

## People YOU KNOW In Alleghany

By Staff Writer

### ODELL K. RICHARDSON

Another former resident of the county who has made good away from home is Odell Kelly Richardson, of Elkin, who at 37 has compounded many a powder and pill in the prescription department of the Turner Drug company. Known as "O. K.," his name is synonymous with the methods he employs in his profession, for every prescription that he fills must be O. K. and according to the physician's orders.

Mr. Richardson was reared at Stratford, and after graduating from the Sparta high school he attended the Appalachian State Teachers College at Boone. He taught at Ennice one year, then entered the University of Tennessee, where he was graduated from the school of pharmacy in 1930.

After passing the North Carolina state board he held a position with a Sylva drug firm four years. Afterward he was with the prescription department of Summit Street pharmacy in Winston-Salem for a year. He purchased a drug store in Erwin, Tenn., which he operated two years and later sold at a profit. He returned to Sylva and from there he went to Elkin two years ago to head the prescription department of Turner Drug company.

Possessing a genial personality, he has acquired hundreds of friends who hope that he is a permanent fixture of the town. He is a member of the First Baptist (Continued on Page Eight)

### R. A. Doughton, John A. Higgins Named On Board

### Third Member of Welfare Group to Be Selected At Meeting Soon.

Within the next few days Alleghany county's welfare board is expected to meet for the purpose of electing a third member and formally organizing.

Gov. R. A. Doughton, who has been a member of the board for the past several years, was reappointed a few days ago by the state board of charities and public welfare. At their meeting Monday, the county commissioners endorsed another veteran member of the board, John A. Higgins. These two men must select a third member and appoint a chairman.

A new law, passed during the last session of the legislature, gave county commissioners authority to appoint one of their own members to the welfare board.

### Blevins Resigned

The vacancy on the board is due to the recent resignation of Vance Blevins, who felt he did not have sufficient time to devote to the duties of the job.

One of the duties of the new board will be to elect a welfare superintendent, whose term of office will begin on July 1 for an indefinite period under the merit system now being instituted in public welfare work. Miss Lillie Ervin, of Sparta, has served in this capacity for several years.

Activities of the welfare department are numerous and include the administration of the social security program, old age assistance, aid to dependent children, surplus commodities, investigation of WPA and CCC applications, aid to the blind and so on.

### Two Arrested In Past Week

Dillon Sedden, 24, of near Sparta, was arrested last Sunday night by Sheriff DeWitt Bryan and placed in jail here on a charge of driving under the influence of liquor.

At a hearing before Justice Sam Brown, Sedden pled guilty and was bound over to superior court. He was also released from jail Tuesday.

Paul Vernon, 23, of Galax, was arrested by Patrolman Richard Griggs near Saddle Mountain last Saturday, charged with drunk driving and placed in jail here. Following a hearing, at which Vernon pled guilty, his case was bound over to court.

## Cheeks To Reside In Boulder, Colorado; Left Here Tuesday

### Widely Known Local Attorney Closes Office After 40 Years of Practice.

George W. Cheek, who had practiced law in Sparta for more than 40 years, and his wife, the former Miss Mervyn Jones, left here Tuesday for Boulder, Colo., where they will make their future home.

Mr. Cheek declared he was extremely sorry to be leaving his native county, where he has so many friends, but that he and Mrs. Cheek had decided that the climate in the west would be better for their health. The attorney also said that he wished to be living near his two daughters, and that he planned to establish a business in Boulder.

Dewey Sturdivant, who operates the Reins-Sturdivant funeral home here, was named early this week to succeed Mr. Cheek as a member of the selective service board. Mr. Sturdivant is reported to have agreed to accept the position and his name has been forwarded to Raleigh for affirmation.

Mr. Cheek was also president of the district bar association and United States commissioner for this county, but as yet no successors have been appointed.

Born in 1872 at Whitehead, Mr. Cheek received his education at the old Trap Hill school and at Wake Forest college, receiving his degree in law in 1900. That same year he came to Sparta and began a thriving law practice. In 1905 he was appointed commissioner, serving in this capacity for 36 successive years.

In between his duties as commissioner and attorney at law, he operated a successful mercantile business. Begun in 1911, it was sold 15 years later. Two years later he became mayor of Sparta, serving until 1931. For several years he operated a tea room in the Transon building, where his law office was located.

Of Presbyterian faith, he was an elder and leader in the Sparta (Continued on Page Eight)

## Sunday School Organized For Presbyterians

### Initial Meeting To Be Held In Church Sunday Morning At 10:00 O'clock.

#### NICHOLS IS SUPT.

Getting underway at 10 o'clock this Sunday morning, the initial meeting of the newly-organized Presbyterian Sunday school will be held in the church here, to be followed by a special Easter service at 11 o'clock.

At a recent organizational meeting, Glenn Nichols was named superintendent of the Sunday school. Alton Thompson was chosen secretary and treasurer. Teachers and their respective departments are as follows: Rev. C. W. Ervin, adults; Miss Lillie Ervin, young ladies; H. H. Higgins, boys; Mrs. C. A. Thompson and Mrs. R. L. Berry, beginners.

Until about two weeks ago, when the Baptists began holding services in their new church, the Presbyterians were meeting jointly with the Baptists for Sunday school, which was held in the Presbyterian church. There has not been a Presbyterian Sunday school here since the local church was built.

Rev. R. L. Berry, pastor of the church, will deliver a special Easter sermon Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Special music will be provided by the faculty and students of the Glade Valley high school. All those not in active attendance at some other church are urged by Rev. Berry to be present Sunday.

## Teachers Attend NCEA Meeting

### Harold Higgins Is Delegate from Sparta; Five from Laurel Springs.

Six Alleghany teachers, acting as delegates from this county, last week end attended the fifty-seventh annual convention of the North Carolina Education association held at Asheville.

Those attending the convention included Harold Higgins, of Sparta, Miss Ivy Grace Doughton, Miss Alice Taylor, Mrs. Hazel Taylor, Miss Hazel Lee Taylor and Mrs. Ruth Choate, of Laurel Springs.

K. G. Phillips, principal of the James A. Gray high school, Winston-Salem, was elected president and John C. Lockhart, Mecklenburg county superintendent of schools, was chosen vice-president of the association.

It is the association's policy to elevate the vice-president to the presidency, which means that Mr. Lockhart will become president a year from now. Mr. Phillips, last year's vice-president, succeeds S. G. Hawfield, of Raleigh, as president.

The secretary-treasurer is named by the board of directors in September. Other features of the final session were addresses by Governor Broughton and State Senator H. E. Stacy, of Lumberton, chairman of the 1941 education committee, and adoption of resolutions.

## 'Protective Custody' For Axis Ships



When the U. S. seized Italian, German and Danish ships in American ports for "protective custody" to prevent sabotage, the axis powers soon protested the action to the state department. A typical scene as the U. S. stepped in is the above in which Italian seamen cheer an Italian flag surrounded by U. S. marines shortly after their ship was seized.

## A Quiet But Fair Easter Is Expected; Church Services

### Populace Will Attend Church, Go Fishing, Enjoy Picnics On Parkway.

Expected to be considerably milder than last Easter, when the mountains and valleys were covered with a blanket of snow, this Easter Sunday will be observed quietly here with special services planned for the churches in the morning, fishing trips and possibly picnics in the afternoon.

Both the Baptist and Presbyterian churches here have planned special services. Rev. V. W. Sears will deliver the sermon at the Baptist church. Rev. R. L. Berry will preach for the Presbyterians. Special Easter music will also be provided.

Several business establishments in town have announced that they expect to be closed on Easter Monday. But the schools of the county are remaining open and so are the majority of county offices. The Northwestern Bank will close, however.

Among other churches in the county to hold preaching services Sunday are Shilo, Piney Creek, Rocky Ridge, Big Springs, New Salem, Prather's Creek, Liberty, Whitehead and Laurel Springs.

Providing it is a clear day—and all predictions are pointing towards one—Easter bonnets and new spring outfits are expected to make their appearance on the streets. Merchants are expecting a record business today and tomorrow, for the weather has been disagreeable for the past few days.

## CCC Camp Gets Four More Boys

Four Alleghany youths were enrolled in the CCC camp at Laurel Springs last Wednesday Miss Lillie Ervin, superintendent of public welfare, announced yesterday.

Boys received at the camp were Howard Carpenter, of Ennice; Walter Rose, of Furches; Hollie Atwood and Leonard Evans, of Sparta.

Each of the boys was given the privilege of going to California for enrollment in a camp on the west coast.

## Dentist To Work At Glade Valley

Having begun his work at the Pine Swamp school last Monday, Dr. E. T. Koonce, state board of health dentist, will continue working there throughout the remainder of this week and begin at the Glade Valley school Monday, Miss Oia Collins, county nurse, announced yesterday.

Students at Whitehead and Airbells schools are planning to go to Pine Swamp today for dental examinations. Students at Hooker and several other small schools will be treated at Glade Valley.

Dr. Koonce will probably be at the Glade Valley school all next week, it was announced. Other schools at which he will work are to be announced later.

Farmers in North Carolina last year produced their largest Irish potato crop since 1937, reports the State Department of Agriculture.

## Superintendent And Committeemen Are Appointed By Board

### Supt. W. C. Thompson Re-Appointed. No Other Applicants for Position.

W. C. Thompson, of Glade Valley, was reappointed superintendent of public education in Alleghany county at a meeting of the board of education last Monday and will begin his fourth year July 1.

Since there were no other applications for the position, it was inevitable that Mr. Thompson would be reappointed. Board members, however, stated this week that he had proved so popular and capable in his work that his reappointment would no doubt meet with the wholehearted approval of each county school district.

Like most persons involved in the public life of this county, Mr. Thompson was born and reared and attended school in Alleghany. Glade Valley is his home community, and he was born there 35 years ago.

After his graduation at the Glade Valley high school in 1925, he immediately began to teach—serving on the faculty of a Surry county school for one year. The following year he returned to Glade Valley and took a commercial course.

Davidson college claimed him in 1927, and graduated him (with a B. S. degree) four years later. For three years after his graduation he served as a teacher at his high school alma mater. The next year he became principal.

In July, 1938 he succeeded John M. Cheek as superintendent of public education in this county.

During his tenure in office many changes have occurred in the county educational set-up. As enrollment jumped, facilities have expanded. When the new building at Little Pine and Rich Hill are completed, the building program in the four school districts will have been rounded out.

Besides service on the county board of health and work as an accountant for the county, Mr. Thompson is a former superintendent of public welfare, serving in that capacity until 1938. He is on the advisory committee of the NYA and is an elder in the Glade Valley Presbyterian church.

## "Gone With Wind" Coming Next Week

### To Be Shown Here on Return Engagement With Nothing Cut But The Price.

People of this section will have the opportunity to see one of the greatest moving pictures of the century, "Gone With the Wind," which will be shown at the Spartan theatre on a return engagement next Monday and Tuesday. There will be both matinee and shows in the evening.

Hundreds of people who saw this famous picture when it was here a little less than a year ago will look forward to seeing it again. And those who have not yet seen it will welcome the opportunity; for on the return engagement nothing has been cut except the price.

This film version of Margaret Mitchell's famous book is a motion picture which exceeds in superlatives, in characters, scenery, drama and history. This vivid picture of the Civil War is presented in a most dramatic manner.

Starring Clark Gable, Vivien Leigh, Leslie Howard and Olivia de Havilland, the picture includes a cast of 1,230.

The burning of Atlanta, Sherman's march and dozens of other historical incidents are shown in a very realistic manner.

No expense or effort was spared in the filming of "Gone With the Wind," which has been proclaimed as the greatest picture ever produced. In technicolor it is unmatched for its beauty of scenery.

David O. Selznick purchased the picture rights to the book at a cost of \$50,000, the highest price ever paid for a first novel. And from then on no expense or effort was spared to make it the greatest picture of the century. (Continued on Page Eight)

### Most of Old Committee Re-Appointed. New District Is Established.

Committeemen for the coming school year were appointed Monday by the board of education which, at its regular monthly meeting, established a new school district in Glade Creek township.

Reason for the new district—created by dividing Glade Creek district (No. 3)—is because of the construction of two new school buildings in that township, at Little Pine and Rich Hill, it was stated.

Work on the two school buildings got underway last Monday under the supervision of Lester Stump, who was superintendent of the county office and assembly building project. Thirty WPA workmen are employed. The county board of commissioners has furnished four carpenters.

School committeemen, as named at the meeting, are as follows: District No. 1, Walter Osborne, Dewey Sturdivant and George Crouse.

District No. 2, W. F. Parsons, Frank Busic and Carlie Hash. District No. 3 (Rich Hill), Frank Brooks, Tom Greene and Jimmy Wagoner; (Little Pine), Kyle Edwards, Arthur Greene and Andy Evans.

District No. 4, M. E. Reeves, Van Miller and Colonel Jones.

Only new committeemen were Tom Greene, Jimmy Wagoner, Kyle Edwards and Andy Evans.

G. N. Evans was sworn in Monday as a member of the board of education. Mr. Evans, of Barrett, will in July begin his fifth term as a member of the board. In the primary election he defeated Fred Collins, of Glade Valley.

## Order Made For 26,000 Tons Lime

### Eighteen Cars of Phosphate On Way to Farmers Of Alleghany County.

County Agent R. E. Black announced yesterday that around 2,600 tons of lime have been ordered for the farmers of this county, with all but 750 tons having arrived at Galax, and that more will be ordered later.

Farmers are being notified when their lime is expected to arrive, and they are being given the day designated, plus the two following days, in which to get it off the car. Mr. Black is urging them to get it unloaded within the free time as demurrage will start several days after they have been notified.

"After farmers have received their lime, they should stop by the office at their first convenience and sign a receipt for it," Mr. Black said.

To date seven cars of 20 per cent phosphate have been ordered, and 11 cars of 45 per cent phosphate. More will be ordered later, it was stated.

Lime and phosphate to be received by farmers in Alleghany this year is expected to be as much as—and possibly more than—was received last year.

MY YOUNG ONE DOESN'T BELIEVE MOTHERS HAVE A GUN UNDER FOR DETECTING MISDEEDS. IT'S A 72¢ BEE, 91¢ AND NEBES A 101¢