

Jackson County Raises War Fund Quota

John A. Parris Home For Brief Rest From War Fronts of Europe

By Hilda Way Gwyn

John A. Parris, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Parris, of Sylva, is home from London for a fortnight's visit, with his parents. In fact it may be many years before John A. Parris, who has made a name for himself as a foreign correspondent with the United Press, ever spends much time again in his home town. The high news spot centers of the world now come under his coverage. In time, it has been only a few years since his reporting days in Jackson county, but judging by his progress in the news world it would seem longer.

We doubt if Mr. Parris himself realized when he climbed the court house hill to cover a Jackson County murder trial in his early teens, that some day his work would bring him in contact with European royalty and that instead of recording rural life he would be handling intriguing facts of international significance.

Mr. Parris is today recognized as an authority on underground Europe and has been on foreign assignments for nearly three years, covering European politics and combat areas in Northern Africa. He has kept a steady flow of vital news from areas that have been difficult to reach.

He was the accredited war correspondent to the 12th U. S. Air Force in Africa. He landed with the invasion forces and accompanied General DodDittie. He spent around six weeks covering the activities in the North African war theatre. He was called back to London at the request of the United Press office to cover the political situations developing in the Allied countries in Europe. He knows the inside story of the French people which has puzzled Americans at many times. He also got the story of Darlan when others failed.

His newspaper career began when he was around 12 years of age, at which time he started writing the sports news of his local high school for the Jackson County Journal. When he was 14 he became a correspondent for the Asheville Citizen and the United Press. During this time he wrote the story of the Rev. Albert Teester, the parson who let a rattlesnake bite him to prove his faith in God to his congregation. The story did more than prove the preacher's faith, however, for it revealed the reporting talents of young Parris. The story was carried all over this country and throughout the world by the United Press.

Yet perhaps John Parris did know where he was heading for, even at an early age. At least one might judge so, from a contribution his mother made during our interview with him last Friday at the home of his parents in Sylva. "My living room was always cluttered up when John was growing up. It was covered with his papers and writings scattered over the floor. I would get after him and he would always say, 'But mother, this is the way I am going to make my living some day,'" said Mrs. Parris, as she smiled with pride.

In December, 1934, Mr. Parris was called to the Raleigh Bureau of the United Press and remained there until 1937. Here he covered news of the State Capitol. In April of that year he was transferred to the New York office as one of the three feature writers of the United Press. It was his job to write stories that came into the office. He handled a number of important assignments while connected with

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In Today's Paper Is An Interesting Sketch on the Life of Judge Felix E. Alley

Written By R. C. Lawrence

—this article deals with Jackson's famous son, and you'll enjoy reading it in today's issue of The Herald.

Returns Home



JOHN A. PARRIS, JR., of the London office of United Press, and an authority on European underground governments, is home for a brief visit before returning to his work on European fronts.

Women Observe Canning Of Meat

Demonstration Is Held By Home Agent In Jackson County.

Margaret Martin, home demonstration agent, reports that most of October and the first two weeks in November have been taken up with demonstrations of home canning in Jackson county Home Demonstration club meetings.

She says that she had some difficulties in getting the meat to be used in the demonstrations, but the local ration board allowed her additional points, and some of the women brought chickens from their homes to put up.

Usually beef stew or a cut of pork was the meat canned but in some cases the chickens were used. She reports that a number of women who do not often attend club meetings came to watch this demonstration.

During the canning, she explained the killing, preparation and handling of meat for this purpose, and the women attending were invited to ask questions and bring their canning problems.

Glass jars were used for all the canning in the demonstrations, but as many of the women were interested in tin cans, Miss Martin gave a discussion of this process.

She says that many of the Jackson women who have never before bothered with producing their own meat have this year a young beef or pork to can, and for this reason, a number of amateurs were present for the demonstrations.

In addition to the regular club meetings at which this program was planned, Miss Martin has been asked by a number of other communities to continue her demonstration for their benefit.

32,292 People Visited Park Last Month

Though approximately 32,292 persons visited the Park in October, this total was only 48 per cent as great as that for October, 1942. In spite of restrictions on travel, some 36 per cent of the visitors came from states other than Tennessee and North Carolina. The visitors came from 32 known different states and the District of Columbia.

Travel is estimated by comparison of actual travel counts made at certain periods of the month with actual travel counts made at the corresponding periods of the preceding year.

TIRE SITUATION TIGHTENS

Operators of passenger cars may find it impossible to obtain used tires because commercial vehicles delivering essential goods are now eligible to receive used passenger and truck tires of sizes smaller than 7:50-20 to replace tires no longer serviceable.

November Is Christmas Mailing Month This Year

Delivery of the annual flood of Christmas gifts and cards on time, always a serious problem, "will be more than a problem this year—it will be an impossibility—unless Christmas mailings are made largely in November," Postmaster General Frank C. Walker warned this week.

"Transportation facilities are burdened to the limit with war materials and personnel, and the postal service has sent more than thirty-one thousand experienced employees into the army and navy," Mr. Walker said. "The only solution to the Christmas problem is: mail in November. Mark your parcels, 'Do Not Open Until Christmas.' That is the only way to avoid disappointment on Christmas Day not only for many civilians but also for millions of members of the armed forces who are still in this country.

"It is also the only way to avoid the possibility of a Christmas emergency in the transportation and postal services. If the public will cooperate by mailing their Christmas parcels during November, we can handle a small volume of light, last-minute mailings, such as cards, up to December 10—but we can do that and avoid an emergency only if November is really 'Christmas Mailing Month.'"

Postal officials pointed out that the volume of mail now is far above any previous records, that railway cars by the hundreds have been diverted to war service and that the air lines have only about half as many places as they once operated.

More than two hundred thousand extra temporary employees normally are employed to help with the holiday postal rush. This year, however, employees will be largely women and high school boys and girls who are unable to work the long hours usually required and whose work will be relatively slow.

To deliver the Christmas mails on time, therefore, it is necessary that mailings be spread out over a longer period so that available transportation equipment and postal personnel can be used during more weeks. It will be utterly impossible to make the deliveries by Christmas if mailers wait until the last three weeks before the holiday, as in normal years.

There is another reason for shopping and mailing earlier than ever before. Retail stores are short-handed. Purchasers can avoid shopping in crowded stores, long waits for service, and other inconveniences of late shopping if they buy now. They will also doubtless have a better choice of merchandise than will be available later.

Postmaster General Walker observed that his warning is not an attempt to tell the public what to do; it is only an advance notification of what will happen if they mail late. He feels that the public is entitled to the facts, and that when they know them, they will decide to mail in November.

Chas. Deitz Flies 600 Miles For 30 Minutes Visit

Charles Deitz, petty officer, U. S. Navy, who is serving somewhere in the Pacific war theater, recently flew 600 miles for a 30 minutes visit with his nephew, Lt. (jg) Roy Totherow, of Asheville.

Petty Officer Deitz is the brother of Mrs. Ollie Banks, of Sylva, and son of Rev. and Mrs. T. F. Deitz. He has been in the service for the past 17 years and his last visit home was in December, 1942, for a 4 days leave, the first in seven years.

Lt. Totherow is serving on the Saratoga Airplane Carrier.

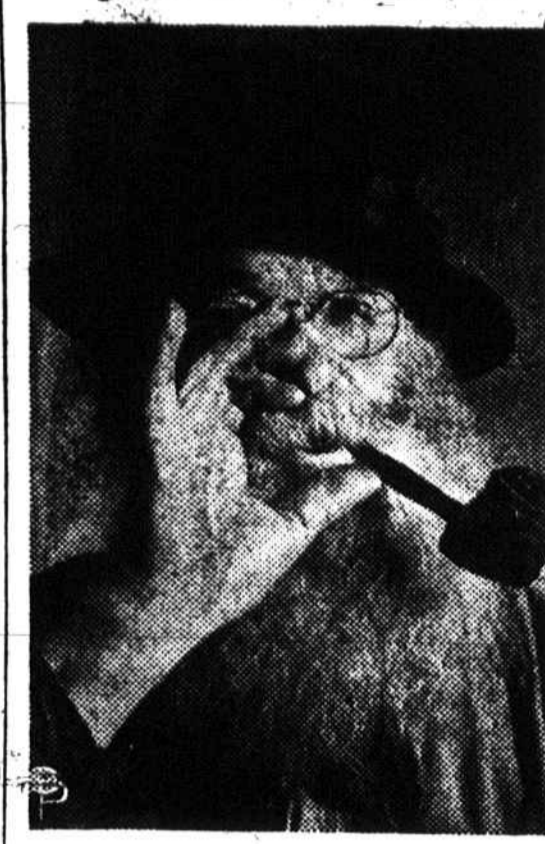
Mrs. McKee Back From State Board of Education Meet

Mrs. E. L. McKee has returned home after spending several days in Raleigh, where she attended the regular monthly meeting of the State Board of Education. Mrs. McKee represents this district on the state board.

Membership on the board is considered a constitutional office and Mrs. McKee is the first woman in the state to hold such an office.

Jackson Hunters Bag 4 Bears In One Day

Speaks His Mind



DURING A SESSION of the House Ways and Means Committee, bewhiskered F. E. Gimlett, a gold prospector from Leadville, Colo., received permission to express his views. He said: "I want Congress to put the WACS and WAVES back in the kitchen with the pots, pans and babies." (International)

Miss Elah Cowart Is Demonstration Teacher At WCTC

Miss Elah Cowart of Summit, Georgia, has been employed by administration at Western Carolina Teachers College as demonstration teacher of third grade in the training school.

Miss Cowart has been engaged to fill the vacancy left by Mrs. James Whatley, teacher of the third grade for the last five years, who resigned recently to join her husband, former coach at the college, now in service stationed at Pocatello, Idaho.

Cecil Harris, of Asheville, has been added to the staff of the Colonial Mica Corporation.

Jackson County Man Recalls

Seeing Man Actually "Scared To Death"

The expression "scared to death" is as old as these famous hills, and many people use it without realizing what it means.

When Walter Ashe hears the three words, a vivid picture of an actual case always comes to his mind.

It was early one morning, back in 1918, on board a transport loaded with American troops en route to France. The crossing had been uneventful, but nerves were on edge, as at that time German submarines were reported in large numbers in that particular region.

The soldiers were enjoying the warm morning sun right after their early breakfast. With no special duties to perform, the men were scattered along the deck taking life as easy as conditions would warrant.

During the crossing, Mr. Ashe had made friends with a 190-pound, rugged and pleasant Tennessee mountaineer. Perhaps their kindred interests in mountain people brought them to a mutual understanding of each other and their interests in life.

Anyway, this Tennessee soldier was passing the time by watching the white caps of the Atlantic try to climb the steel hull of the transport. Mr. Ashe was several feet back of the man watching other ships in the convoy.

All at once, the Tennessee soldier turned pale.

He wasn't sick. He stiffened, and one hand swung over the rail and mechanically pointed downward.

Friends rushed to his side, and the man attempted to gasp out a few words, which no one could understand.

As they started to lay him down, someone looked down the side of the camouflaged hull, and there

Twenty-two members of the Sylva Hunting Club and three Haywood hunters, bagged four bears on the first day of their two-day hunt in Sherwood Forest last Friday.

The group made another hunt Saturday, but did not make a kill. Harry Ferguson got the prize kill of the hunt, when he brought down a 400-pounder. The next largest bruin killed was from the shot of Dr. W. P. McGuire. His bear weighed about 225 pounds.

Mack Ashe, who was on his second bear hunt, bagged a 175-pounder. The Ashe family observed the arrival of their son from service home by serving some of the meat.

The smallest kill of the hunt was made by A. F. Arrington. At least ten bears were jumped on the first day of the hunt, and signs indicated bear were plentiful in the Sherwood area this year.

Bryson City Host To Scout Court Of Honor On 1st

Bryson City Troop No. 1 Boy Scouts of America was host to the Daniel Boone Council last Monday evening at 8 o'clock in the court house. Visiting troops were: Sylva No. 1; Franklin No. 1; Cherokee Troop No. 1; and Whittier Troop No. 10.

The court was opened with the presentation of the colors and invocation by Rev. C. O. Newell.

Officials of the court of honor were F. V. Smith, executive secretary of Asheville; Hugh Monteith, of Sylva, George Lee, of Sylva, Tom Blossom, of Cherokee; and Rev. William E. Andrews of Whittier.

Scouts going before the court for promotion were: Francis Buchanan and Jimmy Madison, of Sylva troop promoted to the rank of Star Scouts, Jim Ryan, Sylva troop to the rank of 1st class scout, Jimmy Gray, Bryson City troop to rank of 2nd class, and Ken Hammock, Bryson City; Robert Saunooke, Cherokee and Jack Hipps, Whittier, to the rank of Tenderfoot Scouts.

Bryson City won the ribbon for attendance. A large number of parents and friends of the scouts were present.

In Kin's Footsteps



WHEN BARBARA ADAMS of Cherry Point, N. C., joined the Marines, she continued the military tradition of her family. Her father, brother and husband are in the Navy, while her paternal grandfather and her father-in-law are or have served in the Army. Her maternal grandfather, Maj. Arthur B. Owens, served in the Marines. (International)

Baptist Sunday School Group To Meet On Sunday

The Tuckasee Baptist Sunday School Convention will meet with the Webster Baptist Church on Sunday, November 14, starting at 2:30 o'clock.

C. O. Vance, president of the convention will be in charge of the program. The devotional will be led by Harry Vance, with special recognition of visitors and representatives of all Sunday Schools.

The Scotts Creek male quartet will give several numbers, to be followed by the secretary's report.

T. Walter Ashe, of the Lovelade Church, will discuss: "How Can Every Church in the Tuckasee Association help support the Thomasville Orphanage and MHS Home."

Misses Mildred Cowan and Ida McConn II will give a duet, followed by a talk by Miss Margaret Wilson, on "Why should we support the Thomasville Orphanage and Mills Home."

The closing song will be led by Floyd Carden of the East Sylva church.

District Meeting Held By Masons

The annual meeting of the 42nd Masonic district was held with the Dillsboro lodge Thursday night, November 4. At the same time the 50th anniversary of the founding of the lodge was celebrated by the Dillsboro Masons.

Dr. C. Z. Candler, of Sylva, presided over the meeting and M. Y. Jarrett of Dillsboro, was master of ceremonies. A large number of delegates from the different district lodges attended.

R. F. Jarrett, district deputy grand master, was principal speaker. The first oration was given by Guy Houck of Franklin.

Distinguished visitors were J. W. Alford, assistant Grand Lecturer and Clyde H. Jarrett, of Andrews, Senior Grand Warden of N. C., who represented the Grand Master who was unable to be present. During the program several short talks were made by members from different lodges.

Refreshments were served at the end of the meeting by Oce chapter of The Eastern Star.

Andy S. Nicholson Stationed In Middle West

Technician, 5th grade, Andy S. Nicholson, son of W. J. Nicholson, who is stationed at Camp Crowder, Mo., is spending a 15-day furlough here with his family.

He has been in the service for the past 15 months and was inducted at Camp Croft. From Croft he was transferred to Fort Jackson and from the latter to his present post.

Prior to entering the service he was engaged in trucking.

Ensign Roy Cowan is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arch Cowan on Savannah.

Quota Of \$4,099 Has Been Raised, Says R. U. Sutton

Several Townships Yet To Report On Work Done In Past Two Weeks.

Jackson County has reached another war campaign quota, in raising more than \$4,099 for the United War Fund, according to Raymond U. Sutton, county chairman, yesterday.

The county quota has been passed, but just how much depends on several township chairmen. Mr. Sutton stated.

Reports from township chairmen thus far indicates that the large majority have passed the quotas given them. Among the reporting townships that are over the top includes: Sylva, Barkers Creek, Greens Creek and Cullowhee.

Many others are expected to be added to this list during the first of the week as other reports come in. Saturday was the last day to take contributions, and all chairmen should make their reports at once, Mr. Sutton pointed out.

"We are anxious to close the campaign, and will appreciate all township chairmen getting their reports to me at once," the county chairman said.

Yesterday, the treasurer had received more than \$3,500 of the quota of \$4,099. The remainder of the quota had been raised.

Reynolds Not To Seek Nomination For Senate Seat

Senator Robert Rice Reynolds announced in Washington Monday night that he would not seek reelection in the 1944 election for his seat as Junior Senator from North Carolina.

Senator Reynolds said that the press of urgent matters in Washington at this time would prevent him from making a personal campaign for the nomination next spring.

The 59-year-old senator included in his statement that he was not through with public life.

American Legion To Hold Annual Armistice Dinner

The American Legion Post will hold their annual Armistice Day dinner meeting on Thursday evening in the dining room of the local high school with John F. Corbin, commander presiding.

Ellis C. Jones, of Asheville, formerly of Jackson county, and veteran of World War I will be the main speaker of the evening.

An invitation has been extended to all ex-service men and those now in the armed forces who are either on leave or furlough in Jackson county.

A number of matters of importance to the Legion will be discussed at the meeting and all members are urged to be present.

Lee Miller Fills Place On WCTC Faculty Roster

Filling the vacancy of the demonstration teacher in history at the training school or Western Carolina Teachers College is Lee Miller of Cullowhee. Mr. Miller succeeds Dr. A. L. Bramlett who had held the position for six years, but resigned several weeks ago to take a position at Brevard College.

In 1943 Mr. Miller was graduated from Western Carolina Teachers College where he majored in science and minored in mathematics. Before entering college Mr. Miller had attended the training school through all the grades and high school and had taken his practice teaching in the science and mathematics departments there.

Seaman J. E. Jones Here On Leave

Seaman Second Class James Eldon Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Jones, of Hendersonville, is spending a 9-day leave here with relatives. Seaman Jones entered the service in Sept., and was inducted at Spartanburg. He was sent to Bainbridge, Md., for his boot training and will return there for his orders to report to a new post.