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Alleghany Schools Making Final Plans For Closing Exercises

Marie Andrews Wins Spelling Bee In County

Piney Creek Student to Represent County In Winston Contest.

DUNCAN SECOND

Marie Andrews, 13-year-old member of the eighth grade at Piney Creek, is the champion speller of Alleghany county school students, it was decided Tuesday at a county-wide spelling bee held here at the Sparta schools.

Runner-up in the spelling bee was Orville Duncan, sixth-grader of the local elementary school, who represented the county last year in the state contest at Winston-Salem.

Miss Andrews will represent the county in the Journal and Sentinel bee this year. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Andrews, of Piney Creek. Orville is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Letcher Duncan, of Sparta.

Other schools represented in the contest here were Laurel Springs and Airbellows. Superintendent W. C. Thompson assisted the teachers in "giving out" the words.

Senior Play

Further activities involving the Sparta high school, including the senior play, "For Pete's Sake," to be given in the school auditorium a week from tomorrow night, were announced yesterday by Principal Charles R. Roe.

Scheduled to get underway next Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, a marble shooting tournament will be held here to determine what student will represent Alleghany in the district tourney to be held in Winston-Salem on April 26. At least four schools will have representatives in the play-off here on Monday.

Fashion Show

This morning at 9 o'clock Mrs. A. E. Hamby will stage a fashion show in the school auditorium in which approximately 75 of her home economics girls will participate. Dresses and other clothes worn in the show have been made by the girls themselves while in school this year.

With three wins and only one loss to their credit, the members of the high school baseball team succeeded Tuesday in defeating Piney Creek by the close score of 3 to 1. Two more games have been scheduled. Sparta will go to Independence this afternoon and Independence will come here next Tuesday. Tom Haigwood coaches the boys.

Three More Men Have Volunteered

Next Quota Is Expected Any Day. Must Send 18 More By First of July.

Within the past week three new volunteers have entered their names with the county draft board, intent upon serving one year in the nation's armed forces.

While Alleghany has already sent 21 county registrants to camp since the introduction of the selective service military program, it must have sent 18 more trainees by July 1, which is the halfway mark.

The next required quota has not been received by the board, but is expected within the next few days.

Latest volunteers are Walter Edward Whitaker, of Sparta; Golden Mastin Royal, of Laurel Springs; and Andy Cleary, of Whitehead.

Registrants are being urged by draft officials to notify them immediately when there has been a change of address.

In line for the next conscription are the following men: Luff Joe Caudill, of West Grove, Pa.; Wiley Edison Mabe, of Furches; Dent Bowie Pugh, of Topia; Ernest Earl Taylor, of Furches; and Vincent Alexander Cox, of Piney Creek. Caudill will be drafted in Pennsylvania.

OMITTED IN PICTURE

Seniors not appearing in the photograph of the Sparta high school graduating class are Ted Porter, Naomi Nicholson, Hazel Richardson, Frankie Rouse Taylor, Virginia Jordan, Edith Caudill, Ray Reeves and Orville Lyons.

Sparta's Outstanding Girls' Team



Pictured above are the members of the girls' basketball squad, who went through the season with 10 conference wins and only two losses. The are (front row, left to right), Emogene Choate, Elsie Wagoner, Eva Jean Gentry, Mildred Bennett, Louise Gentry; back row, Byron Stuart, coach, Doris Richardson, Ruth Smith, Gretchen Duncan and Anita Duncan.

Soil Conservation District Approved By State Committee

County Workers Defense Council Organized Here

Black Elected Pres. and Miss Margaret Bates Chosen As Secretary.

Designed to co-ordinate the various organizations in the county and to enroll the farmers in a drive to begin a well balanced live-at-home farming program, an agricultural workers council was organized here Tuesday afternoon at a special meeting in the courthouse.

District Agent Fred Sloan, who attended the meeting, pointed out that in agriculture as well as in every field of the national defense program, the government is lending every assistance possible. It is a recognized fact that the armed forces and those engaged in the manufacture of defense weapons must be fed and clothed, it was pointed out at the meeting, and therefore the farmer should put forth his best efforts by producing sufficient feed, food and other crops to meet the needs.

Black Is President

R. E. Black, county farm agent, was elected president of the council; L. K. Boyer, Piney Creek agriculture teacher, vice-president; and Miss Mary Margaret Bates, home management supervisor, secretary.

Enrollment cards are to be mailed to all the farmers in the county this week end. Interested farmers are requested to fill out these cards and return them to the county agent as soon as possible.

Farmers who grow 75 per cent of food for the family and feed for livestock consumption will be given a certificate signed by the Governor the agricultural extension service, and the vocational agriculture department.

Andrew J. Bryan Buried Wednesday

Funeral services were held at the Glade Valley Presbyterian church Wednesday afternoon for Andrew J. Bryan, 77, well known Alleghany farmer who died at his home late Monday afternoon. He had been in declining health for some time, but seriously ill for only about eight weeks.

A large group of friends and relatives from this and surrounding counties attended the funeral services. Services were conducted by Rev. R. L. Berry, Rev. C. W. Ervin and Rev. E. W. Thompson. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. E. B. Eldridge and Mrs. J. R. Gentry, of Glade Valley; and two sons, Howard Bryan and DeWitt T. Bryan, who is sheriff of Alleghany county. Both live in the Glade Valley community.

2 Grassy Creek Boys Are Killed In Accident Sun.

Killed Instantly When Car In Which They Were Riding Left The Highway.

AUSTIN INJURED

Funeral service was held Wednesday morning for Robert Dale Davis, a Grassy Creek youth who was instantly killed late Sunday night with Prince Paul Parsons when the car in which they were riding left the highway on Anderson Hill, on route 58 between Grant and Troutdale, Va.

Service for Davis was held at the New River Baptist church and burial followed in the church cemetery. The deceased who was 26 years old at the time of his death is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Davis and nine brothers and sisters. Twenty years ago, from the day that Davis was killed a brother, Jim, met death in an automobile accident.

Young Parsons, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Parsons was buried on Tuesday morning at the Oak Hill Baptist church. He is survived by his parents and 11 brothers and sisters. He was a student at V-C high school.

The entire sophomore class, of which he was a member, attended the service in a body.

Vester Austin, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Austin, was a passenger in the car when the accident occurred and received slight cuts and bruises.

Observers said that the driver of the car, which was reported to be Davis, evidently lost control and that it left the highway at a high rate of speed. W. L. Wright, Independence undertaker, who was called on the scene soon after the accident, reported that one of the victims had a broken neck and the other a crushed skull. They were lying in a field with the badly wrecked automobile nearby.

Dental Clinics Schedule Given

Dental work in county schools is being continued by Dr. E. T. Koonce, state board of health dentist, who today will examine pupils of the Cherry Lane colored school in Rush Thompson's store at Glade Valley.

Glade Valley school students will receive examinations at the Thompson store next Monday and Tuesday. Dr. Koonce began his work in this county two weeks ago at the Pine Swamp school.

The dentist's schedule through May 2 is as follows: Hooker, April 22; Little Pine, April 23-25; Dividing Ridge, April 28-29; Blevins Crossroads, April 30; Blue Ridge (col.), May 1. Above examinations will all be given at the Little Pine school.

More NYA Projects Here Are Proposed

Meeting last week for the purpose of discussing additional sponsorship in this county, the NYA advisory committee named garden and canning and clean-up projects as possibilities. Mrs. Clennel Richardson, county supervisor, announced yesterday.

Home service youths had as their luncheon guests last Friday Miss Margaret Louise Hines, health supervisor, who was here to employ a doctor to conduct physical examinations of all NYA employees.

Twin Oaks Woman Is Laid To Rest

Death came Saturday night to Mrs. Nancy Douglas, 90, of Twin Oaks, and funeral services were held Monday at Elk Creek church.

Services were in charge of Elder Shade Caudill. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Douglas, who had been in ill health for some time, was living with a daughter at Twin Oaks at the time of her death. One of the oldest women in the county, she leaves a great many friends in her native community.

Champions of Alleghany County



Playing 19 games during the past season, the Piney Creek boys' basketball team (shown above) won 10 and clinched the county championship. They have held the county championship for two years, and have not lost a game to any other team in the county during that period. Members of the team are Eddie Smith, Ralph Warden, Cecil Warden, Robert Johnson, Tam Gambill, Eugene Joines, Sidney Sturgill, Gary Wyatt, Robert Wyatt and Harold Absher.

New County Building Will Be Dedicated On May 1st

Patrons Of Rich Hill School Buy Some More Land

Additional Three and Half Acres Bought. Construction Now Underway.

Work on the Rich Hill school house, one of two buildings being built in Glade Creek township, is now in full swing and the patrons of the school have purchased three and four-tenths acres of land adjoining the acre the board of education already owned, it was announced yesterday.

The additional land to be used for the school building was purchased from J. V. and B. A. Franklin. Necessary money was donated by the persons whose names are listed below.

Those who contributed \$10 included Mack Brooks, David Jarrell, B. A. Franklin, Dewey Todd, Frank C. Brooks, Fred Hart, Glen Crouse, T. R. Franklin, W. C. Edwards and J. Q. Harris; \$5, Mrs. Fay Brooks, Connie Johnson, Miss Ruby L. Joines, Left Maines, H. C. Maines, Richard Crouse, Dan Paul Bauges, Frank Shaw, Everett Gentry, T. Y. Richardson, G. A. Todd, Arlie Maines, Creed Fender; \$3, Charlie Collins; \$2.50, Tom Shaw; and \$2, Tom Greene and Clayton Bennett.

The total amount paid out for the land was \$170 and to R. L. Hendrix for taking acknowledgment of deed, 25 cents. Balance on hand is \$19.25, which will be used for wiring and any other funds needed in the construction of the school.

WPA Workers Are Cut Off To Farm

Between 40 and 50 men have been released from WPA projects during the past two or three weeks in order that they might devote their full time to farming, according to an announcement here yesterday.

Now there are approximately 150 men working on WPA projects in Alleghany county. Projects, which have been cut to three, include the school building jobs in Glade Creek township, work on Highway 18 and on several county roads.

Other men may be released from the county pay roll during the next few weeks, it was stated. Of course, some will be cut off because their time has expired, and others will secure private employment or join the armed forces of the nation.

Con. Doughton to Deliver Address. Dance Is Also Being Planned

Arrangements are now being made for the formal dedication of the recently-completed county office and assembly building here on May 1, members of the entertainment committee announced yesterday.

Scheduled to get underway at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the program of the opening exercises will feature an address by Congressman Robert L. Doughton. Gov. R. A. Doughton and several other prominent townspeople will have seats on the platform which is to be built in the yard.

Invitations have been extended to WPA officials of North Wilkesboro, Raleigh and Washington to attend. There will be a brass band here for the occasion, and persons from this and surrounding counties are cordially invited.

Alexander's Ragtime band, of Bristol, Tenn., has been engaged to furnish music for a dance to be held in the assembly hall that night, beginning at 10 o'clock and lasting until 2 a. m.

Built by the WPA at a cost of \$16,392, the new building houses four county offices and the public library. Alleghany county's share in the cost of the building was \$4,800; WPA funds were responsible for the remaining \$11,592. The assembly hall on the first floor will be used as a meeting place for various county and community organizations, and for dances and other entertainments.

Serving on a committee that is outlining entertainment features for the opening exercises are Amos Wagoner, C. A. Miles and Mrs. Edwin Duncan.

Included on a committee to buy furnishings for the building are Mrs. J. T. Inskeep, Mrs. Amos Wagoner, Mrs. Pearl Fields and Mrs. C. A. Thompson.

Fair Officials Met Here Friday

While no definite plans concerning the proposed 1941 Alleghany agricultural fair have been made, the officers and directors of the association, at a meeting last Friday night, set October 2 and 3 as tentative dates and discussed several valuable suggestions relative to the betterment of the exhibition this fall.

R. E. Black was retained as president of the association and H. H. Higgins will continue to serve as secretary. L. K. Boyer, of Piney Creek, was chosen vice-president to succeed Amos Wagoner.

Another meeting will be held soon, it was stated, and further, more definite, plans made concerning the fair.

85 Seniors Will Graduate From 3 High Schools

Many 7th Grade Certificates to Be Awarded. Sparta Has Record Class.

SCHOOL EDITION

Final plans are now being made to hold commencement exercises in Alleghany county's three high schools and 26 elementary schools.

Some of the schools close today, while all of the others will complete their terms within the next week. The reason for different closing dates is said to be due to time missed by some of the schools during the influenza epidemic.

A total of 85 seniors are expected to graduate from the three high schools. Of this number 55 are girls and 30 boys. With 58 in the senior class, the Sparta school has its largest graduating class in history.

Full details of commencement plans are announced elsewhere in this issue, which is The News' second annual school commencement edition.

Certificates will be awarded to a large number of seventh grade grads and The News plans to publish a complete list of these soon.

Only closing day exercises announced this week for the elementary schools are for the Laurel Springs school. Beginning at 2 o'clock next Wednesday afternoon, an operetta, "The Story of the Butterfly," will be offered by the primary grades. Next on the program will be a pageant, "What So Proudly We Hail," by the grammar grades, to be followed by a group of songs by the primary grades.

Graduation exercises will feature an address by Rev. Hoyt Wood, pastor of the West Jefferson Methodist church. Seventh-grade diplomas and perfect attendance certificates will be presented the pupils by Superintendent Thompson.

Baseball League Meeting Is Held

Bert Edwards and other representatives of the Sparta baseball club attended a meeting of the New River League held in Galax last night.

"The purpose of the meeting is to have a general discussion of the baseball league situation and to work out schedules." President Mike Crabill wrote Mr. Edwards. "It will be necessary for all teams who anticipate playing in the New River league or any division growing out of the existing league to be represented at this organization meeting."

There were ten teams in the league last year, which is regarded as being too many. This season the league may be divided into two divisions.

The Sparta club will be organized during the next week.

SCHOOL EDITION IS ISSUED THIS WEEK

Because of the large amount of space devoted to the schools, several regular features of this paper had to be omitted this week. All of them, however, will be back in the paper next week.

Principals of all elementary schools in the county are requested to send in by next Tuesday a complete list of all seventh grade graduates.

JOE GISH

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