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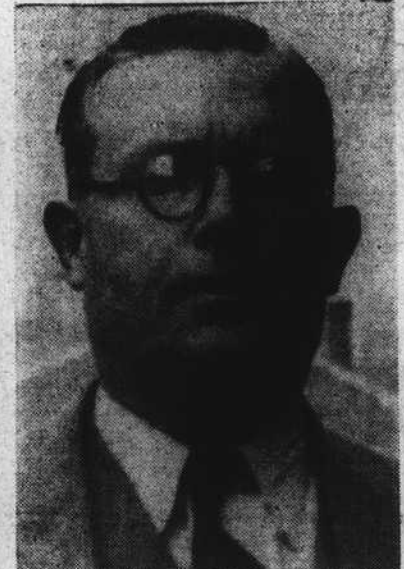
By Staff Writer

### GLENN DUNCAN

For many years one of the largest dealers in cattle and livestock in northwestern North Carolina and southwestern Virginia, Glenn Duncan is also one of the best known and best liked residents living in Alleghany county.

Although he specializes in the buying and selling of cattle, he also raises some on his expansive farm three miles east of Sparta. The great majority of his cattle is bought and sold in surrounding towns and shipped to Pennsylvania to be sold on a national market.

In addition to the cattle business, Mr. Duncan also deals in sheep and lambs and raises turkeys to be marketed every Thanksgiving and Christmas. The farm on which he lives consists



of 200 acres, and it adjoins another farm equally as large.

### Family Of Seven

Born near his present farm on September 10, 1891, Mr. Duncan first attended school at Chestnut Grove and Sparta. In 1907, he went to school for a while at Boone, after which he returned to the farm and has been a farmer and livestock dealer ever since.

Married in 1913 to the former Miss Rose Pardue, who lived near the farm on which he was reared, Mr. Duncan is the father of four daughters and five sons. They are: the daughters, Anna Rose, Gretchen, Glenna and Donna; the sons, Kemp, Champ and Dale.

Among the most valuable citizens of the county, Mr. Duncan is a keen observer of events national and local. Daily he follows the course of the European war and is always ready to discuss the subject with an acquaintance.

Mr. Duncan is very modest about his success in life, which he attributes to hard work, and the only way to find out what a really brilliant and capable individual is.

## Young Speller Loses In Bee

Entered in the Journal and Sentinel spelling bee in Winston-Salem last Saturday, Marie Andrews, 13-year-old member of the eighth grade at Piney Creek, who was Alleghany county's representative, succeeded in keeping her place in the match until near the end.

Miss Andrews was eliminated when she misspelled the word "conscientious." She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Andrews, of Piney Creek.

## NEXT FRIDAY WILL BE "CLEAN-UP DAY"

Mayor Floyd Crouse this week issued a proclamation, designating next Friday, May 2, as "clean up day" in Sparta, and asking all citizens to co-operate to the fullest extent.

Mayor Crouse pointed out that a large crowd is expected to attend the formal dedication of the beautiful new community building here on Saturday, May 3, and the town should be made as clean as possible for this occasion.

Special attention will be given to cleaning all streets and every resident and operator of business establishments are asked to "do their part" in cleaning up their premises.

## Sheriff Gets Some Good Exercise!



Yes, it's Sheriff Claude Doughton, of Wilkes county and formerly of Laurel Springs, getting some real exercise on his father's farm which is now being operated by Horton Doughton. "Sure, I enjoy driving this tractor, but believe me it's work, though," he told the staff photographer who snapped this picture a few days ago.

## Commencement Program Here Gets Underway This Morning

### Board Member Is Being Selected

Farmers Are This Week Casting Votes for Soil District Official.

Farmers of the county are this week casting their votes for one of three men who have been nominated as a second member of the soil conservation board of supervisors in Alleghany.

Alton Thompson, of Sparta, was last week appointed as a member of the board. The second member is being chosen this week from the following nominees: D. M. Edwards, M. E. Reeves and Jesse Mack Osborne.

Ballot boxes have been placed in the county agent's office here, the Laurel Springs post office, and the stores of Rush Thompson, J. H. Douglas, Steve Spurlin, Mrs. Charlie Shepherd and at Whitehead.

Within a short time, the boards of supervisors and county farm agents in Alleghany and Ashe will meet with W. D. Lee, extension soil conservationist, and work out complete plans for the district.

## Dentist At Work At Little Pine

Dr. E. T. Koonce, state board of dental dentist, who began giving dental examinations in county schools three weeks ago, is now at work in the Little Pine school, where he has been since Wednesday, it was announced yesterday.

Dividing Ridge students will be given examinations on Monday and Tuesday of next week; Blevins Crossroads, Wednesday; and Blue Ridge (col.), May 1. These examinations will all be given at the Little Pine school.

Pine Swamp, Glade Valley, Whitehead, Hooker and Airbells school students have already been examined by Dr. Koonce.

## Germans Virtually Capture Greece And Run British Out

With a fast smashing attack on land and in the air, the Germans have virtually completed their conquest of Greece and driven the British out in record-breaking time.

All forces in northern Greece surrendered Wednesday night and the capital of Greece moved from Athens to the Isle of Crete. Hitler's armistice terms call for an unconditional surrender.

The British and Greeks were completely outnumbered and thousands of their soldiers as well as of the Germans were killed. The British forces are having much difficulty getting out because of heavy bombing.

This downfall is a great blow to the democratic cause and is a great tragedy for Greece. After holding their own against Italy, they were getting ready to launch an offensive for victory until Hitler entered the picture.

The valiant Greek forces continue to fight against their might-

### Glade Valley Graduating Exercises Slated To Begin At 11 O'clock.

#### OTHER FEATURES

While the annual commencement program for the Piney Creek high school ended with the graduating exercises Wednesday night, the principal closing features for the Sparta and Glade Valley schools are slated to get underway this morning.

A declamation contest, to begin at 10:30 this morning, is the first event scheduled to comprise the commencement program of the Sparta high school. Three students will offer declamations, as follows: Reeves Edwards, "There Was a Man"; Brice Richardson, "Silent Voices"; Joe Blum, "The Citizen's Appreciation."

Following a musical interlude, four seniors will debate the query: "Resolved, that the United States should adopt a policy of requiring one year of military training of all able-bodied young men before they reach the age of 23."

On the affirmative side of the debate are Misses Wanda Choate and Blanche Hendrix; representing the negative are Misses Pika Rizotti and Sarah Warren.

#### Recitations

Recitations are to be given by the following students: Miss Lucille Mitchell, "Ma's Sabbath Morning"; Miss Patsy Roy Burgess, "Betty at the Baseball Game"; Miss Emogene Choate, "Penrod."

Superintendent W. C. Thompson will then award the seventh-grade certificates, after which the decisions of the judges will be announced.

#### Graduation Address Sat.

Graduating exercises will get underway here in the morning at 10:30. Featuring an address by Dr. D. J. Whitener, professor of history and government at ASTC, the program will also include an invocation by Rev. L. F. Strader, special music, the president's speech by Arza Richardson, the salutatory by Mildred Wagoner, (Continued on Page Eight)

## Mrs. Noland Is Awarded A First Prize In Contest

Former Sparta Woman Wins In State Composers' Contest This Year.

### COMPOSITION, "DAWN"

Notice was received here early this week by Mrs. B. O. Choate that her daughter, Mrs. Tom Noland, the former Miss Annie Marie Choate, of Sparta, has been awarded first place in the annual North Carolina composers' contest, for her composition, "Dawn."

Mrs. Noland is now living in Costa Rica and has not yet been informed of her success in the contest. The announcement was made by Dean Hugh Altwater, chairman of the North Carolina composers' department of the state federation of music.

Unbeknownst to Mrs. Noland, her composition was entered in the contest by Mark Hoffman, director of music at Greensboro college, who paid the fifty-cent entrance fee.

In a letter to the prize winner this week, Mrs. Maurice L. Honigman, president of the state federation of music clubs, said that "I wish to congratulate you upon this splendid achievement and to wish you much happiness in this great honor which has come to you."

Providing Mrs. Noland decides to return from Costa Rica in the next few weeks, she will be invited to attend the state convention in Wilmington on May 8 and be presented a silver cup by Dr. Altwater. In addition, she will be asked to play her winning composition on the convention program.

## Relihan Injured Near Here Mon.

Funeral Home Employee Hurt When Motorcycle Leaves Highway No. 21.

A motorcycle accident at 11 o'clock last Monday morning, between Sparta and Twin Oaks, on Highway 21, resulted in painful injuries to J. C. Relihan, assistant to Dewey Sturdivant in the Reins-Sturdivant funeral home here.

On a curve just above the home of Ernest Hoppers the vehicle ran out on the gravel of the highway and the rider lost control. Relihan was thrown into a ditch.

Rushed to the office of Dr. C. A. Thompson, he was found to have received dozens of skin injuries at numerous places on his body, and to have also received a fractured collar bone.

The motorcycle belonged to Clifford Sturdivant, of Independence, and was damaged almost beyond repair. Relihan, who is considered an experienced rider, had borrowed the vehicle for a ride.

## Brown Appointed Member Of Board

Gov. R. A. Doughton Is Selected As Chairman Of Welfare Group.

Wednesday morning the county welfare board met here and selected Sam W. Brown, of Sparta, as a third member of the board. Gov. R. A. Doughton was appointed chairman.

Mr. Brown, a justice of peace in Sparta, is a former representative to the legislature from Alleghany county. Bert Edwards succeeded Mr. Brown last fall.

Gov. Doughton, who has been a member of the board for several years, was reappointed two weeks ago by the state board of charities and public welfare. County commissioners reappointed John A. Higgins at their meeting on April 6.

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

Activities of the board include the appointment of a welfare superintendent, whose term of office begins on July 1 for an indefinite period under the merit system now being instituted in public welfare work.

Since the outbreak of the European war, spinach seed has gone up from 11 cents to 70 cents a pound, and onion seed from 80 cents to \$4.50 a pound, with no ceiling in sight.

## U. S. Sky Soldiers On 'Parade'



Three army transport planes at Fort Benning, Georgia, disgorge their cargoes of paratroops during an exhibition of mass jumping. Each plane takes 12 men "upstairs" for the jump. Dropped behind enemy lines parachute troops must work swiftly in an attempt to disrupt communications and harass the foe.

## Superior Court To Convene In Sparta On Mon. Morning

### Urge That Boxes Be Reconditioned

Postmasters and Carriers Plan Improvement of County Mail Boxes.

Postmasters and rural mail carriers in Alleghany county are now urging the boxholders on every rural route to have their mail boxes in good condition and placed on strong supports before May 15, after which date the boxes will be inspected.

Postmaster Glenn Nichols, of Sparta, said this week that each person would be urged by his carrier or postmaster to select a round or square locust post about six by eight inches in diameter, peel the bark off and plant it at the spot which will be designated by a small stake.

Some of the carriers will buy necessary paint and do the work; however, each boxholder may contribute 10 cents to the fund if he so desires. Names and numbers will also be stenciled on boxes.

### SIDNEY GAMBILL IS NOW REPRESENTING U. S. GOVT. IN BIG SUIT

Sidney Gambill, of Washington, D. C., who is a native of Ashe and an attorney for the U. S. bureau of internal revenue, is in Chicago now defending the government in a suit brought up by a large Chicago meat packer for the refund of over 11 million dollars paid by the packer to the government in 1933, 1934 and 1935.

The trial is expected to last for several weeks and is the largest case that Mr. Gambill has handled so far.

The able attorney is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Estes Gambill, of Crumpler. Before going to Washington, he practiced law in Sparta. Attorney Robert Gambill is his brother.

### Criminal and Civil Dockets Are Slightly Heavier Than Usual.

#### ROUSSEAU IS JUDGE

Next Monday morning at 10 o'clock the spring term of the semi-annual Alleghany county superior court will convene in the courthouse and begin work on a criminal docket expected to be slightly heavier than usual.

Judge J. P. Rousseau, of North Wilkesboro, will preside. Erle McMichael, of Winston-Salem, will serve as solicitor. Barring difficulties, court is expected to be concluded on Thursday.

Fifteen cases of drunk driving are slated to receive attention on the criminal docket. Seven cases of assault will be tried.

The number of cases appearing on the remainder of the docket are as follows: Larceny, six; breaking and entering, six; violating the prohibition law, four; non-support, two; and one each of disturbing public property, forgery, carrying concealed weapon, reckless driving and abandonment. Five firms are charged with the operation of slot machines.

On the civil docket, there are 15 cases to be tried, three of which are divorce actions.

## Change In CCC Regulations Made

Changes in CCC regulations now give applicants who have had prior service an opportunity to re-enroll in the corps if they have been honorably discharged in three rather than six months, Miss Lillie Ervin, welfare superintendent, announced yesterday.

Boys may again enter camp providing the total previous service since July 1, 1937, does not exceed 18 months, and providing they are otherwise eligible. (Continued on Page Eight)

## Small Farmers May Still Get FSA Crop Loans

Applications Should be Made at Once to County Supervisor In Sparta.

### APPLY IN PERSON

Small farmers whose plans for 1941 are being handicapped by lack of capital may still apply for farm security administration loans, according to Robert W. Fleetwood, FSA supervisor for Alleghany county.

Mr. Fleetwood said yesterday that applications for loans from government funds set up for the fiscal year ending June 30 should be submitted at the earliest opportunity. He pointed out that no loan can be made unless there is time for the farmer and himself to work out the seasonal farm and home management plan which must accompany each credit advance.

"In the spring we have to turn away eligible farmers because they apply too late for the necessary plans to be drawn up," Mr. Fleetwood said. "The FSA has found that real security for the government's investment, as well as all lasting benefits for the farmer, come from business-like and planned-out operation of a farm, not from the cash advanced to meet temporary needs."

FSA extends limited credit for the purchase of tools, seed, food, fertilizer, livestock and other supplies and equipment needed for successful operation of a family-type farm. Loans are also made to neighborhood groups of farmers who can purchase and use heavy farm machinery or purchased sires cooperatively.

Farmers in this county should apply in person to his office in the courthouse here.

## Mattress Project Deadline On Wed.

Applications To Be Received by County Agent Until April 30th.

Residents of the county who wish to be given the material to make mattresses in the local project must turn in their applications to County Agent R. E. Black between now and next Wednesday, for after that date no more applications will be accepted.

Sponsored by the surplus marketing administration and the agricultural extension service in cooperation with the county farm agent's office, the project here has been in operation since early in January. Over 400 mattresses have been made and more than 1,000 applications received.

There appears to be no likelihood that the project will be continued after April 30, it was stated, but another one may be secured at a later date.

## New Building Is Rising Rapidly

Already the brick walls of the new Western Auto and Supply store building here have taken shape and workmen are now busy on the roof, a job which should see completion within the next few days.

Providing the weather is clear from now on, it is expected that the building will be ready for occupancy by May 20 at the latest, Ben Reeves announced yesterday. J. N. McAllister, of Marion, Va., will operate the store here.

## Date For Dedication Of New Building Moved Up To May 3

Although the date for the dedication of the recently-completed county office and assembly building has been switched from May 1 to May 3, previously-scheduled plans are going forward under the direction of the entertainment committee, it was disclosed yesterday.

The celebration was moved up from Thursday to Saturday because Congressman Robert L. Doughton could not be present on Thursday. But in a conversation via telephone with C. A. Miles, county WPA supervisor, on Sunday night, the Congressman declared that he could and would be here for the dedication on May 3.

Previously, in a letter to Mr. Miles, Congressman Doughton had said that "while I very highly appreciate this invitation, I feel that in view of my heavy duties here at this time I could not be away from Washington on that date."

"Our committee is to begin work on the largest tax bill for

national defense and other governmental purposes ever written by any government. We will therefore doubtless be conducting hearings at that time or certainly be as busy as possible for any committee to be at any time."

Congressman Doughton said further that "I congratulate our board of county commissioners and also the WPA authorities upon this achievement, which means so much to the county. I shall always be proud of having had some part in promoting the enterprise."

First speaker on the program of exercises, which will get underway at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, will be R. Floyd Crouse, attorney and mayor of the town, who will deliver the welcome address.

The dedication address will be delivered by C. C. McGinnis, state WPA administrator, and the acceptance address by Congressman (Continued on Page Eight)

**Joke by Gish**  
Remember, some folks are like the stone in a sling. The farther circumstances draw them back, the farther they go ahead.