

NEW COURTHOUSE IS TO BE FIRE-PROOF

Expect Its Completion Within Six or Seven Weeks

Work on Alleghany's new fire-proof courthouse is moving along rapidly. About one-third of the construction on the second story has been completed, and the contractor expects to begin erecting roof steel next week.

Although the plan of the new building is practically the same as the old, there are some minor changes being made, which, it is thought, will improve its appearance and usefulness. The old west entrance is being eliminated, and a new front is being constructed. Eight feet lengths are being cut off the tops of the columns to make room for the new stone caps in the present design.

The building is made of fire-proof materials throughout, except for the window casings and inside doors. Floors are made of concrete. Stairways are steel with tile treads. Where the old roof was of wood and steel construction, the new one will be a flat, concrete and steel structure, entirely fire-proof. The roof over the courtroom will be supported by four steel beams weighing six thousand pounds each. All joists and rafters are steel. Not over a thousand feet of lumber will be used in the entire job, it is stated.

The courtroom has larger windows and more space behind the rail than the old building, and will be well-equipped to accommodate all court officers and participants in court proceedings. The acoustic qualities of the courtroom will be greatly improved by the use of acoustic panels.

A new ladies' rest room will be located under the stairs, next to the office of the county nurse.

The work, which is being done by the Fowler-Jones Lumber Company, of Winston-Salem, is being carried on steadily, and according to O. F. Fowler, in charge of the construction, the new building will be completed in six or seven weeks.

LOCAL PARTY IS ON PLEASURE TRIP

Left Tuesday For Morehead City And Atlantic Beach

A party of twenty-eight people left Sparta at 7 A. M. Tuesday morning on the large Piney Creek school bus for a pleasure trip to Morehead City and Atlantic Beach. On the way down they expect to visit Duke University at Chapel Hill, and the Capitol, State Museum, and other points of interest in Raleigh. Tuesday night camp will be made somewhere below Raleigh. The women in the party expect to sleep in tourist camps, and the men will sleep in tents or in the open.

Sometime Wednesday the travelers expect to reach Morehead, where they will spend several days fishing, boating, and bathing in the surf. On the way back points of interest in New Bern and other eastern cities will be visited. They expect to get back to Sparta sometime Saturday or Sunday.

Those in the party are: Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Gambill; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gambill of Piney Creek; Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Reeves and daughter, Annie; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Doughton and family; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Osborne and family; Brice Gambill and Miss Sallie Alexander of Ashe county; Mrs. Claude Miles and small son; Mrs. R. B. McMillan and two daughters, Madge and Jean; Misses Alma Irwin, Maude Richardson and Ethel Crouse.

Sparta Has New Mail Service In Effect

Sparta has a new mail service which became effective May 15. The new schedule calls for thirteen round trips a week between Sparta and Elkin, with a schedule as follows: Arrive at Sparta 9:00 A. M. and 2:15 P. M. Leave Sparta at 10:00 A. M. and 2:30 P. M. On Sundays the mail arrives at 1:00 P. M. and leaves at 1:15 P. M.

Under the new schedule carriers on star routes to Ennice, Independence, Jefferson and Laurel Springs leaves Sparta at 10 A. M. The carrier to Piney Creek leaves Sparta at 1:00 P. M.

Muscle Shoals Boss



Arthur E. Morgan, president of Antioch College in Ohio, is the man selected by President Roosevelt as chairman of the Tennessee Valley Development project. Mr. Morgan first gained national attention in flood control work in North Carolina, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas and Ohio. He gave up engineering to head Antioch College in 1920.

BOARD IS TO MEET HERE ON JUNE 5TH

School Committee Will Not Be Named At That Time

The County Board of Education of Alleghany County will meet in special session on Monday, June 5, for the transaction of such business as will probably come before the Board at that time. When the meeting was set by the Board it was hoped at that time that all school committees of the various districts of the County would be appointed at the June meeting of the Board. The new school bill, however, provides that all counties of the State must be re-districted by the State School Commission; therefore, it will not be possible to appoint school committees until the State School Commission has made its report on the districts, and this report cannot be expected for some weeks.

Teachers cannot be employed until districts are established and the number of teachers allotted by the State School Commission. It appears now that there will be a delay of several weeks before teachers can be employed for the next school year. There will be a cut in teachers' salaries, but the amount of the cut has not been determined by the State School Commission.

President B. B. Dougherty, of The Boone College, has been appointed a member of the State School Commission for this congressional district. He served as a member of the State Board of Equalization until that Board was abolished by the last General Assembly.

Methodist Church News

C. W. RUSSELL, Pastor
There will be no service at Sparta church Sunday because of the Decoration service at Shiloh. The Decoration Service will be held at 11 a. m.

Sparta League gave their regular program Sunday at 7:30 in the presence of a large crowd of Shiloh young people. Many of the older people were present for the program.

I hope to see all Epworth Leaguers at the service Sunday night as we have some important matters to discuss.

Prof. Gentry, of Edwards Cross Roads and a member of Sparta church, has been very sick for about ten days.

Publisher Dead At Taylorsville

Taylorsville, May 27.—John E. Hart, 67, owner and editor of The Taylorsville Times, died at his home here at 5 o'clock this afternoon after a lingering illness with diabetes. He is survived by his widow and two sons, W. G. Hart, of Springfield, Mo., and H. H. Hart, of Bluefield, W. Va. Funeral arrangements are incomplete, but services will probably be held Monday or Tuesday.

ATTEMPT FAILS

Judge P. A. McElroy today denied a petition for an injunction against the holding of an election in McDowell county June 20 on the question of legalizing pari mutuel betting on horse racing there.

WARREN FAVORS BUSINESS CLUB

Need Organization To Cope With Town Problems

(By Dalton Warren)
In these days of rejoicing over the prospective return of prosperity and the satisfaction which has come with the inauguration of the new deal, we find ourselves making all sorts of investigations and plans for the future. We are naturally more interested in our own town and community, the welfare of our people and the development of whatever resources we may possess. In considering our community problems we find ourselves totally unprepared to cope with our problems due to the fact that we have no sort of organization through which we can work.

There has never been a time in the history of our town when we needed organization more than now, and there has never been a more appropriate time to organize a business men's club. We have some new folks who have moved to our town for the purpose of taking over the county paper. They are filled with enthusiasm and pep. They are ready to give publicity, through the columns of their paper, to any movement which will be beneficial to our town and county, and we should make use of our opportunity by using the paper to get things over to the people. Why not call a meeting at once, elect our officers, draft our constitution and by-laws and appoint the proper committees so that we can begin at once to offer inducements to outside capital to come to our town. We must have some sort of organization through which to work and it seems that a business men's club would be the best for us.

The Federal government is doing everything possible to bring about a return of prosperity, by expanding credit, by guaranteeing bank deposits, and all sorts of remedial legislation. There was a time in our national life when our people were discouraged and when they felt that we no longer had a government of the people for the people and by the people, but with the inauguration of the new administration officials came new hope and new courage. The old order of things has changed and the time has come when

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MUCH CONSTRUCTIVE ACTIVITY IS NOTED

75 Or More Men Employed On Building Projects

A new spirit of constructive activity seems to be prevalent in Sparta. From morning till night the business section is the scene of continuous activity. Trucks are constantly coming and going, loaded with stones, bricks, and building materials. Other trucks are moving dirt and debris from the location of new buildings. All day the chug-chug of the rock crusher is heard as it moves along the street in the wake of the grading crew.

Practically all of the outside work on the new Jay Hardin store building has been completed, and workers are completing the roof and starting on the inside finishing. Within 20 or 30 days, it is thought, this modern store building will be ready for the occupants.

Gov. Doughton's new office, just west of the courthouse, is being constructed of rough texture shale bricks. This modern building takes the place of a wooden structure which was destroyed by fire in January.

Seventy-five or more men are employed on the four building projects under way now, and it has been suggested that more buildings may be constructed in the near future. In such an atmosphere of constructive effort it is not difficult for one to believe that the business horizon is brightening.

Demonstrations Are To Be Held

Mrs. Edna Wagoner Johnson, Emergency Home Demonstration Agent, states that cans have already been ordered and that canning demonstrations will be held in various communities. She will be glad to go to any community and assist in any way she can.

Indian Mother Oldest of "Gold Stars" In France



Among the Gold Star Mothers from the United States who this year visited the graves of their sons killed in the World War and buried in France, was Mrs. Kate Mike, 74-year-old full-blooded Winnebago Indian from Wisconsin. She is shown above as she sailed from America with the first contingent of 113 Mothers who sailed for France late in May.

FARM NEWS

By W. B. COLLINS, County Agent

Wool Brings High Price

The selling committee of the Alleghany Co-operative Sheep Growers Association met at the Court House in Sparta on Thursday, May 25, and sold the pooled wool.

The following committeemen represented their townships: M. E. Reeves and Van Miller, Cranberry; Hoyt Black and Charlie Edwards, Prathers Creek; Will Pugh and Lonnie Edwards, Whitehead; Eugene Transou, Bob Thompson and Leff Crouse and D. C. Duncan, Gap Civil. The Glade Creek committee did not come to the meeting. Cherrylane township does not have a marketing committee, and Piney Creek has an individual pool which sells separately from the county pool.

The following buyers were present when the wool was sold: James A. Caldwell representing the Chatham Manufacturing Company, Elkin, N. C.; Emmett McNeil representing a firm in Baltimore; and L. C. Saltier representing the United Wool Growers Association.

Sealed bids were called for from the above representatives and the committee reserved the right to reject any or all the bids made. When the bids were opened it was found that the Chatham Manufacturing company had presented the highest bid on the wool. The committee felt that this price could be made higher, provided the final price received would not be made known until the wool in adjoining counties had been sold. In order to insure that the price received would not be made known, the committee was asked to elect two men to make the final sale of the wool and for these men to not make the sale price known for 60 days. When a vote was taken for electing these two men Eugene Transou and D. C. Duncan were selected to make the sale.

After holding a conference with Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Transou and Mr. Duncan reported to the committee that the wool had been sold to the Chatham Manufacturing Company, Elkin, N. C.; that the wool growers were to receive 23 cents per pound for their wool as it was weighed up, and they would receive the balance in 60 days.

Some farmers have not been able to understand why they should sell their wool through the Pool without knowing the exact price they are to receive. This was done in order to protect the buyers from having to pay the same price in other counties. The Pooled wool could not have been sold now at the present price if the price received had been published.

One hundred seventy-two farmer delivered 19,406 pounds of wool to the Pool on Friday and Saturday of last week. There will be about 5,000 pounds more wool delivered this week.

The farmers of Alleghany County are to be congratulated on the fine condition which their wool was offered for sale. With very few exceptions the wool was dry, free from paint, trash and tags. Our farmers are building up a reputation for selling clean wool and this will always help them to secure the highest prices.

Local buyers were paying 26c per pound for wool on the day the

55 NOW EMPLOYED IN RELIEF WORK

Are Widening Highway Inside of Corporate Limits

Fifty-five men are now employed in Alleghany County Relief work. Most of these men are employed in widening U. S. Highway No. 21 inside the corporate limits of Sparta. Work on this project has moved along rapidly for the past few days. For a width of four feet on either side of the present hard-surface dirt is being removed. Rocks are being hauled, crushed, and placed ready for the tar surfacing.

This necessary and valuable project is a co-operative endeavor. The State Highway Commission furnishes trucks, the town of Sparta furnishes gas, and the Alleghany County Relief Organization pays for the labor.

The street will be surfaced from sidewalk to sidewalk through the entire business section. This will be a decided improvement to the town, and those responsible for the project are to be commended.

WILKES MAN GETS 30-DAY REPRIEVE

Bryant Stone Was To Have Died in Electric Chair Friday

Bryant Stone, of Wilkes county, faced with death in the electric chair for the murder of his son-in-law, Wayne Norman, was granted a 30-day reprieve Saturday by Governor Ehringhaus.

Stone was to have been put to death tomorrow morning. The reprieve was requested by Judge G. V. Cowper, who presided over the court last August at which Stone was convicted.

There were no eye witnesses of the actual slaying of Norman and Stone was convicted upon circumstantial evidence.

During the expiration of the 30-day period, Governor Ehringhaus will seek to obtain all the circumstances in the case on which to base his decision on the appeal for a commutation of the death penalty.

G. C. Adams, Georgia's commissioner of agriculture, Monday predicted cotton would be selling at 15 cents a pound by the end of the year.

Pooled wool was sold. The day after the Pooled wool was sold the local buyers were paying 30c per pound for wool. The Boston wool market bears the same relation to wool prices over the country, as the Chicago Live Stock market controls meat prices over the country. There was no difference in the price of wool on the Boston market on the day our wool was sold and the day after it was sold, yet the difference in price offered here was 4 cents per pound. Does it pay the farmers of Alleghany county to pool their wool?

MANY THOUSANDS TO BE ENCAMPED

Morale of Personnel of Primary Consideration

Fort Bragg, May 26.—By July 1, approximately 38,000 men of the Civilian Conservation Corps will be located in forest camps in the eight states comprising this corps area. During eight hours of each work day these men will be at work in the woods. For the remaining 16 hours it will be up to the army to make their lives as pleasant as possible. As is the case with all armies, so with the forest army, the morale of the personnel is of primary consideration. To this end Maj. Gen. Edward L. King, corps area commander has established an organization in the Fourth Corps Area, under supervision of Maj. P. S. Gage, Coast Artillery Corps, an officer of much experience, to employ the off duty hours to the best advantage. Each of the forest districts in the corps area has its welfare officer, and in every forest camp one of the Regular Army officers on duty will be designated as the welfare officer.

A system of traveling libraries will be established in the forest camps, each library containing from 150 to 200 books. Many of these books will be on various technical subjects so that young men who desire to improve their leisure hours by serious study will have an opportunity to do so. Facilities also will be offered for training in vocational trades under guidance of proper instructors.

Magazines and newspapers will be distributed to the various camps so that a member thereof may keep abreast of current events and have up-to-date reading material.

As funds are made available by the war department, districts and camp welfare officers will be allotted money with which to buy athletic equipment with which to foster good sportsmanship and stimulate a healthy, competitive spirit in the camps. As time goes on, it is quite conceivable that baseball and other leagues will be formed which will prove of a highly beneficial and interesting character.—Raleigh News and Observer.

Alleghany county has fourteen boys in the Civilian Conservation Corps now in training at Fort Bragg. After two weeks of preliminary instruction these men will be sent to various forest camps in the Fourth Corps Area. Those from Alleghany are:

Robert Watson, Homer Reeges, Frank Hines, John Frank McMillan, Preston Reeves, Bert Andrews, Garnett Nichols, Lorn John Higgins, Raymond Rector, Ketcher Duncan, Virgil Goodmen, Eugene Murray, Porter Wagoner, Eugene Brown.

Believe Ashe County Man Largest In C. C. C.

James H. Scott, 19, of lower Grassy Creek, Ashe county, is believed to be the largest man in the entire Civilian Conservation Corps, according to Brigadier General Manus McCloskey, in command of the C. C. C., at Fort Bragg. Scott weighs 270 pounds, is seven feet two inches tall, and wears a number fourteen shoe. Last winter he played center on the Grassy Creek all star team and attracted considerable attention with his playing in a basketball tournament at Wilkesboro.

Immediate members of Scott's family are normal in size.

Commissioners To Meet

The Board of County Commissioners of Alleghany County will sit in regular session on Monday, June 5 for the transaction of such business as will probably come before the Board.

THANKS

To the Editors Alleghany Times:
I am delighted to learn that you are installing a new linotype machine for printing The Alleghany Times. It is the first time that such equipment has been installed or used in this County and the public is to be congratulated. For this means that our county can have a real modern newspaper printed at home. I am certain that the people of the county will support you wholeheartedly in your undertaking, and I hope to see your paper in every home in the county and a real influence in the life of our people.

With best wishes,
Yours very truly,
R. F. CROUSE.
Sparta, N. C.
May 30th.