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People YOU KNOW In Alleghany
By Staff Writer



J. C. GAMBILL

To people who aren't acquainted with Johnny Gambill (and there are only a few of them in this county,) the first impression they get is that here is a man who never gets overly excited about anything, an easy-going, unassuming type of individual who probably lives as quietly as he speaks.

That isn't a completely accurate portrait of the commissioner, however. For in reality he is a vigorous worker, a profound thinker, a capable and estimable business man and farmer. He is an asset to the county governing board of which he is a member.

Living on a Piney Creek farm which has been in the family for three generations, he still holds his grandfather's grant for the place, dated 1792. Elected and re-elected county commissioner, he was chairman of the board for two years.

Reduced Indebtedness

That Alleghany has lately received the reputation of having one of the best managed county governments in this section is no accident but a circumstance that is due in a large measure to the resourcefulness of the board. Its members, during the past several years, have reduced considerably the bonded indebtedness of the county.

Born along New river, near Independence, Va., in 1902, young Gambill began his schooling at the Gambill (or New River) school near his home. He later attended school at Piney Creek and Elk Creek, Va., and finished his education at Boone.

Going to work on the farm immediately after he had finished school, he has always lived on the old home place, a part of which he inherited. On the farm he raises some of the best cattle in the county.

Marriage was in 1926 to the former Miss Rose Gambill, of his native community. Mr. and Mrs. Gambill have two daughters, Johnnie and Nancy, aged 11 and 5.

With his brother Eugene Gambill, of Salisbury, he now owns four farms, one of which is located across the Virginia line. With D. C. Duncan, of Sparta, he owns the new building which houses the Delp Furniture store, Kay's Five & Ten, and the office (Continued on Page Eight)

Last Rites Held For Mrs. Reeves

Elk Creek Resident Died Of Pneumonia at Her Home Last Saturday.

Funeral services were held Monday for Mrs. Mollie J. Reeves, aged 85, who died of pneumonia at her home on Elk Creek last Saturday afternoon.

A member of the Shilo church for more than 60 years, Mrs. Reeves had always been a faithful church and community worker. Services were conducted in the Elk Creek church and burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Reeves had scores of relatives and friends in Alleghany, Ashe, Caldwell, Wilkes and Grayson counties. A large crowd attended the funeral.

Surviving are five children, Connelly Reeves, Charles Reeves, Jesse Reeves and Bower Reeves, of Pennsylvania; and a number of grandchildren. Her husband and son, John Reeves, died some several years ago.

Farmers To Vote On Soil Conservation Until Saturday P. M.

Ballot Boxes in Every Community; Early Indications Are Favorable.

Farmers and landowners of the county have "come out in droves" this week and voted for or against 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 began last Monday morning and will continue on through tomorrow evening. Boxes have been placed at convenient points in each township. In Sparta there are boxes in the Northwestern bank, the county agent and sheriff's offices.

Every farmer is urged by County Agent R. E. Black to avail himself of the opportunity of voting at his nearest designated voting place. Those who have not yet voted have today and tomorrow in which to do so.

Ballot boxes are located at the following places in the county: Peden, Whitehead, Hare, Hooker, Tea Pot Dome, the stores of Isaac Richardson, Mrs. Charlie Shepherd, J. R. Halsey, J. H. Douglas, Carl M. Kennedy, Oscar Gambill, J. E. Osborne, Fred Miller, Rush Thompson and J. T. Miles, and the residences of Cary Brown, Oscar Perry, Will Atwood and A. R. Murphy.

Mr. Black reported yesterday that "we are getting a big vote, much larger than I had expected." The farmers, he said, did not take so much interest in the soil conservation meetings recently held, but that most of them were coming out to vote.

When and if it is established, the conservation district in this and Ashe county will help the farmers to get conservation measures established so that they can carry on with some technical assistance and guidance. A technical advisor will be sent here to work with them.

In order to establish a district in the New river valley, a majority of the farmers must favor it, and for this reason all farmers are urged to go to their nearest voting place and express their opinion.

Regional FSA Man Makes A Study In Alleghany & Ashe

J. W. Lambert Studies Success of Combined FSA, WPA, Welfare Program.

J. W. Lambert, regional farm management specialist of the Farm Security Administration, was in Alleghany and Ashe counties last week, making a complete study of the FSA, WPA and welfare department sub-standard work.

This project is being carried out in the two counties as an experiment. There are around 400 families on the list and each agency is doing all it can to help these low income families become rehabilitated and self-supporting.

They are encouraged and given loan assistance by FSA to do as much farming and gardening as possible in the spring and summer months. During the winter months the WPA and welfare departments are to give them as much assistance as possible.

Mr. Lambert said he was impressed with the value of such a combined program.

Two Injured In Auto Accident

Two persons were slightly injured early Tuesday night when an automobile driven by Handy Murphy, of the Saddle Mountain section ran over a fill on the Blue Ridge Parkway, near Cumberland Gap.

Ernest Cockerham, a companion, received several broken ribs, Dr. B. O. Choate reported. Murphy sustained a cut lip and other minor injuries.

The driver stated that the lights on his car went out and he could not see where he was driving.

Draft Board May Conscript Four For Next Quota

5 Men Will Go to Ft. Jackson For Military Training On April 4.

Of the 5 men this county must send to Fort Jackson on April 4 for a year's training under the selective service military program, at least four of them are likely to be drafted from the registration list, it was announced yesterday.

Officials stated that only two registrants had expressed a desire to volunteer, and they have not yet been classified by the board. Neither has received his physical examination.

Registrants who may find themselves carrying rifles soon are Ivon Houston Lyons, of Glade Valley; Rex Raymond Fowler, Sparta; John Tyre Royal, Elkin; Brady Johnson Crouse, Perryman, Md.; and William Dean Halsey, Piney Creek.

Next in line are John Early Bryant, of Glade Valley; Neil Robert Harless, Galax; Davis William Osborne, Laurel Springs; and Everett Curtis Fortner, Ennis.

Fifty more draft questionnaires will be sent out to registrants when the board meets on April 4, bringing the total number of forms which have been mailed out to 250.

Matthew Taylor Funeral Is Held

Aged Resident of County Died at Home Last Sunday Following Stroke.

Death came last Sunday to Matthew Taylor, of near Sparta, aged 81, and funeral services were held at the Primitive Baptist church at Whitehead on Tuesday. Mr. Taylor had suffered a stroke of paralysis.

Burial was in the church cemetery. Elders Shade Caudill, John Williams and Charlie Kilby conducted the services. An unusually large crowd attended.

Mr. Taylor, who had been in ill health for quite some time, had a host of friends in Alleghany and surrounding counties.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Kate Taylor; two daughters, Mrs. Bess Spicer and Mrs. Amy Wagoner, of Sparta; one son, Arthur, of Pomona, Calif.; and two brothers, D. P. Taylor, of Sparta, and S. A. Taylor, of Forest Hill, Md.

Plumbing Schools Mon. and Tues.

Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation To Hold School in Gym.

A large crowd is expected to attend the free REA plumbing school to be held at the Sparta school gym Monday and Tuesday.

It was announced that \$100,000 had been allotted the Blue Ridge Electric Membership corporation to enable the members in Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga, Caldwell and Johnson counties to install complete plumbing units in their homes. And it is in connection with this that the schools are being held.

Willard J. Luff and Andrew Tesson, of the REA in Washington, D. C., and R. M. McGirt, plumbing advisor of the Blue Ridge Electric, will conduct the school both days.

They will have a large trailer truck, loaded with all kinds of plumbing fixtures, catalogues and prices. They will be prepared to take orders. The plan provides, according to G. F. Messick, Supt. of the Blue Ridge Electric Membership corporation, for the REA members to purchase plumbing fixtures at factory prices on a co-operative basis and for each member to install them himself, hereby saving a good deal of money.

All instructions are to given free of charge at the schools and a good attendance is expected.

CCC Celebration To Be Held Sat.

Full-Day Program, Dance In The Evening, Public Is Invited To Attend.

Plans are now being completed for the observance of the eighth national anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corps service, at the Laurel Springs CCC camp, Saturday when a full day program ending with a dance in the evening, will be carried out.

The morning exercises will start at 10:45 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 will inspect the camp; 2:30 to 3:30 they will inspect nearby work on projects and parks.

That night, from 9 until 12 o'clock, a dance will be held and music will be furnished by an orchestra and string band for both round and square dancing.

"The public is most cordially invited to attend and to join with us in this celebration," Raymond J. Kiddoo, camp educational advisor said.

MATTRESS PROJECT DEADLINE ANNOUNCED

April 30 is the deadline for filing applications for mattresses and there is no assurance that the program will be continued next year, County Agent R. E. Black announced yesterday.

A total of nearly 100 mattresses have been made in Alleghany and others interested in filing applications for either mattresses or comforts are urged to do immediately.

Norway is reported to be feeding woodpulp to cattle for fodder with herring and fish meal added to give the essentials of albumen, vitamins, and minerals.

Members of the Baptist church held their first Sunday school and church services in their new building last Sunday.

Balkans Bitter Over Signing Of Axis Pact; Many Uprisings

This week the lid literally blew off of the Balkans, the powder keg of Europe, for with the signing of the Yugoslavia-Axis pact a series of violent explosive demonstrations took place throughout the country, threatening revolution.

Yugoslavian nationalists were arrested by the hundreds in furious demonstrations against the Nazis—schoolboys, Serb peasants, revolutionary organization known as Comitaji (rebels). The rebel leader Kosca Pecanac was understood to have gone out to enlist men for revolt; Yugoslavians overwhelmed the Greek and British legations in the capital of Belgrade, all wanting to enlist with the Allies.

War in the air and on the sea continued, and was brought a little closer to the U. S.

News Scores Scoop When Fox Bites New Hope Man

COUNTY'S NEW DENTIST



Dr. N. D. Fox, formerly of Statesville, who has moved his family here and established a dental practice in the office formerly occupied by the late Dr. C. A. Reeves.

Mrs. Halsey Is Buried In Ashe

Services Held Monday Afternoon for Piney Creek Woman, Aged 89.

Services were held last Monday afternoon for Mrs. Emily Halsey, of Piney Creek, aged 89, who died at the home of her son on Saturday.

Rites were conducted in the Senter Primitive Baptist church in Ashe county. Burial was in the church cemetery. Mrs. Halsey had been a member of the Center church for a great many years.

Besides being one of the oldest women in the county, Mrs. Halsey was one of the best known residents of her native county and community. She leaves a host of friends.

Survivors are a son, C. W. Halsey, of Piney Creek; several daughters and a number of grandchildren.

Arnold Jones Attacked, Calls Mack Jones, Who Summons Dan Jones.

Maybe when a dog bites a man it isn't news, but now when a fox bites a man—

Well, it happened to Arnold Jones, of the New Hope section, last Monday night. He had gone out to the barn to see about his lambs when a vicious, bushy-tailed animal grabbed his leg and would not turn loose. By twisting his leg around he managed to shake the animal off, and head for the house. But the fox took out after him.

When he reached the house, Mr. Jones, who weighs considerably more than 200 pounds, yelled out to a neighbor, Mack Jones, that "a fox is trying to eat me up. Come over here!"

Opps! Missed!

Mack Jones hurried over there, gun in hand, ready for anything. After turning the lights on the porch, he saw the fox, lifted the gun and took a crack at him. But he missed.

So Arnold and Mack Jones got in an automobile and struck out for the home of Dan Jones, who lived a half mile up the road. Dan grabbed his gun, and on the way back to the Arnold Jones place he saw the fox cross the road. Jumping out of the car he took out after the fox (a gray one, it was) and "finished him off" in no time at all.

Which goes to show that (1) when you have all the Jones boys working in unison, you get something done, and (2) that maybe Dick Gentry is right when he says there are 3,000 foxes in this county.

Sale Of Easter Seals Is Begun

Miss Lillie Ervin is Chairman of Drive to Aid Crippled Children.

Opening last Friday and expected to continue through Easter, the annual sale of Easter seals to aid crippled children is now underway in Alleghany county.

Part of a nation-wide drive conducted simultaneously in 30 other states affiliated with the National Society for Crippled Children, the campaign is the only means the league has for raising funds. Miss Lillie Ervin is chairman of the drive in this county, and Mrs. Robert M. Gambill is treasurer.

Half of the total funds collected will remain in the hands of the local committee for aiding the county's own crippled children; half will be sent to the state office to be used in assisting those the committee cannot serve alone. Of the state's half, ten per cent will be forwarded to the national society to pay for publicity and to assist in otherwise conducting the annual campaign.

Funds derived from the sale here last year, Miss Ervin reported, enabled a number of crippled children in Alleghany to receive clinic examinations; others received hospitalization, and several children were supplied with braces. In addition to this, several children were given special training in different types of work.

He also pointed out that he would like to see more persons looking forward to the fair, and preparing for it, months before it actually took place. "We want more entries in every department," he said, "and I would like exhibitors to understand that it helps our fair to bring along some product and exhibit it, even though there appears to be no chance of it winning a prize."

Amos Wagoner is vice-president of the fair and H. H. Higgins is secretary-treasurer. Last year they, together with the board of directors, members of the Woman's club, and other interested parties, managed to put over one of the most successful fairs ever held in Alleghany.

Thomas A. Cox Is Making Good In Detroit, Mich.

Alleghany county has a number of native-born persons who have gone out into the world and made good.

Thomas A. Cox, of Detroit, Mich., who is visiting his father, Joe F. Cox, of Scottville, is certainly one of that group. In fact Thomas has made an outstanding record.

In 1923 he went to Detroit and with the assistance of Duke Bledsoe, got a job carrying a milk route. He climbed the ladder of success fast and eight years ago went into business for himself.

His firm is known as the Thomas A. Cox Creamery Company and specializes in the delivery of milk products.

"Yes, we have a good business; we deliver around 2,800 quarts of milk a day," he told a News reporter this week.

Mr. Cox, who is quite a handsome looking man, is still a bachelor. He has been in Florida on a vacation for several weeks. One of his hobbies is hunting for big game in Canada.

He also has a brother, Colonel Cox, living in Detroit. Colonel is a policeman. Rex Cox, another brother and a former baseball pitcher, lives in Roanoke.

Success in controlling vegetable diseases in a home garden depends largely on selection of disease-resistant varieties, says a new U. S. Department of Agriculture bulletin.

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