

## War Effort Acutely Needs More Acid Wood

### Local Teachers Indorsed By OPA

#### Listed As Nation's Best In Issuance Of Ration Book In Third Release

##### State Office Is Outspoken As It Joins In Praise

Recent Letter To Moses Declares Jackson County Teachers Highest As Nation's "Interpreters" Of OPA Policies.

Acclaimed by the Washington Office of Price Administration as having done the most outstanding job of all ration book workers in the nation in issuance of Book No. 3, Jackson county teachers on October 28 completed release of No. 4, accomplishing the latter task, it is believed with the same efficiency that won them first place in their assignment last spring.

A recent letter to County Superintendent A. C. Moses, from the state office in Raleigh, signed by Miss Ruth Vick Everett, and outlining the program for the work on book 4, which has just closed, emphasized the fact that Jackson teachers had already done the best job in the country, and were officially recognized by Washington as holding top place.

Mr. Moses said that he felt the greatest pride in his staff and that he is confident that the last lap will justify the same top rating. However, he added that he was not surprised, emphasizing the fact that for efficiency, all-out effort, and all round performance he will always back his staff against all comers.

All data, Mr. Moses explained, has cleared through his office, as regards the various book series. The Raleigh letter states that it was not merely a mechanical process, but that the Jackson education office had been definitely in the role of "interpreter" to the citizenry of this county.

Dan M. Allison, head of the local OPA, and Chief Clerk Edwin Allison, likewise gave the highest praise to the teachers, though both added, with Supt. Moses, that they were not surprised. They said that North Carolina is a recognized state of superlatives, and that for progressive Jackson to be a leader is entirely logical.

Executives of the local OPA wish it announced that any resident of Sylva, or of Jackson county who failed to receive ration book 4 may obtain it from the local office Monday, November 1, through Saturday, November 6.

This, it was pointed out, should enable every one to be supplied with the required ration coupons.

#### Dillsboro Women Are Employed In Making Bandages

Every Tuesday afternoon between the hours of 2 to 5 o'clock, the ladies of Dillsboro are busily engaged folding bandages in the Red Cross Surgical Dressing Room, in the banquet hall of the Masonic Temple.

For the five week period, beginning September 20th to October 26, 142½ hours were devoted to this work, and 5,311 bandages were folded. Everyone with a moment to spare is asked to come on Tuesday afternoons to take part in this essential work.

#### Watch For The Expiration Date On Your Label

It is important that subscriptions to The Herald be renewed immediately upon expiration.

The expiration date of your paper is stamped right under your name. Check on this date, and be sure your renewal reaches this office before the expiration date.

#### Hooper Wins Wings And Pilots Plane Over Home Here

The following account of the rapid progress of a popular young Jackson county service man has been received at the Herald office. It will arouse keen interest in many readers:

Lt. Ewart C. Hooper of the special Pilot Wing, Lockbourne Army Air Base, Columbus, Ohio, recently spent a 10-day leave at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hooper, of Tuckaseegee.

Lt. Hooper enlisted in the Army Air Corps August 17, 1942, and was classified as an Aviation Cadet at Nashville, Tenn. He received his pre-flight training at Maxwell Field, Alabama, basic at Door Field, Fla., primary at Bainbridge, Md., and advanced flying at Columbus, Miss., where he received the coveted Silver Wings on July 29, of this year. He wears the good conduct medal, also the expert pistol and machine gun medals.

After being commissioned, Lt. Hooper was sent to Lockbourne for bomber pilot training on a B-17. He is now being instructed as a pilot instructor.

Pilots of the mighty Boeing B-17's can trace their training to the Lockbourne Army Air Base at Columbus, for that is the place where combat pilots are taught to fly the "Queen of the Air," and it is the place where pilot instructors are instructed. You might call it a post-graduate flying university.

All the gas an A-bookholder would get in 16 years would just fill the tank of one B-17.

At 8 o'clock one evening last week, Lt. Hooper swung his Fortress into the air and headed South on a cross-country mission. At 9:10 he flew over Asheville. 20 minutes later, by way of Canton, Waynesville, and Sylva, he circled over his home at Tuckaseegee. Then he nosed his plane to Lockbourne by way of Knoxville. In a letter to his parents, he said that he could see Sylva, Cullowhee, and the Glenville Power House.

Lt. Hooper is one of the Army Air Corps' youngest Bomber pilot instructors, not yet being 21 years old.

#### Future Farmers Of Sylva High School Are Winning Group

Jackson County Future Farmers, last week, held an elimination livestock judging contest at Franklin. Prof. Phillips and John Corbin, teachers of the two vocational Agriculture Departments of the county, decided who would represent the county at the Fat Livestock Show in Asheville, November 3rd.

The Sylva team won by a small margin. Fred McLain, Edward Cooke, Jack Cope and Phillip Jones with John Corbin, coach, will represent Jackson county. Some 200 to 300 Western North Carolina Future Farmer association members will participate. Sears-Roebuck will give the boys a banquet following the contest.

#### Miss Deitz Gains Advance In Rank

Fort Mason, Calif.—Promotion from Private to Private First Class has just been awarded Elizabeth C. Deitz, daughter of Ransom V. Deitz, of Greens Creek, who is a member of the 107th Women's Army Corps Detachment stationed at Fort Mason, headquarters of the San Francisco Port of Embarkation.

Pfc. Deitz, a former cosmetologist, joined the WAC's last October and came to Fort Mason with the first detachment of WACs to be stationed on the Pacific Coast. She is serving as a clerk-typist.

A little horseradish and lemon juice mixed with mayonnaise makes a good sauce to serve with tongue.

#### Child Injured In Motor Crash Will Probably Recover

Little Joan Williams, of Bryson City, Who Lost Leg October 24, Has Rallied and Is Thought To Have Good Chance of Life.

Little Joan Williams, of Bryson City, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar F. Williams, is reported to be recovering satisfactorily at Harris Community Hospital, where her leg was amputated Sunday, October 24, following an accident at Gateway, near Qualla.

While playing near a filling station the Williams child and little companion Sammy Sutton, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Sutton, were both struck by a car which witnesses said left the road and plunged into the rear wall of the service station, practically severing, at the knee, the leg of the little Williams girl, but inflicting only slight injury to her playmate, who left the hospital immediately after first aid treatment.

Hospital attaches say that, barring complications, the little Williams patient will recover.

#### Still Unconscious, Jarrett Improves Slightly, Is Hope

No significant change has been noted in the condition of R. P. Jarrett, Dillsboro native and former resident, as he still lies in Henry Grady Hospital, Atlanta, after a motor wreck in which both he and his wife were injured.

A phone message received Sunday from the Georgia capital revealed that the patient was still unconscious, nearly eight weeks after the accident.

It was said that his strength, which has held up remarkably well, had increased somewhat, and that he used his left arm a little. It was also stated that there was some ability to raise the head. For some time after the accident, there was apparent total paralysis.

Mrs. Jarrett, who left the hospital several weeks ago, is reported as now strong enough to walk, with good prospect of complete recovery.

#### Cullowhee Church Has Special Meet For Anniversary

On Sunday morning special services were held at the Cullowhee Baptist church for members and visiting alumni of Western Carolina Teachers College, which celebrated its 54th anniversary this week-end.

Dr. H. T. Hunter, president of the college, filled the pulpit. Special music for the service was planned by the choir, which is directed by Dr. H. P. Smith.

Since it was Homecoming Day for a large number who had their letters in church during their residence at Western Carolina Teachers College, a large number of former members were present as well as all the regular members.

The Youth Fellowship of the Cullowhee Methodist church gave a social hour following their regular hour of worship on Sunday evening for former members who were visiting the college for its Homecoming celebration.

#### Dillsboro Masons Will Be Asked To Help In Donation

R. F. Jarrett, secretary of Dillsboro Masonic lodge, has announced that, at the joint meeting of the local unit and district body Thursday, November 4, 7:30 p. m., there will be a special Thanksgiving offering requested for the Masonic and Eastern Star home, Greensboro, and for the Oxford Orphanage.

Mr. Jarrett said that his lodge has always given generously to both these institutions, and that there will doubtless be a liberal contribution at the coming gathering.

#### Re-appointed



REV. R. G. TUTTLE, pastor of Sylva and Dillsboro Methodist churches, who was re-appointed to the local charges at the recent annual conference.

#### Tuttle Declares Satisfaction At Re-appointment

Feels Deeply Affected By Community-Wide Expression Of Pleasure Upon His Continuation In Local Pulpit.

Rev. R. G. Tuttle, pastor of Sylva and Dillsboro Methodist churches, is being welcomed by the entire community, upon his return from the annual conference at Statesville, which re-appointed him for another year. The cordial good wishes constantly being offered are truly affecting, the minister said. It was expected that he would continue to serve his two present charges, though numbers of local residents declare they felt relieved, upon hearing the news, the war effort being responsible for many emergency changes at times throughout all Methodism.

Mr. Tuttle, in commenting upon his return, said that he and his family are more than pleased. He pointed out that this is the beginning of the third year, and that two years are often required for a minister to become thoroughly acquainted with the details of the work, the many problems, the countless opportunities for service. "I am looking forward to two objectives," said the pastor: "first, and most important, added spiritual progress. This should be facilitated as congregation and preacher know each other more intimately."

The second object Mr. Tuttle has in view is the beautifying of the church building and premises, a project that must, of course, await developments along the war fronts.

"Just say," smiled the minister, in conclusion, "that my family and I are happy at remaining among you, and that we are deeply touched by the cordial expressions upon my re-appointment."

#### Eastern Star Has Hallowe'en Meet

Oce Chapter No. 139, O. E. S. met at a regular meeting on Wednesday evening, October 27th.

During the social hour, the spirit of Hallowe'en was artfully displayed by the attractive and delicious refreshments served by Mrs. Emma Kincaid and Mrs. Rosa Cannon.

Oce Chapter meets every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 8 o'clock, and all visiting Eastern Star are cordially invited to attend.

#### Twin Hereford Heifers Born On Wilson Farm

The Hereford population of Jackson is steadily on the increase, and the recent event which took place on the farm of S. E. Wilson, of Speedwell, tends to prove that the increase is doubling.

Twin Hereford heifers were born on the Wilson farm recently. This is rather unusual in the animal kingdom.

#### Noted News Man Comes To Sylva For Visit Home

John A. Parris, Jr., United Press War Writer Of International Repute, Will Spend Four Weeks With Parents.

John A. Parris, Jr., Sylva native and very definitely a favorite son, internationally known war correspondent for the United Press, Co-author of "Springboard to Berlin," and other widely read books and articles, arrived here yesterday at noon, from Washington, for a four week's stay with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Parris.

The former Sylva Lad, after flying from London to New York, spent a week in the latter city. A host of residents of his native section have been listening to his recent broadcasts from the metropolis. An equal degree of interest has been accorded the volume, "Springboard to Berlin," but a few weeks off the press.

#### College Business Department Plans Club Operations

The Business Education Club of Western Carolina Teachers College met on Thursday evening to plan its program for the year.

The club decided to have formal initiations for its new members. No changes were made in the original constitution.

The club also decided to review a series of parliamentary rules giving actual demonstrations. The members plan to give some business education plays both in the club and before the student body and to give a series of programs concerning office personality.

Invitations are to be sent soon to people who are taking business education work. Club membership for some time has consisted of upper classmen in the business education field; but freshmen and transfer students in the business education field will be taken into the membership of the club in the near future.

Officers for the Business Education Club are: President, Clara Mae Gantt, of Kings Mountain; vice president, Vivian Muse, of Bryson City; secretary, Zelda Gentry, of Marshall; and treasurer, Ruth Hooper, of Horseshoe. Faculty sponsor is Dr. W. A. Ashbrook.

#### Young McClure Is Now Sharpshooter

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McClure, of Addie, have been informed that their son, Jack W. McClure, 20-year-old Jackson county lad, is now a first class private.

Serving with the infantry, Pfc. McClure received basic training in Camp Blanding, Fla., where his skill with the rifle not only gave him the grade of sharpshooter, but the coveted "expert rifleman" rating was missed by only five points.

Mrs. McClure, who was a visitor last week at The Herald office, said that she was as surprised as pleased at her son's accurate shooting, inasmuch as he had seldom used a gun before entering the army.

"He writes that he will soon rate 'expert,'" she smiled, "and I believe he will. Just takes a little more practice."

Pfc. McClure is now at an Arkansas military base. Another of the McClure boys, Clarence, 22, is in the navy, having enlisted last July. Boot training was given him at Bainbridge, Md., and he is now serving at a destroyer base on the west coast.

Prior to that, the young sailor was employed in the Norfolk Navy Yard. Both he and Pfc. McClure are graduates of Sylva high school, and they have many friends here.

Roy McClure, their brother, now nearly 18, will join the army as soon as he passes his next birthday, his mother said.

Asked by a caller at the Herald who heard her tell of her sons, if she worried much at the thought of giving three stalwarts to the service, Mrs. McClure said simply: "Naturally, a mother can't help worrying some—but if they didn't want to go, I'd be heart-broken."

### Mead Executives Urge Farmers Of This Area To Supply Vital Item

#### Sutton Delighted With Townships' Response To Drive

Declaring himself proud to serve a citizenry so alertly conscious of civic obligations, R. U. Sutton, Jackson county chairman of the National War Fund, announced that the canvass is progressing splendidly.

Mr. Sutton also stated that the campaign, which began October 19, will end Saturday, November 6.

The county has a quota of \$4,099.00 in the nation-wide effort to collect \$125,000,000.00 for the various agencies represented. Each Jackson township has its organization, and a number of these have already exceeded their allotments, Savannah having subscribed and paid more than its requirement the day before the drive began.

This was followed quickly by Willits, Addie, Dillsboro and East La Porte.

At the present rate of subscription, it was expected that Jackson will have more than its total in the bag before the soliciting ends next Saturday.

#### Parent-Teacher Group Of Sylva Has Monthly Meet

Mrs. E. N. Howell, of Swannanoa, State Field representative, presided over a study course for the P. T. A., on Friday, October 29, at the Sylva Elementary School.

Mrs. Howell stressed the necessity for more awareness on the part of parents and teachers in the matter of juvenile delinquency and recreational facilities for the children and young people. She told of the many stimulating courses to be outlined for the studies, in all fields, from pre-school child onward, through the Parent-Teacher magazine and bulletins.

Mrs. Howell has been in eleven counties on her tour and is most enthusiastic about the work being done, and especially the nine reorganized or new clubs now operating.

After the class, Mrs. E. L. McKee entertained the members at a delightful luncheon at the cafeteria.

#### Truck Owners Are Warned Regarding Sunday Operation

Numerous truck operators are violating the new ODT delivery restrictions which went into effect on October 11, Robt. G. Carter, District ODT manager, warned last week.

Many of the violations were unintentional, he pointed out, in urging all truck operators and the general public as well to familiarize themselves with the new regulations.

A spot check in numerous communities disclosed violations were particularly prevalent on Sunday, Mr. Carter said.

Virtually no Sunday deliveries are permitted, Mr. Carter emphasized, except ice trucks and certain other carriers who have been exempted by general or special permits.

A recent check by ODT representatives, however, disclosed that many truck operators were found to be hauling members of their families to visit relatives, or to picnics; others were found driving their trucks down to the office to look over the books, and some laundry, and a few ice cream trucks were in operation.

The recent curtailment of deliveries means in effect that with certain exceptions, streets shall be clear of all retail and wholesale delivery vehicles on Sunday.

The exceptions include ice trucks, which may deliver daily, vehicles delivering certain perishables or essential items and trucks loaded to capacity moving from a single point of origin to a single destination to a single consignee. Such capacity loaded trucks moving from one point to another may deliver on Sunday or any other day.

The drastic new regulations were issued to preserve vehicles and tires for essential uses and all truck operators were urged by Mr. Carter to cooperate in the program.

#### Tannic Acid Must Show Increase To Aid Armed Forces

Fernald and Ellis Announce Local Plant Ready For Seven-Day Schedule, Dependent Upon Chestnut Cutting Before Severe Weather Interferes.

T. W. Fernald, of Chillicothe, Ohio, vice-president of the Mead Corporation, has announced that the local plant, the Sylva division, which has been partially shut down for two weeks, is now ready to resume full operation.

On his regular monthly visit here, Mr. Fernald, and the local manager, Paul Ellis, pointed out that every effort has been made, in production of tannic acid, so vitally needed for the war effort, to proceed forthwith upon a seven-day schedule, 24 hours a day.

Both he and Mr. Ellis explained that the cutting of chestnut wood is a matter of grave concern to themselves, to Office Manager R. U. Sutton, to every other Mead official, and to all other firms in the nation having part in tannic acid production.

Voicing their message to farmers of this section as an appeal to their traditional patriotism, Messrs. Fernald and Ellis said that the urgency of the need could hardly be exaggerated.

"We hope to run on the schedule just outlined," said the vice-president, "and our ability to do so is directly dependent upon the cutting of acid wood—chestnut wood."

"The time to cut is NOW," added Mr. Ellis, "before severe weather sets in, before some of our roads are closed by rain and snow to the logging."

Tannic acid is necessary for leather tanning, it was pointed out, and every man in the service, overseas and on this side of the ocean, needs leather as a vitally important item.

"Of course it's an old story," declared Mr. Fernald, "but one that fairly cries for repetition, that equipment furnished our service men at the right time saves lives—for the season that delays mean the UNNECESSARY killing of more of our men. Could any appeal be stronger than that?"

Mr. Fernald, now in charge of Mead's southern division, with headquarters at Chillicothe, Ohio, is well known here, being recalled as local manager at Sylva from 1929 to 1933.

A native of Massachusetts, he and Mrs. Fernald, who before marriage was Miss Gwendolin Moore, still visit Western North Carolina, where their friendships made during their years' residence, are still maintained.

An honor guest at last week's Rotary dinner, Mr. Fernald spoke of the occasion with a reminiscent smile. "There were just five attending, out of the old group when I was a member," he mused.

He spoke of his son, a mere tot of four when the Fernald family lived here, now in the air corps, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. The young air man is the Fernald only child, since the loss of a little girl, who died in infancy.

Concluding, Mr. Fernald said that, while the service men hold the spotlight, as they deserve to, we must never for a moment under-rate the home front, the office worker, the laborer, the business man.

"If we don't make money and pay taxes, we can't pay for the war," said the vice-president.

#### Important Information...

—will be found in this newspaper, about rationing, new price changes, and matters of general interest about the war. This information is authentic and should prove valuable to all families.

The rationing guide will be of special interest.