

Turkish Tobacco Program To Expand Next Year

Hearing Granted Group Regarding Phone Service

Groups To Unite To Present Facts Before Utilities Commission

A hearing before the N. C. Utilities Commission has been granted the citizens of Alleghany and Ashe counties in regard to the proposed increase in rates asked for by the Central Telephone company, it was announced this week. The date of the hearing has not been set, however, the public will be advised.

The hearing was granted through the West Jefferson Merchant's association following widespread dissatisfaction over the telephone service as well as the proposed increase in rates.

Officials of the town of Sparta as well as West Jefferson, plan to unite with the merchant's association in order to present the facts before the Utilities Commission in a unified effort to secure better service and to stop the proposed increase in rates.

Council Passes Water Ordinance

Fine To Be Imposed For Violation; Water Works Dept. Changes Hands

The town council this week passed an ordinance prohibiting the garage owners from washing cars or business men from washing windows in front of their places of business until the new town well can be put into use, Mayor G. Glenn Nichols, stated yesterday.

Those who do not cooperate, he hoped the pump could be added to the new well in the near future and that he would appreciate the cooperation of Sparta citizens until this could be accomplished.

A copy of the ordinance may be found elsewhere in this paper. Also in regard to the town water department, Lee Woodruff has been named superintendent of water works to replace Clayton Fender. C. Brant Taylor has been named as tax collector.

Town water rent and taxes may be paid on Tuesday and Thursday only, between the hours of 8:30 a. m. and 12:30 p. m., in the town office in the courthouse, the public is reminded. The cooperation of citizens in paying their taxes at this time, is asked.

Church Group To Present Play

The junior class of the Methodist church will present a play, entitled "A Certain Just Man," on Sunday night at eight o'clock, under the direction of Evelyn Mitchell, it was announced here this week. It will be held at the Presbyterian church.

The cast of characters is as follows:

Joe Bancroft, Billy Edwards; his daughter, Jane Duncan; his secretary, Shirley Thompson; keeper of the King's gate, Betty Jane Mitchell; preacher, Shirley Bumgarner; Mrs. Wilkins, Marjorie Allison; guide, Jane Edwards. The public is cordially invited to attend.

18 Enter Elkin Baby Beef Show

Eighteen Alleghany county boys and girls will enter calves in the baby beef show to be held at Elkin, September 16 and 17, E. E. Black, county agent, announced this week.

Calves will be taken to Elkin on Monday, it was pointed out and for the benefit of those who would like to see the calves and who do not plan to attend the show at Elkin, calves will be shown on the local horse show grounds in Sparta at two o'clock, Monday afternoon. Calves will be paraded around the track at that time.

Alleghany Baptists To Begin Two-Day Meeting Saturday

MODERATOR



Dr. N. D. Fox, who is moderator of the Alleghany Baptist association, which opens its session at Scottville on Saturday.

Cooperative To Elect Directors Next Saturday

Congressman Doughton Will Speak; Ballots Sent To Members This Week

Announcement has been made through the office of the Blue

be held there on Saturday in the courthouse at 10:00 A. M.

According to the announcement, reports will also be heard and the guest speaker will be Congressman R. L. Doughton.

A ballot with the list of the present directors has been sent out to the stockholders. No report as to the nomination of these is made. Also on the ballot card (Continued on page 4)

Dispersal Sale To Be Held Fri.

Farmers of this section are reminded of the dispersal sale to be conducted at the Locust Grove farm near Sparta tomorrow at twelve o'clock. The fine Aberdeen Angus cattle, which was the noted herd of the late Eugene Transou, is being sold by the administrators to settle his estate.

The sale consists of 40 cows and heifers, 30 calves and 10 bulls, including the herd bull, Epionon, 3rd, of LeBaron. Farm machinery and supplies will also be sold. The sale is being conducted by W. M. Transou, sales manager, John M. Cheek, co-administrator, and Harry Hamilton, Jr., of Boone, auctioneer.

Sparta And Mt. View Team To Play Again Sat. Sun.

Sparta won the first game of the season's play off between the two Southwest Virginia baseball leagues here Sunday, when they defeated the Mountain View Team from Fries, Va., by a score of 4 to 7 in a thrilling ten inning game.

Sparta scored four runs in the first inning. Jones reached first on an error, Jack Thompson and Richardson hit singles and Mack Caudill connected for a home run. Sparta scored three runs in the third inning and Mt. View scored in the second, third and seventh and tied the score in the eighth.

In the top of the tenth inning Withrow, first man up, walked the base; Tom Reeves was out on a pop fly. Atwood sacrificed Withrow to second and Nichols connected for a double to center, scoring Withrow and ending the game.

Hundreds Are Expected To Attend; Entire Program Is Given

A record crowd is expected for the two-day session of the Alleghany Baptist association, which will open Saturday morning at the Scottville Baptist church. Such prominent Baptist leaders as Dr. I. G. Greer, superintendent of the Thomasville Orphanage; Dr. W. K. McGee, of the Baptist hospital, and Rev. G. W. Bullard are expected to be present.

The entire program has been announced this week by Dr. N. D. Fox, moderator of the association. The morning session will begin at ten o'clock when Rev. Kenneth Snyder will be in charge of the devotionals. Following the recognition of visitors, reports will be given by the executive committee, by W. F. Doughton; religious literature report, by Van Miller; evangelism report, Rev. F. G. Walker; report of W. M. U., by Mrs. R. E. Richardson; report on associational missions and daily vacation Bible schools, Miss Dorothy Evans; and the appointment of committees.

Rev. G. W. Bullard will deliver the main address at 11:15 a. m., following which Rev. E. B. Barton will give the report on temperance. The introductory sermon will be delivered by Rev. Clarence Gwaltney.

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Welfare Board Meets Thursday

Public Assistance Cases Discussed; \$2,695 Expended For September

Public assistance cases were discussed at the regular meeting of the Alleghany county welfare board, last Thursday. The board approved eight applications for Old Age Assistance, rejected three, raised the grants of six recipients, lowered two grants and terminated three grants. For aid to dependent children, three applications were approved, the grants of four recipients were raised and two payments were terminated.

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Show And Dance Net VFW \$71.50

The musical show and dance sponsored by the Bruce Wayne Osborne Post of the VFW netted the building fund \$71.50. Gene Irwin, quartermaster, reported yesterday.

Other contributions this week are Bill Collins, \$25, and Emogene Choate, \$35. Burl Williams also gave 300 feet of lumber to (Continued on page 4)

No Juvenile Delinquency In Dunn. Knee Panters Play Ball This Year's Crop Declared Very Good By Leaders



Juvenile delinquency does not live at Dunn, N. C., any more. The youngsters are too absorbed in the joyful pursuits of the Knee Pants baseball league, and are under rigid contract to be little gentlemen. Herbert B. Taylor, former mayor, organized the league 27 years ago. The candidates—ages 8 to 14—must sign a regular "big league" contract, which among other things, obligates the player to be at home not later than 10 o'clock, attend Sunday school, refrain from bullying and respect property, etc. The contracts are generally fulfilled and enforced and juvenile delinquency is unknown, thanks to the Knee Pants baseball league. Photos show the members in action — and getting "mother's" signature on the contract.

Meeting Of Dairy Farmers Will Be Held Here Mon.

To Discuss Artificial Breeding Program; Directors Of Ass'n To Be Named

The second meeting in relation to the artificial breeding program in the county will be held at ten o'clock a. m., Monday, at the community building. R. E. Black, county agent, announced yesterday. C. W. Sheffield, of the Marketing Division of the State Department of Agriculture, and Maury Gaston, field representative of the organization will be here for the meeting.

A survey has been made in the county since the first meeting on August 11 in order to determine how many cows will be available for this service in 1948. A board of directors of the county organization will be elected and will name someone to be trained for this type of work here (Continued on page 4)

Sparta Now Has Music Teacher

Sparta high school now has a music teacher for the school year, R. H. Walker, principal, announced this week. Miss Joanna Cornett, of Independence, Va., assumed her duties here on Monday, as teacher of piano.

Miss Cornett will have music classes on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Approximately 40 students enrolled for music lessons on Monday.

Miss Cornett replaces Mrs. P. L. Choate, who taught music last year.

N. C. GETS \$2,241,500 FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES

Washington—The Agriculture Department Monday allocated \$2,241,500 for this year's national school lunch program. That amount, the department said in an announcement, came out of the \$25,000,000 congressional appropriation for the school lunches.

It will be used in the 48 states, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Alaska.

The department said the funds will be used by state and territorial educational agencies to pay schools taking part in the program for part of their purchases of food for school lunches.

North Carolina was allotted \$2,241,500, South Carolina \$1,390,000, Tennessee \$1,330,000, and Virginia \$1,322,000.

Winners In Dairy Show Are Announced; Plan To Enter District Show At Lexington

Hunting Season Will Open Next Monday, Sept. 15

Hunters Reminded That Licenses Are Necessary; Many Squirrels

Next Monday, September 15, squirrel hunters of Alleghany will have an opportunity to try their skill as the hunting season officially opens. They are reminded by game protector, Dewitt Bryan, that they must secure licenses.

The squirrel season will remain open until December 15 and from all indications, it should be a happy one for the skillful hunters, as there seems to be a good supply of this small, bushy - tail animal. Hunters are reminded that the bag limit per day is five, however.

Other dates for the hunting season are: Quail, November 27 through January 31; Opossum (Continued on page 8)

LIONS CLUB WILL MEET TUES. NIGHT

The regular meeting of the Sparta Lions Club will be held at 7:30 at the Shell Cafe on Tuesday night, R. J. Randolph, president, announced.

All members are urged to be present.

Yellow Jackets Ready To Clash With Lions Friday

Members of the Sparta Yellow Jacket team will clash with the North Wilkesboro Mountain Lions at North Wilkesboro, Friday night, at eight o'clock, as the football season for this section officially gets underway.

Coach Joe Bill Reed's boys have been hard at work on the local gridiron ever since the opening of school, in order to be ready to meet the South Piedmont Conference team which is slated to have a grid team built around 15 lettermen.

Looking good in practice in the line are Holloway, center; Woodrow twins, guards, Miller, tackle; and Gascho, a new comer to the Yellow Jacket squad. Backfieldmen are Bill Reeves, Junior Rick, Carl Gentry and Tom Reeves. The Mountain Lions are boasting a big, rugged team and the local team will have to stay in

D. F. Cooley Is Judge; Nineteen 4-H And FFA Members Entered

Nineteen Guernsey 4-H and F. A. calves were entered in the Alleghany county dairy show, held yesterday afternoon at the Sparta horse show grounds. A number of others were expected to enter, however, the weather conditions yesterday hindered many from bringing their prize animals to the show.

Eight of the top winners plan to enter in the district show to be held in Lexington on Saturday.

Judge for the afternoon was D. F. Cooley, of the Klondike (Continued on page 4)

Truck Drivers To Get Permits

Attention of all contract truck drivers is called to the North Carolina Truck Act of 1947 which will go into effect, October 1.

All truck owners, who do contract hauling, are to be required by the N. C. Utilities Commission to secure a certificate of operation before October 1. They may be obtained before that time with little or no trouble, it was pointed out, however, after October 1, truck owners will not be granted certificates without an application and a special hearing before the Utilities Commission.

More Farmers Expected To Be Included In Program In Alleghany And Ashe

The experiment of growing Turkish tobacco in this area, now in its third year, has possibilities of further expansion and may include more farmers next year, John Wilkins, agronomist in charge of the project in this area, said, this week.

This year there are 33 farmers in Alleghany and Ashe counties cooperating with the project and the crops this season have been more successful than ever before, Mr. Wilkins said. He stated that while the project is still in the experimental state, the yield has been increased each year and has been unusually successful this year. "We do not know yet as to the extent of the expansion of the program, but we feel that it will definitely be enlarged," Mr. Wilkins said. He also pointed out that a company was being formed to handle the output and as soon as more information was available it would be passed on to the growers. He also said he expected some limitations on the program for sometime, however.

It was pointed out that the farmers like the experiment and that several have grown this tobacco since the experiment was started three years ago.

Farmers in Alleghany and Ashe, who grew Turkish tobacco this year are as follows:

J. W. Bledsoe, R. H. Bledsoe, E. L. Vanony, L. J. Moretz, Bynum, Holman, Fleetwood, G. V. Phillips, Idlewild, J. W. Gambill, West Jefferson, G. C. Woodie, Robert Jones, Everett Hendrix, Everett Taylor, C. S. Wyatt, Vester Mabe, Major Mabe, George F. Taylor, Laurel Springs.

Ray Hash, W. R. Barr, J. Lester Phipps, T. E. Brown, Claude Berchert, John G. Brown, Kyle W. Cox, C. V. Hoppers, Neal Sturgill, Paul Kennedy, W. P. (Continued on page 4)

Wagoner Rites Set For Today

George R. Wagoner, Well Known County Man, Dies At Home Tues. Morning

Funeral service for George Rufus Wagoner, 74, of Turkey Knob, well known Alleghany county farmer, will be held this afternoon at two o'clock at the new Hope Baptist church. Rev. W. H. Caldwell, of Sparta and Rev. Charlie McKnight, of Independence, Va., will officiate. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

The deceased succumbed at his home near Turkey Knob, Tuesday morning, after an illness of seven weeks. He has recently returned home after undergoing treatment in the Baptist hospital in Winston.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Etta Wagoner and the following children: Mrs. C. H. Edwards and I. W. Wagoner, Sparta; Mrs. David Osborne, Glade Valley; Bruce Wagoner, High Point; Rex Wagoner, Asheville; Roscoe Wagoner, Galax, Va.; Mrs. Clyde Goodman, Catawba; Mrs. R. L. Billings, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Hayden Goodman, West Jefferson.

Two brothers, B. F. Wagoner, of Sparta; J. H. Wagoner, of Nathan's Creek; and three sisters, Mrs. Mandy Edwards, Galax, Va.; Mrs. Glenn Warden, Stratford; and Mrs. Mattie Mitchell, also survive.

Sparta C. Of C. Meet Postponed

The meeting of the Sparta Chamber of Commerce scheduled to be held Friday night has been postponed, E. E. Black, secretary, stated yesterday.

Due to the fact that a number of the members had planned to witness the football game between Sparta and North Wilkesboro at that time, officials decided it best to postpone the meeting who can are urged to meet the team in their sporting gear.

MISS APPELT HERE IN COUNTY, WED.

Miss Augusta Appelt, case field supervisor with the crippled children's program throughout the state, was here Wednesday.

Miss Appelt is the field supervisor for 30 counties, of which Alleghany is a part.