



The Allegheny News

Allegheny County's Outstanding Medium... Culture and Tourist Center... With a Population of 200,000.

AND STAR-TIMES—(CONSOLIDATED ON SEPTEMBER 2, 1941)—ALLEGHANY COUNTY'S ONLY NEWSPAPER.

VOLUME 55, NO. 33 \$2.00 a Year in Allegheny County SPARTA, NORTH CAROLINA THURSDAY, DEC. 4, 1947 \$2.50 a Year Out of County

Spartans Again Have Water After 3-Day Shortage

Town Pumps Are Repaired; School To Begin Regular Schedule

Sparta is today slowly recovering from the acute water shortage which came about as a result of a water pump break down, here, Saturday.

One pump ceased operation on November 24 and remained idle until Saturday when the second pump broke down. The entire town of Sparta was out of water from Saturday night until Tuesday afternoon and even yesterday the supply remained low.

Town officials pointed out, however, that as soon as the reserve could be built up that the town should have the usual amount.

School in Sparta was unable to continue on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday due to the acute shortage. Small quantities were used in the lunchroom yesterday, however, it was not enough to continue operation of the school throughout the day. It is hoped by school officials that they will be able to continue on regular schedule again today.

Ray Rector was named superintendent of water works at a meeting of the town council, Monday night. He succeeds Lee Woodruff.

It was pointed out that an automatic switch had been attached to the two pumps and in the event that one should refuse to operate, the second one can be put into operation without inconveniencing the town of Sparta by having to do without water.

Greeting Cards To Be Stamped

Rural Mail Carriers Ask Patron's Cooperation

The U. S. Post Office Department does not require rural carriers to accept for mailing any first or third class mail or greeting cards which do not have stamps affixed.

Allegheny county rural mail carriers in expressing appreciation for response in the past of the rural patrons in observing this regulation stated that since the mail will be the heaviest during the coming holidays than it has ever been that they stamper all first class mail and greeting cards. When possible if a number of cards are being mailed at the same time, if they are tied neatly in bundles, it will speed up delivery service.

It was pointed out that if cards and letters were not stamped that the local carriers would not be responsible for delays caused by the mail not being stamped.

SERVICES GIVEN FOR CHURCHES, SUN.

Rev. William C. Crummett, pastor of the Laurel Springs Methodist church, has announced the following appointments for Sunday, December 7: Mount Zion, 11:00 a. m., and Scottville, 7:00 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Windows Will Be Judged Fri.

Merchants are again reminded that the Christmas windows are to be judged early Friday night, in the annual contest being conducted by this paper.

Judges will be a group of local professional men and women not connected with the business firms and the prize winners will be announced through this paper.

Many of the stores now have in attractive Christmas window displays and the attention of the public is called to them.

Due to the fact that there are many new gift items this year as well as a greater abundance of others and more decorating material, many of the stores are planning to feature unusual windows to display holiday gifts.

Man Asphyxiated In Self-Made Fire In Allegheny Jail

PRESENTED AWARD



R. Emerson Black, county agent, who received the distinguished service award of the national county agents association in Chicago, Monday.

Black Is Given Distinguished Service Award

Honored At Annual Convention Of National County Agents' Association

Chicago, Ill. — R. E. Black, county agent of Allegheny county, received the distinguished service award of the National County Agents' Association at the banquet of the association.

North Carolina State College. He came to Allegheny county in 1935. During this 12 years of work he has organized the sheep growers of the county, shipped cooperatively 16,911 lambs, sold cooperatively 203,655 pounds of wool, placed 72 pure breed beef bulls, 30 pure breed dairy bulls, 45 pure breed rams, and completed 87 4-H beef projects.

Mr. Black has also carried on an extensive dairy program. In 1935 there was not a market in the county for fluid milk and the income from dairying was (Continued on page 4)

Work To Begin On G. V. Bldg

The building material for erecting the Glade Valley high school gymnasium have been received and work will begin this week on the laying of the steel framework. E. B. Eldridge, superintendent, stated yesterday.

The new building is to be 70 by 100 feet and concrete or cinder blocks will be used. This is the first unit of the new building program for Glade Valley high school. Construction work is being done by A. A. Cashion and Son, construction company of North Wilkesboro.

Laurel Springs Woman Shoots Brother-In-Law, T. C. Miller

Laurel Springs. — (Special) Miss Myrtle Woodie, 42, of the Laurel Springs section of the county, is being held in the Wilkes county jail, charged with fatally shooting her brother-in-law, Tom Calvin Miller, 42, shortly after six o'clock on Monday.

Sheriff C. G. Poindexter of Wilkes county and Coroner I. M. Myers said that date for a preliminary hearing had not been set, pending further investigation. The coroner added that Miss Woodie had indicated she might waive the preliminary hearing.

The slaying took place on the road between their homes, which are near each other on the Blue Ridge Parkway in Wilkes county near the Wilkes-Ashe line. The sheriff said that Miller was shot in the head, the .22 calibre

Mack Craven, 34-Year Old Wilkes Man, Found In Smoke-Filled Cell

A fire, which started perhaps from a carelessly dropped cigarette, raged the death of Mack Craven, 34-year old Wilkes county man who was housed in the Allegheny county jail, Tuesday night on a public drunkenness charge.

Craven was locked in his cell by local officers around eight o'clock, and shortly after ten o'clock when the sheriff tried to enter his cell, he was met by a cloud of smoke found to be coming from the mattress in Craven's cell. Craven, however, was not burned, but asphyxiated by the smoke fumes, it was learned after the coroner's inquest. Artificial respiration was used, however, it was unsuccessful. Craven never regained consciousness.

One other inmate, James D. Fender, was in another cell at the time of the accident, however, the fumes did not reach (Continued on page 4)

Election Of Soil Conservation Committee Ends In County, Sat.

All Farmers Urged To Vote To Name Soil Conservation Committeemen

Allegheny farmers will continue to vote for candidates of the Allegheny Soil Conservation Committee through Saturday.

Alton Thompson, county chairman of the U. S. Savings Bonds Committee for Allegheny county, announced today that, according to information received from Allison James, State Director of the U. S. Savings Bonds Office in Greensboro, sales of U. S. Savings Bonds for the period October through October 31, for Allegheny county, totaled \$6,022.25.

State sales of Savings Bonds for North Carolina for the same period were: Series E, \$3,689,749.50; Series F, \$362,933.00; Series G, \$1,564,200.00. Total sales for the three series were: \$5,598,882.50. This was a 10% increase over total state sales in September, reflecting not only seasonal increase in Bond buying in many farm counties, but in the industrial counties as well, the report stated.

County Chairman Thompson said that although counties had not been assigned sales quotas in 1947, the state as a whole has a sales objective of 94 million dollars as its share in the plan for managing the national debt in 1947. Mr. Thompson said that Series F and G Bonds are excellent investments for industrial and business concerns as well as for individuals and recommended that firms check to see whether they have as yet (Continued on page 4)

Piney Creek To Have Movie, Wed.

Piney Creek high school will present a movie entitled "Gentleman from Arizona," on Wednesday night, December 11, it was announced this week.

Also a special Christmas movie will be shown December 17. The public is cordially invited to attend. A small admission fee will be charged it was announced.

Auto Kills Cow In Mishap Sat.

A '41 Chevrolet driven by Clate Edwards, of Sparta, was damaged approximately \$200 when the driver struck a cow around 7:30 o'clock Saturday night on U. S. highway 18.

The cow was killed as a result of the blow. Raymond Hall, of Independence, Va., was arrested on a charge of reckless driving and driving without an operator's license, and a hearing will be held Saturday before Justice G. Glenn Nichols.

Fred Roberts, of the Bullhead section, charged with public drunkenness, will be tried before Justice Nichols, December 13. A hearing will be held January 2 before Justice E. F. Wagoner, for Glenn Shaw, of Cherry Lane, charged with non-support.

Russia Reported To Have Set Off Atom Bomb In Test



Report from Prague that Russia is making sample atom bombs and has already set off one in a test in Siberia, is being questioned in some quarters. The map above, indicates by a cross, where the baby "a" bomb is supposed to have been exploded, June 15th, which was heard for 20 miles around the proving ground. A large gathering of Russian academy of science men and high officials were present, according to the report.

"E" Bond Sales Totaled \$6,022 In Allegheny

State Sales Increase Ten Per Cent; Suggest Bonds For Christmas

Alton Thompson, county chairman of the U. S. Savings Bonds Committee for Allegheny county, announced today that, according to information received from Allison James, State Director of the U. S. Savings Bonds Office in Greensboro, sales of U. S. Savings Bonds for the period October through October 31, for Allegheny county, totaled \$6,022.25.

State sales of Savings Bonds for North Carolina for the same period were: Series E, \$3,689,749.50; Series F, \$362,933.00; Series G, \$1,564,200.00. Total sales for the three series were: \$5,598,882.50. This was a 10% increase over total state sales in September, reflecting not only seasonal increase in Bond buying in many farm counties, but in the industrial counties as well, the report stated.

County Chairman Thompson said that although counties had not been assigned sales quotas in 1947, the state as a whole has a sales objective of 94 million dollars as its share in the plan for managing the national debt in 1947. Mr. Thompson said that Series F and G Bonds are excellent investments for industrial and business concerns as well as for individuals and recommended that firms check to see whether they have as yet (Continued on page 4)

Teams Divide Honors Tuesday

The Sparta girls and boys' basketball teams divided honors with the visiting Flat Rock teams here on the local court, Tuesday night.

The local girls played to a 24-24 tie with the visiting lassies and the boys lost to a hard-fighting Flat Rock team, 38-29.

W. Jefferson Tobacco Market Open; First Sale Monday

West Jefferson. — (Special) The Tri-State Burley Tobacco Warehouse of West Jefferson opened yesterday to receive tobacco on the floor in preparation for the sales which open here Monday, December 8.

As soon as it was announced that the market was open, farmers of this section, who has been waiting for the good news started to bring in their tobacco.

The new warehouse, recently completed, with 55,000 feet of floor space, is one of the best buildings of its kind in the state. Here every effort will be made to give the farmers the best of service.

Buyers from the larger tobacco companies will be on the market, which is to be operated by the Taylor Brothers, well known to tobacco growers of this section. Farmers are cordially invited

Farm Committee Elections To Continue On Saturday; Other Results Are Given

County Schools To Attend Child Education Meet

Special Program Is Planned For Saturday; Will Have Special Exhibits

Members of the Association for Childhood Education will meet at the Boone Demonstration School Saturday, December 6 at 11:00 o'clock for their annual regional meeting. Each high school in Allegheny, Alexander, Ashe, Mitchell, Surry, Yadkin, Yancy, Watauga and Wilkes counties is requested to send a representative from the elementary department.

Dr. W. Theo Dalton, Principal Curry Training School, the Woman's College and A. C. E. State Advisor, will be the speaker for this occasion. Other outstanding (Continued on page 4)

Teams Divide Honors Tuesday

The Sparta girls and boys' basketball teams divided honors with the visiting Flat Rock teams here on the local court, Tuesday night.

The local girls played to a 24-24 tie with the visiting lassies and the boys lost to a hard-fighting Flat Rock team, 38-29.

Tentative plans have been made to play East Bend here Tuesday night, December 9, Coach Joe Bill Reed stated, providing arrangements can be made with Piney Creek to cancel their game scheduled for that night. The games should begin at seven o'clock.

Ladies of the bazaar are urged to have their donations for the Methodist church at the community building, Thursday night, December 13, at nine o'clock, it was announced this week. Each article should have the name of the makers as well as the price on it, it was stated.

W. Jefferson Tobacco Market Open; First Sale Monday

West Jefferson. — (Special) The Tri-State Burley Tobacco Warehouse of West Jefferson opened yesterday to receive tobacco on the floor in preparation for the sales which open here Monday, December 8.

As soon as it was announced that the market was open, farmers of this section, who has been waiting for the good news started to bring in their tobacco.

The new warehouse, recently completed, with 55,000 feet of floor space, is one of the best buildings of its kind in the state. Here every effort will be made to give the farmers the best of service.

Buyers from the larger tobacco companies will be on the market, which is to be operated by the Taylor Brothers, well known to tobacco growers of this section. Farmers are cordially invited

Eastern Star To Hold Institute Meeting Friday

State Officers To Be Present For Installation Of Chapter Officers

The institute meeting of the newly organized Allegheny county Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star will be held tomorrow night at seven o'clock at the local Masonic lodge. Dr. J. Howard Brown, worthy grand patron of Tarboro, will be present for the meeting as well as a number of other state officers.

Expected to attend are Mrs. Nell Porter, worthy grand matron, Mrs. T. Ward Guy, district deputy grand matron of Statesville and a number of others from North Wilkesboro and Independence, Va. A large number is expected since this is the first time a county chapter has ever been organized and the group officers will be indoctrinated at the meeting.

Temporary officers appointed at the opening meeting are: Mrs. Isom Wagoner, worthy matron; Ed Pugh, worthy patron; Eugene Higgins, associate patron; Mrs. Hugh Choate, conductress; Mrs. Katalen Maxwell, associate conductress; Mrs. Hazel Tompkins, associate matron; Mrs. Nada Joiner, secretary; Mrs. Louise Evans, treasurer; Mrs. Amos Wagoner, chaplain; Mrs. Wilma L. Horne, marshal; Mrs. Ed Pugh, organist.

Points of star are Mrs. Anna Rose D. Higgins, Odah; Miss Faye Caudill, Ruth; Mrs. Ruth Edwards, Eather; Mrs. Ruth J. Choate, Martha; Miss Blanche Pugh, Electa; Cleo Caudill, Warden; and Bob Allison, Sentinel. Much interest is being shown in the organization of the county chapter and it is hoped that it will continue.

H. D. Clubs Plan Holiday Parties

Annual Christmas Parties To Be Held December 8 Through 11

Special Christmas club parties will be held during this month, Mrs. Isom Wagoner, home demonstration agent, announced this week.

The schedule for the parties has been announced as follows: Monday, December 8, at 7:30 o'clock, the Pine Fork, Laurel Springs and Meadow Fork clubs will hold their annual picnic event at the Laurel Springs school.

On December 10, at 7:30 o'clock the New Hope club will hold its annual Christmas party at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Dan Jones.

On December 11 at one o'clock, the Bledsoe Creek club will meet at the home of Mrs. Champ Duncan. On December 12, at 1:30 o'clock, the Turkey Knob club will meet at the home of Mrs. Clarence Kennedy with Mrs. McDale Kennedy as joint hostess.

WOODRUFF INFANT DIES

John Robert Woodruff, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Miller Woodruff, was buried in the Miller cemetery at Laurel Springs, on November 10.

Xmas Season Has Good Opening

Shoppers hurried to Sparta last week when the Christmas shopping season officially opened. Merchants reported unusually good business on the opening days. Shoppers were impressed by the unusually large number of gifts on display.

The street lights were turned on last Friday night and everyone commented favorably on them. Merchants have decorated windows and the inside of the stores and the Christmas spirit is seen everywhere.

The merchants are well prepared to take care of all shoppers and have an unusually large and fine assortment of special gift merchandise as well as many practical items that were most hard to get.