

## SUPERIOR COURT ADJOURNED YESTERDAY

# Yellow Jackets To Clash With Rural Retreat Fri.

### Plenty Of Action Expected; Teams Evenly Matched

Kick-Off Scheduled For 1:30 O'clock; Record Crowd Is Expected

Sparta's Yellow Jackets, hard at work on the gridiron in the frosty football weather this week, are ready to meet the Rural Retreat eleven here on the local field tomorrow afternoon.

The kick-off is scheduled for 1:30 o'clock and local fans are expected to turn out en masse for the second home game of the season. Several business establishments are planning to close during the game.

Sparta lost to the Boonville eleven last Friday afternoon at Boonville when the home town boys scored a 12-0 victory. Both teams seemed evenly matched for the first and second quarters, while neither team was able to score.

In the third quarter, capitalizing on a Sparta fumble and an intercepted pass with which Bernard Pardue ran 60 yards to score, Boonville overcame Sparta. The fumble was made on the 30 yard line. A first down and roughing penalty moved the ball to the four, from where Everett Brown bucked over for the score.

Both teams threatened several times, Boonville halting Sparta several times after long passing attacks. One 70-yard pass play of Boonville's was called back due to a penalty.

The lineups were:

Pos.	Sparta	Boonville
LT.	Woodruff	Gentry
LE.	Miller	Steelman
LT.	Reeves	H. Lakey
LG.	Bryant	Cockerham
C.	Andrews	G. Lakey
RG.	Brooks	Pardue
RT.	Gentry	Brown

Score by periods:  
Boonville 0 0 12 0—12  
Sparta 0 0 0 0—0

Scoring touchdowns: Pardue, Brown.

Substitutes: Sparta — Cox, Woodruff, Scott, Murray, Rowe, Bryant, Boonville—Swain, Hood, Smith, Moxley, Dobbins, Wilkins.

### Choate Gets 1-3 Year Sentence

Sparta Doctor Gives Notice Of Appeal To Supreme Court; Bond Set At \$5,000

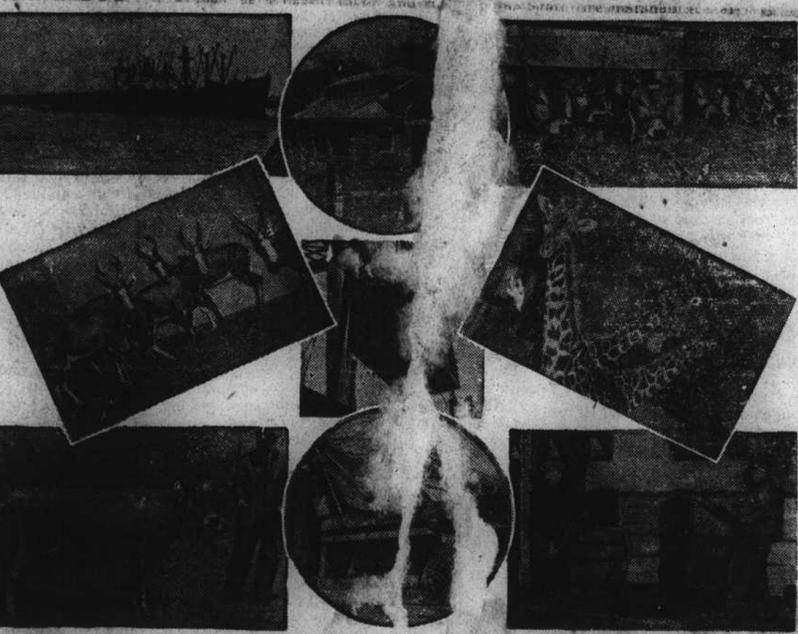
Dobson—Dr. B. O. Choate, prominent Sparta physician, was sentenced to from one to three years in State prison last Friday by Judge William H. Bobbitt after a Surry county Superior Court jury found him guilty of criminal abortion.

The jury acquitted the Alleghany county physician on a charge of manslaughter in the abortion death of Mrs. Annie Mae Anderson of Charlotte at an Elklin hotel in August, 1946.

Dr. Choate gave notice of appeal to the State Supreme Court and Judge Bobbitt set bond at \$5,000, which was supplied.

Judge Bobbitt found Clarence W. Seagle of Charlotte and Tabor (Continued on page 8)

### Animals From Overseas Are Again Arriving In The U. S.



Animals from overseas are emigrating to the United States again, now that shipping space is available. To protect American livestock against foreign disease they are held in quarantine at Athenia, N. J. Both domestic animals, imported mainly for breeding, and wild animals bound for a zoo must pass through Athenia. During the first six months of 1947, this animal "Ellis Island" received 261 purebred Jersey cattle, 52 antelopes, 16 giraffes, 10 deer, 6 wild swine, and one red buffalo.

### Newspaper Contest For High School Students Announced; Prizes Offered

Event Is Launched In Connection With National Newspaper Week

In connection with the observance of National Newspaper week, October 1-8 The Alleghany News is again launching its annual county-wide essay contest on the subject, "Your Newspaper Serves Freedom by Serving You," the theme for the week.

All high school students are eligible to enter the contest. Prizes will be awarded the county winners, by this paper. Prizes of \$10.00, \$5.00 and \$3.00 will be awarded to the winners of the first, second and third places.

The essays should be not over 1,500 words in length and the deadline for entering them is December 1. All should be typewritten if possible and sent to this paper before that time.

It was pointed out that there must be as many as five entries from the county before county prizes can be awarded. (Continued on page 8)

### Mural Painting Given To Sparta Baptist Church

Painting By Former Alleghany Woman Is Donated By Patsy Burgess

Hanging in the Sparta Baptist church is an oil mural painting, depicting the "Baptismal of Christ," given to the church by Miss Patsy Roy Burgess, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. T. R. Burgess, of Sparta.

Formal dedication services and the unveiling were held at the church at the regular service Sunday morning when a number of visitors as well as active church members were present. The mural painting was presented to the church by Mrs. C. A. Reeves in the absence of the donor and Rev. F. G. Walker, pastor, received it for the church.

The painting was done by Mrs. Phillip Gray, of Boulder, Colorado, the former Miss Ewing Cheek, of Alleghany county. Mrs. Gray, who is a well known artist, made the painting in Colorado. She is known throughout the country for portrait work and is reported to seldom use models for her work. Mrs. Gray was present at the dedication and spoke briefly to the congregation concerning its origin.

The painting was done in oil colors and is seven feet high and nine feet wide. The canvas was placed directly above the baptismal. (Continued on page 4)

### Kay Kyser Offers Salute To National Newspaper Week

By Kay Kyser

Hey chillun, pay attention! Class is now in session and this is your O'P Professor telling you it's about time you paid tribute to one of America's greatest institutions — your hometown newspaper!

This is National Newspaper Week and that's no "Comedy of Errors." In fact, it's time we all agreed nothing's more fun than a newspaper. Feeling very scholarly at the moment, I'd say that as the immediate reflection of a community's taste and opinion, your local newspaper is the crystallization of public thought and feeling. Not only that, but you can sweat files with a newspaper and what's better for lifting bureau drawers?

Being a high class student myself, ever since I reached Rocky Mount I've been for being best writer in the drum and bugle band and peanut racing circle. I remember when Shakespeare referred to the newspaper as the "newspaper of men. Now we can do that through (Continued on page 8)

### Grand Jury Hears Cases; Seventeen True Bills Found

J. K. Doughton Is Foreman; General Inspection Made Of County Buildings

True bills were found in 17 cases heard before the grand jury this week and a general inspection of the county buildings was made.

The courthouse offices were found to be in good condition and the jail was reported to be clean and well kept. However, the jurors recommended better water facilities.

An inspection was also made of the prison camp which was reported to be in good condition. Repairs to the chimney of the community building were suggested some time ago and part of the (Continued on page 4)

### Local People Will Attend Telephone Hearing In Raleigh

Scheduled This Afternoon; Will Be Joined By Other Groups

A number of Sparta people as well as others in this county and Ashe will attend the telephone hearing to be held in Raleigh this afternoon, relative to telephone service and rates.

The hearing before the utilities commission was called since the Central Telephone company serving this area has asked for an increase in rates. The West Jefferson Merchants association had previously asked for a hearing in connection with the service, however.

County and town officials and other interested citizens from Ashe county will join the Alleghany group.

Among the delegation from here are expected to be Congressman R. L. Doughton, Amos Wagoner, Julius Womble, Levi Shores, Kern Wagoner and Claude Miles.

The Central Telephone Company is asking in the petition for the authority to establish the following rates for business service in Sparta, individual line, \$3.00; two party line, \$2.50; business extension, \$0.75; rural multi-party line, \$3.00. For residence service, individual line, \$2.25; four-party line, \$1.25; residence extension, \$0.65; rural multi-party line, \$2.00.

### Record Number Of Cases Tried In 3-Day Session

Larceny And Violation Of Prohibition Act Most Numerous Charges Tried

The three-day session of the fall term of superior court for Alleghany county came to a close at noon yesterday after a record number of minor cases were tried. Larceny and violation of the prohibition act were among the most numerous to come before the court.

Gilbert Johnson, pleading guilty to a larceny charge, was sentenced to 12 months of labor on the State roads. Second charge of assault and robbery was not prosed. Paul Shumate and Robert Pollard, pleading not guilty to larceny charge, were given five year's probation. Odell Roten, pleading not guilty to the same charge was fined \$50 and costs and given three year's probation.

Charged with violation of the prohibition act were Ray Anderson, \$500 and cost; Robert McKinley Williams, \$25 and costs; Hortie Crouse, prayer for judgment continued; Steve Loggins, 12 months of labor on State roads; Ernest Evans, case continued, \$150 cash bond forfeited Mrs. Ada Moxley, \$50, and costs, good behavior for three years.

Charges in regard to driving were: reckless driving charges, Paul Washington, cost of action; Lonnie Blevins, fined \$50 and costs, six months sentence suspended upon payment of fine and good behavior; James Jennings, six month's suspended sentence upon payment of \$75 and costs and two years good behavior; Frank Choate, case not prosed; operating a car intoxicated; Ross Edwards, case not prosed; Ina Mae Owens, in the case of Ross Edwards, fined \$40 and costs for failure to appear as witness; Rufus Joe Long, \$125 and costs; Ross Edwards, \$125 and costs; Lonnie Blevins, 12 month's suspended sentence. (Continued on page 4)

### PRaises Newspapers



President Harry Truman, who points out that newspapers have played a splendid part in freedom's cause

### Newspapers Are Lauded By Pres. Of United States

Cites Need Of Defending Freedom At All Times And To Extend It

In connection with the observance of National Newspaper Week, President Harry Truman has issued the following statement: "We have the best and freest press in the world, but, as in all other fields of human endeavor, there is always room for improvement. Consequently, it is fitting that there should be a National Newspaper Week when the newspapers of the United States may take stock of their services to their readers."

"I like the slogan you have chosen this year—"Your Newspaper Serves Freedom by Serving You." There can be no greater contribution to the welfare of our nation and the world than service in the cause of freedom. We are too much inclined to take our own freedom as a matter of course. We need to defend (Continued on page 4)

### County Health Dept. To Hold X-ray Clinic

To Be Held Here, Thursday, October 16; Any One May Take Test

The district health department will hold a chest X-ray clinic for the diagnosis of tuberculosis on Thursday, October 16, Dr. R. R. King, Jr., health officer, announced this week.

The clinic will be held beginning at 9:00 a. m., and will continue until 4:30 p. m. All food handlers in the county who are connected with meat markets, cafes or school lunchrooms who would like to take the X-ray are asked to be at the health department on that day.

Any one who has had a positive skin test or who has been in (Continued on page 4)

### 4-H Groups Will Name Officers

To Make Plans For New Year; To Meet October 6 Through October 10

Alleghany 4-H club boys and girls will meet beginning next Monday morning to name officers and to outline plans for the coming year, it was announced this week. Meeting with the groups will be Mrs. Isom Wagoner, home demonstration agent, and John Burch, assistant county agent. Project record books for the past year will also be collected and new ones issued.

The schedule is given as follows: Monday, October 6, Piney Creek, 10:30 a. m.; Tuesday, October 7, Laurel Springs, 9:00 a. m. and Whitehead, 10:30 a. m.; Wednesday, October 8, Little Pine, 9:00 a. m. and Rich Hill, 10:30 a. m.; Thursday, October 9, Sparta senior club, 9:00 a. m. and Sparta junior club, 10:30 a. m.; Friday, October 10, Glade Valley, 9:00 a. m. and Cherry Lane, 10:30 a. m.

### Plans For Inspection Of Motor Vehicles Announced

Raleigh — Plans for North Carolina's motor vehicle mechanical inspection program which will go into effect next January 1 are well underway. Arthur T. Moore, chief of the mechanical inspection division of the Department of Motor Vehicles, announced.

Moore said that in addition to placing an order for the \$20,000 worth of testing equipment, the department was in the process of hiring competent personnel for the job.

Under the program, 40 inspection stations will be established throughout the state. Thirty-six of these units will be permanent, and the other four will serve as replacements and supplementary units. Each station will be equipped with a trailer which will serve as an office. The exact location for all the stations has not yet been worked out, Moore said, adding that they would be determined on the basis of motor vehicle population in specific areas.

Under a law passed by the 1947 general assembly, every motor vehicle registered in North Carolina must be inspected once during 1948 and twice a year thereafter. An inspection fee of \$1.00 will be charged during 1948 and 1949 and thereafter 75 cents will be collected.

Moore said each of the stations would have one supervisor and at least four inspectors. Explaining how the inspection will operate, he said as vehicles enter the inspection lanes, which are 100 feet long, each driver will be checked at the entrance for his driver's license and registration certificate. There the driver will pay his inspection fee and the inspector will fill out an inspection card, which will be checked for all types of mechanical defects, such as horn, mirror, windshield wiper, steering alignment, steering assembly, exhaust system, tires, tail lights, headlights and brakes. This inspection card becomes the personal property of the vehicle owner, and will be used later to aid garages and repair shops in correcting defects on the car.

After this preliminary check-up, the driver will drive about 20 feet (Continued on page 4)

### 16-Months Old Baby Is Drowned

A sixteen months old baby was drowned Sunday afternoon while playing at the home of a friend when he accidentally fell into a barrel of water.

Little Jerry Ellis Stiles, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Dillon Stiles, of Ennice, was at the home of Raymond Andrews at the time of the accident.

Funeral services were held at one o'clock at the Hooker Union Baptist church with Rev. Dan Smith and Rev. Claude Barber in charge.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by one brother, David Lee, and his grandmother, Mrs. and Mrs. Callie (Continued on page 4)

### Dairy Farmers To Meet Oct. 9

All milk producers of Alleghany county who are interested in artificial breeding for dairy cows are invited to the meeting to be held at the community building here Thursday night, October 9 at eight o'clock. A number of business matters pertaining to the establishment of a county unit of the breeder's association are expected to be discussed and it is hoped that a large number of the county's milk producers can be present. E. E. Black, county agent, related out. Over 500 cows have already been signed up for the artificial breeding program for 1948.

### Last Of Series To Be Played Sat.

Following a meeting of baseball officials held here last night, the protest was not granted in regard to the game played last Saturday at Elk Creek and the local team will journey to Eries, Va., Saturday afternoon to again play Elk Creek. This will be the end of the play-off of the Virginia league.

The protest was called last week at the game at Elk Creek, Saturday, when the score was 1-0 in favor of Sparta at the beginning of the eighth inning. Two men were called out and one on base when Lonnie Murray hit a ball that was called fair by one umpire and another called it a foul on two walks. With another hit, Elk Creek scored three runs. Sparta scored one in the ninth. The game ended, Elk Creek 3, Sparta 1. (Continued on page 4)

### Former Newboy Kay Kyser, Now Named As The O'P Professor, Helps Promote Check An Edition Of The New Year Round Trip Ticket During A Visit To Home Of National Newspaper Week, October 1-8

Former newboy Kay Kyser, now named as the O'P Professor, helps promote check an edition of the New Year Round Trip Ticket during a visit to home of National Newspaper Week, October 1-8.