

Farmers To Vote On Soil Conservation District

People YOU KNOW In Alleghany
By Staff Writer

VICTOR PHIPPS
Recently appointed chairman of the county board of commissioners, Victor Phipps, of Piney Creek, has been a member of that group since 1936. Last November 8 he was unopposed for re-election.

Liberal and progressive in his



outlook, enthusiastic over ideas that make for the continued growth and development of his native county and community, he is one of Alleghany's most valuable citizens.

Along with his colleagues, Jas. Mac D. Wagoner and Johnny Gambill, he has had a hand in the construction of numbers of school buildings in the county, gymnasiums, road and street improvement projects, the newly-finished county office and assembly building and numerous other worthwhile undertakings. He has long been interested in the development of public education in

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Funeral Service Held Yesterday For Mrs. Roupe

Well known Sparta woman died Wednesday. Buried in Sparta cemetery.

Death came last Wednesday morning to Mrs. Norman Roupe, of Sparta, and funeral services were held yesterday morning at the Primitive Baptist church near here.

Elders Charlie Kilby and Shade Caudill conducted the services. An unusually large crowd attended. Burial was in the Sparta cemetery.

Mrs. Roupe left a large number of friends in Sparta and Alleghany county alike. She was always interested in the growth and development of this section and her death came as a shock to all of her many friends.

Surviving her are two daughters, Mrs. Mayne Halsey, of Sparta, and Mrs. Nannie Hash, of Piney Creek; four sons, Leonard J. Roupe, of Sparta; George W. Roupe, of Monroe, Wash.; Howard Roupe, of Cloverland, Wash.; and Lester Roupe, of Houston, Tex.; and two grandchildren, Dr. William B. Halsey, of Morganton, and Miss Marjorie Halsey, of Sparta. Mrs. Roupe died at the home of her daughter here, Mrs. Mayne (Luther) Halsey.

Surry 4-H Club Wins State Honor



Honors go to the Copeland 4-H Club, of Surry County, pictured above, for being selected the most outstanding 4-H Club in North Carolina for the past year. The club was awarded \$100.00 in cash by The Barrett Company, Distributors of Arcadian, the American Nitrate of Soda. In addition to numerous activities in the community during 1940, the club members completed 72 projects, helped beautify the school grounds, and raised money to pay for the construction of the club house on the school property. A. P. Cobb, assistant county agent, and Mrs. Grace Brown, home demonstration agent of the Agricultural extension service, supervised the work of the club.

\$100,000 Allotted To Blue Ridge Co-Op For Big Plumbing Project

Now Lawful To Pay Bounty For Hawks, Owls, Fox

Local Bill Passed Prohibiting Sale of Firecrackers in Whitehead Township.

Only three local measures were passed during the past session of the legislature, a bill regulating the register of deeds' pay and fees, one making provisions for the county commissioners to pay bounties for hawks, owls and grey foxes and another bill prohibiting the shooting of firecrackers in the Whitehead township.

Details of the register of deeds bill are given in another news story in this issue. The bounty bill makes it entirely lawful for the commissioners to pay bounties in the amount of 25 cents each for hawks and owls and \$2 on the grey fox. The measure, however, does not make it compulsory for the commissioners or for any group of citizens, such as the sportsman's club, to keep on paying out money after the \$300 that has been raised for this purpose, has become exhausted. To date \$34.10 of this amount has been paid out, Dick Gentry stated.

Petitions Sent In The purpose of this bill is to protect quail and grouse and to protect farm crops and gardens. Many petitions relative to its enactment were sent in. The bill which prohibits the use of firecrackers in Whitehead township was enacted after Representative Edwards and Senator Transou received petitions, requesting its passage. Sentiment for the bill arose last Christmas (Continued on Page Eight)

Laurel Springs CC Camp To Stage Birthday Celebration

In observance of the eighth national anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corps, the officers and boys at the CCC camp at Laurel Springs are now making extensive plans to entertain the public with a big birthday party on Saturday, March 29, it was announced yesterday by Raymond J. Kiddoo, camp educational advisor.

A full day's program, starting at 10:30 o'clock in the morning and concluding with a dance at night, has been arranged. The morning exercises will start at 1:45 with an address of welcome by Lt. Joe R. Henderson, camp commanding officer; history of the C. C. C., by Mr. Kiddoo and an address by Gov. R. A. Doughton. Company formation will take place from 11:45 to 12. A barbecue lunch will be served free to everybody from 12 until 1:30 o'clock. From 1:30 until 2:30 visitors

Legislators Here Are Pleased With Work Of Session

Senator Transou Says "It Was Most Farm-Minded One I Ever Attended"

MEASURES CITED

Alleghany county's two members of the 1941 session of the general assembly, Senator Eugene Transou and Representative Bert Edwards, returned home last Sunday, fully convinced that many constructive measures had been passed during this comparatively brief and harmonious session of the legislature.

"The only thing I regretted was that I got sick along towards the last of the session and was unable to attend and help push through some state-wide things that I was vitally interested in," Senator Transou said this week. He has been suffering with flu and a severe cold, but is better now.

"It was a fine session and I enjoyed being there; we had to work mighty hard," Representative Edwards declared. He is now working with the Alleghany Motor company.

Helped Education

"This was the most farm-minded session I have ever attended," Senator Transou said. "Business men and lawyers have woke up to the fact that something must be done for the farmers." He also stressed the point that this session also did a great deal for education.

Some of the farm measures passed, as pointed out by Senator Transou, are establishment of a marketing bureau to aid farmers in marketing problems, a pure seed law, increased appropriation for vocational education, authorized state "trade mark" for quality produce, an act to give (Continued on Page Five)

Whitaker Infant Perishes In Fire

Home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Whitaker Destroyed by Fire Last Sat.

Final rites were held Sunday afternoon at Shilo church for Genevieve Whitaker, eight-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Whitaker, of near Twin Oaks, who perished by fire when the home burned early last Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Whitaker, it was stated, was at the home of a nearby cousin when the small frame house caught fire, and Mr. Whitaker was away from home at work. Three small children were in the house.

Two of the children left the house before the blaze had made any headway. Then the youngest of the two went back into the blazing structure to see about the baby. Mrs. Whitaker managed to save the little boy from the fire, but the dwelling had fallen in before she could reach the infant. Surviving are the mother and father and two small brothers, three and four years old, respectively.

Alex A. Woodruff Is Laid To Rest

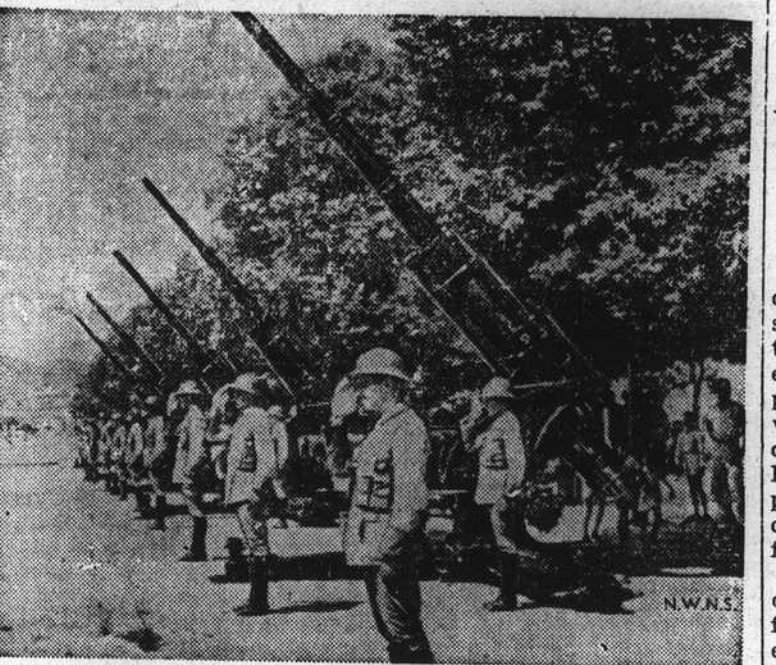
Aged Alleghany County Citizen Died at His Home on Mon. Well Known.

Funeral services for Alex A. Woodruff, age 85, of near Twin Oaks, who died of a heart attack early last Monday morning, were conducted at the Woodruff church Wednesday morning. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Universally regarded as one of the outstanding citizens of the county, Mr. Woodruff played a prominent part in the development of his native county. He could claim thousands of friends throughout northwestern North Carolina.

Services were in charge of Revs. E. Wayne Thompson, R. L. Berry and Grant Cothran. Surviving him are his widow, Mrs. Edith Woodruff; four daughters, Misses Pearl and Ruby Woodruff, Mrs. C. L. Hash and Mrs. C. R. McCann; one son, Herbert Woodruff; and eight grandchildren.

'Good Neighbors'-With Guns



Guns and gunners of Brazil's first anti-aircraft artillery regiment are shown here lined up for inspection. Brazil's air force is soon to be augmented by mass delivery of U. S. bombers. The United States is vitally interested in South American defense because it is believed that the western hemisphere is most vulnerable in that area.

Baptist Churches Here Send Over 1,200 Cans To Orphans

County's Draft Quota For Next Month Is Five

No Calls For This Month. May Have To Draft Three for April 4th Call.

Official notice of the next selective service quota was received by the draft board this week, and it was announced that Alleghany will be expected to send five registrants to camp on April 4.

Previously it had been announced that this county's fourth contingent of men would be sent to camp at Fort Bragg today. Draft officials explained that the current quota of selectees would be sent to Fort Jackson two weeks from today.

At least three of the five men will come from the registration list, it was disclosed. Only two registrants have lately expressed a desire to volunteer for army training. They are James Ralph Redd, of Sparta, and L. C. Bottomley, of Ennice, one of whom has been classified by the board.

Registrants who are likely to be drafted within the next week unless a sufficient number of volunteers is obtained are Fred Crouse, of Sparta; Claude Gentry Brinegar, of Laurel Springs; and Parnell Benjamin Finney, of Mouth of Wilson.

When the current quota of five men leaves, the county will have sent a total of 15 men to be inducted into Uncle Sam's army. Only one registrant has actually been drafted up to now. Fifty more draft questionnaires will be sent out to registrants within the next week, it was stated.

Britain Sends Aid To Greece; Many Are Killed In Air Raids

European forces, from all appearances, are making preparations for a battle royal on several fronts as soon as the spring weather breaks, from all accounts of preparation now underway. In the meantime air and submarine warfare goes on and the British continue their victory march in Africa.

Britain is sending aid to Greece where Germany is expected to pull her next blitzkrieg. Some of the largest convoys ever put together have this week been escorted by the British navy through the central and eastern Mediterranean to Greece without challenge from the Italian fleet and without the shadow of a fight.

The most significant development in the war of the air was London's disclosure that in the recent heavy Nazi bombing attacks upon the Glasgow and Liverpool areas 1,000 Britons were killed and 1,300 injured. These lists of the victims covered only the raids of March 12, 13, and 14.

Project May Be Established In Alleghany, Ashe

Voting Places in Townships Are Announced By County Agent Black.

MEETINGS HELD

Ballot boxes will be placed at convenient points in each township next Monday morning for the purpose of giving the farmers of the county a chance to express their opinion on the advisability of establishing a soil conservation district in the New River valley for a demonstration project and CCC camp work to control soil erosion and improve farm lands.

Balloting will continue throughout next week, enabling every farmer to cast his vote. The referendum is the upshot of a series of meetings which have been conducted this week by W. D. Lee, of the extension department of N. C. State college, in cooperation with the county agent's office.

At the meetings, steps that must be taken to organize a conservation district in Alleghany and Ashe counties were discussed at length by Mr. Lee. Natural color slides were shown at the evening meetings, explaining the various phases of soil erosion, and the steps that are being taken to control this menace to the land.

Voting Places

Farmers are urged by County Agent R. E. Black to avail themselves of the opportunity to vote at their nearest designated voting places. Ballot boxes will be located all next week at the following places:

Peden, Mrs. Charlie Shepherd's store, Will Atwood's, Isaac Richardson's store, Tea Pot Dome, Hooper, Marvin Doughton's service station, county agent's office, and the stores of J. R. Halsey, J. H. Douglas, Carl M. Kennedy, Oscar Gambill, Whitehead, J. E. Osborne, Fred Miller, Rush Thompson and J. T. Miles; also the residences of Cary Brown and Oscar Petty.

Purely voluntary, a soil conservation district is designed to help the farmer really get conservation measures established (Continued on Page Eight)

Commissioners Meet As Board Of Equalization

Valuations Being Decreased More Than Increased, Commissioners State.

While the valuation of some of the property in this county is being increased, a slightly larger portion of it is being decreased, according to the county board of commissioners, which is meeting this week as a board of equalization and review for the purpose of making the required adjustments on property.

Board members are going over the valuation books and making such adjustments as are found to be fair and just. This is in accordance with the state law which requires a revaluation every four years.

Chairman Victor Phipps stated that the board should finish its work today, but may remain in session until early next week.

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