

MURPHY-ASHEVILLE TRAINS NOT TO BE REMOVED SAYS WINBORNE

Spiking the rumors that there will be a discontinuation of passenger trains from Asheville to Murphy it has been revealed from authoritative sources that there is no foundation to this rumor. Mr. E. L. McKee has investigated this and the following is a reply received from Stanley Winborne, Chairman of the North Carolina Utilities Commission:

Honorable E. L. McKee,
Sylva, N. C.
Dear Mr. McKee:

I have just wired you that the Southern Railroad has not asked to discontinue train on Murphy branch. Immediately following our conversation this morning I contacted the attorneys for the Southern Railroad, here and asked if they knew about any application to discontinue passenger trains from Asheville to Murphy, and they replied "No", but said they would call the Superintendent's office in Salisbury and find out definitely about it. A few minutes ago Mr. Powers, of Colonel Joyner's office, called me and stated that he had talked with the Superintendent of the Asheville Division and that there was no foundation for the rumor that they were applying to discontinue the trains in question. He said that the idea had probably originated from the fact that the O.D.T. had directed the Southern Railroad to make a passenger study of the Asheville-Murphy branch to ascertain whether or not there was a 35 per cent use of the seating capacity of the coaches. He said that the study had been made and sent to the O.D.T. and that it met the requirements of the O.D.T. He stated further that if there should be any move in the future to discontinue this train he would advise me in advance so that I could notify you and other parties interested along the line.

With my very highest personal regards and best wishes, I am
Cordially,
STANLEY WINBORNE, Chairman
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Work Stock Clinic To Be Held Feb. 5-6

In order to secure more efficient work from horses and mules on the farm, a series of work stock clinics will be held for the purpose of making available to farmers in Jackson County: (1) A free examination of all horses and mules brought to the clinic, (2) Treatment for bots and roundworms, (3) Floating teeth, and (4) other treatments. These operations are to be performed if needed by the practicing veterinarian at the clinic for the following charges:

Examination—Free
Treatment for internal parasites:
Bots—\$0.75 per head
Roundworms—\$1.00 per head
Floating teeth—\$1.00.

Additional dental or other work, at charges agreeable to veterinarian and farmer.

Dr. Glazner will attend each clinic as scheduled and will furnish all medicine and equipment necessary for the treatments indicated above at charges not in excess of those indicated herein.

The horse and mule clinics for Jackson county have been scheduled as follows:

Feb. 5, Glenville School, Glenville, 10:00 A. M.
Feb. 5, Alton Holden, Glenville, 1:30 P. M.
Feb. 6, Hopkins Store, Speedwell, 10:00 A. M.
Feb. 6, D. C. Higdon, Sylva, 1:30 P. M.

Attend Meeting Of The Western Carolina Camp And Hospital Council

Mrs. J. A. Parris, Mrs. Fred Williams, Mrs. H. E. Ferguson and Mrs. Williams, Sr., attended the meeting of the Western Carolina Camp and Hospital Council at Oteen, carrying with them seventy-five fracture pillows. Fracture pillows for sixty-five of these pillows were donated by Mrs. Thomas Cox and were made and filled by Mrs. Williams, Sr. The others were made by Mrs. Laura Kitchens. Plans were made at this meeting for the needs of the camp and hospital in the future.

B. H. Cathey Chapter Observes Lee Jackson Day

The B. H. Cathey Chapter of the U. D. C. observed Lee-Jackson day Friday afternoon in the auditorium of the elementary school, which was decorated with United States and Confederate flags. The following program was observed. "America" by the school. The Lord's Prayer, Lee's favorite hymn, "How Firm a Foundation", sung by M. B. Madison accompanied by Mrs. Wilkes. Mrs. J. F. Freeze, vice-president of the chapter presented Dan Tompkins who spoke on the Characters and Deep Religious Feelings of the Two Generals. The program was concluded with the audience singing, "The Star Spangled Banner."

MRS. LOTTIE OWEN RIGDON PASSES

Funeral services were conducted in the Tuckasee Wesleyan Methodist church for Mrs. Lottie Owen Rigdon who died January 9.

Mrs. Rigdon was born in Transylvania county. She married Mitchell Rigdon and to this union were born three children. One daughter and her husband preceded her in death. She was converted early in life and joined the Wesleyan Methodist church and retained her membership in that church until her death. She exhibited Christian patience in long suffering and was held in high esteem in the community.

Two sons remain to mourn her passing, also a number of grandchildren, one sister and three brothers.

TOPDRESS SMALL GRAINS EARLY

For best yields, small grains in most sections of North Carolina should be topdressed between February 1 and March 15, says W. H. Rankin, agronomist of the Agricultural Experiment Station at State College.

Through the years tests have shown that late application of topdressing after April have resulted in lower yields than where the same amount of topdressing was applied at an earlier date, according to Rankin. He reports that under average conditions early topdressing with 16 pounds of nitrogen per acre gave an increase of about 8 bushels of wheat, for example, while late topdressing gave only 3 bushels increase.

Rankin recommends from 16 to 32 pounds of nitrogen per acre and extra potash with the nitrogen where heavy crops of legume hay has been removed.

Sixteen pounds of nitrogen per acre may be obtained from 100 pounds of nitrate of soda, 80 pounds of calnitro or ANL, or 50 pounds of ammonium nitrate.

Small grains which are used for grazing need extra nitrogen.

KILLED IN ACTION



Pvt. Alfred Smith, son of John W. Smith, of Sylva and husband of Mrs. Gracia Queen Smith, of Sylva has been reported killed in France on Sept. 16. He had previously been reported missing.

Pvt. Smith is survived by his father, the widow, one son, Johnnie, and two daughters, Betty and Joan Smith.

For results of official variety tests on corn hybrids, cotton, wheat, oats, and barley, ask the county agent for Bulletin No. 351, called "Measured Crop Performance."

KILLED IN ACTION



S. Sgt. John V. Hoyle, son Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Hoyle, of Sylva was killed in action Jan. 4 in France. S. Sgt. Hoyle entered service in 1942 and received training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., and Fort Adams, R. I., and went overseas in January, 1944.

Besides his mother he is survived by four brothers, Walter and Harvey of Sylva; Frank, of California, and Pvt. Ernest Hoyle with the army in England; two sisters, Myrtle Hoyle, of Sylva and Mrs. E. A. England, of Travelers Rest, S. C. Before entering service Sgt. Hoyle was employed by the Meade Corporation, Sylva Division.

BAPTIST RADIO HOUR



Dr. Louie D. Newton, Baptist Hour speaker for next Sunday, February 4, will have Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke of London, England, as his guest in the broadcast, as announced by the Radio Committee, S. B. C., S. F. Lowe, Director, Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Rushbrooke is President of the Baptist World Alliance, and his five minute message comes from London, England, via short wave.

Dr. Newton, Pastor of the Druid Hills Baptist Church of Atlanta, Georgia, is Associate Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance and is chairman of the Centennial Program for the forthcoming Southern Baptist Convention, which meets in Atlanta, May 8th, unless war emergencies preclude such possibility.

Mr. Lowe announces that the unusual fan mail response this year indicates that the audience is the largest in the history of the Baptist Hour, which is heard over 36 stations covering the territory from the eastern seaboard to the far southwest.

This broadcast is heard in NORTH CAROLINA over Radio Stations WBIG, Greensboro; WPTF, Raleigh; WSJS, Winston-Salem, and WWNC, Asheville. 8:30 A. M. EWT, Sundays.

Western N. C. Boys Get Awards In France

Pvt. First Class Clive H. Green of Greens Creek, Jackson County, Pvt. Rufus L. Teague of Tuckasee and Sgt. Jack B. Wiggins, Alarka, Swain county, are among North Carolina boys with the 398th General Service Engineers in France, who were awarded Good Conduct medals at a ceremony in which the entire regiment participated.

Clyde J. Smith Promoted To Corporal In Air Corps

Clyde J. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Smith, of Cullowhee, N. C., has been promoted to the rank of corporal at the Pueblo Army Air Base.

Cpl. Smith is completing his training as the top turret gunner of a Liberator bomber crew that soon will fly into combat.

He entered the service in November, 1942.

MISSING IN ACTION



Word has been received that Pvt. Homer Sellers, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sellers, and husband of Mrs. Margaret Louise Sellers, who died Jan. 14, has been missing in action in Germany since Dec. 23.

Pvt. Sellers, who has been overseas six months, was attached to an infantry unit. He entered service in Nov., 1943. Mr. and Mrs. Sellers have two other sons in service overseas, S. Sgt. William R. Sellers, and Pvt. Albert J. Sellers.

Pvt. Sellers is the father of two small children, Larry and Clyde.

EVANGELISM

By MRS. C. M. WARREN

The following talk made by Mrs. C. M. Warren, Divisional Supt., at the meeting of the W. M. U. at the Baptist church Saturday is being printed at the request of members attending:

Proverbs 11:30. The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.

Evangelism is not new. The need is not new, the theme is not new. It has been, is now, and ever shall be the wonderful story of Jesus.

The world needs the gospel message. By heritage, nature, disposition, practice and may I say choice, the world is lost. We know from experience and from God's statements that we are wrong in thought, in words, in conduct, in purpose and in heart. We know too that men and women are groping around in darkness in an attempt to satisfy the longing within them. They are seeking extra thrills and excitement endeavoring to find peace and rest. So then, our message to them must be the Peace of God which passeth all understanding, and if those whose hearts are burdened and souls lost would come to Him they will find rest for their souls.

The message of Christ brings the historic fact that Jesus came into the world, and His wondrous purpose is to save sinners. Jesus is the master soul winner. We are instruments in God's hands and He is expecting you and me to go into the fields already white unto harvest. The winning of souls will help those around us and bring blessings to us. It's hard some times to make people see that Christ's way is the only way. If we don't win them at first, let's try again. Let's tell them again and again that Jesus is the way, the truth and the light. We need so much to put first (Continued on page 4)

PVT. FRANKIE OWEN GETS COMBAT BADGE

WITH THE 80TH INFANTRY DIVISION, FRANCE — Major General Horace L. McBride, Commanding General of the 80th Infantry Division, has announced that Private Frankie Owen of Headquarters Company of the 2nd Battalion of the 317th Infantry Regiment, has been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge for exemplary conduct in action in France from October 8, 1944 to November 18, 1944.

Pvt. Owen is the son of Mrs. Laura M. Owen of Balsam Grove, North Carolina. His wife, Mrs. Bessie G. Owen, with their one child, reside at Gen. Del. Wolf Mountain, North Carolina. He entered the Service on March 4, 1943.

Singing Convention To Meet

The Central Jackson County Singing Convention will meet at the East Sylva Baptist Church the first Sunday in February, at two o'clock. There will be special guest singers at the convention.

LACKEY RESIGNS AS JACKSON FARM AGT. AFTER 12 YEARS' SERVICE HERE

Crusade Supper Held At Methodist Church

On Sunday evening more than fifty members of the Methodist Church met in a supper meeting to launch the Crusade for Christ Campaign. The supper was served by the Missionary society of the colored Baptist Church. Eight of the colored women sang one of their spirituals. Paul Ellis, Crusade Chairman, and T. N. Massie, Chairman of the Board of Stewards spoke briefly on the work of the campaign. Rev. R. G. Tuttle then presented a discussion of the first three chapters of Bishop Arthur Moore's book, "Christ After Chaos." The other chapters will be presented Monday and Wednesday evenings.

BRUSH BURNING PERMIT LAWS

Mack Ashe, Game warden of Jackson County, has announced that permits for brush burning may be obtained from Jennings Bryson, Sylva, Charlie Evans, Love Ifield, and Mack Ashe. If Mr. Ashe is notified as to the location and kind of burning to be done he will mail the permit out.

He states that some safety rules on brush burning can very easily be observed and cut down the hazards of fire. Clear strips, plow a clear strip all around the field wide enough to keep the fire from getting away. Pile brush-make small piles in open, away from woods and fences, etc.

The brush burning permit law is as follows: It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to start or cause to be started any fire or ignite any material in any of the areas of woodlands under the protection of the State Forest Service or within five hundred feet of any such protected area, between the first day of February and the first day of June, inclusive, or between the first day of October and the 30th day of November, inclusive, in any year, without first obtaining from the State Forester or one of his duly authorized agents a permit to set out fire or ignite any material in such above mentioned protected areas; that no charge shall be made for the granting of said permit.

This section shall not apply to any fires started or caused to be started within five hundred feet of a dwelling house.

Any person, firm or corporation violating this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than fifty (50) dollars or imprisoned for a period of not more than thirty days.

Civilian supplies of butter for 1945 are estimated at 10 pounds per person as compared with 16½ pounds during the pre-war period.

Pfc. Noel Phillips Reported Missing In Action



Pfc. Noel O. Phillips has been reported missing in action since Dec. 16 in Germany. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Phillips, Sylva, Rt. 1. His wife, the former Miss Evelyn Reynolds, and small daughter, Nancy, reside in Asheville.

Pfc. Phillips entered service in March, 1944, and took his basic training at Camp Fannin, Texas. He then took six weeks' special training in an anti-tank company at Camp Atterbury, Ind. He had been overseas two months prior to being reported missing.

Before entering service he was sales manager for the Pet Dairy Products Co. in Waynesville.

SNIPES ELECTED TO SUCCEED LACKEY WHO WILL ENTER BUSINESS

Mr. T. Walter Ashe, chairman of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners, has announced that his board has very reluctantly accepted the resignation of Mr. G. R. Lackey as Jackson county farm agent. At the same time he announced the employment by the board of Mr. M. L. Snipes as Mr. Lackey's successor. Mr. Snipes has been assistant county agent in the Macon county since September, 1943. He will assume his duties here February 1. He comes to Jackson highly recommended by farmers whom he has worked with and by State Extension officials. He is a graduate of State college, a member of the Franklin Rotary club, American Legion, and takes an active part in both organizations as well as civic affairs of all nature. Mr. and Mrs. Snipe have two children and will come to Jackson to make their home.

Mr. Lackey leaves Jackson County after a splendid record of 12 years service to the farmers and county as a whole. His work has been outstanding, resulting in much progress in all agricultural phases of work. He was an active member of the Sylva Rotary club and took a leading part in all progressive moves both in town and county.

Mr. Lackey has purchased the chain of Jax Pax grocery stores in Asheville and will give his full time to that business with office in West Asheville.

Methodist Raising Huge Sum For War Relief Purposes

Of the \$25,000,000 for relief and reconstruction when the war is over, which is now being raised by members of The Methodist Church in the Crusade for Christ, more than half will be spent in war devastated areas for food, clothing, medical supplies, and spiritual ministry, according to Bishop J. Ralph Magee of Chicago director of the four-year program.

Millions of dollars will be spent in China alone under the direction of the Foreign Missions Division of the church, with large amounts also going to war-torn European countries, the Philippines, Burma, Malaysia, Korea and Japan. Emergency missionary work also will be provided in India, Africa and Latin America. Another appropriation will give scholarships to leading nationals of several countries for attending American colleges.

Because specific needs are not now known in most war devastated and occupied countries, exact appropriations in each case will be determined by surveys to be made after the war, Bishop Magee explained. If destruction has not been as great as expected in one country and greater in another, funds will be shifted to meet the greatest need.

On the home front, Methodism's Crusade fund will provide millions for educational work, home missions and church extension. Additional church workers and religious buildings in war industrial cities, in needy rural areas, and among Negroes, Mexicans and other special groups will be made possible from the home missions and church extension allotment. Appropriations will provide aid to many Methodist schools and colleges, scholarships for students in theological seminaries, and programs for building Sunday School attendance.

Work among the more than 1,500 chaplains of the denomination will be helped from a Crusade appropriation. The American Bible Society, the World Council of Churches and a Methodist Bureau of Research also will be given support.

All Crusade for Christ money will be used for emergency, war-caused needs at the home and abroad, Bishop Magee said. None will be spent for the regular program of the Church, nor for recurring expenses in new programs.