective drivers who have not been certified are asked to attend this school.

All those who wish to apply for the position as a school bus driver are reminded that they must secure driver's license before making their applications.

Thousands Of Bushels Of Beans Are Picked Daily



Above is a scene from Fred Colvard's farm near Jefferson, showing beans being picked for the market. This is typical of this section, where thousands of bushels of beans are now picked daily.

RECENT GRADUATE



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County Unit Of Farm Bureau To Name Officers

Alleghany county farmers will meet at the courthouse at eight o'clock to name permanent officers for the county unit of the Farm Bureau. George Farthing, field representative of the State Farm Bureau, will be present for the meeting. A special program has been planned including string music and the farmers are asked to bring their wives. Families of the farmers become members when the farmers join, it was pointed out.

Twenty-five members joined at the initial meeting held July 21, when Flack Shaw, executive vice-president, was here to explain to those attending the purpose of the bureau. The membership goal was set at 200. Named temporary chairman was Rush Thompson and secretary, Roy Ellison.

Belk's Basement Open To Public

The new basement addition to Belk's Department store has been completed and merchandise is now on display on the first and lower floors.

New fixtures as well as merchandise have been added to the first floor as well.

Robert Allison, manager, stated that he was happy to have the new addition and has invited the public to come and see the new display.

SPARTA LIONS TO MEET TUES. NIGHT

The Lion's club will hold its regular meeting Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock at the Shell Cafe, R. J. Randolph, president announced this week.

All members are urged to be present.

Alleghany Boy Wins Top Prize In Tri-County Lamb Show At W. Jefferson, Mon.

VFW Bldg Fund Reaches \$1735; Need \$6000 More

Special Musical Program To Be Held At Courthouse Tomorrow Night

Contributions to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Bruce Wayne Osborne Post 7034, now total \$1735.35. Cecil J. Murray, post commander, stated yesterday and already \$1644.74 of that amount has been spent to date. An urgent appeal has been sent out to the members as \$6,000 is needed to complete the proposed clubhouse.

A special program of string music featuring Uncle Henry and the barn dance music makers will be held at the courthouse tomorrow night at 8:30 o'clock. Admission will be charged, the proceeds of which will go to the building fund.

Letters have been sent out to all VFW members asking them to loan the post as much as \$50 or \$75 dollars since veterans can now cash in their terminal leave bonds.

The club will hold its regular meeting next Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock at Twin Oaks. All members are urged to be present.

At the meeting last Thursday night, plans for erecting a monument for veterans of all wars participated in by the United States (Continued on Page 4)

County Leads In Individual Class; White Packing Co. Pays Top Prices

Twenty-two Alleghany 4-H and FFA members showed 31 lambs at the tri-county lamb show held at West Jefferson, Monday when Ray DeWitt of Turkey Knob, had the grand champion lamb and won as first prize the pure bred ewe lamb which was given by J. H. Doughton, Hugh Hash, also of Turkey Knob, had the reserve champion, and other members won first place prizes in the individual lamb class.

J. C. Pierce, Jr., professor of animal husbandry at State College, was the judge for the show. L. I. Case, in charge of animal husbandry extension at State College was also here for the show.

Prizes in class one, pen of three lambs, were won by Betty Lou Thomas, Grassy Creek, first place; Joe Thomas, Grassy Creek, second; Carlisle Bledsoe, Wagoner, third; Billy Finney, Sparta, fourth; Arnold Mitchell, Sparta, fifth.

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ATTENDS SCHOOL MEET

Miss Clyde Fields, county school superintendent attended a two-day session of school principals and school executives held at the University of North Carolina this week.

Johnathan Daniels was one of the principal speakers at the meeting.

Congress Adjourns Without Action On Many Measures

Washington—Only half the legislation Secretary of State Marshall recommended to Congress as "urgent" was passed in the session which recessed last week end.

However, the bills which were approved included almost all bearing upon the American conflict with Russia—chief among them authority and money for the \$400,000,000 Greco-Turk program. Administration officials said the record was by no means a bad one for foreign policy co-operation between the Democratic Administration and the Republican Congress.

Marshall sent to Chairman Vandenberg (R-Mich.) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on January 29 a list of 10 matters for congressional action which he called "urgent items in order of priority." He attached an additional list of 17 items which he marked "important for this session of Congress." Thirteen of the latter failed of passage.

Later, additional legislation was presented by the Secretary or President Truman for urgent action, so that in effect the original list of 10 was expanded to 14. Here is how the 14 "urgent" proposals stood when Congress finished up:

1. Continuation of relief programs after the end of UNRRA. Congress approved and appropriated \$322,000,000 for the task, \$18,000,000 less than the State Department recommended. The cut was designed by Congress to deny relief to Hungary and Poland, the only two prospective relief recipients in the Soviet sphere.

2. Ratification of peace treaties with Italy, Romania, Hungary and Bulgaria. These treaties now await only ratification by Russia; France and Britain already have acted.

3. Legislation for American membership in the International (Continued on Page 4)

Vote Is Light In County-Wide Election, Sat.

Proposed Establishment Of Legalized Liquor Store Defeated By 795 Majority

Alleghany county voters last Saturday kept this mountain county in the legally dry column, defeating a proposal to establish an ABC store by a majority of 795, based on unofficial returns from the seven precincts.

The vote which was considered light was:

For the proposal, 937.
Against, 1,732.

Sparta was the only point in the county to vote in favor of the proposal. Gap Civil precinct, which includes Sparta, voted 528 for ABC stores and 420 against.

The dry victory was more pronounced Saturday than it was in 1937 when the dries won by a majority of 275 ballots.

Alleghany joined Rowan County in turning down ABC stores. Rowan voted against the proposal several weeks ago. However, Mecklenburg County gave ABC stores a large majority in an election June 15, becoming the first Western North Carolina county to go in favor of their establishment.

Hickory will vote on the ABC question September 15. The 1947 General Assembly enacted a measure to allow Asheville to ballot on the question. A date for the election has not been set.

Louisburg and Franklinton, both in Franklin County, recently voted to establish ABC stores. The county had voted dry several years ago after having had ABC stores.

The Allied Church League fought the ABC store proposal throughout Alleghany County in a campaign conducted for several weeks. Under the leadership of Dr. N. D. Fox, Sparta dentist, several rallies were held.

The unofficial vote as reported for the seven precincts follows:

Precinct	For	Against
Cherry Lane	76	321
Cranberry	40	158
Gap Civil	528	420
Glade Creek	81	243
Piney Creek	108	301
Prather's Creek	76	308
Whitehead	28	247
Total	937	1,732

Last Rites Held For Mrs. Edwards

Dies At Home, Here, Mon.; Funeral At Little River Church, Yesterday

Funeral service for Mrs. Bettie Edwards, 81, was held yesterday at eleven o'clock at the Little River Primitive Baptist church. Officiating was Elder S. G. Caudill who was assisted by Elder C. B. Kilby. Interment was in the Sparta cemetery. Sparta business houses were closed to pay tribute to Mrs. Edwards.

Mrs. Edwards succumbed at her home here, Monday after a brief illness. She was the wife of the late Andy Edwards, of Sparta.

She is survived by the following children: Mrs. Oscar Edwards, of Brooklyn, Wash.; Mrs. J. W. Kilby, of Bedford, Va.; Mrs. R. L. Warren, of Greensboro; Mrs. Nora Norman, Mrs. Rose Edwards and Mrs. Beal Poole, all of Sparta.

Mrs. Miller To Be Buried Fri.

Funeral service for Mrs. Mary Ann Miller, 78, wife of the late Jessie Miller, of Laurel Springs, will be held Friday morning at 11:00 o'clock at Meadow Fork church with Elder Charlie Hall in charge of the service.

Mrs. Miller succumbed at her home Wednesday morning after a short illness. She is survived by her children: Everett Miller, of Piney Creek; Floyd Miller, Wagoner; Mrs. Verma Johnson, Mrs. Rebecca Hinchey and Miss Mrs. Miller, all of Laurel Springs; Troy Miller of Thurmond; and Mrs. W. G. Frazier, of Sparta, one brother, D. C. Long of Laurel Springs and 13 grandchildren also survive.