

War Essentials Demanding More Wood

County Given \$225,000 War Bond Quota

Largest Sum Yet Given Jackson To Invest In Bonds

R. L. Atrial, Chairman, Calling Township Committees To Map County-Wide Campaign Plans.

"Our hardest job of meeting a war bond quota is ahead," said R. L. Atrial, chairman of the war bond campaign in Jackson county, yesterday, as he announced the quota for the Fourth War Loan drive was \$225,000.

Mr. Atrial is calling committee-men from every section of the county to meet this week, possibly Thursday, and discuss ways and means of staging a successful campaign.

Jackson county has met every bond quota, month in and month out, as well as the three special drives.

For the Third War Loan drive last September, Jackson county had a quota of \$124,000 and went above the mark to invest \$192,000 in bonds before the drive ended.

"The bonds this time must come from the small investor," the local chairman said, as he pointed out that banks were not permitted to invest in bonds to count on this drive. Families who have saved back a little money would be doing double service to invest in bonds at this time. The money will help carry on the expenses of the war, and at the same time bring in about three per cent interest, if left to maturity.

The organization meeting will work out all details for carrying the campaign into every nook and corner of the county. Plans are to solicit every person and to get them to invest in bonds during the campaign, which starts January 18th and continues for a month. "While \$225,000 is a lot of money, it is possible to get that much invested in bonds in Jackson county during the drive. The people of Jackson are patriotic, and will back our fighting men in every way possible," Mr. Atrial said.

13 Jackson Boys Added To List At Selective Service

Thirteen Jackson county boys became 18 during December, according to the report made by the local office of the Selective Service.

Those registered are: James Earl Childers, Whittier; Ray Abot Middleton, Argura; Clyde Holden Rice, Cashiers; Edward Henry Shock, Glenville; Carve Evan Pell, Cashiers; Avery Manual Wood, Whittier; James Guy Williamson, Rt. 1 Whittier; Frank Earl Williams, Whittier; Carlos C. Ashe, Tuskegee; Raymond Homer Jones, Rt. 2 Whittier; Joseph Ebert Davis, Webster; L. C. Wilson, Sylva; John Cecil Crawford, Cullowhee.

Mrs. Alison Is President Of Baptist W. M. U.

The afternoon circle of the W. M. U. of the Sylva Baptist church held its business and social meeting Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. G. K. Bess.

During the business hour the officers for the new year were elected as follows: Mrs. C. L. Allison, president; Mrs. Dillard Coward, vice president; Mrs. W. F. Pettit, secretary; Mrs. C. L. Smith, treasurer and Mrs. G. K. Bess, community missions chairman.

The calendar for the year was read and approved. All members were urged to attend the meeting of officers of the societies of the district to be held in Bryson City, Tuesday, January 11.

Mrs. C. L. Allison had the devotional, based on the watchword for the year, "That the generation to come may know."

The hostess served refreshments during the social hour.

Mrs. E. L. McKee and R. U. Sutton Head Paralysis Campaign

Chairman



MRS. E. L. MCKEE is chairman of the annual Infantile Paralysis Campaign in Jackson County. The drive will be during the last two weeks in January.

Tommy Wise, First Child Born Here This Year

As far as can be learned, the first baby born in Jackson county in 1944 was William Thomas Wise, Jr., 7½-pound son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wise. The baby was born on January 2nd at the C. J. Harris Community Hospital. Both mother and son are doing fine.

Mr. Wise is general manager of the Armour Leather Company here. This is their first child.

Methodist Women Meet With Mrs. Stovall For Monthly Meeting

The Annie Cowan Circle of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Sylva Methodist church was held last Wednesday with Mrs. J. P. Stovall. The new president, Mrs. J. H. Gillis, presided. Other officers to serve with her are: vice president, Mrs. W. O. Soderquist; secretary, Mrs. S. W. Bryson; treasurer, Mrs. T. E. Reed. Mrs. Stovall was named hostess chairman and Mrs. R. G. Tuttle, literature chairman.

Mrs. Tuttle had the devotional and Mrs. E. L. McKee presented the program, both using the subject, "A song in a strange land."

The hostess served a delicious salad course.

Methodist Pastor And Laymen Attend Meeting

Rev. R. G. Tuttle, O. E. Brookhyser, Paul Kirk and T. N. Massie attended the Methodist Mass Meeting in Charlotte on Tuesday. This meeting was the beginning of a Crusade for Christian World Order.

Similar mass meetings are being held all over the nation.

Mrs. Sadie J. Long left Friday for Hendersonville after spending a few days with her son, J. R. Long and Mrs. Long.

Bank Gains Over Half Million In Deposits

Deposits in the Jackson County Bank showed an increase during the past year of over a half million dollars, according to the annual statement made at the close of business on December 31.

This gain in deposits during the year, represents more than twice the total deposits the bank had on December 31, 1933, according to

Township Committees To Be Named By Chairman And Vice Chairman At Early Date.

Mrs. E. L. McKee has been named county chairman of the annual nation-wide Infantile Paralysis drive, which will be staged during the last two weeks of January. The appointment came this week from Dr. Ralph McDonald, state chairman.

Raymond U. Sutton was named vice chairman of the drive in the county.

Mrs. McKee announced yesterday that an organization meeting would be held this week, and definite plans made for staging a successful campaign in the county. There is little likelihood that the annual dance or ball will be held, it was said.

Committee-men in every township in the county will be named, and plans made for an extensive drive.

Half of all the funds raised in the county will be kept here for work among the crippled, in both corrective, medical and rehabilitation work.

The movement started a number of years ago, with observance of President Roosevelt's birthday on January 30th. The proceeds raised were sent to the Warm Springs Foundation which was making an extensive study of the treatment and cure of infantile paralysis. Much progress has been made during the past few years, and those in charge of the work felt that the annual campaign should be continued for years to come, even if the usual dances and balls usually staged on the President's birthday were not held.

Legion Auxiliary Here Names Committees For Active Program

The newly organized American Legion Auxiliary held its first meeting Friday night at the court house. Mrs. Dan Tompkins, president, presided over the meeting.

Sgt. Kenneth B. Reid, who is with the Medical Detachment at Fort Bragg, was called home due to the illness of his grandfather, D. L. Bryson. Sgt. Reid and Mrs. Reid spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Reid.

Miss Sadie Queen has returned from Kentucky where she was called on account of the serious illness of her sister-in-law.

Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Hooper and young son were in Atlanta, Ga. last week.

Ray Seay, of the U. S. Navy, spent a few days last week with his sister, Mrs. Velt Wilson and Mr. Wilson.

Cpl. Evelyn Sherrill is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sherrill. She is on her way to Third WAC Training Center at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

The many friends of Mrs. Edith Hall will be glad to know that she is improving after an operation January fourth at the C. J. Harris Community Hospital.

Held By Japs



W. CARR HOOPER, former Sylva school teacher, has been a prisoner of the Japs since the fall of Manila in January, 1942. He has been in the Philippines for the past 12 years. For six years he taught English in the schools, and when war broke out was in charge of payrolls for the Singer Sewing Machine Company. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Hooper, of East LaPorte.

Mr. and Mrs. Tritt Observe Their 57th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tritt, of East LaPorte, celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary January second at their home in East LaPorte, where they have lived for the last 48 years. They have six living children, Roy L. Tritt of East LaPorte, Tenn.; Mrs. W. M. Brown of Clinton, Tenn.; Mrs. Jesse Mallonee of Yakima, Washington; Henry and Carl Tritt of Pensacola, Fla.; and Mrs. Willa Coward of Greensboro. They also have a host of grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

56 Jackson Men Are Accepted For Service

Eleven Volunteered For Service: Army Got 41; Navy 41; And Marine Corps 2.

Fifty-six Jackson county men were accepted for military service during January, according to the list just made public by the local office of the Selective Service.

Of the 56 men, eleven were volunteers. Eight of the volunteers will report to the army, two for naval duty and one for the Marines.

The largest number were sent to the army. Forty-one in all, including the 8 volunteers. The Navy received 13, including two volunteers and two were sent to the Marine Corps, with one a volunteer.

Those volunteering and assigned to the army were: George Cochran, Zebulon Weaver Cunningham, Willie Woodrow Watson, Alfred Smith, Jr., Felix Elbert Bumgarner, Dan Killian Moore, Richard Dinton Sutton and Edward Wayne Hawkins.

Others going to the army were: Charlie Hooper Mathis, James Weldon Guffey, William Edgar Cope, Walter Bernard Campbell, Sewell Thomas Davis, David Allen Parris, William Thomas Madden, James Thaddeus Davis, Charles Homer Fugate, J. B. Stiwinter, Len Huffman Higdon, Walter Brooks, Edgar Nicholson Fincannon, Anderson Parker, John Clifford Charters, Noah E. Powell.

Guy Monroe Zachary, Shirley Ray Beck, Louis L. Austin, Clyde Bryson, Roy David Woodard, Harry Hensley, Daniel Dewey Sharp, Harold Gordon Hall, Lloyd Kenneth Jones, Robert Harold Ensley, Samuel Hubert Ferguson, Frank Howard Buchanan, Hayes Jackson Bryson, Warren Verlon Mathis, Roy Blackburn, James Weldon Shuler, Thomas Bragg Cowan.

Those volunteering and assigned to the navy were: Gilmer Lytle McCoy and Charles Walter Hyatt.

Others going to the navy were: Frank Crawford, Wayne Carl Stanford, Cleo Wesley Hunter, Vel-dee C. Ashe, George Wilson Brown, Richard Thomas Monteith, Lyman Ashley Powell, Lee Roy Aiken, Henry Glenn Manous, Howard Candler Robbins, Roy Candler McClure.

Manuel Glover Johnson was the volunteer assigned to the Marine Corps. The other Marine is Oscar Odell Chastain.

Mrs. R. U. Sutton To Address Savannah PTA

The Savannah P. T. A. will have a meeting Thursday, January 13 at two o'clock. A special program has been planned with Mrs. R. U. Sutton, of Sylva, as guest speaker. All parents are urged to be present.

The many friends of E. L. McKee will be sorry to hear that he has been sick for the past week. His condition is improving.

In Italy



PVT. LLOYD B. WILLIAMS, who is now serving with the armed forces somewhere in Italy.

Pvt. Williams was inducted into the army in February, 1943. He took his basic training at Camp Hood, Texas, from there he was sent to Greenville, Pa., then he served in the North African campaign, and is now serving in Italy.

Pvt. Williams is the son of John B. Williams, of East LaPorte, and before entering the army he was employed by the Mills Manufacturing Company, Woodruff, S. C. He attended school at Cullowhee.

County Hit By 7-Inch Snow Fall

All main highways in the county were reported clear of snow and ice yesterday, and schools resumed classroom work Tuesday morning, following suspension on Monday due to condition of roads throughout the county. A 7-inch snowfall was recorded here over the weekend, with the snow continuing to fall until after noon Sunday.

Melting snow on Sunday afternoon turned into ice Sunday night when the mercury slid down below 15. The ice covered sidewalks and highways brought travel to a minimum.

Cars with chains were able to travel, and so far, no accidents have been reported.

The heavy snowfall added much water to the Sylva water supply reserve.

MR. JARRETT BETTER
Mrs. J. F. Jarrett and son, Clyde, have recently returned from Atlanta, Ga., where they visited Robert Jarrett, who has been critically ill for several months. They report that his condition is improving.

Raymond L. Glenn, Jr., PHM 3/c, stationed at Camp Bradford, Va., is spending a ten day pass with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Glenn.

Cpl. Robert V. Reid who is in the Medical Detachment stationed at Camp Phillips, Kansas, spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Reid.

Orr Wants Unit Cut For Every Man In Service

Assistant County Agent and Forestry Specialist Urge Wood Be Cut Now.

By RAY ORR
Assistant County Agent

There is a great shortage of pulpwood and chestnut acid wood throughout the nation and this is an item which is vitally important in the winning of the war.

Since each of us is interested in Jackson county men who are in the service; we could render a great service and probably save one of their lives by each cutting one unit or cord of wood for one of the men in service.

In our county we have a mill which is making paper and it is the type of paper which is practically all going direct to the war fronts carrying food, clothing, blood plasma, ammunition and the many other necessary war implements.

This company as you all know is the Meade Corporation, which produces paper from chestnut wood. This type of paper is too heavy to make newspaper and magazine paper but is made into corrugated boxes in which all of the material mentioned above is shipped to the war fronts. Not only do they obtain paper from chestnut but as a by product tannic acid is taken from this wood and tannic acid has been declared by our government as the seventh most vital war material in the United States today. The tannic acid is used by tanneries in the tanning of leather for shoes and other necessities of our fighting men. The Meade Corporation is furnishing tannic acid to the local unit of Armour Leather Co., for this purpose. So you can see that our local companies are playing a big part in our war effort.

Several years ago the chestnut blight hit our chestnut timber and killed it all, the damage running into thousands, and thousands of dollars. Since the chestnut is dead it is deteriorating fast and too, forest fires are destroying it fast, we should put it to use before it is destroyed and now we can obtain more for the wood than ever before.

Now our local company uses 165 units or cords of chestnut wood every 24 hours, six and one half days per week or about 1072 cords and about 4300 cords a month so you can see that they use an enormous pile of wood in one month. The racks of wood in their yard don't mean so much for if the supply was cut off or cut down, which is possible now because of roads and labor conditions, this plant could be shut down, which would mean less corrugated paper containers to ship, maybe even to your boy, friend or relative, the food, blood plasma and other things he might need on the war front.

From Jackson county there has been sent about 1650 boys and I believe we should make it our slogan for the next few months, "One cord of wood for every Jackson county boy in service." Let's really produce this wood which will help so much in the war effort.

Remember this appeal is being made in the interest of getting more pulpwood produced. So that our boys can have the important things they need on the war fronts.

Dedication For Methodist Men Set For The 16th

The Dedication Service for the service men of the Sylva Methodist church which was scheduled to be held on January ninth has been postponed until Sunday, January 16, due to the weather.

Hospital Completes Best Year In History

The past year was one of the best, from every standpoint, that the C. J. Harris Community Hospital has had, according to Mrs. A. H. Carter, superintendent.

During 1943, the hospital records showed 328 operations were performed. Of this total, 243 were major operations, and 85 classified as minor.

The nursery was a busy place at the hospital during the year, 14 were born.

children of men in service.

The fourteen cases participated in the new aid given by the government to help in such cases. The benefits started here for wives of men in service in October. Mrs. Carter was of the opinion that more would take advantage of this government aid during the present year.

More patients were cared for in 1943 than at any time since the hospital has been in operation, it was said.

EDITORIAL

1944, The Decisive Year

Nineteen hundred and forty-four may be the decisive year of the war. The Pacific offensive already is under way, aimed at the heart of the enemy—Tokyo. In the Atlantic and Mediterranean, the Allies are poised for a concerted attack upon Hitler's European Fortress, are even now administering their first shattering blows.

In hundreds of ways and on scores of fronts, pulpwood is hastening the day of reckoning.

Flying Fortresses rain destruction over Nazi Europe; their deadly bombs contain explosives made of pulpwood. Allied fighters inch their way through South Pacific jungles; aiding their advance are supplies packed in paper products and dropped by parachutes manufactured from pulpwood.

If you can swing an axe, you can speed victory. Every cord of pulpwood you cut means more smokeless powder, more blood plasma containers, more shell casings. Every cord cut now brings victory nearer.

As the tempo of our attack increases, so does the need for pulpwood.

Cut the Axis down—NOW!