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## F. Crouse as chairman of Finnish Relief in

### Alleghany County, issues call to contribute to relief and aid of a noble people

The following statement: "I have been appointed Chairman of the Finnish Relief Fund for Alleghany County, which position I have accepted in order that I might not miss an opportunity to do a little something for the aid of the Finnish people who are, at this time, making of the most heroic struggles for freedom and existence of any people in history. The brutal, provoked aggression on this side and democratic people has led the people of every democratic country and has outraged the sense of decency of fair-minded people everywhere. By helping these people at this time, we are helping ourselves, because a victory by the Finns makes our own government and country more secure.

"Mail your remittance directly to me, and I will forward it to the State Chairman immediately. "Give A Dollar And Kill A Bossian."

R. F. Crouse, Chairman Finnish Relief Fund. Sparta, N. C., January 22, 1940.

## Topia

Topia, Jan. 22.—Mrs. Delia Pugh visited Mrs. Beatrice Pugh recently.

O. E. Moxley made a business trip to Stratford last week. Alvis Blevins was in Galax on business Wednesday.

George Fowler, Piney Creek, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Caulhill, recently.

The people of this community are grieved to hear of the death of the retired postmaster, W. H. Weaver, of Peden.

Misses Lucille and Thelma Black are confined to their homes with illness, similar to "flu."

Graham Pugh is again in school, after having quite a bit of suffering from an abscessed tooth.

Miss Velma Pugh visited in the homes of Mrs. Lillian Williams and Mrs. Ella Edwards last week.

Church Service in the Presbyterian church next Sunday at 11 o'clock. At 7:30 in the evening at Glade Valley Rev. Mr. Berry will conduct the first lesson in the Foreign Mission Study Book.

## Sparta High School

A play, "Son John," is to be presented soon by the Elementary teachers of Sparta school. It is a comedy and will afford a full evening of entertainment and laughter.

The proceeds will be used for improvements in the Elementary department of the school.

Sparta girls entered the Ronda invitational basketball tournament which opened on the 15th, with finals on the 20th. In the opening game Sparta girls defeated Mt. Pleasant 20-11. In the semi-

## Borah, dean of the Senate, passes away after

### —33 years of untiring service, having become one of the most powerful statesmen in our nation's history.

William E. Borah of Idaho, born 1866, passed away in Washington, D. C., January 19, 1940, of cerebral hemorrhage. He will be buried in Boise, Idaho.

The nation's estimate of the man and his heartfelt tribute was well expressed by President Roosevelt when he said:

"The Senate and the nation are sadly bereft by the passing of Senator Borah. We shall miss him and mourn him and long remember the superb courage which was his. He dared often to stand alone and even at times to subordinate party interest when he presumably saw a divergence of party interest and the national interest.

"Fair-minded, firm in principle and shrewd in judgment, he sometimes gave and often received hard blows; but he had great personal charm and a courteous manner which had its source in a kind heart. He had thought deeply and studied patiently all the great social, political and economic questions which had so vitally concerned his countrymen during the long period of his public service.

"His utterances commanded the close attention of the Senate and of a far-flung audience whenever he spoke. A unique figure, his passing leaves a void in American public life."

It was Borah who teamed with Senator Hiram Johnson (Republican) of California to lead the fight against American participation in the League of Nations and the World Court.

It is of interest that in the later years of his career Borah aided Southern Senators in beating off efforts to pass an anti-lynching bill, terming such a proposal unconstitutional and a violation of States' rights.

Of further interest is the fact that Borah's passing makes "Cotton Ed" Smith of South Carolina, the new dean of the Senate.

## Six new cars unloaded in front of the Post Office

—looks like more business for Sparta, especially when they are named Dodge and Plymouth.

## Glade Valley

Glade Valley, Jan. 22.—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Edwards and son, Kermit, of Primghar, Iowa, have returned to their home after visiting in the county during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards are formerly from Alleghany County.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick McKnight, of the Hooker community, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Edwards and son, Kermit, of Primghar, Iowa, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Andrews, during the holidays.

## Mt. Zion

Piney Creek P. O., Jan. 22.—Mrs. Treely Debord, Mrs. Maude Sturgill and Mrs. S. E. Smith visited Mrs. R. M. Pugh Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Pugh is improving from a recent illness.

Georgie Cox is ill. Lee Black is improving. Mrs. Caroline Landreth is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. W. H. Weaver.



Walter H. Woodson, Sr., prominent lawyer of Salisbury, who will be a candidate for seat in Congress from N. C. Ninth District.

## W. H. Woodson announces his candidacy for

### —the seat in the National Congress occupied so long by Robert L. Doughton. Woodson, a prominent Row-

an County Democratic leader and former state legislator, became a candidate in the field for Congress from the Ninth District, after Representative Robert L. Doughton's announcement that he would not seek reelection.

Woodson is the second candidate to announce for the Democratic nomination, James Rivers, Boone newspaper man, having announced some weeks ago his intentions to seek the House seat.

"I had hoped that Mr. Doughton would be persuaded to remain in Congress, where he has rendered such distinguished service to his District, his State and the Nation in the position of chairman of the all-powerful ways and means committee," Woodson said, in making his announcement.

Woodson has had a full legislative background. He was Mayor of Salisbury for six years and then went to the North Carolina General Assembly as a member of the Senate in 1921. He represented Rowan County in such a capacity until 1929.

Since that time, he has not been active as a candidate or office holder, having devoted his time to the private practice of law.

During his several terms in the State Senate, Woodson served on a number of committees and was chairman of the Education, the Appropriation and the Senate Finance Committees. He was a member of the State Budget Commission during the administration of Governor McLean.

Woodson was chairman of the Rowan County Democratic executive committee for more than 20 years and his son, Walter H. Woodson, Jr., now holds that position.

For many years he was a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina where he had received his education.

Members of his profession have honored him with the offices of vice-president of the State Bar Association in 1930 and president of the Rowan County Bar Association in 1938.

Woodson is a native of Salisbury, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Woodson. His wife is the former Miss Pauline Bernhardt. Two of their four sons are associated with him in his law offices. Another son, Paul, is located at Wilmington, and their other son, Jim, plans to study law at the University of North Carolina, where he was co-captain of the football team this season.

## Stratford

Stratford, Jan. 22.—Mrs. C. W. Cook returned home Sunday after spending a week with her daughter, Mrs. Johnson Sanders, at North Wilkesboro. The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Sanders is recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

Miss Ruth Cook went to Wilkesboro Sunday to spend some time with her sister.

Mrs. Edd Williams has been confined to her bed with flu.

Earl Sturgill, who is in the CCC camps, spent the week-end with home folks here.

Lonnie Hendrix is visiting his mother, who is sick, at Portsmouth, Va.

## Jim Rivers presents issues underlying his

### —candidacy for the seat in National Congress from N. C. Ninth District. Jim Rivers, a veteran Boone news-

paperman has named some of the issues on which he will wage his campaign for the seat which will be vacated next January by veteran Representative Robert L. Doughton.

The statement, which Rivers described as containing "the sincere proposals of an earnest, non-revolutionary candidate," follows:

"This is the first time in life that I've been for myself in a political race. I feel like a country boy standing naked in early spring at the edge of the old swimming hole, trying to muster sufficient courage to dive head-long into the icy waters. Not unlike the rustic nudist, I have gingerly sampled the frigid pool with extended toe. It doesn't seem to help a bit. So, clamping my teeth closely together, I immerse myself in the untempered, uncertain, and oftentimes unkind political stream.

"I'm not a magician . . . but I believe that existing Social Security legislation should be so amended that those millions of agricultural, domestic and other exempted American workers might receive in their old age the same retirement benefits that are now provided, as they rightly should be, to laborers in industry.

"I'm not a mind-reader . . . but I venture an opinion that Americans are more interested in healing the wounds of the last war than in allowing this, the world's one great democracy, to sacrifice again its youth on foreign fields of battle. Bitter experience has taught the children of Uncle Sam that tinkering in the recurring boundary disputes of Europe is 'bad medicine.'"

"I'm not a fortune-teller . . . but it seems that the day is near at hand when our servants in Government and in Congress must contemplate the winnowing of alphanabetic agencies; must separate theoretical chaff from the good, hard grain of social reform. I believe that President Roosevelt has given to America a new and refreshing philosophy, a new consciousness of Government's obligation to its unfortunate and down-trodden people . . . but it is also apparent that the effectiveness and economy of these helpful bureaus that administer helpful laws might be greatly enhanced by the clipping of excessive red tape, and the substitution of plain 'hoss-sense' for exasperating theory.

"I, for one, have never yet been made to understand those mysterious differentials in relief wages. And I've been sickened a hundred times by the dreamy-eyed disciples of cold social science, who blandly toy with human misery as they carry on their ceaseless experimentation.

"I've never posed as statesman or patriot . . . but as the years pass by my fondness for America and the practical American theory of representative government increases. One Tar Heel justice of the peace, in my belief, daily contributes more to civilization than every dictator who waves a bloody sword in this troubled world. One solid American home, even though it be only a weather-beaten mountain shanty, is more to be desired than a brace of Spanish castles, for within its rough portals can still be found that thing called freedom—God's gift to man. I'm for freedom—the American kind—to the exclusion and expulsion of every foreign ism to walk down a gangplank. And I do not believe that America is going to the dogs!

"I am not a spell-binding orator, either. If I deliver a speech in this campaign it will be my world premiere. During the next four months I expect to expand these views on public matters. When the proper time arrives I'll try to speak plainly. I shall follow the advice of Hambone, and 'put the fodder down where the little calves can get it.'"

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## Local vacancy Causes Civil Service Examination to be

### —announced as follows: The United States Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination for the position of Operator, Patrol Grader (Diesel) for filling vacancies in the Public Roads Administration, Federal Works Agency, Sparta, N. C., the usual entrance salary being \$0.50 an hour (when actually employed).

Applications for this position must be on file with the Manager, Fourth U. S. Civil Service District, Washington, D. C., not later than January 31, 1940.

Competitors will not be required to report for written examination, but will be rated on their training and experience.

Full information and application blanks may be obtained from the Postmaster, U. S. Post Office, Sparta, North Carolina.

## Maple Shade

Mouth of Wilson P. O., Jan. 22.—Mrs. Kyle McMillan and Mrs. Luther Payne, Galax, spent last week with their father, C. E. Cox.

Victor Phipps was a business visitor in Sparta Saturday. Gid Cox, Mouth of Wilson, spent last week with his grandfather, C. E. Cox.

Mrs. Eugene Phipps was a business visitor in Galax Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Reid Hampton and sons, Carlene, of Sparta, visited Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Phipps Sunday.

Misses Lois Miles and Lizzie Lee Halsey, Piney Creek, visited Mrs. Mamie Delp Sunday.

Enoch Osborne, Independence, visited in this community Sunday.

## Twin Oaks

Twin Oaks, Jan. 23.—John and Nathan Weaver, of West Virginia, were called home Saturday on account of the death of their father "Uncle" Billie Weaver, of Peden.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Shore, and Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham, of Winston-Salem, called on friends here Sunday.

Pete Hill, Buchanan, Va., stopped here Saturday en route to Asheville on business in the interest of J. M. Francesca and company.

Earl Finney, who is employed in connection with the construction of the Blue Ridge Parkway in Buchanan, Va., spent the week-end with relatives at Laurel Springs.

R. C. Wagoner, who has spent the past three years in the U. S. Army stationed at Fort Bragg, is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Wagoner. He has re-enlisted for another three years, beginning February 18th.

Howard Wagoner and a friend from CCC camp at Laurel Springs spent the week-end with relatives here.

Mrs. Stella York and daughter, Alma, are leaving for Washington, D. C., where they expect to spend the winter with Mr. and Mrs. Newton Robertson.

Edwin York and Dott Lush are leaving for their home in Burkeville, Va., after spending three weeks with the former's mother, Mrs. Stella York, here.

Gene and John Mc Carpenter returned Saturday from a business trip to Kentucky.

Mrs. M. E. Wilson returned home Friday after spending three weeks with relatives at Stratford.

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## Mrs. J. T. Inskeep entertained the two Missionary

### —Societies of the Methodist Church at her home at Roaring Gap Friday night. A large attendance from both societies was present and the following members discussed the life of Miss Belle Harris Bennett: Mrs. Jay Hardin, Miss Lillie Ervin and Mrs. Mexa Phipps. Mrs. Strader acted as leader.

After the program a social hour was enjoyed and delicious refreshments were served.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. R. E. Black with Mrs. Ed Dohy's associate hostess.

## An Alleghany boy or girl will win the gold medal

### —offered by the local American Legion post if the three high schools of the county enter the statewide oratorical contest which will begin March 1st.

The contest is open to any boy or girl now enrolled in the 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grades in these three schools. The winner in each school will compete in a county-wide contest. The county winner can then go on to a district, and state, and national contest. The national winner will receive a free four-year scholarship, with all expenses to some university and an engraved watch.

The subject will be "How the U. S. Constitution Benefits America and its Citizens."

The oration shall be composed of two parts. 1. A prepared oration of not less than 10 and not more than 12 minutes. 2. An extemporaneous oration of not less than 4 or more than 6 minutes.

Each contest will be judged by five disinterested judges, who shall render their decision without conferring.

Dress will be informal, and all uniforms are barred. Local contests are to be in the charge of local school superintendents and begin March 1st. County contests will be in charge of R. F. Crouse, local American Legion County Chairman.

This general outline gives essential facts. Next week the Alleghany Times will give more explanation and fuller details.

## The new system of water supply and sewage disposal is

### —about ready and will be turned over to the town of Sparta in a few days, by the PWA officers. The In-

spector for the Health Department, H. S. Webster, issues some very pertinent suggestions regarding plumbing and leaks. He warns us that the water may have a slight oily taste in the beginning, that will soon wear off. And, as the water system is a fully enclosed system, permitting no pollution, whatsoever, the oily taste is in no way injurious or dangerous. The foreign taste comes from the new pipes.

In regard to sewer plumbing Mr. Webster issues some very definite warnings. First, cast iron pipe should be used, with every joint sealed with lead.

This pipe should extend five feet or more from the house. Second, every plumbing job should be ventilated with cast iron pipe to the open air, with pipe not smaller than four inch diameter. The commonly used two-inch vent pipe is unsatisfactory and often dangerous. And third, every plumbing all outlets and filling the whole system with water to the top of the vent pipe, and then search for any possible leak. He who follows these suggestions will save money on future plumbing repair bills.

As the new water system will be under pressure every citizen will wish to avoid leaks, lest the cost of leaking water be more than the water used.

More of Mr. Webster's good suggestions will be presented later.

## Nine witnesses from Alleghany attended the execution

—last Thursday, in Raleigh, of Glenn Maxwell, who killed Charlie Shepherd some two years ago. These included the County Sheriff D. T. Bryan, the Prison Camp Superintendent Don Shores, and Patrolman Griggs.

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## Sparta Local News

### Laurel Springs

Laurel Springs, Jan. 22.—Miss Ivy Grace Hoppers was taken to the Wilkes Hospital where she had an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. Cleo Choate and Misses Alice Taylor and Hazel Taylor visited Miss Ivy Grace Hoppers in the Wilkes Hospital Sunday.

Fred Miller and Webb Cox accompanied Deane Miller to Newark Delaware, last week.

Mrs. Reece Miller, Mrs. R. L. Pugh and Misses Blanche Pugh and Dorothy Pugh were visitors in North Wilkesboro last Saturday.

### No Dollar Day before March, but local

—merchants who are using all of pages three and four this week, plus thousands of circulars mailed all over the county, propose to make Sparta a genuine Bargain Center, and no mistake.

Bell's and Smith's both tell something about it, but "the half has not been told." Don't miss on this.

Alleghany Times is a fine gift to those who've gone far away—and only \$1.50 a year or 15c a month. Send it to them a while.

### Very Convenient,

—just to clip this Coupon and mail it to Sparta, to the Alleghany Times.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

My address is \_\_\_\_\_

Here's my check or dollar for the Times a year. (That's all)