

Local Bank Deposits Reflect Healthy Business Conditions

LOCAL LEGION POST OFFERS \$25 WAR BOND TO WINNER IN ESSAY CONTEST

The local post of the American Legion offers a \$25.00 war bond to the student in the county who wins an American Legion contest to be held in Sylva High School about March 15th, provided there are two or more contestants.

The Legion each year conducts throughout the nation an oratorical contest among high school students on the general subject of the constitution of the United States. The idea Mr. Corbin pointed out was based upon a recognition that U. S. democracy cannot stand unless its youth be educated as to the nature of the American democratic system, and on the conviction that American youth should be made to realize that "of all the governments of all the countries of all the world our democracy, with all its faults, is the best form of government ever devised."

This year's topic will be the same as that used in 1944: "The Constitution in a Changing World." As last year, the contest will start in the individual schools and progress through elimination contests until a national winner is selected.

Principal and teachers are urged to give a prize to the winning pupil in their preliminary school contest. After the county contest is held, next district, then division competitions, and finally a state contest will be held. The various state champions will compete in national regional contests—for which transportation and other expenses will be paid by the Legion. From the regional winners, the national winner will be chosen.

A \$4,000 college scholarship is offered to the national winner a \$750 award will go to the second high boy or girl, a \$500 award to the third and a \$250 to the fourth. Medals and awards also will be given to winners in the other stages of the competition.

The oration will be in two parts: a prepared speech of not less than ten and not more than 12 minutes and an extemporaneous oration of not less than four and not more than six minutes. For the latter the first ten amendments to the constitution, or Bill of Rights, will provide subject matter, but the exact topic will be drawn by the contestant five minutes before he or she will speak.

Principals and history teachers and Legionnaires are urged to keep this before their pupils and offer assistance. Barely time is left for a pupil to write an essay. Feel free to call on the Legion for help.

PAPER! PAPER!

We have bungled the paper business in Sylva Community. Conserving paper is a war measure and the patriotic duty of every citizen. Destroying paper and cutting new trees to take its place even in peace is a wasteful, uncalled for habit.

The Sylva Vocational Agriculture Dept. working with future farmers of America, boys studying vocational agriculture, are being sponsored by the Lions Club to collect paper in the future.

The future farmers wish to help in the war effort as well as build up the school. Every penny of proceeds from the sale of paper will go into the department to buy a band saw to be used by all future boys in the department.

The boys have built three wire pens to store paper in until it can be collected and weighed. One pen is located at the school house, one between city police headquarters and Massie Furniture Store the other one on the back street near Smith Transfer place.

The purpose of these pens is to make it convenient for all the people (Yes, You!) to take their paper and put it in there for collection. The boys will help you move your paper but we hope you can and will generally take it to the pen yourself. It is a small thing for a patriotic citizen to do in time of war to save his paper and conveniently drop it in the pen. If you do not do this, someone will have to stop his work or a boy stay out of school and go get your paper and put it in the mill for you to make more paper to try to win the war.

So let's go Sylva and fill those paper bins full of paper every day.

Pfc Lyman Jones Killed In Action



Pfc. Lyman L. Jones, 33, son of Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Jones, of Gay was killed in Germany Nov. 25. He was inducted at Fort Jackson, S. C., Dec. 15, 1943. He received his basic training at Camp Shelby, Miss. Pfc. Jones was later sent to Bakers School at Camp Forest, Tenn., and received his diploma as first cook. He was then given five weeks infantry training before he was sent overseas overseas Nov. 1st. Pfc. Jones is survived by his parents, his wife the former Miss Maybelle Johnston of Gay, one son, Gene, two brothers, Weaver and Lawny, of Gay and two sisters, Roscoe McHan, of Gay and Mrs. Elbert Fox, of Sylva.

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING POSTPONED

Mrs. Dennis Higdon, President of the County Council of the Home Demonstration Clubs, announces that the County Council meeting has been postponed from Jan. 27 to Feb. 3, due to a conflict with a church meeting.

She urges that all club members attend who can possibly do so, and asks all presidents bring a report of her club's work during the past year.

Receives Purple Heart

Mrs. Kate Groce Warffemius of Brandywine, Md., has received word that her husband, Pvt. Hans Warffemius, has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received while in Germany. He is now in a hospital somewhere in France. Pvt. Warffemius has been overseas since Nov., 1944.

PVT. WARD DIES FROM WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION IN FRANCE

Pvt. Kenneth J. Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nannie Ward, of Whittier died Nov. 14 of wounds received Nov. 9 in action in France, according to a message received by his parents.

Pvt. Ward entered service in May, 1943, and was sent overseas in Aug., 1944. He served with an Infantry unit of the 4th Army.

He is survived by his parents, four brothers, Charles of Breminston, Wash., Jack, Joe and Roy of Whittier, and seven sisters, Mrs. Virgil Cook, Webster, Mrs. Basil Morgan, Whittier and Pearl, Frankie, Dorothy, Margaret and Roselle of Whittier.

Nicholson Returns To Reopen Law Office

Cyrus H. Nicholson, local attorney, has returned to Sylva to engage in the practice of law. He will occupy one of W. R. Sherrill's offices in the Sherrill-Buchanan building. For the past three years Mr. Nicholson has been doing land title work.

February 15, 1945, Closing Date For Filing 1944 Performance Reports

February 15, 1945, is the last date that farmers of Jackson County may file 1944 performance reports as a basis for receiving payments earned under the 1944 AAA Program, according to a statement made here today by D. C. Higdon, Chairman, Jackson County AAA Committee. "The Jackson County AAA Committee is very anxious that every farmer in the county receive the payment that he has earned by participating in the 1944 Program. Only 1716 of the 2394 eligible farmers in the county have filed performance reports and signed application forms," he stated.

Mr. Higdon pointed out that the Jackson County AAA Office is open each week day from 8:30 o'clock A. M. 5:00 o'clock P. M., and that every farmer who has not filed performance report and signed application form is urged to call at the county AAA office and do so at the earliest possible date.

LUCILLE WILSON, Sec. Jackson County A. C. A.

Pvt. Richard McFalls Is Jackson Casualty



Pvt. Richard McFalls, son of Mrs. Dave Watson, of Whittier was killed in France Dec. 25 according to a message received by his mother from the War Dept. Jan. 15.

Pvt. McFall had been in service 27 months. He went overseas 11 months ago. During the Italian campaign he distinguished himself for bravery.

Pvt. McFall is survived by his mother and two brothers, Lawrence and Cleo McFalls, of Whittier.

Cited For Special Achievement



Marine Tech. Sgt. Conley B. Hampton, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Hampton, of Cullowhee and Detroit, has been cited for special achievement according to dispatches received from the front. Sgt. Hampton entered the service in September, 1942, and was sent overseas in Feb., 1943. He landed on the beachhead under heavy mortar fire early in the Guam invasion, was commended for obtaining and transmitting vital information regarding enemy strength and position.

Another son, Capt. McClean Hampton, had been a member of the National Guards for eleven years before the war, and was sent to New Guinea three months ago.

A daughter, Y. 3-c Phyllis Hampton Blendowski, joined the Spars in April, 1944, and since finishing her basic training has been stationed in Norfolk.

A third son, Lt. Gray Hampton, who enlisted in the Air Corps in Oct., 1941, met his death in a burning plane in California on May 23, 1942.

CULLOWHEE SERVICE MEN MEET IN CHINA

Two boys from Cullowhee, T-Sgt. Kenneth Stevens and Cpl. Hugh Battle, met on Christmas day in China. Sgt. Stevens has been in the army 4 1/2 years. He went overseas in Dec., 1943, and had served in Burma until he landed in China Christmas day. He is now with the 45th Portable Hospital. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Stevens.

Cpl. Battle, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Battle, entered service in Sept., 1942, and is now serving with the 14th Air Force in China.

Returns To Camp

Cpl. William E. Bumgarner left Saturday after spending fifteen days with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bumgarner, of Whittier. He will return to the Flora Air Base in Jackson, Miss. Bumgarner has been in the

Officers Re-elected At Annual Meeting Of Stockholders On 16th

The annual stockholders' meeting of the Jackson County Bank was held in the Directors' room of the bank on last Tuesday, January 16. Mr. R. L. Atrial, executive vice-president, made the usual annual report of the bank to the stockholders. It was pointed out that the bank's resources increased more than one million during the year and that resources now stand at a little more than three million, five hundred thousand dollars. An eight per cent dividend was paid to the stockholders in December. The stockholders present at the meeting were highly pleased with the progress made by the bank during the past year.

The stockholders re-elected the old Board of Directors, consisting of the following: S. W. Enloe, E. L. McKee, R. W. Harris, Thomas A. Cox, E. P. Stillwell, W. H. Snyder, J. C. Allison and R. L. Atrial.

Immediately following the stockholders meeting the Board of Directors met and proceeded to elect officers to serve for the ensuing year. All present officers were re-elected, consisting of the following names: S. W. Enloe, President; R. L. Atrial, Executive Vice-President and Assistant Secretary; E. L. McKee, Vice-President; R. W. Harris, Vice-President; W. J. Fisher, Cashier; W. W. Bryson, Asst. Cashier; Thomas A. Cox, Secretary; E. P. Stillwell, Attorney.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD WEDNESDAY FOR MRS. GEORGE H. GIBBS

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in Atlanta, Ga., for Mrs. Esther Gibbs, 41, who died at the Bethesda Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio, Monday morning, Jan. 15, following an illness of several months. Burial followed in the Greenwood cemetery in Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. Gibbs is survived by her husband, George H. Gibbs, of Cincinnati, two daughters, Mrs. Quentin Monteith, of Sylva and Miss Lucille Mills, Cincinnati, her mother, Mrs. E. L. House, of Monroe, Ga., two sisters, Mrs. T. K. Mayfield, of Atlanta, Mrs. G. F. Goody, of Greenville, S. C., three brothers, Mr. J. J. House, of Monroe, Ga., Mr. Paul House, of Atlanta, and Mr. H. B. House, of Miami, Fla.

FUNERAL HELD FOR R. E. L. MONTEITH

Funeral services were conducted for R. E. L. Monteith at the Love-cale Baptist Church, Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 11 A. M. with the Rev. C. V. Brown and Rev. T. F. Deitz officiating.

Mr. Monteith was a native of Swain County but had resided in Jackson County for several years.

Honorary pallbearers were members of his Sunday School class at the Lovedale church.

Active pallbearers were Charles Evans, Jarvis Crawford, John Stiles, Jack Haskett, Cecil Dillard, L. R. Parker, and Roosevelt Ensley.

Flower bearers were Theima Ashe, Irene Hampton, Rozell Hampton and Geneva Rogers, granddaughters.

Mr. Monteith is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Mack Ashe and Mrs. Edgar Hampton of Sylva; Mrs. Dora Greene, of Charlotte; Mrs. James Rogers of Robbinsville. Also surviving are one brother, E. C. Monteith, of Addie; and one sister, Mrs. Ellen Hart, of Hammon, Ind., eleven grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

Returns From Overseas

Pvt. Grady L. Painter is spending a thirty-one day leave with friends and relatives after serving thirty-seven months overseas. He was inducted in August, 1941, and received his training at Camp Croft, S. C. Pvt. Painter sailed for overseas duty Dec. 6, 1941. He served a year in Panama and from there he was sent to the South Pacific, serving two years there. He will report to Fort Bragg, Feb. 8, for further or

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Sylva Fire Loss Held At Record Minimum For Year; Members Of Department Active

New Equipment Ordered For Improvement Of Service, Cooperation Urged

The Sylva Fire Dept. has made one of the best records in years. During 1944 the estimated loss within the city amounted to \$1,063.75. There were eighteen calls made, six out of town and twelve in. The Dept. is composed of fifteen active members, seven honorary members and six members serving in the armed forces. They are: active, Ray Cogdill, chief, W. B. Cope, 1st asst. chief, D. M. Tallent, 2nd asst. chief, A. H. Bryson, sec-treas., O. E. Brookhyser, Fire Marshall, Claude Campbell, John Sorrells, Robert Green, David Cagle, Charlie Price, Phil Stovall, Wallace Swan, Claude Winstead, Charlie Campbell, and Tilgham Bass. The honorary members, E. O. Mashburn, A. J. Dills, J. E. Buckner, Velt Wilson, I. E. Dills, Oviel Beck and Roscoe Dills, and those in service, Charlie Lonhmill, Dave Sorrells, Felix Picklesimer, Dick Wilson, Woody Hampton and Ralph Elkins.

Some \$300 worth of new equipment has been ordered for the Fire Dept. It has been stated that the people of the town would be of invaluable help to the department if they would not follow the fire truck or park around the fire plugs. This slows up the efficiency of the department.

Cullowhee Christmas Seal Sales Amounted to \$109.25

Cullowhee—Sale of Red Cross Tuberculosis Christmas Seals at Cullowhee amounted to \$109.25, it has been announced by Miss Anne Rabe, chairman. Assisting Miss Rabe with selling seals were Miss Mary Louise Crawford, Mrs. C. F. Dodsol, Mrs. Frank Brown, Mrs. David Brown, Mrs. Carl Killian, Miss Edyth Walker, Miss Clara DeVane, Mrs. Neil Scott, Miss Anne Albright, Clarence Chrisman.

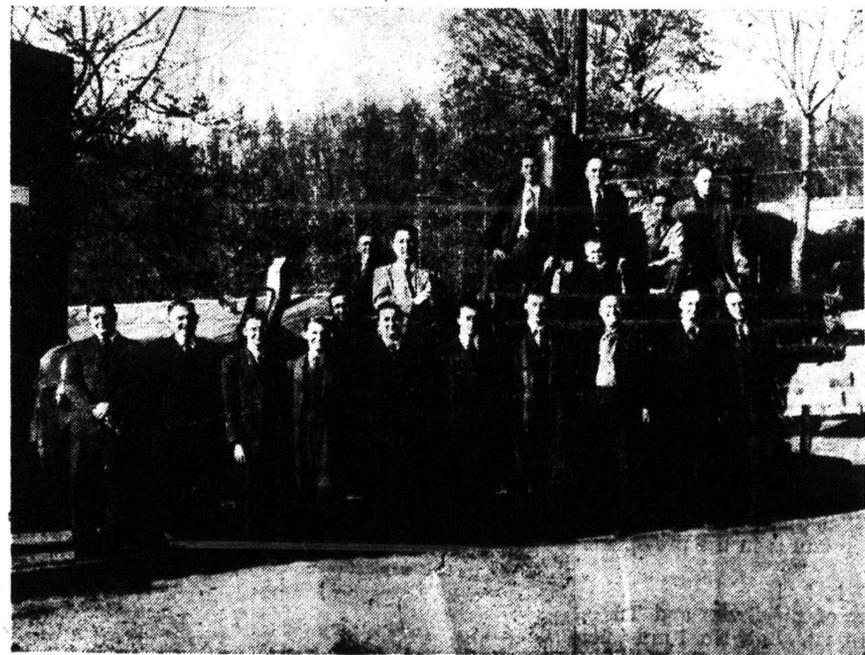
VICTORY BIBLE CLASS

All young men (20-40) are invited to attend Sunday School each Sunday at 10:15. Visitors welcome. John F. Corbin, teacher. Claude Jones, president. W. J. Fisher, secretary.

Legion To Meet Friday Night

The American Legion meets Friday night at 7:30. It meets each 4th Friday night. "You say Legion is dead!" Come and see. Make your part alive. JOHN CORBIN, Post Commander

These Men Protect Sylva Against Fire Loss



First row standing—Claude Campbell, A. J. Dills, Tilgham Bass, Alliney H. Bryson, Charlie Campbell, Ray Cogdill (chief), Roscoe Dills, E. O. Mashburn, D. M. Tallent (2nd asst. chief), J. E. Buckner, Bart Cope (1st asst. chief), C. N. Price, O. E. Brookhyser, John Sorrells, Velt Wilson, Claude Winstead, David Cagle, child is P. A. Donnahoe, Jr.