

\$1,639 Quota Is Assigned Sylva Township

Fighting Cherokee Of Jackson Found To Be Prisoner Near Naples

Fred Bradley, one of Jackson county's fighting Cherokees, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bradley, reported missing in action during the invasion of Sicily, has just been announced as a prisoner of the Italians.

The father, who takes pride in being assistant chief of the nearby reservation, and is equally proud of two sons now in the service, has received the following letter of October 20, from U. S. Senator Bailey:

"The War Department has advised me that your son, Pvt. Fred Bradley, is being held as a prisoner of war by the Italians. I have requested the War Department to keep me informed as to the welfare of these prisoners, insofar as may be possible.

"It is my hope that your son will receive the treatment accorded prisoners of war under International agreement. I hope that there may be an exchange of prisoners and that your son will be returned."

"This letter is to extend my sympathy and to express the hope that in due season your son will be safely returned to this country and to you."

In addition to the senator's letter, the father has received a message via the Red Cross, saying that young Bradley, a para-trooper, was wounded; that he is recuperating; and that his location is somewhere north of Naples (thought to be about fifteen miles from that city).

Private Bradley, who is 23 years old, graduated from Cherokee High school, and is well known in this county where his parents reside, although their post office is Cherokee. He joined the army nearly three years ago; landed in North Africa last March, and was in the thick of the fighting until captured by the Axis. He has not revisited this section since joining the colors.

An older brother, James, has been in the navy twenty years and is now a chief gunner. Asked the general location of his sailor son, Henry Bradley smiled sadly, shook his head, and said: "In one of the oceans, on a submarine chaser—that's the nearest I can come to it."

James, who fought the Japs at Pearl Harbor, and who has taken part in three major engagements since, was at home for a short leave last June, the father said.

There are three other brothers: Shon, of Oklahoma; Dewese, of this county; and George, of Cherokee. The Bradley's have two daughters, both of Jackson county—Misses Reva and Rowena Bradley.

Hallowe'en To Be Celebrated With School Carnival

Webster school will stage its annual Hallowe'en Carnival Friday evening, October 29 at the school-house.

Entertainment features will be bowling, fish pond, chamber of horrors, hoop games, fortune telling, bingo, beauty parlor, dart games, cake walks, minstrel show and refreshments.

An outstanding carnival event, already under way, is the prettiest girl competition. The contestants, representatives from the high school home rooms and the eighth grade, are: Amy Beasley, Lorraine Bishop, Virginia Collins, Frances Potts, Reba Green, Aileen Barron, Louise Crisp and Frances Bryson.

Clifford Moses Joins Army Unit

Clifford D. Moses, Jackson county lad, of East La Porte, has arrived at the Field Artillery Replacement center, Fort Bragg, and will there begin his basic military training.

Mr. Moses writes that he has been assigned to the Third Field Artillery Training regiment, saying that, after initial training, he will be transferred to a field organization.

If you find that your liquor and tobacco are not so strong any more it may be that the heavy tax burden they are carrying has weakened them.

Orr Pleads For Wood Cutting Before Winter

Paul Ellis and R. U. Sutton, of the Mead Corporation, and Ray Orr, assistant county agent in forestry, attended the wood caravan, a presentation of the U. S. Army at McCormick Field, Asheville, Tuesday evening.

Declaring it a most appealing and dramatic event in pleading the cause of wood cutting for war needs, Mr. Orr, who visited The Herald office last Wednesday, just after returning from Asheville, asked that local farmers be especially urged to hasten the program for wood production for local mills before the difficulties of winter, with many impassable roads.

"Every log is a gun for us against the Axis," said Mr. Orr, "and how I wish all our farmers and cutters had seen that wood is not only essential, it is vitally essential to winning the war."

There are a number of mills here, Mr. Orr pointed out, that are especially in need of chestnut and other hard woods, for immediate production of tannic acid. There is wood required for making corrugated paper shipping containers for guns, ammunition and overseas food shipments, he added, with certain kinds of wood necessary for tanning leather to be used by every service man in uniform.

Farmers, said the forestry agent, should cut wisely and thoroughly. By this, he explained, he does not mean that forests should be destroyed; on the other hand, they should be carefully conserved.

Mr. Orr said that the use of mature trees is the object of the cutting program; that trunks squaring 14 inches at breast height are ready for the axe, ever with the provision that the growth has not already been too greatly thinned.

"Common sense—which means good selection, good felling, and good logging—is the life of any forester's program, he pointed out.

Mr. Orr said that stumpage prices are now such that tract owners and woodsmen can work in profitable collaboration with the government agents and with mill operators in getting out every available tree before cold weather.

"Stumpage," Mr. Orr explained, means uncut timber, which is connected for "on the stump"—just as cattle are often sold "on the hoof."

Child Education Meeting Is Held International

The local chapter of the Childhood Education at Western Carolina Teachers College held its initial meeting in the parlors of Moore dormitory on Thursday evening, with Hope Edwards, of Burnsville, presiding.

During the brief business meeting, Gloria Tweed of Marshall, discussed the national organization. The constitution for the local chapter was read and discussed by members. Requirements for membership were stated by Ruth Hamilton, of Andrews, treasurer of the organization.

The program for the evening, planned by Sara Braswell, of McFarlen, vice president, consisted of reviews from the Childhood Education Magazine by Anna Frances Jinnette of Goldsboro and Margaret Waite of Mars Hill.

C. A. Hoyle, principal of the demonstration school, talked informally to the group concerning the importance of teachers making contacts with patrons and homes in order to determine the needs of children.

The meeting concluded with a social hour during which Miss Lenora Smith, sponsor for the organization, was hostess.

Sympathy Given Miss Currin In Loss Of Sister

News of the death of Mrs. Elma Currin Robertson, of Henderson, has reached Sylva, where her sister, Miss Mary Currin, is widely known as executive secretary of the Baptist State Union.

Members of the Woman's Missionary Union, Tuckasee Baptist Association, have requested the following notice be published:

"The sympathy of the women of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Tuckasee Association goes to Miss Mary Currin, in her recent bereavement."

PATTON COMFORTS WOUNDED YANK



ALWAYS SOLICITOUS of the men in his command, Gen. George Patton, Jr., stops to comfort Pvt. Frank A. Reed, of East Dedham, Mass., who was injured in the fighting in Sicily. Reed and the others in the photo were later moved by plane to a hospital. O.W.I. photo. (International)

Mead Chemist Is To Join Service Unit Next Week

Joseph Carl Corbin, local resident and chemist in the laboratory of the Mead plant, leaves November 3 for an army camp in South Carolina.

Mr. Corbin, with 15 other Jackson county boys, was recently sworn into the service, being granted a brief leave for attention to business and personal matters.

Asked as to the naming of his successor with the local firm, Mr. Corbin replied that his late employers are not yet ready to make such an announcement.

Mr. Corbin, who is also retiring superintendent of the Sunday school of Sylva Baptist church, said that as yet no one has been appointed to that office.

Mr. Corbin declared that severance of both connections, as well as leaving friends in this community, causes deep regret, although he looks forward with enthusiasm to membership in the armed forces.

Born in Western North Carolina, and a resident of Sylva for a number of years, he is the son of J. L. Corbin, well known Sylva man.

Mr. Corbin is married, his wife, the former Miss Evelyn Ridley, being a native of Jackson county.

Jarrett Still Makes Gallant Fight For Life

R. P. Jarrett is reported as still fighting gallantly for life, following a wreck in Atlanta, in which he and his wife narrowly escaped instant death.

The Dillsboro native and former resident is now in the seventh week of unconsciousness, at Henry Gray Hospital in his home city, Atlanta.

His condition, still grave, was thought to be slightly improved. R. F. Jarrett, father of the injured man, said that his son was at least no worse, with attending physicians somewhat more hopeful.

Mrs. R. F. Jarrett continues to improve, her father-in-law said.

Brown Announced New Supervisor In Farm Office

William T. Brown, Jr., has moved to Sylva to take up his duties as County Supervisor of the Farm Security Administration. He replaces William G. Davis, who recently joined the armed forces of the country.

Before coming to Jackson county, Mr. Brown acted as Associate FSA Supervisor in both Yancey and Buncombe counties.

Mr. Brown was reared on a farm in Buncombe county. He is a graduate of Berea College and prior to coming with Farm Security was connected with dairy improvement work sponsored by the Farmers Federation.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown are now living near Sylva on Allen Branch.

Girl Of Six Is Struck By Car And Loses Leg

Joan Williams, of Bryson City, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar F. Williams, is in Harris Community Hospital, in serious condition, after being struck last Sunday evening by a car.

Sheriff Leonard announced that pending outcome of the child's condition, he was holding without bail, Clifford Holcombe, said to be driver of the automobile, and Miss Pat Mathis, a companion, both being from Wilmont.

Attaches of the hospital revealed that it had been necessary to amputate the little girl's leg just above the knee; that blood transfusions had been given, and that her condition was serious. Some improvement was noted at the time this account was written, Tuesday noon, and it was thought that there was probability of recovery.

The accident happened at Gateway, near Qualla, at about 4 p. m., while the little Williams girl was playing with a companion, Sammy Sutton, small son of Mr. and Mrs. James Sutton. The latter child received bruises and lacerations, but was not thought seriously enough injured for admission to hospital, following first aid.

It was said that relatives of the Williams child, sitting in a parked car near the filling station, saw the auto which struck the two playmates leave the highway, crash into the back of the service station, and pin the young girl against a rear wall, almost severing a leg, which was amputated a few hours later.

Miss Hall Given Majority Vote In Recent Election

Miss Lela Moore Hall, daughter of Mrs. David M. Hall, of Sylva, and a student at Western Carolina Teachers College, has been elected by student ballot as senator of the freshman class of which she is a member.

Miss Hall graduated from Sylva high school in 1943, when she was a member of the Beta Club. She was president of her class during her freshman and senior years.

On the college campus, Miss Hall is a member of the Marshall's Club and Dramatics Club.

Miss Allison Is Made President Of Savannah Club

The Savannah 4-H Club met on Monday, October 18, the meeting being called to order by Miss Dolores Allison, who was elected president.

The theme for discussion was "Health for Better Living." Members took part and the program evoked keen interest.

Records that the club members kept during the summer, were handed to Miss Margaret Martin, Jackson County Demonstration Agent.

Chairman Higdon Explains Method For Farm Buying

Tenant farmers of Jackson county who have the necessary qualifications and want to be considered for loans with which to buy family-type farms of their own under the U. S. Department of Agriculture's farm ownership program should apply immediately to the Farm Security Administration office in Sylva, it was announced by Dennis C. Higdon, chairman of FSA's county farm ownership committee.

Under the Bankhead-Jones farm tenant act, a limited number of loans can be made in designated counties each year to farm tenants, sharecroppers, or farm laborers who are American Citizens, to enable them to obtain life-time security on farms of sufficient size to adequately support their families. The loans are repayable with interest at three per cent, but it is the policy of the FSA to encourage all Tenant Purchase borrowers to pay ahead of schedule while prices are good, thereby enabling the borrower to save much money which he would otherwise pay on interest, and at the same time pay for his farm in the shortest possible time. Farmers who are interested in this type of loan can obtain the details from William T. Brown, Jr., County FSA Supervisor.

In the four years the tenant purchase program has operated in this county, 27 farmers have achieved farm ownership through these loans.

The farm ownership committee passes on the applications for all loans involving purchase of farms, and must approve the farms to be purchased.

Other members of the farm ownership committee in Jackson county are: Robert M. Bryson, Speedwell; J. Stedman Mitchell, Sylva; and C. P. Dillard, Willets.

Roger Dillard Is Named Manager Sorority Sponsors

Jackson county welcomes a native son back to the business life of the town, as Roger Dillard returns from Asheville, to assume management of the local Dixie Home store. Mr. Dillard took over his new duties several days ago, succeeding A. G. Huff, who was transferred to head a department in the West Asheville super market of the same organization.

Son of C. P. Dillard, of Willets, Mr. Dillard has an impressive record with the Dixie firm, and is being welcomed by a wide circle of acquaintances in his old home community.

Masonic Lecturer Announced To Be Present At Meet

There will be a regular meeting of Dillsboro Lodge No. 459, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Thursday, November 4, at 7:30 p. m., for the purpose of degree work, secretary R. F. Jarrett has announced.

Assistant Grand Lecturer J. W. Alford, will be present and will present lectures beginning Monday, November 1, the lecture work to extend for five days. Every member is urged to attend as often as possible, with a special invitation to be present on the evening of November 4.

There will be important communications to each member, with visiting Masons, as always, heartily welcomed.

Relations Club Holds Election

Members of the International Relations Club at Western Carolina Teachers College met in the Student Union building on Thursday evening with their sponsor, Dr. H. P. Smith, to elect officers and make plans for the year.

The officers elected were Lynwood Halliburton, of Hamlet, President; Emogene Northcutt, of McFarlen, vice president; and Mary Moody, of Canton, secretary and treasurer. Members and their sponsor plan to conduct forums during the year on current problems and post-war planning.

If you try to get at the root of an evil you are likely to get yourself into a muck.

Gibson Made Head Of Fund Campaign In This Township

County Chairman Sutton and Herbert Gibson Complete Organization; Savannah and Willets Have Already Made Quotas.

Last Friday evening R. U. Sutton, Jackson county chairman of the National War Fund, called Sylva workers together, to effect an organization for Sylva Township; named Mayor Herbert Gibson township chairman, and announced Sylva Township's quota as \$1,639.00.

Chairman Sutton had already stated in last week's Herald that the county's quota of the nationwide drive for \$125,000,000.00 is \$4,099.00.

Mr. Sutton reminded his co-workers that Savannah Township had already subscribed and collected its allotted \$200, completing its canvass Sunday, October 18, before the campaign even started next day. Further congratulations were offered Willets Township, which reached its quota of \$100, October 20, as reported by Chairman J. Jerome Phillips.

Both Mr. Sutton and Mr. Sutton expressed great satisfaction at the record of these two sections, both having gone "over the top" so creditably, and the Friday evening gathering was described by the two chairmen as one of confidence and enthusiasm.

Mr. Gibson has announced the following solicitors for Sylva township:

Armour Leather Company and Sylva Coal and Lumber Company plants, W. T. Wise, O. E. Brookhyser; Mead Corporation and Builders Supply and Lumber Company plants, Paul Ellis, Roscoe Poteet and C. E. Smith; Sylva Laundry, Harry Ferguson; Jackson County Bank, W. J. Fisher; Sylva Supply Company stores, Chester Scott.

Hotels and Cafes, Velt Wilson; Filling Stations and Garages, Ray Cogdill; Wallace Tire and Recap and Bill's Garage, Karl Wallace; Stores, T. E. Reed, T. N. Massie and R. U. Sutton; Hospital, Mrs. H. A. Carter; Court House, Walter Ashe and G. R. Lackey; Schools, Louis Hair; Barber Shops and Beauty Parlors, Jeff Hedden; Newspapers, R. U. Sutton; Mica Plants and Miscellaneous, M. D. Cowan; Lawyers, Dan K. Moore; Doctors and Dentists, Dr. W. P. McGuire; Beta Section, V. L. Cope; Special gifts, E. L. McKee; Individuals, Chas. M. Reed and C. G. Middleton; Colored people, Rev. Joe Smith.

Willets Township Makes Fund Quota

R. U. Sutton, chairman for Jackson county in the National War Fund drive, has announced another local township, Willets, as having made its quota.

Willets, assigned the amount of \$100 to be subscribed, completed its assignment last Wednesday, October 20, according to a message sent Mr. Sutton by Township Chairman S. Jerome Phillips.

This makes the second Jackson unit to complete its successful drive. Savannah being the first.

No More Practice Black-Outs Here

Despite OCD announcements that no more surprise blackouts will be held in North Carolina, the State Civilian Defense Protective Service will retain its organization.

The OCD also says that twenty-four hour manning of control centers is unnecessary. Despite this regional advice, the State Civilian Defense emphasizes that no civilian protection function is scheduled or demobilization in the near future.

CORRECTION

Pfc. John M. Bradley, injured last summer in a motor wreck near Camp Stewart, Ga., and reported to The Herald as fatally hurt, appeared last week at the office and smilingly announced himself as alive and well.

Pfc. Bradley had been declared not by one, but by several sources, apparently authoritative, as having lost his life.

Assuredly, this is one time when The Herald is glad it was mistaken. The correction is made with profound satisfaction.