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Women Ask County Commissioners For Home Dem. Agent

County-Wide Delegation Appeared Before Group At Meeting on Monday.

A large delegation of leading women from various sections of the county appeared before the board of county commissioners at their regular meeting held last Monday afternoon and made a strong appeal for the employment of a home demonstration agent in Alleghany.

The delegation was led by Mrs. A. O. Joines and Miss Rowe, district home agent supervisor, both of whom stressed the vital importance of having a home agent. Miss Rowe explained the work of an agent in the county along the lines of health, conservation and general improvement of living conditions.

Mrs. Joines pointed out that this is an ideal time to secure a home agent from defense, health and economy standpoints. She also explained that the state and federal governments are ready to pay their parts of the cost involved, with the federal government paying one-half and the state one-fourth, leaving the county only one-fourth to pay, or about \$600 annually.

Other women speaking in favor of the proposal were Miss Iva Grace Doughton, of Laurel Springs; Mrs. C. A. Thompson, Sparta; Mrs. Pearl Hash, of Piney Creek; Mrs. Gwyn Truitt, of Ennice section; Miss Ann Truitt, Edwards Crossroads. With one accord, they expressed their personal desire, as well as that of the sections they represented, to secure an agent for Alleghany.

A home agent usually carries on an adult educational program through the organization of community demonstration clubs which meet regularly at various members' homes. At these meetings, she gives lectures and demonstrations on cooking, clothing, home furnishing, food conservation, and so on, Miss Rowe stated.

No definite action was taken by the commissioners, but the matter was taken under consideration and a proposal was made that the county would put up half of the \$600 needed if the ladies and various communities would raise the other half. According to present plans, the agent would be employed July 1.

SEVERAL INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Independence.—A serious automobile accident occurred Sunday night near the home of L. C. Wingate on U. S. 21, south of Independence, when a car driven by James McKnight, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. McKnight wrecked, causing injury to the occupants and a total wreck of the car. Curtis Todd and James McKnight are in the hospital, Todd with a broken leg and jaw and McKnight with possibly a fractured skull. Others in the car who were less seriously injured included Edwards Thomas, Thomas Sturdivant, Claude Morton and Reeves Edwards. It is not known what caused the accident.

Mr. Horton Doughton and Sheriff Claude Doughton, of North Wilkesboro, were among the many persons who attended the dedication ceremony here last Saturday.

Big Sheep Shearing School Is Being Held On Doughton Farm

A big tri-county sheep shearing school and demonstration is being held at the farm of Congressman R. L. Doughton at Laurel Springs, which is being operated by Horton Doughton, yesterday and today and is being conducted by E. S. Bartlett, of the Chicago Flexible Shaft company.

All custom shearers and sheep owners in Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga counties are invited to attend this free school.

This afternoon a shearing contest will be held and merchandise and cash prizes awarded to the winners.

Mr. Bartlett has had years of experience in shearing and it is worth a long trip to see how easily and quickly he can undress a sheep. L. I. Case, extension animal husbandman at State College,

Doughton Urges "All-Out" Aid To England In Address



Last Saturday was a big day in the history of Sparta and Alleghany county when a large crowd assembled to dedicate the beautiful new two-story, native-stone, WPA-built county office and assembly building. Shown in the picture above are Congressman Doughton delivering the dedication address; C. C. McGinnis, state WPA administrator, sitting directly behind the Congressman, who made the presentation address. Others shown on the front row, reading from left to right, are Ed M. Anderson, master of ceremonies; Mayor Floyd Crouse, who delivered the welcome

address; Revs. L. F. Strader, V. W. Sears and R. L. Berry. Visible also in the picture are James Mac D. Wagoner, John Gambill, Ben Reeves, Mrs. Edwin Duncan, Mrs. C. A. Thompson, Walton Black, WPA engineer; W. R. Copeland, WPA employment officer; Lester Stump, building foreman; and V. D. Guire, of Lenoir, new division highway commissioner. In his dedication address, Congressman Doughton praised the WPA and its officials and issued a sharp warning that "we are faced with the greatest crisis in our history." He urged all possible aid to England. (Photo by Fred Cohn.)

Baseball Season Opens May 16th; To Play Ivanhoe

Pre-season Game With Mountain View Scheduled Here Sunday P. M.

Players who expect "to make" the Sparta baseball squad are now practicing and getting in shape for the opening of the season next Wednesday afternoon, at 5 o'clock.

The local club will open the season at Ivanhoe and the first home game will be played here the following Saturday.

In a pre-season game, Sparta will play Mountain View on the local diamond this Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. No admission charge will be made.

A number of players have been practicing this week and all others who are interested in making the team are requested to report at once. A starting line-up for the opening game will not be chosen until the first of the week. An organization meeting was held Wednesday night.

The Sparta club already has good equipment and the initial expense will be much less than last season. Work is also underway getting the local diamond in good condition.

The season official schedule will be announced next week.

Commissioners Meet Saturday

The Alleghany county board of commissioners plan to meet in special session tomorrow to draft up a tentative budget for the next fiscal year, which commences on July 1.

Last Monday they were busily engaged with routine business matters and with appeals from a delegation to employ a county home demonstration agent.

The county's present valuation is a little over \$3,600,000 and the valuation for the next fiscal year will be around \$4,000,000, Ernest Edwards estimates.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hamby, Jr., of Boone, spent Wednesday with friends in Sparta.

Dedication Program Outstanding Event In History Of Alleghany

SPARTA HONOR STUDENT



Miss Mildred Wagoner, of Sparta, who in addition to being secretary and salutatorian of her graduating class led the girls in the election of superlatives. She was voted the cutest, best dressed and girl possessing the most school spirit.

8 Civil Cases Tried In Court Here Last Week

Five Other Actions Continued Until Fall; Three Divorces Granted.

Decisions in several civil cases tried during the recent session of county superior court were released yesterday by Clerk of Court Alex Reeves.

In a case involving a suit for failure to pay a note of \$444.15 in 1919, a settlement was agreed upon and Mrs. Mary Joines will recover from Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hoppers, defendants, a sum of \$1,050 and the costs of the action.

Suing on a mortgage for a store at Piney Creek, James M. Hash will recover from Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McLeod, the defendants in the (Continued on Page Eight)

Boys May Still Enroll For CCC

Applications for enrollment in the CCC will be accepted by the welfare department during the next 10 days, for this county has just received an unlimited quota of enrollees for May, Miss Lillie Ervin, welfare superintendent, announced yesterday.

Boys who wish to enroll must be between the ages of 17 and 23, of good character, unmarried, out of school, physically and mentally fit, and able to do work. Youths who have only been out three months may now re-enroll.

It is understood that only a part of the youths enrolled here will be stationed at the Laurel Springs camp. Others will be transferred to camps in other parts of the nation.

Democrats Pick John Folger To Take Lon's Seat

Nominated in Reidsville Tuesday. Election to Be Held in the Near Future.

The fifth district Democratic congressional committee Tuesday nominated John H. Folger, Mt. Airy attorney, as the party's candidate for election to serve the unexpired term of his brother, the late Representative A. D. (Lon) Folger. The vote was unanimous.

Action followed a motion by Gilbert L. Shermer, Forsyth's member, that the committee call for a primary to select a nominee. The motion was not seconded.

The selection of Folger was not unexpected since it had been freely predicted that the leader of the Roosevelt third-term forces in North Carolina would be the Democratic choice for the post made vacant by the untimely death of his brother, in the event a move by Forsyth political leaders to secure a primary failed.

Coupled with the Folger selection yesterday were definite indications that Dr. Ralph McDonald, defeated candidate for governor in the Democratic primary in 1936, would be a candidate for the congressional post in the primary next May.

Following the committee's action Dr. McDonald said, "If there had been a primary, I probably would have been a candidate." Although he would not allow himself to be quoted directly, he made definite indications that he would be a candidate for Congress from the fifth district in the next primary.

The Republican district committee is to select a Republican nominee this week and Governor Broughton will then set the date for the election.

TO CLEAN CEMETERY

Those who are interested in working on the Elk Creek cemetery are urged to meet at the church on May 12-13 and be prepared to work on same. A new fence will be built around the cemetery and the grounds cleaned up, it was announced.

CCC At Laurel Springs To Hold "Open House" Today

Officials of the CCC camp at Laurel Springs, Company 3420, announced yesterday that in connection with the nationwide "acquaintance" program the camp is inviting the public of this section of the state to an open house celebration to be held at the camp today. A program beginning at 11 o'clock in the morning and showing a cross-section of actual camp-life will be scheduled to take place before and after lunch, which will be served to visitors at 1 o'clock.

The program is for the purpose of better acquainting and interesting the public in the CCC and its work. "We want the general public to realize the value of this great organization—what it meant to our youth in the past depression period, what it means to our youth today, and, more especially, what it means to our democracy and American way of living in these perilous times," Raymond J. Kiddoo, camp educational advisor, stated yesterday.

"Some people seem to have the idea that in the CCC we are training men for the army, but that is erroneous. We do train men, that is true; but we train them to be better men morally, physically and mentally than they ever were before. We train them in vocations varying from cooking to operating heavy power machinery, and in academic training from learning to write their own names to college courses.

Work and Experience
"So, you see, the CCC is really a school of work and experience, and when a young man enrolls in the camp, he has the same privileges and rights as a civilian when it comes to the question of joining the army or being drafted."
In the Laurel Springs camp (Continued on Page Four)

Questionnaires To Be Mailed To All Registrants

Draft Forms to Be Sent Out to All Eligibles in County By July 1.

3 TO LEAVE WED.

Draft officials disclosed yesterday that selective service questionnaires will be mailed out in quantities to all county registrants before July 1 in order that all registrants except those subject to class 1-A may be classified.

A total of 100 questionnaires were mailed out of the local draft office early Wednesday morning, bringing the total to date to 450. This means that approximately one-half of the registrants in Alleghany county have received their questionnaires.

Only those who list no physical defects and have no dependents, indicating that they will be subject to immediate induction, will have to wait to be classified. The reason for this, it was explained, is because the board does not think it advisable to give registrants physical examinations until immediately before a particular quota of men is required.

First Negro trainees from this area to be inducted into the army through the operation of the selective service program are scheduled to leave here next Wednesday. Of the three registrants required in the current quota, two are volunteers and the third a draftee. Volunteers are John Solomon Choate, of Sparta, and Ceibert Maxwell, of Furches. Lonnie Finley, of Sparta, will be conscripted.

One new volunteer has entered (Continued on Page Five)

School Board To Sponsor New NYA Girls' Projects

According to an announcement yesterday from the office of Superintendent W. C. Thompson, the county board of education is planning to sponsor the next NYA girls' project here, the present project having been discontinued this week.

On this project the 27 girls, now working under the supervision of Mrs. Clennel Richardson, will make clothes to be distributed to underprivileged children in the county. Mrs. Harold Higgins will also assist in this work.

Residents of the county are urged to contribute old clothes and cloth to the NYA office here, located upstairs over the D. W. Motor company, so that these contributions may be turned into serviceable clothing for children.

Girls who are interested in working with the NYA may make applications at the local office. They must be between the ages of 17 and 25.

Roe, Richardson Buy New Building

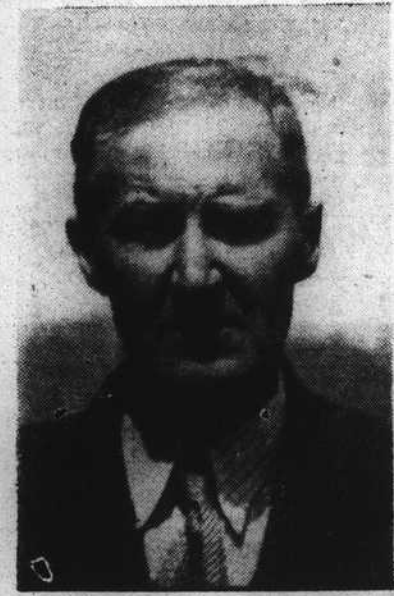
Sparta's newest building, a red brick structure which will house a Western Auto and Supply store, has been purchased from Ben Reeves by Charles R. Roe and Clennel Richardson, it was announced yesterday. The cost of the transaction was not disclosed.

Having already completed the outside, workmen are now busy on the interior and the building is expected to be ready for occupancy by May 20, Mr. Reeves announced.

J. N. McAllister, of Marion, Va., will operate the store here.

People YOU KNOW In Alleghany

By Staff Writer



R. G. WARDEN

Numbered among the successful farmers and cattle raisers in Alleghany county is R. G. Warden, of Stratford, who has served as justice of peace in his native community for the past 20 years and was until two years ago tax collector.

Though he has been in occasional ill health for the past year, he is now well along the road to recovery and looks after all the business on his big farm at Stratford. All this is in addition to his duties as justice and as a general collector a job he has followed for the past two decades.

Mr. Warden was tax collector first when he served as deputy sheriff under Sheriff John R. Edwards, father of John Mac Edwards, of Sparta. But he has held the job twice since that time.

Born in Stratford in 1882 to the late Andy Warden, he first attended school in his native community. Later on he came to Sparta.

Went To California

Following his school days he struck out for California and secured a job in a logging camp in 1906. That year he will never forget, he declares, for he was in California during the time of the disastrous earthquake.

In 1907 he came back to this county and has been on the farm here ever since.

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Edwards Pays Fox Bounties

The drive to "weed out" some of the foxes in this county, as well as to rid this section of a number of "pests," thought to be responsible for the destruction of much wild game and farm crops, is now well underway and bounties are being paid by Ernest Edwards, register of deeds, and Dick Gentry, county game warden.

Fox heads may be turned in to Mr. Edwards, who will pay a bounty of \$2 on each head, in accordance with the law passed in the recent session of the legislature. Heads of the other three creatures on the list—crows, hawks and groundhogs—are being handled by Mr. Gentry.

Mr. Edwards reported yesterday he had received, and paid bounties on, the heads of nine foxes in the last 30 days.

Dental Work In County Goes On

During the coming week Dr. E. T. Koonce, state board of health dentist, will give dental examinations to the pupils of four county schools. All the work will be done at the New Hope school.

Other schools on the schedule are as follows: Stratford, May 13; Irwin, May 14; and Prathers Creek (col.), May 15. Dr. Koonce is working this week in the office of the county health department here. Schools receiving attention are New River, Turkey Knob and Gap Civil (col.).

JOE GISH

"GOOD GOLF AIN'T SO MUCH HOW WELL YA CAN PLAY, BUT HOW WELL YA CARRY COUNT."