

## Army Band To Play At Rally Here December 8

### Lt. Richard Howell Receives Air Medal



15TH A. A. IN ITALY—First Lt. Richard M. Howell, 24 year old Navigator on 15th Air Force Liberator Bomber, is shown here receiving the Air Medal from his group commander, Lt. Col. S. E. Manzo, for "meritorious achievement in aerial flight." His wife, Mrs. Carolyn G. Howell, resides at Sylva, N. C. The former public safety officer for the Tennessee Valley Authority at Knoxville, Tenn., has completed 18 combat missions since he arrived overseas in September. For two years he attended Alabama Polytech Institute, at Auburn, Ala.

### LT. RICHARD M. HOWELL REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION OVER ITALY

Mrs. Carolyn Gibson Howell, has received word that her husband, 1st Lt. Richard M. Howell is missing. Lt. Howell is a navigator with the 15th Air Force Liberator Bomber group. He recently received the Air Medal for meritorious achievement in aerial flight.

Before going into service Lt. Howell was public safety officer for the Tennessee Valley Authority at Knoxville, Tenn. He has completed more than 18 bomber missions since he arrived overseas in September. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ulyss G. Howell, live at Bexar, Ala.

### APPALACHIAN PULPWOOD RECEIPTS FALL SHARPLY

Pulpwood receipts by mills in the Appalachian region have dropped sharply, reversing for the first time this year a steady production trend, and as a consequence the immediate outlook for this vital war material is serious, according to the Forest Products of the War Production Board.

Mill receipts of pulpwood in October were 95,300 cords or about 20 percent below those of October, 1943. Imports amounted to 2,400 cords.

"If this downward trend is not checked and reversed in the immediate future," WPB said, "a serious situation may be anticipated in this area. Inventories in this region may have to be drawn upon heavily to keep up production."

"The situation in this area calls for serious effort by the industry and cooperating government agencies alike to attract and stabilize labor which has been temporarily diverted to harvesting activity and is now slow to return to woods work."

The WPB Forest Products Bureau, noting that pulpwood production declined nationally in October, said:

"The optimism which swept the country with respect to the early and successful termination of the European war in late summer and early fall may be in large part responsible for a marked decline in pulpwood receipts during the month of October.

"It is of primary concern to the successful prosecution of the war that the United States pulpwood requirements be successfully met. The 1945 requirements for military and essential civilian items, produced by the pulp and paper industry, cannot be fulfilled unless increased quantities of pulpwood are produced and delivered to the mills in the desired species and specifications."

October receipts of domestically produced pulpwood amounted to 1,155,500 cords or about 6 percent below October, 1943.

### Blackburn Home on Furlough

Pfc. Roy Blackburn of the U. S. Army is home on a 12-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn of Glennville. Pfc. Blackburn entered the service in January, 1944, took his basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala., and is now stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss. He is a graduate of the Glennville high school in the class of '43. Young Blackburn has two brothers in service: Pfc. Howard, who has been overseas for the past 27 months, and Pfc. Arthur Blackburn is stationed in Louisiana.

### FOUNDER OF W. C. T. C. TELLS STUDENTS OF EARLY DAYS OF SCHOOL

Cullowhee—Founder and President-Emeritus of Western Carolina Teachers College, Robert L. Madison, was presented today to the student body at Western Carolina Teachers College, by Dean Anne Albright's class of the History of Education, to discuss the founding of the teachers' college at Cullowhee.

Professor Madison, as he is affectionately called, reviewed in his inimitable and charming manner the development of the college from its inception as a one teachers' school through its evolution to a teachers' college. Throughout his talk he praised the work of his coadjutors, the Noble Nine, who made up the original board of trustees, two of whom are still living, Thomas A. Cox and Will Norton. Though Mr. Norton was unable to attend the meeting, Mr. Cox was present for the occasion and spoke briefly to the students.

Presiding over the meeting and presenting President-Emeritus Madison to the students was Miss Anne Dunlap. Before Mr. Madison's talk, Miss Roberta Moore read the scripture for the meeting, and Professor E. H. Stillwell prayed; Miss Sara Beth Crawford discussed Famous Firsts in American education, and Wynona Arrington gave a brief resume of the history of education in North Carolina.

### Mrs. Thompson Joins Herald Staff

The publishers of The Herald are pleased to announce that Mrs. Carol Thompson has joined the staff of Jackson county's newspaper. Mrs. Thompson will assume her duties on December 1, as successor to Mrs. Helen A. Hooper, who has resigned to accept a position as medical technician in the WAC. Mrs. Thompson will have charge of the advertising and news department of The Herald. Mrs. John H. Wilson will continue her work as office manager. She has been with The Herald for more than a year.

Mrs. Thompson comes to The Herald well qualified to render service to Jackson county in the newspaper field. She studied at our own college, Western Carolina Teachers, and also at the University of Kentucky where she had work in Journalism. She has also had some newspaper experience.

She is a native of Jackson county, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shaler Gilley and has lived in Jackson the most of her life. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and their two children make their home at the Sylva Hotel. Mr. Thompson is in charge of the War Manpower office here.

The publishers covet the same fine cooperation of the people of Sylva and Jackson county with Mrs. Thompson as they have given Mrs. Hooper.

Lt. Richard J. Reynolds of Winston-Salem, now with the Navy in the South Pacific, has presented 6 motion pictures on North Carolina agriculture to the Extension Service at State College. Three other pictures are to be completed.

A total of 196 farmers keeping demonstration poultry flock records reported 172 eggs per bird last year, says Clifton Parrish, Extension poultryman at State College.

## Deitz Family Together For First Time In Life

Charles S. Deitz A. C. M. M. of the U. S. Navy, who has been visiting his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. T. F. Deitz, since November 11, left Monday for Hutchinson, Kansas, where he will report for duty at the Naval Air Base there as instructor in mechanics.

While he was home his brother, 1st Sgt. Thad B. Deitz, who is with the Coast Guards in Burwood, La., was home. It was the first time the brothers had seen each other in 14 years. During this time all of the living children of Rev. and Mrs. T. F. Deitz were home together for the first time in their lives.

### HERALD NEWS EDITOR SWORN INTO WAC



MRS. HELEN A. HOOPER, who became news editor and advertising manager of The Herald December 6, 1943, has resigned this position, effective December 6, exactly one year after taking the work here, to become a Medical Technician in the Woman's Army Corps of the United States Army.

### MRS. HOOPER TO LEAVE HERALD DECEMBER 6 TO ENTER ARMY SERVICE

The publishers of The Herald regret very much to announce the resignation of Mrs. Helen Allison Hooper as a member of the news and editorial staff of the paper. Mrs. Hooper came to The Herald December 6, 1943, and her resignation takes effect on December 6th this year. In her year's work with The Herald as news editor and advertising manager, Mrs. Hooper has made a splendid record and it is with great reluctance that the publishers give her up. However, she feels that she can render a greater service to her country in the line of work which she is entering and we wish her all the success possible in her new undertaking.

Mrs. Hooper was sworn in on November 17th at the Asheville Recruiting station. Her work will be with the Medical division as a technician. She is to report to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., on December 14 for six weeks basic training, after which she will go to Camp Attaberry, Ind., for four months training. She will then be sent to one of the Army hospitals for regular duty.

Mrs. Hooper is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Allison of this city. Her husband, Lt. (jg) J. L. Hooper, is now serving with the Navy in the Pacific. Her brother, Jack Allison, Mo. MM 1-c is based on active submarine duty in the Pacific and has had a number of combat patrols in enemy waters. Her brother-in-law, Sgt. B. Z. Whitt is with the Air corps somewhere in the Pacific.

She will continue her duties with The Herald through December 6.

American cotton will meet increased competition in foreign countries, both from synthetic fibers and from foreign cotton, says economists.

"The food production job for next year will be as important to the war and to the peace as it was in 1944," War Food Administrator Marvin Jones has said.

### Capt. Roy Kirchberg Recently Spent Ten Days With Family Here

Capt. Roy W. Kirchberg, M. C., left Monday after a ten-day furlough with Mrs. Kirchberg and children.

Capt. Kirchberg has been assigned to a troop carrying ship in the South Atlantic area. His ship is a member of the water division of the Army Service Force, and is equipped with all modern hospital facilities.

Mrs. Kirchberg and children returned to August to make their home there for the duration.

### TALKS BY MEN WHO HAVE SEEN ACTION, ACTUAL FIGHTING SCENES TO BE SHOWN AT RITZ THEATRE FOLLOWING PARADE

#### Wounded Dillsboro Soldier Recovering In England

A. U. S. ARMY GENERAL HOSPITAL, ENGLAND—Wounded in the right leg by German mortar fire, near Metz, France, Private Clyde J. Hall, Infantryman, of Dillsboro, North Carolina, is now convalescing at this United States general hospital in England. He has received the Purple Heart.

"I was a machine gunner and we were supporting the rifleman's advance," said Pvt. Hall, "when shrapnel from German mortar fire hit me."

"Private Hall is recovering satisfactorily," said ward surgeon, Captain Ernest Yongue, of Breauz Bridge, La.

Pvt. Hall was formerly employed by T. A. Loving and Company at Cherrypoint, N. C. His wife, Evelyn, lives in Dillsboro. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hall, live in Greens Creek, N. C.

#### Sgt. Frank Sherrill With Air Service

#### Command In England

AN AIR SERVICE COMMAND DEPOT IN ENGLAND—Sgt. Frank W. Sherrill, son of Mrs. G. B. Sherrill, of Route 1, Whittier, N. C., is going to school again—and his classmates are fighting soldiers from all the united nations.

Preparing for the final aerial smash through Germany, he is now taking intensive refresher courses in aircraft maintenance at this repair and modification depot of the Air Service Command in England.

### HOYLE DISCUSSES STATE SCHOOL LAWS

Cullowhee—C. A. Hoyle, principal of the Cullowhee Training School, speaking before the local chapter of the Future Teachers of America on Wednesday evening in the Student Union building, discussed legislation concerning teachers' salaries, tenure, retirement, and truancy. He also discussed various proposals which will necessarily be considered by the next North Carolina legislature.

### Glennville Aerial Gunner Cited

15TH AAF IN ITALY—Sgt. Lawrence B. Welch, 21, of Glennville, North Carolina, is a right waist gunner with the Italian based 454th Bombardment group which has been awarded the war department unit citation "for outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy." He is authorized the wearing of the war department unit citation badge.

Commanded by Col. Horace D. Aynesworth, of Childress, Texas, the group received the nation's highest organization award for an attack on the Hermann Goering Steel Works at Linz, Australia, on July 25th.

In the words of the citation which accompanied the award, "Ground crews worked enthusiastically, and determinedly to have their aircraft in perfect mechanical condition to insure the success of the mission . . ."

"The group took off heavily loaded, with maximum tonnage, and, assuming lead of the wing formation, set course for the objective . . . their formation was intercepted by approximately fifty aggressive and persistent enemy fighters, and, in the ensuing violent aerial battle, the enemy used rocket guns, 20 millimeter cannon, and machine guns in a desperate attempt to disrupt this vital operation . . ."

"Despite very intense and heavy anti-aircraft fire, the gallant crews battled their way through to score many direct hits in the immediate target area, causing destruction and severe damage to the enemy plant and installations . . ."

The group entered the Italian campaign in January and has since flown more than 125 combat missions over major Nazi targets as Munich, Germany; Bad-Vosslau, Austria; Ploesti, Roumania; and Blech-Hammer, Germany.

### ALL JACKSON COUNTY CITIZENS INVITED TO ATTEND BIG EVENT

On Friday, December 8, there will be U. S. Army boys in Sylva to give first hand information on the war. Most of them have recently returned from actual fighting.

There will be a parade starting at 4 P. M. and a U. S. Army band will lead this parade. The American Legion will be in charge and the boy and girl scouts will also be in the parade. The parade will start at the fountain and end at the Ritz Theater where a picture will be shown free to all who attend the rally. The picture will be of actual fighting, and will show just what our boys are doing for us. This is to be in honor of our Jackson county boys and their buddies who have returned to the home front. There will be speeches by boys who know what it is all about.

Let's show the real spirit of Jackson county by all attending the rally. The action film will be over in time for the regular picture to be shown at the Ritz that night, the title of the picture will be "The North Star."

Tell your friends about the big rally and all come in for a real chance to see what our boys are doing on the War fronts of the world.

### FEDERAL COURT TERM ADJOURNS AT BRYSON

#### Number Of Jackson Cases Are Disposed Of In Two-Day Session

A number of cases, most of them of a minor nature, were disposed of during the November term of United States court for the western district of North Carolina, which opened in Bryson City Monday and adjourned shortly before noon Tuesday. Judge E. Yates Webb of Shelby presided.

Cases disposed of included: Joseph Olivo, Union county, charged with attempting to bribe a United States officer, sentenced to serve a year and a day; Walter Trantham, Jackson county, pleaded guilty to a charge of selling whiskey to Indians and was sentenced to serve 30 days in jail here on one count and given a suspended sentence of six months on the second and placed on probation for 18 months.

Whiskey Charge  
Moses Ledford of Swain county pleaded guilty to a charge of selling whiskey to Indians and was sentenced to serve one month in jail on one count and given six months suspended and placed on probation for 18 months on the second count; Hattie Dalton of Jackson county, was found guilty by a jury on a charge of violating the whiskey law and was sentenced to serve a year and a day.

John Driver of Swain county, charged with attempted rape, was sentenced to serve six months in a federal institution, and Spencer Driver of Swain county was sentenced to serve two months in jail on the same charge.

Ralph Baker of Cherokee county, charged with violating the whiskey law, was given two months in jail on one count and a ten-month suspended sentence and 18 months probation on the second; Doc Gibson, of Swain county, charged with violating the whiskey law, was given a sentence of seven months; Odell Parker of Clay county, charged with illegally manufacturing whiskey, was given a suspended sentence of six months and 18 months probation.

Suspended Sentence  
Jacob Rance of Graham county charged with violating the motor vehicle theft act, was given a suspended sentence of eight months and placed on probation for 18 months in view of his having spent three months in jail while awaiting trial and that he is to be inducted into the army in January.

John H. Hucussoson of Jackson county, charged with violating the whiskey law, was given a suspended sentence of eight months during