

People YOU KNOW In Alleghany
By Staff Writer



BILL SPRINKLE

New manager of Belk's department store in Sparta, Bill Sprinkle has been a resident of the town little more than six months, but during that time he has proven himself an efficient storekeeper as well as an affable and worthy citizen.

Native of Iredell county, Mr. Sprinkle was born on a farm in New Hope township in 1915 to Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Sprinkle. He first attended school at Road View. His high school training he secured at Central and Scotts, graduating with the class of 1933.

Immediately after his graduation he went to work on the farm. But the following year he was employed as a part-time clerk in the Belk's store at Statesville.

For several years he held a responsible position in Statesville and when Bill Chester, erstwhile manager of the Belk's store here, was transferred to Charlotte, Mr. Sprinkle was selected to take his place.

Around Sparta he and his family are unusually popular and take part in numerous community affairs. Possessing a genial personality, Mr. Sprinkle puts his customers at ease the moment (Continued on Page Four)

Dr. Smith Met With Teachers

Discuss Possibility of Introducing Recreational Program Into Schools.

Here in the interest of inaugurating a special recreational program for children in the rural schools of the county, Dr. Frank H. Smith, of Berea college, Ky., met with a number of school teachers in the local high school building last Friday and discussed various phases of the proposed work.

The program, which would be supervised by the teachers, includes work in dramatics, folk games, wood carving, linoleum block print, and various other crafts. Several of the teachers stated they planned to introduce indoor game material into their school programs this fall.

During the summer months, Dr. Smith works with the agricultural extension division of the University of Kentucky. His present program, however, is being sponsored by the Conference of Southern Mountain workers.

Dr. Smith has made similar visits and drawn up identical plans with the schools in Wilkesboro, Boone and West Jefferson.

Dr. Smith declared he was impressed with this, his first visit to northwestern North Carolina, and hoped to return at an early date.

FIRMS AND OFFICES TO CLOSE LABOR DAY

Sparta merchants, together with a large number of county office staffs, announced yesterday that their establishments would be closed on September 1, which is Labor Day.

The boards of commissioners and education, will hold their regular first-Monday meetings on the Tuesday following Labor Day, it is understood.

Filling stations and garages, along with the post office and drug store, will remain open.

University Alumni Plan To Have Meet In Community Bldg.

Former Students of Carolina, State and WCUNC to Attend Banquet.

CARROLL TO SPEAK

Everything is in readiness for the banquet and meeting of the Greater University of North Carolina alumni of four counties, which will get underway tonight at 8 o'clock (DST) in the community building, according to Dr. T. R. Burgess, who is in charge of arrangements.

Featured speaker of the evening will be Dean D. D. Carroll, head of the University commerce school, and former teacher of many University alumni in this section of the mountains. Myron Saunders, alumni secretary of Chapel Hill, is also planning to attend the meeting and speak briefly to the group.

The banquet is being prepared and served by the Woman's Missionary society of the Sparta Baptist church.

Invitations have been extended to all Greater University alumni in Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga and Avery counties. These four counties comprise the district. Institutions of the Greater University are the University of North Carolina, N. C. State college and the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina.

Following the invocation by J. M. Cheek, an address of welcome will be delivered by Gov. R. A. Doughton. Ira T. Johnston, of Jefferson, will make the response. Alumni Secretary Saunders will then make a few brief remarks.

An election of officers will be held, routine business matters discussed, and several musical selections rendered. Dean Carroll, the featured speaker, will be introduced by Dr. D. J. Whitener, of Boone, who has been assisting Dr. Burgess in making arrangements for the meeting.

Farm Tours To End Tomorrow

Farm demonstration tours, which began on Monday and are scheduled to end late tomorrow afternoon, have been unusually successful thus far, County Agent R. E. Black said yesterday, and we hope to schedule more tours for early next month.

Following is a schedule of remaining tours:

Today—Cabell M. Wilson, 7:30 to 8:30 o'clock; T. L. Crouse, 8:45 to 10:45; Lee A. Andrews, 10:30 to 11:30; D. M. Edwards, 1 to 2:30; Early Smith, 2:45 to 3:45; D. C. Duncan, 4 to 5:30.

Tomorrow—J. T. Landreth, 7:30 to 8:30 o'clock; D. J. Jones, 8:45 to 10:15; Claude Critcher, 10:30 to 11:30; H. G. Black, 1 to 2:30; Eugene Transou, 2:45 to 4:30; C. G. Mitchell, 4:45 to 5:45.

Messrs. Robert M. Gambill, Amos Wagoner, T. R. Burgess and Clennel Richardson enjoyed a fishing trip along New River last Monday night. They were met later in the evening by their wives, who joined them in a picnic supper.

Nazi Forces Move Forward; British RAF Continues Raids

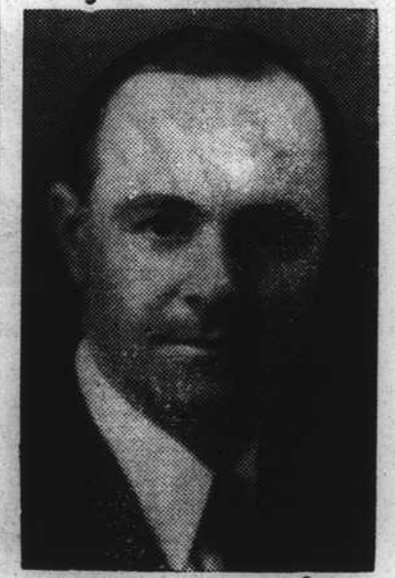
This week the German forces continued advances as did the Finnish troops and Tuesday the Red army admitted their enemies had reached the vicinity of Novgorod, 50 miles deeper on the Leningrad front than ever before.

Novgorod is 100 miles south of Leningrad and 50 miles northeast of Soltzi, where previous heavy fighting had been reported.

The communists also reported stubborn battles at Odessa, on the black sea, and in the Gomel and Kingisepp area. Gomel is on the central front 140 miles north of Kiev. Kingisepp, from which Russian troops have withdrawn, is 75 miles southwest of Leningrad.

A high command statement that fighting continued on the entire front indicated that wherever Russian troops were falling back the retreat was orderly.

U. N. C. Alumni Ass'n Officers



Dr. D. J. Whitener, professor of history at A. S. T. C., is president of the Northwestern U. N. C. Alumni association.



Mrs. Bryan Collins, of Boone, is secretary and treasurer of the Association. She was formerly Miss Clyde Halsey, of Piney Creek.

Black, Higgins Attend Meeting

As representatives from Alleghany county, County Agent R. E. Black and Agriculture Teacher H. H. Higgins last Tuesday attended a guernsey judging school, sponsored by the North Carolina Guernsey Breeders association and held on the Cool Springs farm at Concord.

Dr. H. H. Kildee, dean of the school of agriculture, Iowa State college, and one of the leading cattle judges in America, conducted the school. Fifty agriculture and dairy officials, each of whom received special invitations, attended the school.

Both Messrs. Black and Higgins were greatly impressed with the one-day school, which in addition to the lectures on cattle judging included a free meal and a tour of the famous Cool Springs farm.

Superior Court To Convene Here On September 29

Board Names 36 Men to Serve on Jury; Judge Warlick To Preside.

DOCKETS NOT DRAWN

Thirty-six men were named on Monday by the board of county commissioners to serve on the jury for the fall term of the semi-annual Alleghany county superior court, which is scheduled to begin here on September 29.

Judge Wilson Warlick, of Newton, will preside and Erle McMichael, of Winston-Salem, will be solicitor.

Neither the criminal nor civil docket has been drawn up as yet, but both are expected to be lighter than ordinary, it was stated yesterday.

Jurymen for the fall term are as follows: C. C. Reeves, Everett Hand, W. L. Edwards, Estuace Black, W. F. Doughton, Glenn Richardson, J. C. Wilson, J. H. Pettyjohn, F. A. Porter, Hurst Higgins, W. E. Hoppers, Millard Mabe, J. H. Miller, J. L. Duncan, Howard Bryan, R. G. Cox, R. M. Mabe, Fred Collins, Robert Taylor, L. C. Joines, Jones Tilley, Smith Nichols, Paul Smith, Carlis Lee Mitchell, Garnett Brown, Elbert Crouse, J. K. Taylor, John R. Edwards, W. Mack Roberts, John M. Cheek, John R. Halsey, W. C. Edwards, Will Jones, Coy McCann, S. O. Gambill and Lester Woodruff.

Anniversary Of Park Service To Be Observed Sun.

Bluff Park Will Unite With Nation in Celebrating 25th Anniversary.

A number of people from Ashe, Alleghany and other counties are planning to attend the celebration at Bluff Park on Sunday night when silver jubilee campfires will be lighted at 7:30 (EST) marking the observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the National Park service, responsible for federal park areas throughout the nation, many of which will also stage celebrations.

The National Park service was created by an act of congress in 1916. The quarter-century has seen many of the most beautiful scenic features of the nation brought under public ownership as national parks.

"Though young in comparison with such venerables as the Yellowstone, Yosemite and Mt. Ranier parks, the seven-year-old Blue Ridge Parkway is a large and fast growing member of the family," Forest Ranger Robert H. Coombs said yesterday.

Park officials have always believed that their uniformed personnel, the park rangers, are the key men of their organization, and the campfire programs will be in charge of the parkway rangers. Short talks describing the national park system will be given by the rangers who will speak informally also of their interesting experiences in this and other parts of the country.

The fire at Bluff Park will be lit in the vicinity of the meadow picnic area. Group singing about the campfire will be a principal feature of the evening's program. "Everyone is invited to join us on the eve of our twenty-fifth birthday," Mr. Coombs said.

Drive Nets 665 Lbs. Aluminum

Old aluminum for use in the national defense program, collected from homes and businesses in Alleghany county over a period of two weeks, weighed 665 pounds and was carried Monday to Greensboro, where it was added to the collections of other towns and counties in this section of the state.

Mayor Floyd Crouse, chairman of the county defense council, expressed himself as "highly pleased over the response to the drive in this county."

The defense metal was carried to Greensboro by Don Shores, superintendent of the state prison camp here.

Mr. William H. Watkins, of Asheville, NYA student officer, was here to interview needy students on Wednesday.

Reds Use New River-Crossing Tactics



Here is a reconnaissance squad of the Soviet army trying a new tactic in crossing a river. Each man is equipped with a bouyant life-jacket and two small paddles, something like ping-pong paddles, to supply the motive power.

Alleghany Schools Not To Open Until At Least Sept. 15th

School For Bus Drivers Held In Sparta Yesterday

School Bus Drivers Must Pass Rigid Tests. County Has 16 Buses.

CONDUCTED BY STATE

A special school for school bus drivers in Alleghany county was held at the Sparta high school yesterday by Mrs. Bill Flythe, of the state safety division and the highway patrol.

Before being permitted to drive a school bus, each driver had to attend this school and pass two tests, a written and road test. This strict new regulation is in accordance with a law passed by the last session of legislature.

For each school bus in the county, there are supposed to be two qualified drivers with certificates.

In this county at present, there are 16 school buses, operated by an identical number of regular drivers. Buses make 25 trips daily, averaging 30.3 miles per trip, making a total of 485 miles daily mileage. The average number of pupils per bus is 78; average number per trip 45. The total number of pupils transferred daily is 1,132.

Prospective drivers for the approaching school term were announced by the superintendent's office yesterday. Their names, together with their ages and schools served, are as follows:

Graham Pugh, 18, Piney Creek; Rodney Busic, 17, Piney Creek; McDale Kennedy, 18, Piney Creek; Johnnie Hines, 23, Piney Creek; C. T. Edwards, 19, Sparta; Olin Carpenter, 19, Sparta; Frank Richardson, 22, Sparta; B. F. McCann, 29, Sparta; Lon Reeves, 43, Sparta; Carl Lowe, 28, Rich Hill-Sparta; C. L. Cox, 25, Vox-Sparta; Howard Hendricks, 24, Laurel Springs-Sparta; Click Muhphy, 23, Laurel Springs-Sparta; Robert Bowers, 25, Laurel Springs; Lee (Continued on Page Four)

Big Meeting Of Farmers To Open At Boone Next Tuesday

Farmers of Western North Carolina—men who "talk a language" different from the cotton and flue-cured tobacco farmers of the rest of the state—will hold their annual meeting at Appalachian State Teachers College in Boone, Tuesday and Wednesday, August 26 and 27. Farm Agent R. E. Black says a number of farmers from this county are planning to attend, and urges "everyone to go who possibly can."

F. S. Sloan, of Franklin, district farm agent of the State College Extension Service, and R. W. Shoffner, in charge of the TVA-Extension demonstration farm program, have arranged the program of speech-making, and a maximum of discussion, has been planned.

The only men invited to address the group are Dr. H. A. Mor-

Postponement Due To Fear Of Infantile Paralysis Epidemic In County

ANNOUNCE TEACHERS

In compliance with the request of health department officials and town physicians, school authorities have moved up the opening of Alleghany county schools from September 1 to September 15, it was learned yesterday.

Postponement of the opening of schools is because of the prevalence of infantile paralysis in the county, Superintendent W. C. Thompson said. "Crowded classrooms, especially during comparatively warm weather, would be in all likelihood cause polio to spread," he declared.

Dr. Robert R. King, district health officer, stated yesterday, however, that no new cases of polio have been reported in the last two weeks and that the fear of a general epidemic is somewhat subdued.

Meantime, repair work on school buildings and improvement of yards and other educational facilities is going forward. A group of WPA workmen are in charge of a large part of this activity.

Released yesterday by the superintendent of public instruction was the complete and official list of the teachers for Alleghany elementary and high schools for the 1941-42 term.

Teachers chosen for school district number one are as follows: Sparta high school—Charles R. Roe, principal, J. E. B. Stuart, Mrs. Ida J. Warren, Mrs. A. E. Hamby, Miss Minnie Lou Edwards, B. F. McCann and Harold Higgins. (Teachers elected to fill vacancies of Miss Nina Grey Liles and Thomas Haigwood have not been confirmed.)

Sparta elementary school—Mrs. Grace Rector, Mrs. Thelma Richardson, Mrs. Bessie McMillan, Mrs. Hazel Tompkins, Miss Josephine Inskip, Mrs. Rebecca Choate, Miss Anna Reid Truitt, Miss Ivazelle Taylor, Mrs. Gertrude Reeves and Miss Ella Edwards. (Continued on Page Four)

No New Cases Of Polio Reported To Health Dept.

Dr. King Believes Fear of Epidemic Is Subdued for Time Being.

QUARANTINE THREE

With no new cases of infantile paralysis reported to the health department since August 7, the fear of a widespread epidemic in Alleghany county is somewhat subdued, Dr. Robert R. King said yesterday, but young people are still advised to avoid public gatherings.

Altogether, eight cases of polio have been reported in this area during the last six weeks. Five of these are no longer quarantined.

Existing cases, still under quarantine, are as follows: Pauline Rash, 4, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Rash, of Cherry Lane; Dorothy Sue Royal, 3, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Royal, of Liberty Knob; and Thomas Woodruff, 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gwyn Woodruff, of Cherry Lane.

As stated in another story in this issue, the opening of Alleghany public schools has been postponed from September 1 to September 15, because of the fear of the spread of the dreaded disease. Children under 16 years old are urged by the health officer to stay away from churches, movies, and crowded stores.

No Festival On White Top Mtn.

Folk Music To Be Featured, However, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 30-31.

The annual White Top Folk Music Festival will not be held this year, but there will be special musical programs on Saturday and Sunday, August 30 and 31 on the mountain, it was announced this week.

The festival of Konnarock, will announce the programs on both days and he will be assisted by John Powell, of Richmond.

No prizes will be given. "This is not a festival, but a quiet gathering of all who enjoy old music and hymns," the announcement states.

There will be no square dance on Saturday night, as has been the custom in the past.

A small admission will be charged for cars and trucks on these two days.

The festival last year was canceled because of the severe August floods.

Vernon Arrested Here On Friday

Paul Vernon, of Edmonds, a second person thought to have been implicated in the jail delivery here on the night of July 6, was arrested and placed in jail here by Sheriff DeWitt Bryan last Friday.

Clyde Murphy, who was arrested and jailed July 18 on the same charge, is also a resident of Edmonds. Vernon was arrested in Sparta. A hearing has not been scheduled, but is expected to take place within the next week.

The jail delivery here was made on July 6, when a person, or persons, broke into the sheriff's office, stole the keys from his desk, and released three persons from jail, none of whom has been apprehended.

JOE GISH

MEBBE WE HUMANS AINT SO PERFECT, BUT BY ALLS DORN' OUR BEST, WE GIVE OUR FINAL SCORE A SWEET AVERAGE...