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## People YOU KNOW In Alleghany

By Staff Writer

### DR. J. L. DOUGHTON

Oldest doctor in Alleghany, one of the more prominent citizens residing in this section of the state, Dr. J. L. Doughton has rendered medical aid to families in this and surrounding counties for nearly a half century.

The great majority of medical doctors, when they have passed three score and ten years, retire to private life, content to spend the remainder of their days reminiscing about their years of service. But not Dr. Doughton! He is still keenly interested in the



welfare of his patients and is happy only when he is administering to their needs.

Born on May 20, 1870 to the late Rev. Joseph B. Doughton and Mattie Gentry, he was brought up on a large farm along New river. He secured his first schooling at Toliver. More advanced education—corresponding to the present-day high school—was obtained at Sparta under the late and distinguished professor, S. W. Brown.

Worked in Jefferson At 16, when he had finished school here, he went to Jefferson and became the assistant of his uncle, Dr. Levi Gentry, who was willing to teach him all he could about medicine. In those days Dr. Gentry received little actual money in payment for his services. Dr. Doughton still recalls the many cold days spent in driving sheep across the mountains of Ashe county.

In 1888 he entered the Baltimore College of Surgery—now combined with the University of Maryland—and graduated in the spring of 1893. One year he was forced to stay out of school and work, so he came back to Jefferson and was employed again by Dr. Gentry. His last year in college he did two years work in one, and following graduation he came to Sparta, set up his practice and has been here since.

In 1917, along with R. T. Finney and Dr. H. T. Smith, he was named to serve on the draft board of examiners and exemptions for the conscription of men to serve in the World War. For a number of years he has been on the medical staff, and has been a director of the Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital at Elkin.

Married to the former Miss Blanche Click, of Mocksville, for many years a nurse in the Statesville hospital, he is a brother of (Continued on Page Four)

## Dentist Plans To Open Office Here

Statesville Doctor Will Establish Full-Time Practice In Sparta Soon.

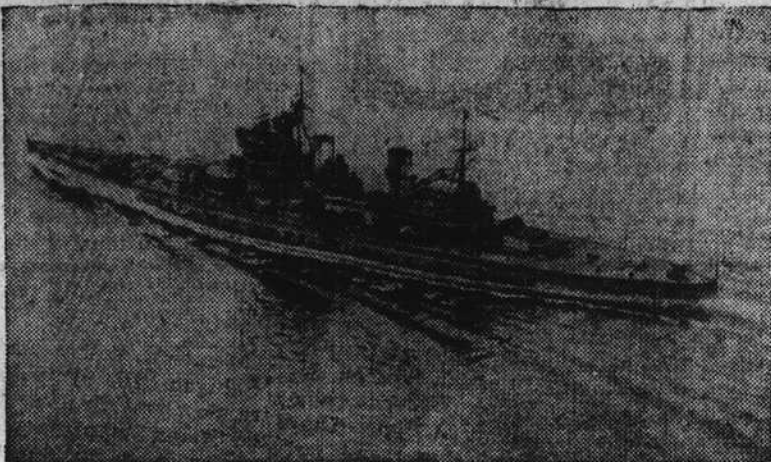
Dr. N. B. Fox, located in Statesville for the past year, announced yesterday he planned to begin a dental practice here at an early date in the office formerly occupied by the late Dr. C. A. Reeves.

While several other dentists have mentioned working here one or two days a week, it is understood that Dr. Fox will establish a full-time office, probably in the room now occupied by the county agent's office.

Dr. Fox said he planned to begin his practice here next week, but that "it may be the last of the month before the office is fully equipped for work."

Dr. M. G. Cox, of Independence, is still planning to open an office here and practice only two days a week, according to reports.

## Battleship Delivers Ambassador



ANNAPOLIS, Md. . . . Air view of the new British battleship, King George V, as she steamed up Chesapeake Bay toward Annapolis with her cargo of Lord Halifax, new British Ambassador to the United States. President Roosevelt shattered all precedent by boarding the ship before it reached port and welcoming Lord and Lady Halifax to the United States.

## Alleghany County Health Dept. Made Much Progress Last Year

### Alleghany Gets \$63,480.90 From Social Security

\$34,902,030.74 Distributed In North Carolina Through December, 1940.

#### MANY ARE AIDED

Raleigh, Feb. 12. — Operation of four major divisions of the Social Security act's ten divisions has resulted in the distribution of \$34,902,030.74 to individuals in North Carolina through December, 1940, it is shown in figures released by Charles G. Powell, Chairman of the N. C. Unemployment Compensation Commission.

Alleghany county individuals have received \$63,480.90 from these funds through December, 1940, divided as follows: old age assistance, \$34,909; unemployment compensation, \$15,704.90; aid to dependent children, \$11,268; aid to the blind, \$1,599.

These four major divisions, including unemployment compensation, old age assistance, aid to dependent children and aid to the blind, account for about 82 per cent of the amount distributed through ten North Carolina social security program divisions to the end of the year. The other six divisions are the five "services", including maternal and child health, crippled children, child welfare, vocational rehabilitation and public health services, and old age and survivors insurance, which is destined through the years to become one of the more important of the five major divisions.

Distribution of funds in North Carolina through the four divisions in three years for unemployment compensation and 3 1/2 years for the other three have been as follows: unemployment compensation, \$16,792,820.20; old age assistance, \$12,168,506.71; aid to dependent children \$4,795,909.19, and aid to the blind, \$1,144,794.64.

Broken down by sources this \$34,902,030.74 was furnished, \$16,792,820.20 or 48.11 per cent, by North Carolina employers; \$8,558,164.43, or 24.52 per cent, by (Continued on Page Four)

## Alleghany Motor Co. Will Hold "Open House", Sat.

Residents of the town and county are extended a cordial invitation by the Alleghany Motor company, Ford agency owned and managed by D. C. Bledsoe, to attend its formal opening tomorrow night between 7 and 10 o'clock.

"Open house" has been declared by the management for the purpose of taking visitors through the modern new structure, which is larger and better equipped even than the building that was destroyed by fire a year ago.

Several brand new 1941 Fords will be on display in the showroom. The showroom is lighted with new fluorescent lamps, giving a blue effect.

Directly behind the new car department is one of the largest used car storage spaces in this section of the state. Downstairs is a service and parts department fully equipped for motorists' needs.

### 1883 Complete Immunizations Given. Hundreds More Reached By Dept.

During 1940 the Alleghany county health department rendered immeasurable service to the citizens of the county by not improving sanitary conditions, but by making 1883 immune from contagious diseases, preventing the spread of communicable diseases, sponsoring an educational program in connection with the schools, and carrying out many other worthy activities which have made Alleghany county a healthier, happier place in which to live.

The following report to Dr. King's give a brief summary of the work done during the year:

"Communicate disease control is one of the most important activities of a health department, and Alleghany County has been fortunate in having very few of these to report during the last year. There were 8 admissions to service in this classification with sub-divisions as follows, — diphtheria one case, scarlet fever two cases, measles two cases, and whooping cough three cases. Actually there were more of some of these diseases, but many times where doctors are not consulted the diseases go unrecorded. The total in any case is one that we may well congratulate the county on. There was a total of 1883 completed immunizations given during the twelve months of this report, which gives us a percentage of immunizations of more than twenty-two for the entire population of Alleghany County. Of course some of the individuals (Continued on Page Seven)

### SCOUTS TO GIVE PROGRAM TODAY

In line with the celebration of Boy Scout week throughout the nation this week, the local troop is planning to present a program in the elementary school auditorium this morning during the regular chapel period, Scoutmaster T. J. Haigwood announced yesterday.

After several addresses on the work of the scouts, the 11 members of the troop will demonstrate methods employed in achieving advancements in the organization.

## AAA Checks Are Arriving Daily In Office Here

Farmers Being Notified Upon Arrival of Soil Conservation Payments.

### EXPECTING 1,350

Soil conservation checks for farmers who participated in the AAA program last year are arriving steadily, according to an announcement from the county agent's office, and the number of checks to be distributed is expected to greatly exceed the total number for 1940.

With 193 checks received thus far, totalling \$2,114.56, the total number is expected to be around 1,350. Paid out in checks here last year was a total of \$18,576.61, including all payments except grants of aid.

Each producer will be notified when his check has arrived, R. E. Black declared yesterday. Approximately 870 applications for payments have been submitted to Raleigh and Washington to be approved.

## Doughton Is Still Regular Tar Heel

Continues to Remain "Farmer Bob", Has Not Sold Laurel Springs Farm.

Congressman R. L. Doughton, this week vehemently denied reports recently published in a number of papers, that he had sold his farm at Laurel Springs and had moved his residence to Washington.

"I trust that I shall never be crazy enough nor ungrateful enough to the people of North Carolina and the District I represent to move my residence therefrom. Certainly no other place would be home to me," he wrote friends here.

Congressman Doughton pointed out that the rumors that he had sold his farm probably grew out of the fact that he had turned over the management of it to his older son, Horton, temporarily, owing to the fact that he was unable to give his personal attention to it without neglecting important public duties. He explained that it now appeared that this Congress would be in almost continuous session during the entire term of two years, as was the case in the last Congress.

Congressman said that following his usual procedure, he had rented a house in Washington to live in during the present session of Congress, and had sold none of his property in N. C.

The News is very happy to have this information from Mr. Doughton and rejoices in the fact that he is still "one of us" and has not sold his property in Ashe and Alleghany. This paper is glad to correct any wrong impression left by a statement in a column written by Ray Lowery and published last week in the paper stating that Congressman Doughton had sold his Laurel Springs estate. The item had been previously printed in several N. C. and Virginia papers.

Horton Doughton, like his father, is tremendously interested in pure bred cattle with which the Doughton farm at Laurel Springs is stocked.

## Rites Held For Ennice Citizen

Ollie Crouse Buried Monday Afternoon at Whitehead; Suffered Stroke.

Final rites were held Monday afternoon at the home for Ollie Crouse, 46-year-old resident of Ennice, who died Sunday afternoon, following a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Crouse had been ill more than a year.

Services were conducted at the Landmark church at Whitehead by Elders Coy Walker, Wiley Combs and Charlie Wooten. Burial was in the church cemetery.

A large group of friends and relatives attended the funeral. Mr. Crouse was a prominent farmer in the Ennice community.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Janie Crouse; four sons Letcher, Paul, George and Billy F. Crouse, of Ennice; two daughters, Iline and Rosie Faye Crouse, of Ennice; two brothers and two sisters.

## Recruits Assigned New Duties



FORT DIX, N. J. . . . The first job this recruit snowman was assigned to at Fort Dix was sentry duty, and it would appear that he froze stiff while at it. It's cold work and someone should have given him a muffler.

## County To Send Four More Men To Camp Next Thursday

### BUSINESS LEADER



D. C. Bledsoe, known to his many friends as "Duke", Sparta Ford dealer who will hold "open house" in his new building, Saturday.

## Plans Are Made To Secure New Defense Plants

Counties Organize to Unite Efforts. Dr. Burgess Represents Alleghany.

### ANDERSON SPEAKS

Plans to sell Northwestern and Western North Carolina to the erection of proposed defense industries were made this week in Hendersonville when sixty-seven representatives of 14 cities and towns in this area met there Monday to form a Western North Carolina Industrial committee for the purpose of co-ordinating the efforts of this section in obtaining industries.

Secretary Fred M. Allen, Jr., of the Hendersonville chamber of commerce was named temporary chairman of the group and a steering committee was named to perfect the organization on a county, congressional district and sectional basis.

The members of the committee are R. T. Green of Black Mountain (Continued on Page Four)

### Third Quota of Selectees To Meet Here and Leave for Fort Bragg by Bus.

Early next Thursday morning Alleghany county will send its third contingent of men to camp at Fort Bragg, making a total of 10 registrants inducted for service in the United States army through the operation of the selective service military program in the county.

Selected men, each of whom is a volunteer, are as follows: Alva Kyle Cox, Edwards Crossroads; Otris Jerdon Mickle, Sparta; Howard Lewis Wagoner, Sparta; and James Maynard Landreth, Piney Creek.

These men must report to the local board on Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, when they will be given tickets entitling them to transportation by bus and meals en route to Fort Bragg. Cox and Mickle it was learned, were living in Maryland at the time of registration, but since they are natives of this county, the local draft area will receive credit for their enlistment.

### Replacements

Because one or more of the men named above may not be inducted at Fort Bragg by the armed forces—for one reason or another—the following named men may be required as replacements: Fred Crouse, Sparta; Parnell Benjamin Finney, Mouth of Wilson; Claude Gentry Brinegar and Robert Wayne Pruitt, Laurel Springs.

## Baptist Meetings To Be Held Today

Last of the Alleghany Baptist fellowship meetings are slated to be held in Sparta today and tonight at the Presbyterian church.

Following a devotional at 10 o'clock by W. F. Doughton, J. C. Pipes will discuss "The Church and Its Missions." Rev. V. W. Sears will conduct the Bible study.

During the afternoon session J. M. Cheek will give the devotional and missionary societies will be discussed by Mrs. Sears and Mrs. Pipes.

Evening services will feature a sermon by Rev. Pipes and discussion of the daily vacation Bible school, BTU and WMS (junior) work.

## Pension Bill Is Adopted Tues. By Legislature

Sales Tax, New Education and Highway Set-Ups Are Suggested.

### BROUGHTON WINS

By Staff Correspondent

Raleigh, Feb. 12. — Education, sales tax, and finances, all of which are closely allied, have occupied the spotlight in the general assembly during the past few days.

A bill providing retirement pensions for school teachers and all other state employees was enacted Tuesday after sailing through both houses of the general assembly without opposition.

The final third reading vote on the measure was 47 to 0 in the senate in the afternoon.

Moves to reorganize the state government, meanwhile, took a new turn when Senators Stacy of Robeson and Brooks of Durham sent forward a measure to provide a constitutional amendment which, if adopted in the next general election, would vest control of the public school system in a single agency.

The senate passed on second reading a bill to appropriate \$300,000 for an agricultural building at N. C. State college, and approved a house measure to permit investment of state sinking funds in securities guaranteed by the federal government.

Meanwhile, the joint legislative roads committee discussed the administration backed bill to create a new department of motor vehicles by consolidation of a number of state agencies. Charles Ross, general counsel for the highway commission, said he drafted the measure at the request of Governor Broughton and that it followed lines suggested by the National Safety Council.

The new department would be made up of the motor vehicle bureau, highway patrol, highway safety division, motor fleet bureau and drivers license officials, all now in the revenue department.

Governor Broughton literally staged a comeback this week in regard to his proposed sales tax removal which the joint finance committee scuttled last week; for on Monday the committee adopted a report which exempts all foods and food products sold by retail merchants for human consumption. (Continued on Page Five)

## Floyd Edwards Buried Monday

Aged Resident Dies Here Sunday Morning Following Short Illness.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon for Floyd Edwards, 89 years old, of Sparta, who died Sunday morning at the home of his son-in-law, Pet Maines, following an illness of less than a week.

Services were conducted by Rev. Kyle Taylor, of Independence, at the home of Mr. Maines. Burial was in the Toliver cemetery on the New river stock farms.

One of the oldest men in the county, Mr. Edwards was well known throughout this section and could claim a host of friends.

Surviving him are his daughter, Mrs. Pet Maines; and four sons, Coy Edwards, of Independence; Al Edwards, of Galax; Glenn Edwards, Wilmington, Del.; and Dave Edwards, of West Virginia.

## Balkan Explosion Expected; British Hit Invasion Ports

The Balkans became the center of attention yesterday in the European war when it was reported that 1,000 German Air planes had passed over Rumania and landed in Bulgaria. England has given notice that supply sources as well as communication in Bulgaria would be bombed in the event of occupation by the Nazi troops. Further action is expected there this week. Rumania hurriedly strengthened her defense against any surprise British bombings.

In the meantime, yesterday the British air force in its biggest sustained offensive since September, heaped destruction on the Nazi "invasion front" after combined naval and air bombardments had set ablaze the Belgian port of Ostend and Germany's industrial city of Hanover.

For the sixth consecutive night Adolf Hitler's channel invasion ports were being ripped by tremendous explosions that rocked houses on the English shore.

The new all-out assaults on Hitler's massed invasion strength along the French, Dutch and Belgian coasts, bringing into action the guns of Britain's home fleet and swarms of bombing planes, were said to be nearly as savage as those of last September when the British claim to have "shattered" German preparation for an invasion.

British forces led by Sudanese native troops Wednesday were reported to be rapidly encircling the Eritrean railroad town of Keren after storming and seizing in hand-to-hand combat a 6,000 (Continued on Page Four)

