

Officers Raid Still In Glade Creek Township

Destroy 100-Gallon Boiler And 1,000 Gallons Of Mash; Make Other Arrests

A 100-gallon still with the boiler still warm from a recent run, was captured and destroyed by local officers in a raid last Thursday. Approximately 1,000 gallons of mash was destroyed also. The still was located in Glade Creek township near Fox Hunter's Paradise. No arrests were made in connection with the raid.

Several arrests were made by local officers this week. Wort Darnell, of Furches is charged with stealing and removing posts from the property of Mrs. Laura Plummer near Cranberry church. A hearing will be held for Darnell before Justice B. F. Waggoner, Saturday.

Otho Edwards, of Sparta, was arrested Sunday on a public drunkenness charge and a hearing has been set for January 10. Jesse Mac Reeves, of Sparta, was also charged with public drunkenness and a hearing has been set for Friday, before Justice Waggoner.

Canned Food Is Given Orphanage

87½ Cans Of Food, Valued At \$522.00, Sent To Thomasville

The people of Alleghany county gave generously to the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, and according to a report from J. P. Fraley, treasurer of the orphanage, 87½ cans of food were sent in. The value of the food was estimated at \$522.00. Two contributions were also sent in from Alleghany.

Mrs. Clennel Richardson, county chairman of the drive to collect canned food, together with Mrs. M. L. Collins, of Laurel Springs and Mrs. M. L. Collins, of Grove were among the top ones to give to the drive.

MAKE TRIP TO MD.

Ross Richardson and Wayne Hoppers accompanied Sheriff G. D. Richardson to Baltimore, Md., last week on official business.

Letters Sent To Drive Chairmen

Township Quotas Not Yet Announced; Committee Now At Work

Letters are being sent to township chairmen in the VFW building fund drive, W. Carl Irwin, county chairman, stated this week. Due to conflicting meetings last Friday night, all of the township chairmen were unable to be present.

The importance of the drive was stressed by Mr. Irwin at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and after the play, given at Piney Creek high school, Saturday night.

The county's quota has been set at \$6,000 but as yet township quotas have not been announced. A committee, however, has been appointed to assign quotas and they should be ready to announce them by next week, Mr. Irwin stated.

Stores To Close Xmas And Fri.

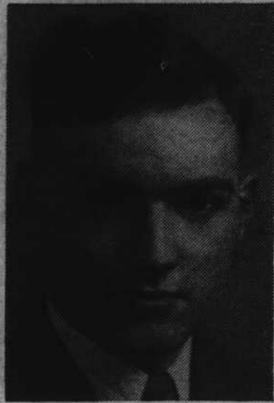
The business houses in Sparta will close on Christmas Eve and remain closed through Friday, Homer Edwards, chairman of the merchants committee, stated this week. Most of the stores are planning to stay open later than usual for the remaining shopping days, it was learned.

Most of the county offices in the courthouse are planning to be closed on Christmas Day and on Friday. Others will be closed longer.

The Alleghany county library will be closed for Christmas Day and Friday but will be open as usual on Saturday, December 27.

Tax Listing Will Get Underway In Alleghany, Jan. 1

TAX SUPERVISOR



Ernest E. Edwards, who was named tax supervisor for 1948.

Ernest E. Edwards Is Named Supervisor By Commissioners

Tax listing for 1948 will get underway in the county on January 1 in the various townships, tax supervisor Ernest E. Edwards announced this week. Listing will begin in Glade Creek township on January 1 and in the other townships on January 5 and 6.

A list of the various committees and time and place of listing will be published in full next week.

Listers are Arthur Gambill Gap Civil; C. G. Mitchell, Prather's Creek; Blake Hampton, Piney Creek; W. E. Hoppers, Whitehead; Mrs. T. S. Moxley, Cranberry. The lister has not been named for Cherry Lane township.

Mr. Edwards was named by the county commissioners to serve as tax supervisor. He replaces G. Glenn Nichols who had previously held that position.

Sparta Teams Divide Honors; Will Play Fri.

Split Victories With Both Mt. Pleasant And Sugar Grove Teams

The Sparta and Mount Pleasant basketball teams split honors here on the local court last Tuesday with the hometown girls being victorious and the visiting boys.

The boys, fighting a team that holds the record of being undefeated in seven games, held them to a 36-29 margin. The girls won an easy 20-10 victory.

The Mount Pleasant girls, however, were not so easily defeated. In their game with Sugar Grove, Va., last Friday, the teams again split honors, the boys the winner and the girls the losers.

The Sugar Grove lasses won a 37-30 victory and the Sparta boys a 47-25 victory.

The last game before Christmas holidays begin for the school, will be played here at seven o'clock tomorrow night when the Miller's Creek team will come here.

4-H Clubs Will Have Xmas Parties

All county 4-H clubs are enjoying Christmas parties this week. Piney Creek, Tuesday morning; Laurel Springs and Whitehead, Wednesday; Sparta, two Junior clubs Thursday morning; Sparta, Senior, and Glade Valley, Senior Clubs will have their Christmas party at the Community Building Thursday night, and Cherry Lane, Little Pine and Rich Hill clubs will have their party Friday.

4-H club members exchange gifts by drawing names and refreshments are furnished by club treasurers. Christmas songs and various recreation activities are enjoyed by members.

Dresses Are Packed For Europe

In response to the urgent need of the distressed peoples of Europe for textile products, U. S. mills under a voluntary program initiated by the American Cotton Manufacturers Association have contributed enough cloth to make the equivalent of a quarter of a million dresses. Officials are shown inspecting some of the cloth prior to shipment to Europe.

Tobacco Sales On W. J. Mart Total \$380,000

Plenty Of Buyers, Government Graders; Prices Are Considered Good

West Jefferson (Special) Sales at the Tri-State Burley Warehouse surpassed the 900,000 mark yesterday and are expected to go beyond a million pounds today, with an average for the season of 40 cents, totalling more than \$380,000.00.

Since the market opened a week later than others, the volume has been unusually good as well as the average price, judging from the quality of tobacco offered for sale. The better grades have brought as high as sixty cents.

The market has plenty of buyers from all of the larger companies, as well as independent buyers. Government graders are also on the job. Growers from North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia, have brought tobacco here to be sold.

Farmers, near and far, are expressing their satisfaction over the prices brought on the West Jefferson market.

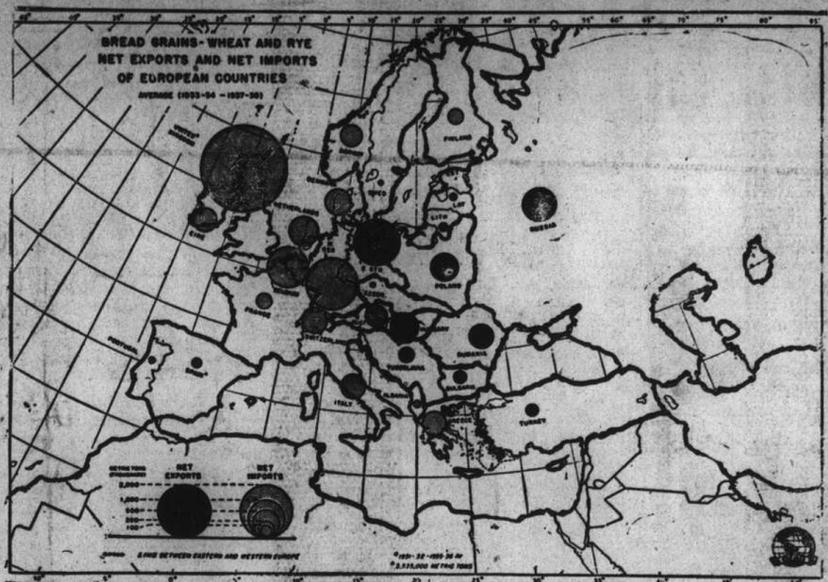
Sales will close on Friday until after the holidays, but the warehouse will remain open continually to receive tobacco except on Christmas day, it was announced.

Junior Guild To Give Party, Sat.

The Junior Guild of the Sparta Methodist church will hold their December meeting and Christmas party, Tuesday night at 7:00 o'clock in the home of Miss Bonnie Sue McMillan.

Each member is asked to bring a present and visitors are welcome to attend.

Agricultural Picture Of Europe Related To Marshall Plan



This map made by the office of foreign agriculture relations of the U. S. department of agriculture, should figure prominently in discussions of the Marshall plan. The black circles show the areas and the amounts of wheat and rye exported. The shaded circles indicate the amounts of wheat and rye that are imported by the respective areas.

County Schools Will All Close Fri. For Holidays

Will Re-Open December 29; Attendance Is Unusually Good For December

Alleghany schools will all close on Friday for the Christmas holidays and will re-open on Monday, December 29, Miss Clyde Fields, county superintendent, announced yesterday.

Most of the schools are having special Christmas programs and some of them, treats for children on the closing day.

Miss Fields pointed out that the attendance had been unusually good this fall and that favorable winter weather had helped this.

Favorable weather has also cut down transportation problems and as a whole the roads are in better condition than usual for this time of year, it was explained.

C. Of C. Meeting Is Well Attended

Members of the Chamber of Commerce and specially invited guests were shown the movie on North Carolina, shown through the courtesy of Esso Marketers, Friday night.

Around 45 members were present for the dinner meeting which was prepared and served by C. G. Teitz.

Carl Irwin, county chairman of the drive to raise funds for the VFW building fund, was also present for the meeting and spoke to the group concerning the drive.

Name Officers For New Year

Mr. Ben Reeves was named president of the W. M. S. of the Sparta Baptist church at a meeting held recently at the home of Mrs. F. G. Walker. Named to serve with her for the coming year were Mrs. Hugh Choate, vice president; Mrs. Joe Bill Reed, secretary; and Mrs. Wayne Waddell, treasurer.

Others named included Mrs. Amos Wagoner, young people's director; Mrs. Sam Porter, pianist; Mrs. Roy Burgess, publicity chairman; Mrs. Isom Wagoner and Mrs. Ray E. Walker, social chairman; Mrs. Ross Richardson, mission study chairman; Mrs. Ruth J. Choate, community mission chairman; Mrs. Homer Edwards, and Mrs. C. A. Reeves, Sunbeam Counselor; Mrs. F. G. Walker, T. A. counselor. The R. A. counselor has not as yet been named.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Halsey, of Concord, were recent week end guests of his mother, Mrs. Mas Halsey and Miss Betty Halsey.

Churches Of County Plan To Observe Christmas With Program; Schedule Given

Wade E. Eller Heard At Meet Of Farm Bureau

Speaks On Proposed Hospital; Committee Named To Work With County Group

At the meeting of the Alleghany Farm Bureau last week, Wade E. Eller, district sanitarian, was present and spoke to the group on possibilities of a county hospital, Rush Thompson, president of the bureau, named a committee to work with the hospital committee here in the county. Named on the committee were Charlie Collins, Arthur Gambill and Leff Joines.

Also present at the meeting was George Farthing, field representative of the North Carolina Farm Bureau.

Watauga string band furnished music during the meeting and refreshments were served.

County Offered X-Ray Machine

Mrs. Mary Taylor Britt of the veteran's hospital in Roanoke, Va., and her husband, Dr. Britt, have offered to donate an X-ray machine for the Alleghany hospital if one is built in the near future. This machine cost \$10,000.00 and has been used in a hospital in Georgia. This hospital was closed and Dr. Britt is now working with the veterans hospital in Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. Britt is the sister of Chief of Police Brant Taylor.

Dr. Zeno Wall Succeeds Greer As Orphanage Head

Dr. Zeno Wall of Shelby will succeed Dr. I. G. Greer as superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina, and Dr. Greer will succeed Dr. Wall as chairman of the institution's board of trustees.

The appointments were made Tuesday at a meeting of the trustees in Greensboro.

Dr. Greer resigned as superintendent to become executive vice-president of the Business Foundation of North Carolina on January 1, with headquarters in Chapel Hill. He had been superintendent of the orphanage for 15 years, and in recent years also served as president of the North Carolina Good Health Association.

Dr. Wall has been pastor of the First Baptist church of Shelby for 25 years and has long been a leader in the denomination. Dr. Greer commented that the board "showed sound judgment in selecting a man so eminently fitted to carry on the orphanage's activities."

Most Services Planned For Sunday; Pageants And Plays Planned

Alleghany county churches are making plans to fittingly observe Christmas as are other organizations and the schools here in the county.

A service will be held at the Sparta Baptist church, Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. "Song of the Nativity" will be the theme of the service.

An evening service will be held at seven o'clock and a special program of Christmas carols has been planned by the choir. The subject of the program will be "The Other Wise Men." Rev. F. G. Walker, pastor, cordially invites the public.

Christmas Blessings, a story, and colored slides will be shown at the Maple Shade Methodist church, Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock and at the Piney Creek Methodist church on Monday night at 7:30 o'clock. The slides and illustrations will be given by Rev. W. H. Yokeley.

A service will be held Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock at the Osborne Memorial Baptist church. (Continued on page 5)

Boy Scout Meet Called Tonight

All persons interested in reviving the Boy Scout Troop of Sparta, are asked to meet tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the Sparta Baptist church.

This meeting will determine whether or not the troop will be continued in Sparta. R. J. Randolph, scout commissioner, stated and said that he hoped all scouts and persons interested in scouting would be present.

Mrs. Duncan, 66, Passes At Home Here Fri. Night

Last Rites Held Sunday Afternoon For Well-known Alleghany Woman

Funeral service for Mrs. Della Woodruff Duncan, 66, well-known Sparta woman, was held Sunday afternoon at two o'clock at the Presbyterian church. Officiating was Rev. W. H. Yokeley, pastor of the Methodist church and he was assisted by Rev. F. G. Walker. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Pall bearers were C. G. Porter, Bryant Collins, Alton Thompson, Doughton Perry and R. C. Todd.

The daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Welburn Woodruff, of Alleghany, she was married to D. C. Duncan, who survives. She succumbed at her home here Friday night after a lingering illness.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by one son, Edwin Duncan, of Sparta; two grandchildren, Jane and Edwin Duncan, Jr., one brother, Dr. Fred Woodruff, of High Point; and one sister, Mrs. M. L. Collins.

Cars Collide On Parkway Saturday

Pick-up Hits Taxi Head On; Damage Estimated At \$400.00

Dale Atwood, of Stratford, driving a '37 Ford pickup, owned by Lonnie Musgrove, collided with a '46 Plymouth Taxi driven by Lloyd Maines, of Sparta on the Parkway near Fox Hunter's Paradise Saturday night around eleven o'clock. Atwood was enroute to Cumberland Knob when he and Maines collided head-on.

Neither of the drivers were injured, however, the taxi owned

Atwood, that of temporary license and reckless driving. A hearing for him has not as yet been set.

Investigating officers were State Highway Patrolmen, W. H. Hogan and Roger Parker, Chief C. Brant Taylor and Ranger Caudell.

Breeders Ass'n Has Equipment

The artificial breeding program will get underway in the county, January 1, as all the necessary equipment will be available then for the insemination work in the county, Harry Lee Wingler, Alleghany technician, stated this week.

Already 85 farm members have joined the county breeders' association. They will be sent shipping tags which may be attached to milk cans for service requests.

There is no chance of spreading Bang's Disease in the breeding program, it was pointed out and only a \$5 service charge is made.

The new artificial breeding program is a non-profit organization and is sponsored by the John D. Rockefeller Foundation in the interest of better dairying in Alleghany as well as nine other counties in North Carolina.

Mr. Wingler has urged that all farmers interested in service pay their lifetime membership fee to the organization.

Gifts Will Be Sent To Needy

The Sparta Lions Club will again remember the needy this Christmas with gift boxes, E. J. Randolph, club president, stated this week. The packages will be distributed by club members next week end and they will go to most worthy cases, as suggested by the county welfare department.

Gifts boxes will also be given to those in the county receiving State Blind benefits.

Named on the committee to prepare the boxes are E. J. Randolph, Homer Edwards, Bob Allison, Bill Applegate, Albert Robinson, Joe Robinson and E. J. Robinson.