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Township Quotas For VFW Building Fund Announced

Needy People To Be Remembered This Christmas

Lions Club Is Distributing A Large Number Of Special Packages

Most all of the packages for the needy families of Alleghany have been distributed and others will be distributed today, it was learned yesterday. Christmas gift packages are made available through the Sparta Lions club.

Families who receive packages are chosen after recommendations through the county welfare department.

Gift boxes have also been made up for those in the county who receive State Blind benefits. Although it is impossible to remember all needy families, it was pointed out that the most worthy cases have been sent gifts.

Named on the committee to prepare the gift boxes were Kern Wagoner, Homer Edwards, Bob Allison, Bill Sprinkle, Albert Richardson, Joe Douglass and R. J. Randolph.

In addition to the Lions club, there are several church groups and individuals who are also remembering some shut-ins, as well as needy families.

Many College Students Here

Spending Christmas Holidays With Parents And Friends In County

A number of Alleghany county college students have arrived home to spend the holidays with parents and friends. Most of the colleges in North Carolina will remain closed until January 5.

Home from the Woman's college are Imogene Choate, Evelyn Brown, Johnnie Gambill, Betty Joe Gentry, Jane Bledsoe and Mary Ruth Miller and home from the University of North Carolina are H. R. Reed, Billy Carol Choate and Pat Burgiss.

Among the students from Appalachian State Teachers College are Lucille Mitchell, George Roe, Naomi Douglas, Norma Fender, Evelyn Mitchell, Reba Edwards, Wanda Truitt, Tommie Sue Moxley, Dennis Franklin, Dorothy Sue McGrady, Earl Davis and Willard Moxley.

Others are Martha Jean Norman, Mars Hill; Helen Walker, Meredith; Ellen Hardin, Greensboro College, Mabelle Richardson, Radford; Harold Absbar and Roy Fender, Draughton's Business College.

Mrs. J. R. Richardson and daughter, Miss Una Lee Richardson, left Friday for Maryland, to attend Mrs. Richardson's sister's wedding and visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Moxley.

Careful Holiday Driving Is Urged

Raleigh — Colonel L. C. Bower, commissioner of motor vehicles, has called on all North Carolina motorists to exercise special care in their holiday driving. He said that in November, 78 persons were killed in 53 fatal traffic accidents, as compared with 99 killed in 54 fatal accidents during November, 1946.

Colonel Bower added that the Christmas-New Year holiday season is the most hazardous single period of the year. He said that "heavier travel and the festive spirit of the season increase the normal winter hazards, such as bad weather, slippery roads, and more hours of darkness.

During December of last year, 163 persons lost their lives in traffic accidents in North Carolina. Sixteen of these were killed in traffic accidents on Christmas day alone.

Quota Of \$6,000 Is Needed; Distributed Among Townships

In order to raise the \$6,000.00 necessary for the completion of the VFW building, the total has been broken down and distributed among the various townships, W. Carl Irwin, county chairman, announced yesterday.

Quotas as announced by the chairman for the townships are Gap Civil, \$2,000; Glade Creek, \$1,000; Piney Creek, \$800; Prather's Creek, \$700; Cherry Lane, \$600; Cranberry, \$500 and Whitehead, \$400.

It was pointed out by Mr. Irwin that he hoped all township committeemen would complete their selection of township chairmen and workers at once in order that the drive can get underway not later than January 1.

There are some people in various communities who are more able and will give more generously to the drive and it is suggested that they be contacted before other citizens are asked for donations. Gifts of \$100, \$75, \$50 and \$25 are being asked for, as well as smaller contributions.

Anyone desiring to contribute to the all-important drive may do so through any member of a township committee or by mailing checks to Gene R. Irwin, quartermaster of the VFW, or Cecil J. Murray, commander.

Children Can Aid In Giving To Needy

Should Be Told The Advantage Of Living In America

By STAFF WRITER
The Christmas season is here and our homes are bright with all the Yuletide trimmings, glowing with the spirit of giving. Our children are on holiday, with not a care in the world.

But there is a shadow across our gaiety, and few of us can escape it. Our youngsters need only pick up the newspaper or turn on the radio and they learn that thousands—indeed millions—of people in other lands are cold, hungry, miserable right now. Some are huddled in chilly homes; others are crowded into bleak camps for displaced persons. All are having a meagre holiday indeed.

We think of them, and wish we could help. When our boys and girls ask questions about them, we feel ashamed that such things can happen in our time. What can we do?

Well, we can do several things. Parents and children can give and give again to church. (Continued on page 8)

Stores To Close New Year's Day

Members of the merchant's committee announced that Sparta stores would be closed on New Year's Day.

The attention of the public is called to this in order that they may do necessary shopping next Wednesday or wait until Friday, January 2.

U. S. Santa Visits Paris As 'Friendship Train' Arrives

Paris — An American Santa Claus made an early visit to Paris last week.

The "Friendship Train," loaded with food that will make Christmas a little merrier for hungry children and adults, stopped here as it rolled across France, distributing parcels voluntarily given by American citizens. Thirty seven cars, crammed with flour, sugar, canned goods and other precious foods, pulled into Saint Lazare station from Le Havre to be greeted by strains of the "Star Spangled Banner" and the welcome shouts of a large crowd.

The huge reception in the Paris station, led by the famous Republican Guard, was only the first of several welcoming ceremonies which sped food parcels

Sincere Christmas Greetings To Everyone . . . Everywhere!



Tax Listing To Begin In County Next Thursday

Full Schedule Of Places And Time Of Listing Published This Week

Alleghany county citizens are reminded again this week that tax listing for 1948 will get underway in the county next Thursday, January 1. Listers have been announced and listing will begin in Glade Creek, January 1, in Gap Civil, Cranberry, Whitehead and Cherry Lane on January 5 and in Piney Creek on January 6.

Ernest E. Edwards, tax supervisor, stated that in order to avoid penalties, taxpayers should list on days advertised. A failure to list taxes will subject taxpayers to a double tax.

Listers for the townships 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 Cherry Lane lister has not been announced.

The cooperation of all property owners is asked by the listers.

Scottville H. D. Club Meets Tues.

The Scottville H. D. Club met last Tuesday at the home of Mrs. E. B. Shepherd with 15 members present. Mrs. Shepherd, assisted by Mrs. George Shepherd, entertained the club in an all-day affair, serving a delicious Christmas dinner.

Miss Ella Mae Crosby had charge of the games and contests, which were enjoyed by everyone. Cookie cutters were awarded as contest prizes to Mrs. E. B. Shepherd and Mrs. George Shepherd. After the program the ladies exchanged Christmas gifts.

The next meeting of the club is to be with Mrs. W. H. Perkins.

Christmas Is Being Observed With Services

Churches Commemorating Birth Of Christ With Many Observances

Alleghany county churches of all denominations joined the remainder of the world in celebrating Christmas by presenting plays, pageants and delivering fitting Christmas sermons.

A service was held at the Sparta Baptist church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock, when the "Song of the Nativity" was the theme of the service. At the evening service, a special program was "The Other Wise Men." Rev. F. G. Walker, pastor of the church, was in charge of the program.

"Christmas Blessing," a story and colored movie slides were shown at the Maple Shade Methodist church on Sunday night. The same slides were also shown at the Piney Creek Methodist church Monday night. The slides and illustrations were given by Rev. W. H. Yokeley.

A service was also held Sunday night at the Osborne Memorial Baptist church with Rev. E. V. Barton, pastor in charge.

Sparta Now Has Caution Light

Sparta now has a caution light, which was erected yesterday between the intersection of U. S. Highways 18 and 221 at the corner near the Northwestern Bank.

There has long been the need of a traffic signal there and it was purchased by the town sometime ago. However, it could not be erected without first getting permission from the State Highway Commission. The permission was granted and the town officials now have the traffic light in operation.

NEWS TO BE CLOSED THURS., FRIDAY, SAT.

The office of the Alleghany News will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday in observance of the Christmas holidays. The paper is published on Tuesday this week, but will follow the regular schedule next week.

The News takes this occasion to again wish all of the readers a "Merry Christmas."

This is also the message of the advertisers in this issue. Throughout this paper will be found many greetings sent to the readers as a personal message from merchants, other firms and individuals.

These greetings are being sent to around 11,500 readers. To all of them, along with merchants, we again say, "Merry Christmas."

Record Christmas Business Reported By Stores; Santa Expected To Be Generous

Tobacco Coming In For Opening Sales, On Jan. 5

Expect To Sell Another Million Pounds Before The Season Ends

(West Jefferson Special)
The Tri-State Warehouse, which approximately hit the million pound mark with an average of around forty cents before they sales closed for the holidays, is now receiving tobacco for the opening sales on January 5.

Officials of the warehouse stated that the house would be open throughout the holidays, every day except Christmas, to receive tobacco.

Officials also said they were pleased with the response of the farmers as well as the service they had been able to render them.

The market here at West Jefferson, which was one of the two established in the Burley belt this year has made an exceptional record since it was opened, agriculture. (Continued on page 8)

Students Make ASTC Honor Roll

The list of students at Appalachian State Teachers college, who made the honor roll for the first quarter of the current year, has just been released from the office of H. R. Eggers, registrar. Honor roll rating is equivalent to a grade of B or above.

Among the 143 students on the honor roll were Earl Davis, of Sparta; and Dorothy Sue McGrady, of Sparta.

Alleghany Turkeys Bring Record Price On Xmas Mart

Alleghany farmers, who sold turkeys on the Christmas market this year, received more than during the Thanksgiving season and the prices, which ranged from forty to forty-three cents per pound are believed to have been a record high paid for these top-flight holiday turkeys since World War I.

While prices were much higher than usual, the turkey crop was shorter. Unofficial estimate placed the number sold at around 1,200, which was sold at around last year. The turkeys weighed an average of fifteen pounds and brought to the growers approximately \$7,740.00.

Buyers reported that the quality of the turkeys was unusually good this year. Many of these grown in this section were sent to

Quiet Christmas Expected To Be Observed Here

Stores And Bank To Be Closed For Two Days; Offices Closed Until Monday

Alleghany is expected to observe a merry Christmas on Thursday, with the cessation of business and the reunion of many family groups. And according to the amount of gifts purchased, this Yuletide should be a generous one.

The section has enjoyed unusually beautiful winter weather and unless the weather man has a sudden change of heart, Christmas is expected to be a typical fair and clear winter day. Those wanting a white Christmas will probably be disappointed unless there is a last-minute change, weather experts declare.

Retail stores, as well as the Northwestern bank will be closed on Christmas day as well as the day after, but will be open as usual on Saturday.

All county offices will close Christmas day and remain closed until Saturday morning. Offices closed will include the sheriff's, register of deeds, and the clerk of the court.

The AAA office will be closed Christmas day until Monday morning.

Schools are closed for the entire week and will re-open again on Monday, December 29, Miss Clyde Fields, superintendent of schools announced.

The Auto Sales Company will be closed Thursday through Saturday.

Merry Christmas Gets Hotel Room

Surprised Clerk Gives A Christmas Greeting A Room

Mobile, Ala. — A young man at the hotel clerk last night received here practicing Christmas to you," the clerk replied.

The man stood looking at the clerk. "Is there something I can do for you?" the puzzled clerk asked. "Merry Christmas," the man repeated and gave the clerk an inquisitive look.

Vernon Weldy, the clerk, said the situation was getting out of hand when the man explained that he wanted a bridal suite, reserved a week before. Said he: "My name is Charles Merry (Continued on page 8)

Senator Proposes Replies By Santa

Washington — A plan whereby each child writing to Santa Claus would receive a personal reply was outlined last week by Senator Langer (R-ND).

The plan, if adopted, would go into effect for Christmas, 1948.

Langer said in a statement that he will discuss with the Post Office Department after the first of the year, a plan for enacting legislation which will permit the department to send all letters addressed to "Santa Claus" to the post office at Santa Claus, Ind.

He proposes to have a special "Santa Claus" signature authorized. Employees at the Santa Claus, Ind., office would mail a card bearing it to every boy and girl who sits down and writes a letter to the old Yuletide gentleman.

Alleghany Jail Is Now Empty

All the beds are empty; there is no fire in the stove, and no food on the table. A sad story to hear at Christmas time but when one is speaking of the Alleghany county jail, that is good news.

According to the jail report from Sheriff Glenn D. Richardson's office, no one will spend Christmas in the jail. This report was released Tuesday afternoon and if Sheriff Richardson does not stop by the big floor of the county courthouse, it will probably be because he got the report, "he was not expected."

Sparta Ball Teams Divide Honors

The Sparta high school basketball teams again split honors on the local court last Friday night when the home town girls were victorious and the Miller's Creek boys.