



# The Alleghany News

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## TELEPHONE HEARING SET FOR OCTOBER 2

## Fall Term Of Superior Court Will Open Monday

**Armstrong Will Preside; Many Cases On Docket**

**Both Civil And Criminal Cases Scheduled; Some Divorces To Be Heard**

The fall term of Superior court for the trial of criminal and civil cases will get underway here, Monday morning with Judge Frank M. Armstrong presiding. Fifty-one cases are scheduled to be tried on the criminal docket and nine civil cases, one of which is a divorce case. If all the dockets are taken up, a four day session is predicted.

Serving as solicitor is Walter E. Johnston, Jr.

Cases scheduled on the criminal docket are: Ivan B. Welborn, Giles K. Adams, Bledsoe Watson, Ross Edwards, (two charges) Lonnie Blevins, Samuel Trimble and Rufus Joe Long, all charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

Charged with larceny are Odell Roten, Paul Shumate, Robert Pollard and Gilbert Johnson.

Charged with assault are Clyde Murphy, Gilbert Johnson, Ford Baugus, Arlen Cole, R. D. Gentry and Coy Bobbitt.

Robbery cases include Gilbert Johnson, Ford Baugus and Arlen Cole.

Reckless driving charges include Frank Choate, Lonnie Blevins, James Jennings and Paul Washington. Carrying a concealed weapon charges are Bert Mabe and Holton Taylor.

Charged with manufacturing liquor are Ray Anderson, Ernest Evans, Hortie Crouse, Robert Williams and Steve Loggins. Impersonating officer charges are scheduled to be tried against Walter Edwards and R. T. Fender.

Charged with speeding are Lonnie Blevins, Ray K. Felt, Jr., Letcher E. Hash, James Miller, Ted Porter, Billy Hardin and Edwin Duncan, Jr.

Other charges are Samuel (Continued on page 4)

**Edwards Resigns As Welfare Supt.**

**Left Monday For UNC; Miss Lois Reeves Is Acting Superintendent**

Swanson Edwards has resigned his position as superintendent of the Alleghany County Welfare Department and left Monday for Chapel Hill where he will take some advanced courses in special work at the University of North Carolina.

Miss Lois Reeves, who has been working with the welfare department since January, has been appointed acting superintendent until the position can be filled.

Mr. Edwards first served as welfare superintendent in February, 1944, and left for the army in September of that year. Upon his return from the army in July, 1946, he again assumed his duties and has held that position until his resignation last week.

Miss Doris Wagoner, who has been connected with the welfare department this summer, left last week end for Nashville, Tenn., where she will again study in the School of Social Work.

**Alleghany Men Buy Baby Beeves**

Two local businessmen purchased Alleghany county grown baby beeves at the Elkin Fat Stock Show and sale last week. Amos Wagoner, of the Farmer's Hardware and Implement Co., bought the 925 pound animal from Jimmy Poole for \$342.25, averaging 37c a pound for the animal.

Levi Shores, of Cash and Carry, bought Keith Brown's calf, weighing 945 lbs. at 32c a pound. The animal brought \$302.40.

Ashe Hardware purchased Joe Thomas, animal, weighing 905 pounds, averaging 33c a pound.

**Strong Protest Voiced Against Rationing Of Food**



In strong protest against additional restrictions issued by the French government on food rationing, brought about by the critical shortage in Europe, workers and employees left their factories and offices and gathered in a huge meeting on Paris, Champ de Mars park. Their theme—"we want to live."

**Farm Profit Need Is Cited By Doughton Before District PMA Meeting In Greensboro**

**Points Out That Farm Must Be Profitable To Be Attractive To Young Men**

R. L. Doughton of Laurel Springs, Representative from the Ninth Congressional District, told committee members attending a P. M. A. conference in Greensboro this week that the farm must be made attractive in order to hold intelligent young men and women.

"To make it attractive," the Congressman said, "it must be made profitable."

Doughton's speech to the 100 P. M. A. workers was the concluding feature of a two-day session held for Guilford and 25 nearby counties.

"Contentment on the farms of our nation," declared Representative Doughton, "in my opinion, is the nation's greatest asset."

Urging the Agricultural Conservation Association committee members to do a good job in 1948 despite reduced appropriations, G. T. Scott of Raleigh, State P. M. A. director, said: "Grow the things we know we need."

"Don't grow tobacco don't grow cotton; grow food and feed," Scott implored. Pointing out that too much tobacco was grown this year, Scott told the men to direct farmers to use their soil for conservation purposes during years when a product is not needed.

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**Gordon Gray Is Named As Assistant Secretary Of Army**

Washington — Gordon Gray, 38-year-old publisher of The Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel, who volunteered as an army private in May, 1942, will be sworn in today as Assistant Secretary of the Army.

The oath of office will be administered by his new boss and fellow North Carolinian, Kenneth C. Royall, of Goldsboro, Secretary of the Army, in Royall's Pentagon Building office.

Gray's appointment—on recommendation of Secretary Royall—was announced by a presidential aide at the White House Tuesday. Immediately after he is sworn in today, Gray will take over his new charge of relations between the army and other Government departments and agencies.

In a statement issued after the announcement, Mr. Gray said that

**Baptists Plan To Raise \$1000 For Wake Forest**

Allegany Baptists Meet Yesterday To Discuss Plans; Rev. J. W. Costner Heard

A luncheon meeting of representatives of the Missionary Baptist churches in Allegany county was held yesterday at the community building to discuss plans for raising funds to move Wake Forest College to Winston-Salem.

Rev. J. W. Costner, of Newland, was the guest speaker and discussed the past, present and future of Wake Forest College. The Allegany Baptist Association voted to raise \$1000 to aid in the moving program.

No charges have been preferred, it was learned. Investigating officer was State Highway Patrolman W. H. Hogan.

**Duke C. Bledsoe Property Sold**

The house and property of the Duke Bledsoe estate located in Sparta, containing about 5 acres, was sold to W. F. Gaddy, of North Wilkesboro, for the sum of \$22,000. It was reported.

The Bledsoes have purchased the Coy McCann farm, known as Tea Pot Dome, at Roaring Gap. The property was purchased for \$15,000.00, it was learned.

**Sidney Royall Struck By Car; Leg Is Broken**

**He Was Driven By Friend Near Shell Service Station**

Sidney Royall, 65-year old Alleghany county man, suffered a broken leg and other injuries, when he stepped in front of a '40 Buick driven by Mary Bovard, 16, of Roaring Gap, who was en route to Sparta about ten o'clock Saturday morning.

Royall was reported to have walked from behind a truck parked on the left side of the road, near the Shell Service Station. Miss Bovard, was said to be driving at the rate of approximately 35 miles an hour when she struck Royall. Royall's left leg was broken below the knee and he suffered hand injuries. He was taken to the Wilkes county hospital where he is now undergoing treatment.

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Additional contributors this week are Mrs. Carrie Inskip, \$25; Dent B. Pugh, \$10, Walter Wyatt, \$5 and Edgar Mabe, \$1.

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**PICNIC CALLED OFF**

The picnic which the teachers of Allegany had planned for last night was called off on account of rain.

**Oct. Will End Wed. Closing**

Sparta merchants who have observed Wednesday closing, will continue to close their stores through the month of October. It was announced yesterday.

It was first announced that the closing would last until through September 15, however, merchants voted to continue it through October.

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**Yellow Jackets To Clash Friday With Boonville Eleven**

To Play There; Win Easy 31-12 Victory Over Cove Creek Here Last Fri.

Fresh from the 31-12 victory over Cove Creek last Friday, the Sparta Yellow Jackets will journey to Boonville tomorrow afternoon for their third game of the season. The kick-off is scheduled for 3:30 o'clock.

The Yellow Jackets were in rare form last week and Coach Joe B. Reed ran in the second and third stringers to win the easy 31-12 victory here on the local field. Dwayne Andrews broke away from scrimmage for a 40-yard dash to make a touchdown for Sparta. Holloway intercepted a forward pass and carried it through for a touchdown.

Jimmy Mast, Cove Creek star, intercepted a pass and raced 60 yards for a touchdown.

The remainder of the schedule for the season is called to the attention of the public. Two home games are scheduled for the first two weeks of October.

The schedule is: October 3, Rural Retreat, here; October 10, Jonesville, here; October 17, Flat Rock, there; October 24, Watauga town, there; October 31 and November 7, open; November 14, Elkton, there; November 21, Cove Creek, there.

Community football action will fill in the open week ends with a home game.

**Need \$6,000 To Complete Local VFW Post Bldg**

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**Rattlesnake's Bite Fatal To 32-Year Old Va. Man**

Jefferson T. Brown, 32-year old Elk Creek man, died Friday in a Wytheville hospital after having been bitten Thursday by a diamond-back rattlesnake in the headwater of Dry Run in the Iron mountain south of Speedwell. Brown was reported to have come upon the rattle along the Lakes-to-Florida highway and had picked it up and handled it for sometime before it bit him on the hand.

The snake, said to be the largest seen in that section this season, was four feet in length, measured five inches in circumference and had ten rattles and a button. It was reported that Brown killed the snake after he was bitten and had gone back to the snake to get the rattle.

After being bitten, Brown was taken by relatives to an Independence physician for first-aid treat-

**AFTER PRESIDENCY**



Sen. Robert Taft, (R.O.) smiles during this western trip as he began a series of campaign speeches. He would be happy to learn that the west will back him for the presidency in 1948.

**Choate, Seagle Trial May End Friday Morning**

**Grand Master Heard By Masons**

**Debtors Charged By Staff Writer**

Dobson—The trial of Clarence W. Seagle, of Charlotte and Tabor City, and that of Dr. B. O. Choate, well-known Sparta doctor, on charges of manslaughter and abortion in connection with the death of Mrs. Annie Mae Anderson, of Charlotte, in an Elkin hotel August 23, 1946, is expected to go to the jury late this afternoon or early Friday morning. Just how long the jury will deliberate, remains to be seen.

Choate, who was on the witness stand one hour and forty minutes yesterday, denied the charges. He stated that he had no part in performing the abortion, which earlier witnesses testified as the cause of the death of Mrs. Anderson. He stated that he was not in Sparta at the time it was alleged to have taken place and that both Seagle and the victim were unknown to him prior to Saturday before her death on Sunday.

He stated that Seagle had brought him as his wife and asked for some medicine to ease her. Additional contributors this week are Mrs. Carrie Inskip, \$25; Dent B. Pugh, \$10, Walter Wyatt, \$5 and Edgar Mabe, \$1.

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**School To Raise Athletic Funds**

The students of Sparta high school are sponsoring a magazine subscription to raise funds in order to buy additional athletic equipment for the school.

The drive, which is being held through the Curtis Publishing company, features both new and renewed subscriptions to numerous publications.

Watches will be offered as prizes for the two students soliciting the largest number of subscriptions.

**Football Field To Be Improved**

Possibilities of an improved football field for Sparta high school were discussed at the first meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association for the new school year, held at the Sparta high school library on Tuesday night.

The association pledged its support to the drive to raise funds

for improvements and promised to help raise the money. A committee to be in charge of raising the money was appointed. Named to the committee were George Walker, J. E. Head and Leon Steiner.

The students were requested to be unusually good for the coming meeting.