

Dillsboro Will Soon Be Free Of All Debt

Labor Mobilization Board Is Doing Fine Work In This County

Officials Of Employment Service Pleased With Set-Up and Results Of Local Board.

The Jackson County Labor Mobilization Board held another session Thursday, and were highly complimented by representatives of the United States Employment Service for the splendid job that was being done here in getting men into essential employment.

The board has had satisfactory results from the plan they put into force several months ago, in that a secret committee is active in every township and community of the county, reporting to the board any able bodied man who is not gainfully employed.

Such persons are called before the board and given the opportunity to explain why he is not at work. If the reasons presented are adequate, and prove to be found correct to an investigating committee, the case is dropped. On the other hand, if the man does not have just cause for not working, then he is registered with the Employment Office and offered a job in essential work. Refusal to take such work, results in a warrant being issued and served by the sheriff.

The Jackson county board has been complimented for having the best setup of any board in this section, and for having done more work in getting people on jobs.

Many men have been notified in the past few weeks, and the "follow-up" work is moving right along. Also some warrants have been ordered issued for one or two who did not take the orders of the board.

Mrs. W. H. Hooper Has Five Sons In The Service

Mrs. H. W. Hooper, of Cowarts, has five sons in service. This is believed to equal any number from one family in Western North Carolina. All five of the men volunteered their services to their country.

Cpl. Fred D. Hooper is with a motorized division, and is at Camp Beale, Calif.

Larry W. (Doc) third class petty officer, is now somewhere in the Pacific area.

W. Harold, is seaman second class, also somewhere in the Pacific.

Erwin Anzil is with the Merchant Marines, and at present is stationed at St. Petersburg, Fla.

Clyde Alvin, second class petty officer, is at Camp Perry, Va.

Water Supply Is Adequate Here

The recent rains have replenished the low water supply in the Sylva reservoir on Fisher Creek in the Balsams, according to R. C. Allison, town clerk, this week.

The supply was getting low, following the 90-day drought, but is now adequate for a long period, he reported.

Fire Loss Here Is Small For '43

A review of the fires in Sylva for the year revealed that this year's losses were at a minimum, according to R. C. Allison, town clerk.

The Sylva fire department is all volunteer, with Ray Cogdill, fire chief.

Travel Continues Heavy On Southern

Travel on the Southern Railway continues to increase, according to records of Herbert Gibson, local agent.

The dollars and cents figures vary from month to month, as some months a large number buy tickets to the west coast and sends the revenue column shooting skyward. The number of tickets sold, however, shows a gradual increase month after month.

Marine 'Colonel'



MEET "Colonel," mascot of the U. S. Marine Corps training school at Camp Le Jeune, New River, N. C. Note that the steel-helmeted English bulldog is equipped with the regulation dog tag. (International)

Draft Board Reclassifies 116 Men During Week

One hundred and sixteen men were reclassified during the past week by the draft board serving Jackson county.

In class 1-A were: Jesse J. Brown, George Curtis, George W. Lee, Edd Patterson, Ernest L. Jones, Ambrose G. Gunter, Dean D. Davis, John S. Laticore, William H. Parker, Ned C. Allison, Samuel C. Arneach, Scott D. Cooper, Spurgeon Mathis, Euler Stephens, Henry J. White, Hexter Brown, Perry Hall, Arthur B. Cope, Roy J. Fisher, Joseph F. Haakett, John W. Crawford, James T. Davis, David E. Callahan, Henley B. Jones, Tolvin Ward, Coleman H. Sutton, Otis J. Barker, James C. Hooper.

Howard Brown, Rich J. Sumner, Henry M. Prince, Silas H. Green, Frank J. Gregory, Ralph D. Hall, Ross Irwin Adams, Jan D. Allen, Spurgeon Buchanan, T. J. Painter, Rufus J. Ensey, Robert T. Clayton, James H. Bryson, Vernon V. Pannel, Willie Hall, John B. Jones, Lawrence A. Parker, Frank B. Smith, Dallas R. Mills, Eugene B. Watson, Carl H. Jordan, O'Dell C. Hall, Griffing R. Browning, Nute J. Mace, Leonard O. Huff, Robert E. Frizzell, Vernon I. Coggins, Tilman F. Moody, Joseph F. Mills.

Kelly Cunningham, Manuel E. Moody, John D. Parker, Louie E. Carter, Arthur C. Moore, John G. Stiwiner, Dexter Hooper, Earle Ashe, Charlie T. Estes, Furl H. Gates, Alvin L. Conner, William B. Cope, Roy H. Reed, Lloyd R. Bumgarner, Coot Harris, Frank L. Trantham, Tolvin Harris, Dan K. Moore, Earle H. Cagle, Herstell H. Moss, John R. Arnold, Frances F. Jones, Lee Reeves, John A. Watson, Douglas H. Stephens, James F. Rogers, Furman Gunter, Ben L. Davis, David S. Pressley and Clyde W. Cogdill.

Class 2-A were: Roy Whittaker, Grady M. Claybo, Leamon Bennett, and Pete Sorrells.

Class 2-B were: Ralph B. McDonald, Clellan R. Lovell, Arthur C. Rogers, Jesse A. Claybo, Daniel B. Shook, Ayscye B. Hooper, Alvin W. Allen, Ernest T. Bradley, Wilbur Long, Bernard B. Brown, George Bradley, Zemry R. Wyatt and Claude D. McCall.

Class 2-C were: Logan H. Taylor, Lewis A. Pressley, Fred J. Brown, Joseph H. Fowler, Haynes V. Reagan, Everett Ledford, Clarence R. Shook.

Class 4-F were: Lawrence L. Shuler, Willie R. Bryson.

Blackout Code Still On Books

If you go away at night and leave your home lights aglow, you're still technically violating Civilian Defense rules. That's what the State office said yesterday in answer to a local query, after several persons had asked a ruling.

Of course, the State heads admitted, there'd be no violation involved if no blackout drill were called during your absence. And since they've indicated that no such drills will occur except at Army insistence, the chance seemed rather remote. But the edict is still on the books even though, to quote, "it is highly probable that some action may be taken on that particular phase of our program at an early date."

Mr. Jarrett, well known here, remains about the same in the Henry Grady Hospital, Atlanta, following an automobile accident on September 11th.

Mr. Jarrett suffered a concussion of the brain, and has been in serious condition since. His wife was also injured.

Mr. Jarrett is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Jarrett, of Dillsboro.

Slight Relief Seen In Coal Shortage Here

125 Attended Annual Legion Armistice Meet

John A. Parris, Jr., native of Jackson county, now one of the high ranking war correspondents of the United Press, and Ellis Jones, veteran of World War I, of Asheville, member of the Kiffin Rockwell post, were the speakers at the annual Armistice Day dinner meeting of the American Legion on Thursday night. John F. Corbin, commander presided.

T. Walter Ashe, adjutant of the post, introduced Mr. Jones, who brought out in his talk the fact that during the first World War, America was victorious, but the peace was lost in Washington. He stressed the importance not only of winning this war, but also keeping the peace.

Dan Tompkins introduced Mr. Parris, who gave the 125 persons present a picture of conditions in the European war theaters. He told them of his various experiences as an official war correspondent, and of the effect that the recent victories of the Allied Nations were having on the situation.

At the close of his talk, Mr. Parris gave those attending the privilege of asking him questions, stating that he would reserve the right of answering them or not if he wished.

During the evening T. Walter Ashe and Posey Cathey were presented Confederate service crosses, as lineal descendants of veterans (both grandsons) of the War Between the States. The presentation was made by Mrs. Tom Wilson, custodian of crosses of the U. D. C. Chapter, who was introduced by Mrs. Dan Tompkins, historian, who in turn was introduced by Mrs. Harry Ferguson, president of the chapter.

The invocation was given by Rev. B. S. Hensley, pastor of the Beta Baptist church, post chaplain. The benediction was given by Rev. T. F. Deitz, retired Baptist minister, who has two sons, and more grandsons in the present war than any other man in Jackson county.

Among the guests present were a number of men in service home on leave. Among them were Lt. (jg) Fred Thomas, recently returned from the combat areas in the Pacific; Lt. Hooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hooper, of Tuckasee, and Sgt. Roy Watson, former member of the high school faculty.

The dinner was prepared and served by the wives of the Legionnaires, with the meeting held in the high school cafeteria.

Pvt Hardin Hall Home For 12-Days

Private Hardin Hall, son of Mrs. Alvin Hall, of Sylva, who is now stationed at Camp Livingston, La., has arrived to spend a 12-day furlough here with his mother. He was inducted at Camp Croft and from there transferred to Camp Wheeler and then to his present post.

Jackson Man, Once Reported Dead, Back Home After 33 Years In West

Thirty-three years ago, a young Jackson county man went to the west coast and started in business as a contractor and decorative plasterer. This young man was Hardy Varner. His business thrived, and he stayed in sunny California.

It was just about 18 months ago that Thad Varner, a Whitlaker merchant, received a telegram from an Oakland, Calif., hospital, telling of the death of his brother, Hardy Varner, who had suffered a stroke before entering the institution. A few days later the hospital authorities wrote a detailed letter giving particulars of Mr. Varner's death.

One can imagine the surprise that Thad Varner had the other day when he received a letter, written by someone else, but written for Hardy Varner. In this day and time, when all types of schemes are being put into practice, it was only logical that Mr. Varner investigate further, for after all, the hospital in his brother's town, had reported his brother dead.

The chief of police at Oakland was given the facts and asked to investigate. The accommodating

check up with the owners of the coal yards in Sylva during the week, revealed that the fuel situation is serious here, but that every effort is being made to distribute the coal to those who are in dire need.

W. E. Wilson, of the Sylva Coal and Lumber Company stated that he did not have any coal on his yard at present, but that he had the names of at least 250 persons who were wanting fuel at this time, and that he hoped to supply them some time in the near future. During the past six weeks his company had received only one carload, according to Mr. Wilson.

J. C. Allison, owner of Builder's Supply and Lumber Co., stated that he had not had any coal for the past six weeks, but that he expected two carloads during the coming week, but that not over a half ton would be sold to any one person.

"The Lord has been mighty good to us here in weather," said Mr. Allison, as he told of the numbers of persons who were depending on wood alone for heating their homes.

It was also learned that shipments of coal to the local industrial plants had been slowed down and that they were using on their reserve.

Mrs. G. W. Scott Of East La Porte, Buried Here Today

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Sylva Methodist church for Mrs. George W. Scott, 64, of East La Porte, who died in an Asheville hospital Monday following a lengthy illness.

The Rev. R. G. Tuttle, pastor of the church will officiate. Burial will be in the Keener cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers will be: P. D. L. Waters, Roy Micheal, Roe Cole, Thomas Wyke, Hayden Hamilton and Jimmy Robbins.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Scott is survived by three sons, J. Gerald Scott, of Asheville, Charles W. Scott, of Columbus, Ohio and Hoard V. Scott, of Newport News, Va.; two daughters, Mrs. William O. Soderquist, of Sylva, and Mrs. L. W. Wilson, of Waynesville; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Garrett Funeral Home of Waynesville will be in charge of the arrangements.

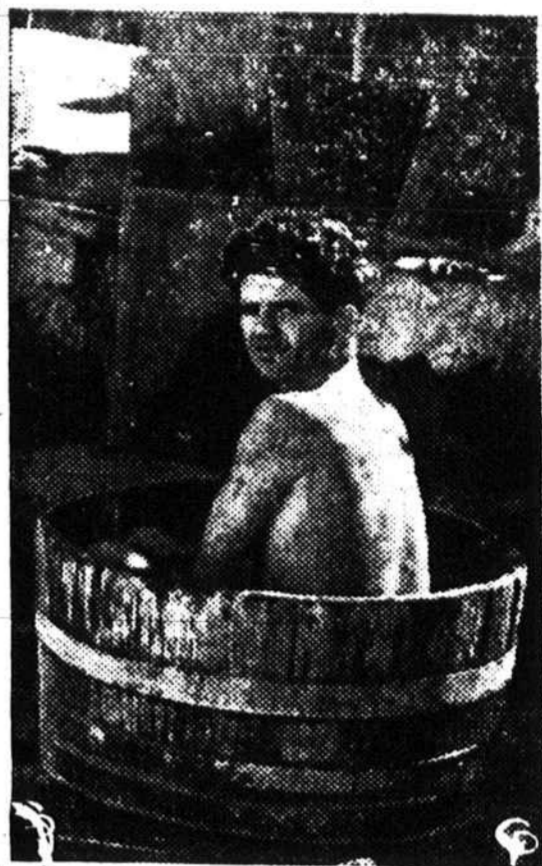
Dillsboro Masons To Meet Thursday Night

The Dillsboro Lodge, No. 459, will meet Thursday night at the Lodge Hall for the regular monthly meeting.

Special matters of importance will be brought before the lodge, it was announced by R. F. Jarrett, secretary, and all members are urged to be present.

Otis Massie, former manager of the Ritz Theatre, who is stationed at Keessler Field, stopped in Sylva Saturday enroute to Waynesville to visit his wife and other relatives.

No Privacy



THIS MEMBER of the RAF in Italy is of the firm belief that the sacrifice of privacy is a small price to pay for a rousing scrubbing, even if the facilities are a bit cramped and the water cold. (International)

Social Security Tax Might Go Up To 2% For 1943

The Social Security Tax will increase from one to two per cent for both employee and employer on January 1, 1944 unless Congress decides to hold the tax rate to the present level.

When the Social Security Bill was passed it carried a sliding scale of taxes to be deducted from the salaries paid, and similar payments by the employer. The general rule-of-the-thumb basis for estimating how much money would be needed to meet benefit payments was that the reserve fund should be three times the highest annual expenditure during a five year period. At the present time the Social Security reserve fund is four and a quarter billion dollars. The one per cent tax will add another billion and a quarter dollars each year.

A number of congressmen believe this will be sufficient to take care of the needs because the highest estimate benefit payments made by the chairman of the Social Security Board is 940 million dollars per year during the next five years.

Some members of Congress believe the present one per cent tax will be sufficient to keep the reserve fund high enough to meet all demands on it. The Social Security Board, however, contends that the additional tax should be levied because of the uncertain conditions now facing the country. Eleven million more people are employed now than ever before. That means many people 65 years old, who would have retired, are not retiring. They will do so, however, just as soon as the war boom in employment ends. Cessation of war work will also mean a sharp reduction in the amount of money the present tax will yield.

Webster PTA Has 58 Members

The Webster P. T. A. held its November meeting November 9, at the school. The president, Mrs. Fred McKee, presided.

Mrs. Claud Cowan, membership chairman, announced that the organization now has fifty-eight paid members.

Mrs. McKee appointed Mrs. Bannister Madison, Mrs. Claud Cowan and Miss Sue Tatham as a committee to buy books for the Webster P. T. A. to send as Christmas presents to the soldiers at Fort Bragg.

The program for the afternoon was a discussion of the subject: "New Processes in Education, What and Why." R. P. Buchanan discussed this topic from the standpoint of the high school; Mrs. Maud Ensey, from that of the grammar grades; Miss Sarah Belle Hooper, from that of the primary; and Miss Mary Smathers, from that of the high school pupil.

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Town Plans To Pay Out In '45; Owes Only \$3,500

Water Department Now Paying All Overhead Of Town; Might Be Tax Free After 1945.

"Two more payments and she's all mine."

That is the theme song of the citizens of Dillsboro these days, and they look forward to making two more payments on their bonded indebtedness and then will have a clean slate and debt-free.

The town of 300 population, looks forward to getting by without any taxes after 1944 levies. At present the water department is paying all current operating expenses, and all tax funds are being applied to the bonded indebtedness.

The indebtedness of the town has been reduced to \$3,500 according to W. C. Queen, receiver for the town, since it went into the hands of receivership several years ago.

According to Mr. Queen, a \$2,000 payment will be made in April of 1944, with the funds coming from 1943 tax collections, and the remaining \$1,500 will be paid in April, 1945, which will be derived from the 1944 levy. The tax rate is now \$1 per 1000 valuation, is now \$1 per \$100 valuation.

There is a possibility that a small tax of a few cents might be levied after the payment of all indebtedness in order to create a reserve for an emergency, it was hinted, but even at that, the levy would be very small.

Dillsboro will be one of the few incorporated towns in the state to be debt-free in 1945. The town will also enjoy one of the lowest tax rates of any town in the state at that time. Some towns operate municipal power plants and have a low tax rate, deriving their operating costs from the sale of electricity.

The town officials of Dillsboro are R. F. Jarrett, mayor, with the board of aldermen composed of S. W. Enloe, J. C. Cannon and J. C. Sutton. The treasurer is S. W. Enloe. Mr. Queen has served as receiver for some time and Mrs. Dorothy Williams, is town clerk.

Labor Draft Is Not Necessary In This Section

Simon P. Davis, manager of the Bryson City United States Employment office said that according to labor market reports just completed on all major establishments in Jackson, Macon, Swain and Graham counties, a labor draft is not necessary at this time.

There are only a few establishments in the area reporting an actual labor shortage. Most employers are hampered more by absenteeism and job changing than by actual lack of men.

Mr. Davis said there is an actual surplus of certain types of labor. He says that if employers and employees continue to cooperate with the present stabilization plan, the necessity for a labor draft will vanish.

Grade Mothers Plan To Equip First Aid Room

The Grade Mothers, which group numbers around 30, met Tuesday evening at the Sylva Elementary school. In the absence of Mrs. J. E. Buckner, chairman, Frank Crawford, principal, presided.

Plans for the beautification of the elementary grade rooms were formulated and the duties of the grade mothers were outlined. The first project to be started will be the furnishing of a First Aid room for the elementary school. The ways and means committee also discussed plans for making money.

Jackson Observes Armistice Day In A Quiet Manner

Jackson County observed Armistice Day in a very quiet manner last Thursday. The bank and post office were closed, but business in general went along on normal schedule.

The highlight of the day was the American Legion banquet at the school Thursday night.