

Scouts, Lions To Collect Scrap Paper On Friday

SEABEES OBSERVE 3RD ANNIVERSARY OF WORK AND FIGHT

Jackson Men Are Serving With New Arm Of Navy Service

The following is a letter we have received from S. F. 1-c Robert Sherrill, who is serving in the Pacific Theatre. S. F. 1-c Sherrill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sherrill and the husband of the former Miss Iris Holden, of Speedwell. He has been in service about eighteen months and overseas since Sept., 1943.

Dear Editor:

As one of the home town men now serving with the Seabees overseas, I hope you will be interested in printing the little news item below, which was prepared by one of our fellows in commemoration of our birthday, Dec. 28. It will give us and our families back home a great deal of satisfaction to know that the Seabees are being remembered. Thanking you for your cooperation. I am,

Sincerely,

ROBERT SHERRILL, S. F. 1-c

The third anniversary of the "workingest, fightingest bunch of men" in the nation's armed forces, the Navy Seabees, will be observed on Dec. 25 by 240,000 officers and men of the United States Naval Construction Battalions.

Born just three years ago after the Pearl Harbor disaster, with an authorized strength of 3,000, the Seabees won their spurs at Guadalcanal and have been with the assault troops in every major American amphibious operation. They can now boast that they built the net work of air and naval bases in the Pacific that pushed the Japs back 3000 miles; that they developed amphibious equipment and technique that helped carry the day on the African, Sicilian, Italian Normandy beachheads.

Every commissioned Construction Battalion is either currently overseas or has completed a tour duty; many battalions are on their second tours. Seventy-six percent of the Seabees are now outside the continental limits of the United States; only 9,000 essential men have never seen foreign service.

As General Douglas McArthur wrote in a letter to Seabees chief Vice-Admiral Ben Moreel, "The only trouble with your Seabees is that you don't have enough of them."

Hooper Completes Basic

Training On Submarine

Otto D. Hooper, 18, seaman 1-c, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Hooper, Sylva, N. C., has completed basic training at the Submarine School, Submarine Base, New London, Connecticut, for duty with our growing fleet of undersea fighters.

Seaman Hooper will be entitled to wear the twin dolphin insignia of the Submarine Service after further experience aboard a submarine during which he must demonstrate to his commanding officer that he is fully qualified to carry out the duties of his rate. The insignia is regarded as a mark of distinction throughout the Navy.

Hooper attended Cullowhee High, where he was squadman in football and baseball. He has been in the Navy since last March and had preliminary training at Bainbridge, Md.

Civil Service Recruiting

Agent To Be Here

Frederick Sheetz, Civil Service Recruiting Agent, will be in the United States Employment Office, on Jan. 1, 2 and 3 for the purpose of interviewing applicants interested in work in the Navy Shipyards.

AP Correspondent, John Parris, Cables Christmas Greetings

Rev. R. G. Tuttle has received the following cablegram from John Parris:

R. G. Tuttle, Sylva, N. C.
On behalf boys and girls from home who are over here this to say through you to all our families and friends Merry Christmas and our thoughts ever with you,
John Parris.

Herald Force Takes Two Days Off

You are receiving your copy of The Herald late this week due to the fact that printers are human too and need a little rest occasionally. The two days taken this week were the only ones we have had this year. The daily grind was beginning to wear the force down, especially after the extra heavy work of the past month. We appreciate your patience and are now ready to begin serving you, regularly for another year.

LOWELL C. ENSLEY KILLED BY CAR

Lowell C. Ensley, 31, formerly of Sylva, who has been employed for some time in a shipyard at Brunswick, Ga., was instantly killed when he was struck by a car driven by a hit and run driver while he was crossing a street near Brunswick, it has been learned here by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ensley. Funeral arrangements under the direction of Garrett Funeral Home of Waynesville were incomplete Monday night. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ensley, the widow, late former Miss Lidia Haskett, three children, Billy, Bobby and Kenney; one sister, Mrs. Sam A. Potts and three brothers, Vearl V. of Sylva; Walter C. of the U. S. Army and Jack W. of the U. S. Navy.

CRUSADE FOR CHRIST MASS MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN TEN DISTRICTS

The Conference Council of the Crusade for Christ has completed plans for conference-wide mass meetings in all the districts of the Western North Carolina Conference, Jan. 8-12. Two teams of visiting speakers will be used. Team number one is composed of Bishop Schuler Garth, Miss Ruth Lawrence, Mrs. E. L. McKee and Mr. Edwin L. Jones. Team number two consists of Bishop Clare Purcell, Dr. W. C. Yang, Dr. Walter C. Gum and Mrs. E. L. Rice.

The Waynesville district meeting will be held at Cullowhee on Jan. 8. The first session will convene at the Methodist Church at 3 o'clock. This meeting will be addressed by Dr. Walter Gum, Superintendent of the Norfolk District of the Virginia conference, and by Mrs. E. L. Rice, wife of the Resident Surgeon at Hugh Cnatham Memorial Hospital, Elkins. Dr. and Mrs. Rice have served a term of years as missionaries to China. The second session will begin with a banquet at the college at 7:30 o'clock. Prof. Guy L. Houck, District Lay Leader, and Prof. Homer Henry and Dean W. E. Bird, Associate District Lay Leaders, are in charge of the Laymen's Banquet. It is hoped that at least 400 official laymen from the district may be present. In order to accomplish this each minister and each lay leader will have to urge every member of their board of stewards and every member of their local Crusade Council and any other interested layman to attend. Each pastor is expected to send to Dean Bird by January 1st the number of laymen who will attend from his charge.

Larry Mull Leases

Stovall's Cafe

Larry Mull, well known local restaurant man, has leased Stovall's cafe, effective Dec. 18. He succeeds Mr. Wallace Swan.

Mr. Mull has had a great deal of experience in operating cafes and eating establishments. He has worked in Canton, Waynesville, Bryson City and Washington, D. C. He was cafeteria manager at T.V.A. Fontana for two years.

Mr. Mull states that he will cater to business people and his policy will be to serve good, wholesome food at reasonable prices.

The future progress of the poultry industry in North Carolina lies largely in reducing mortality and increasing the performance of individuals in the flock, says Prof. Roy Dearsteyne of State College.

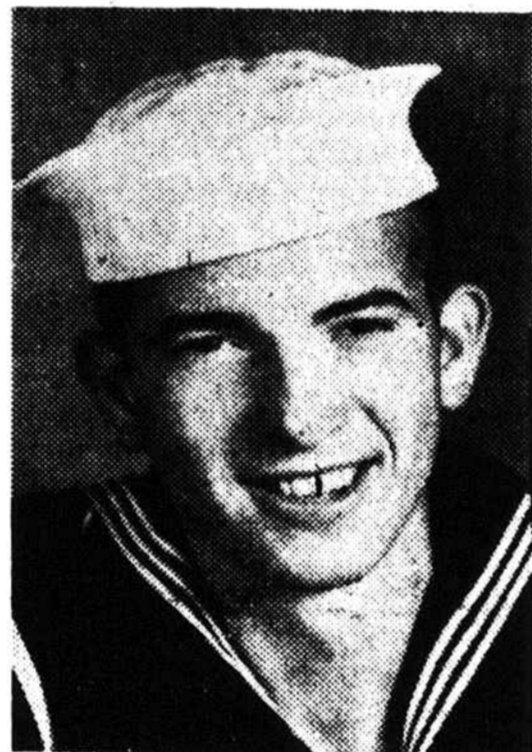


More Power to You!

YOU KNOW how a snowball gets bigger and bigger as you roll it along. That's the way we want it to be with you. As 1945 rolls along we hope that with each day your opportunities will become bigger and better—and that each day will add measurably to your store of blessings.

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Spends Furlough In Oregon



Mack H. Ensley, F. 2-c, has returned to Farrigut, Idaho, after spending a five-day furlough with his brother, Logan, and other relatives of Portland, Oregon. Before entering the service Aug. 26, 1944, he was employed by the Albina Shipyard Co. of Portland.

JACKSON CASUALTIES

Word has been received of the death of T-5 Bascombe S. Hensley, Jr., son of Rev. B. S. Hensley of Sylva. The message stated that the young Sylva soldier was killed on Nov. 27 in action on Leyte island in the Philippines.

Cpl. Hensley attended Western Carolina Teachers College and worked at the Ingalls shipyards in Mississippi before he entered service Aug. 9, 1943.

Besides his father, Cpl. Hensley is survived by four sisters and one brother. Mrs. Albert F. Gordon, of Asheville, Mrs. L. B. Stanford, of Miss Martha Hensley of Charlotte, Miss Betty Hensley of Sylva, and Seaman 2nd class M. C. Hensley, now stationed near Berkeley, Calif.

Wounded In Action

Pvt. Harry J. Callahan, son of Mrs. Liza W. Callahan, of Sylva has been reported wounded. No particulars were given.

Pvt. Clyde J. Hall, son of Mrs. Evelyn L. Hall, of Dillsboro has been reported wounded.

Pfc. James K. Messer of Whittier has also been reported wounded in action. He is the son of James Messer Whittier Route 1.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Green of Gay have just been notified by the War Dept. that their son, Pfc. Joseph R. Green, was slightly wounded in Germany on Dec. 7th. This is the second time that Pfc. Green has received wounds as a result of enemy action. He has been in the service for more than two years and overseas a year.

S. Sgt. Darrell Mitchell is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Mitchell, of Cullowhee. Sgt. Mitchell is stationed with the Army Air Corps at Camp Kissimmee, Kissimmee, Fla.

Pfc. John Allman Recovering From Wounds



Mrs. John C. Allman of Addie has heard from her son, Pfc. John (Joe) Allman who was wounded in action in France. Pfc. Allman has been removed to a hospital in England and is recovering from his injuries nicely. He was wounded in the left leg. He writes that the doctors and nurses are of the best and that he is receiving excellent attention.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR J. C. HOOPER

Funeral services for J. C. Hooper of Tuckaseegee, who died at his home here Tuesday morning, were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Tuckaseegee Baptist church with the Rev. J. E. Brown officiating. Burial was in the Moses cemetery here.

Mr. Hooper was a native of Jackson County and a prominent citizen and farmer of this section. He was affectionately called "Uncle Jim" by all who knew him.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Agatha Moses Hooper, one adopted son, Fred Smith, his wife, Marie Dills Smith, and their two children, Peggy Jean and Shirley, also two brothers, John and Bill, of Speedwell. "Uncle Jim" had just passed his 73rd birthday a few days before his death.

A NAVY RECRUITER WILL BE IN SYLVA ON JANUARY 4TH

"Men with experience in one or more of the eight construction fields listed below are urgently needed in the Seabees now", Lieut. W. W. Temple, Jr., Navy recruiting officer, declared today.

The "urgent need" category, according to the recruiting officer, includes line and station electricians, winchmen, hatch bosses, carpenters, particularly those with extensive building experience, welders, blacksmiths, pipefitters and plumbers, and equipment operators, including bulldozer, crane and carryall operators.

Men between the ages of 17 and 50 are eligible to apply, and applicants possessing the required qualifications will be rated as petty officers, the rate received depending on the nature and extensiveness of their civilian experience. Draftage men will be issued letters of directed assignment to the Navy.

The recruiting officer said that all men who wish to apply can file their applications at any Navy recruiting station in the state. They are located in the post office buildings in Asheville, Charlotte, Greensboro, New Bern, Raleigh, Salisbury, Wilmington and Winston-Salem. When applicants visit recruiting stations for an interview and to file applications, they should have with them letters of recommendation from previous employers, giving a brief outline of their civilian experience.

In addition to the openings stated above, Lieut. Tomplin said that men who are draftsmen, riggers, surveyors or stevedores are wanted also. Men accepted for any of these openings will be rated petty officers.

Children Given Party In Asheville

Members of the Sylva Rotary club carried eight crippled children that have been receiving treatment to Asheville to the Orthopedic Home for a Christmas party.

SCOUTS WILL START IN BUSINESS DISTRICT AT 1 O'CLOCK, LIONS WILL START AT 3

On Friday afternoon, Dec. 29, the members of the Lions Club and Boy and Girl Scouts will collect paper in both the residential and business district of Sylva.

The scouts will begin at 1 o'clock to gather the paper in the business district and place it on the street. The Lions will assemble at the Fountain at 3:30 and will collect the paper from the residential district.

Every family in Sylva is asked to save the scrap paper during the holidays and place it at the front door of their homes before 3 o'clock on the 29th.

If the business houses will save as much paper as they have room to store the boys will get it soon after 1 o'clock on the 29th.

If all the people of Sylva will cooperate in this drive for this one day we will be able to turn many hundreds of pounds of paper back into the war effort.

Lions, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will all meet at the fountain at 3:30 P. M.

JOE T. BUMGARNER PASSES IN ALASKA

According to a message received recently by Mrs. J. C. Bisenet of Whittier Route 2, her uncle, Joe T. Bumgarner, died Dec. 13, in Ketchikan, Alaska, following a lingering illness.

Mr. Bumgarner was born March 17, 1884, in the Wilmot section of Jackson county, and lived there until he was seventeen years old, when he went to Ducktown, Tenn., where he was engaged in copper mining. Later he went to Washington and was employed in the timber business there and in British Columbia until about twenty when he went to Ketchikan and lived there the remainder of his life.

Surviving are the widow, one daughter, two step-daughters, and six sisters, Mrs. Leona Buchanan, Whittier Route 2, Mrs. Ellen Ashe, Sylva, Mrs. Cordelia Ward, N. Canton, Ohio, Mrs. Ida Fisher, Anaconda, Mont., Mrs. Martha Ward, Buckley, Wash., and Mrs. Mary Buchanan, Bellingham, Wash.

NEW RATION RULES IN THE MAKING

The housewives of the nation were asked by OPA Tuesday to destroy all invalid ration stamps in order to prevent voided stamps from being used in food purchases either thru accident or design, in violation of OPA rules.

OPA assured housewives that red ration tokens will continue good for meats, fats, cheese and butter. Grocers will continue to give them as change for red ration stamps. The use of the blue ration token now is banned, having been discontinued in October.

The ration stamps invalidated as of 12:01 Tuesday morning, and which OPA asks that you destroy are: red stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through F5; blue stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through W5; sugar stamps 30, 31, 32, 33 and 40, along all home canning coupons outstanding.

Stamps continuing to be good and those to be made good are: red stamps Q5, R5 and S5 which became valid December 3. Red stamps T5, U5, V5, W5, and X5 will become good on December 31. Blue stamps X5, Y5, Z5, A2 and B2, F2 and G2 will become good on January 1. Sugar stamp 34 Another sugar stamp will become good on Feb. 1.

SYLVA SOLDIER PROMOTED IN ITALY

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY—Sergeant Willis D. Cooke, son of Mrs. Mamie D. Cooke, who lives in Sylva, North Carolina, has been promoted to technical sergeant. He is serving with a quartermaster unit of Lieutenant General Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army in Italy.

Christmas Service Held At Tuckaseegee

A Christmas service was held at the Tuckaseegee Baptist Church on Dec. 24. The Rev. Edgar Willix, pastor, was in charge of the program. The young people presented plays and dialogues. A special song was sung by Kay and Laverne Hooper, small daughters of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hooper, of Tuckaseegee. After the program gifts were distributed.

Christmas Program Held

A Christmas program was held at the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Tuckaseegee on Thursday, Dec. 21. Rev. Marion Moody of Erastus read the story of the birth of Christ and a program of songs, dialogues and recitations followed. Miss Gertrude Farmer, pastor, distributed gifts to all.