

## BOY SCOUTS OBSERVING ANNIVERSARY

### JACKSON COUNTY BAPTIST MINISTERS TO HOLD MEET

The Jackson County Ministers and Workers Conference will meet in an all-day session at the Sylva Baptist Church, Monday morning, Feb. 12. The meeting will open at 10:30 A. M. All ministers, Sunday School Superintendents, Teachers and other leaders are urgently requested to be present for this important meeting. Plans for the Centennial Crusade will be outlined. Lunch will be served for all who attend by the women of the Sylva and Scotts Creek churches.

### MRS. LAURA WILSON DILLS PASSES

Funeral service for Mrs. Laura Wilson Dills were held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Scotts Baptist Church with Rev. B. S. Hensley, Rev. T. F. Deitz and Rev. W. N. Cook officiating. Interment followed in the Dills cemetery.

Mrs. Dills was born June 9, 1867, and died Feb. 1, 1945, at the home of her son, Roy Dills, where she was visiting. She was the widow of the late John A. Dills. She was a member of the Speedwell Baptist Church until after her marriage when she joined the Scotts Creek Baptist Church, where she since has been a loyal and active member.

Pall-bearers were: Joe A. Davis, Charles M. Reed, A. J. Dills, O. E. Brookhyser, Clifton Fisher, William E. Wilson and J. B. Sutton.

Surviving are three sons, Ralph A. Dills, Baltimore; Roy Dills and John L. Dills of Sylva; four daughters: Mrs. J. B. Payne, Canton, Mrs. W. C. Whitley, Atlanta, Mrs. W. D. Davis and Mrs. R. U. Sutton, Sylva; two sisters: Mrs. Lora Wilson Savoie, Redlands, Calif., and Mrs. Beaula Wilson Bryson, Marianna, Fla.; and one brother: Shirley Wilson, Speedwell; twenty-three grandchildren and five great grandchildren also survive.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR PFC. JOHN D. POTTS TO BE HELD SUNDAY

A memorial service will be held for Pfc. John D. Potts U. S. M. C. A. who was killed on Peleli Island Oct. 3, 1944, and buried in the U. S. Armed Force cemetery, Peleli Island, will be held at the East Sylva Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, Feb. 11, at 2:30 P. M.

Pfc. Potts, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Potts, of Sylva was a member of the Baptist church at Dillard, Ga., for the past ten years. He attended Franklin High school before volunteering for service in Jan., 1942. He received basic training at Parris Island, S. C., and had served overseas since April of 1942. He served on Wake Island, Guam, Samoa, New Britain and the British Solomon Islands, participating in the campaign of Guadalcanal, later going to Australia and to Palau Island. At the time of his death he was attached to a self-propelled gun crew. The area in which he was stationed was under continuous gun fire. When the gun was being withdrawn late in the afternoon a Japanese shell exploded, killing him instantly.

He is survived by his parents and seven sisters, Mrs. Henry Hastings of Arlington, Wash., Mrs. Clyde Morgan, Darrington, Wash., Mrs. Porter Lovell of Clarksville, Ga., Mrs. Don Estes of Norfolk, Va., Mrs. Vernon Holland, Misses Esther and Alice Potts of Sylva.

### Pvt. Hensley Recovering In Paris Hospital

Mrs. Callie Hensley Gragg has received word that her son, Pvt. Theodore R. Hensley has been wounded and is recovering in a hospital in France. Pvt. Hensley is in the Airborne Reg. and took part in the Invasion of Europe. He was sent over on D-Day and later returned to England for a rest cure. Pvt. Hensley was sent from Holland back to France and then to Belgium where he was wounded.

### PROMINENT SYLVA MERCHANT DIES



Funeral services for Ernest Wilson, 66, who died Tuesday at 11:35 P. M., following a heart-attack, were held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon at the Sylva Methodist Church with Rev. R. G. Tuttle, Rev. C. M. Warren and Rev. T. F. Deitz officiating. The body lay in state from 1 to 2 o'clock. The Masons had charge of the burial rites at the grave.

He was a native of Jackson County, having been born at Webster Jan. 18, 1879. He was the son of the late Richard McDowell and Hicks Allison Wilson and was a descendant of several of Jackson County pioneer families.

Early in life Mr. Wilson entered the mercantile business and was co-partner with his brother in a general mercantile store in Whittier. He was later a member of the Sylva Grocery Co., a wholesale firm. He served for one term as sheriff of Jackson county and for several terms on the board of aldermen of Sylva.

For the past twenty-three years he has been connected with the Sylva Supply Co. as manager of the dry goods department.

Mr. Wilson was a member of the Sylva Methodist church and of the Masonic Order.

Pall-bearers were Dillard Coward, H. E. Monteith, W. J. Fisher, Don Davis, Chester Scott, Thurman Dillard, Chas. Price, Dr. W. P. McGuire and T. E. Reed.

Those in charge of the flowers were: Mrs. B. E. Gray, Mrs. J. A. Parris, Mrs. H. E. Monteith, Mrs. W. T. Wise, and Mrs. Odell Bankhead, assisted by Mrs. Virginia Sanford, Mrs. Clyde Rector, Mrs. Lee Cowan, Madge Brown, Ida Ann Bain, Lela Moore Hall, Margaret Ann Ryan, Nancy Allison and Nancy Ruth Allison.

He is survived by the widow, Annie Buchanan Wilson, two sons, Richard O. Wilson, of the U. S. Navy, stationed in New York City, Sgt. Ernest L. Wilson of the U. S. Army stationed in the South Pacific; three daughters, Mrs. R. L. Overstreet, of Bedford, Va., Mrs. L. W. Eckstein, of Williamsport, Pa., and Mrs. Leonard Huff, of Sylva; ten grandchildren, one brother, John H. Wilson, Sylva, and three sisters, Mrs. D. D. Hooper, and Mrs. J. W. Keener of Sylva, and Mrs. W. K. Zachary, of Everette, Wash.

### DR. F. S. LOVE TO BE GUEST SPEAKER AT METHODIST CHURCH

Dr. F. S. Love, the new superintendent of the Methodist Assembly, will be the guest minister at the Sylva Methodist Church, Sunday morning, Feb. 11. Dr. Love follows Dr. W. A. Sambeth as superintendent and director of activities at Junaluska.

Before assuming his duties at the Lake he had been one of the leaders and outstanding ministers of the Eastern North Carolina Conference.

### NOTICE

Quite a number of subscriptions for service men are expiring each week. If the families of these boys want the papers continued please come in and renew their subscriptions. Maybe there is some person who would like to give a subscription to these boys who are doing their share in foreign countries.

### N. C. Forestry Association And Local Firms To Sponsor Essay Contest

The North Carolina Forestry Association and business firms of Sylva will sponsor an essay contest in the schools of Jackson County.

For the best essay on Forestry written by a high school student from any high school in the county there will be given a prize of twenty dollars. The second prize will be fifteen dollars.

In the elementary schools a first prize of ten dollars and a second prize of five dollars will be given to the boy or girl writing the best essay on Forestry.

The Mead Corporation, Armour Leather Co., Chevrolet and Dodge Motor Companies are donating the prizes.

For any further information see Ray Orr, A. C. Moses or Mack J. Ashe.

### RESPONSE TO CRUSADE FOR CHRIST GRATIFYING

According to the pastor, Rev. R. G. Tuttle, the people of the Sylva and Dillsboro Methodist Church are much encouraged over the sacrificial response of the people in the campaign of the Crusade for Christ. With a quota of \$2500.00 and with a few cards yet to be turned in, four thousand and fifty-three dollars have been pledged for world relief and reconstruction. Mr. Tuttle feels that the members have been greatly blessed in this giving and these funds will be great help in the building of a better post war world.

### MISSING IN ACTION



Mr. and Mrs. George W. Jones of Loris, S. C., have received a telegram from the War Dept., reporting that their son, S. Sgt. George W. Jones, Jr., has been missing in action in Germany since Dec. 21.

Sgt. Jones was with the 106th Division and had been overseas since Nov. 1st. He entered the army March 1943. He received his basic training at Fort Jackson, was on maneuvers in Tennessee and at Camp Atterbury, Ind.

He is a graduate of Loris High School and attended Clemson College and W. C. T. C. Cullowhee.

Sgt. Jones is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Jones, of Gay.

### Prisoners Of War From Jackson County Known Camps And Location

- Stalag 7A Germany; Moosburg, Bavaria—
- Pfc. James L. Haskett, G-16483
- Pfc. Mont B. Allison, 84887
- Pfc. Edward H. Baldridge, 76792
- Pfc. Ernest J. (Jack) Henson, 140768
- Stalag 4-B Muhlberg, Saxony, E. of Leipzig—
- Sgt. Julius A. Ensley, 84121
- Stalag Luft 1, Germany; Barth, Pomerania, on the Baltic—
- 2nd Lt. William G. Jackson U. S. Pow. 5120
- Cpl. Plumer P. Lowe, J-16220
- American P. O. W. Military Prison Camp No. 13 Philippine Islands.
- TM2c Samuel Robert Owens American P. O. W. J-68 Interned in Philippine Islands %Japanese Red Cross, Tokyo, Japan
- PHM2c Claywell Thomas Hyde, J-5708 (J-5078) American P. O. W. Fukuoka Prison Camp No. 3

### B. S. HENSLEY TO BE HONORED WITH MEMORIAL SERVICE



Memorial service for Cpl. B. S. Hensley, Jr., who was accidentally killed in San Pedro bay, Leyte Island, Nov. 27 and buried in the United States Cemetery at Tacloban, Leyte was held at Scott's Creek Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Cpl. Hensley, a son of the Rev. B. S. Hensley, is a graduate of Barnardsville High School and attended W. C. T. C. at Cullowhee before volunteering for service in July of 1943. After training in the United States he went with the Aviation Engineers into New Guinea and was in the invasion of Leyte. He has been a member of the Baptist church 11 years.

This memorial service was under the auspices of the Scott's Creek Baptist church and the American Legion Post, 104, Sylva. Those taking part were: John F. Corbin, Commander, W. T. Ashe, Adjutant and Dan Tompkins. Also Rev. T. F. Deitz, Rev. C. M. Warren, Rev. George Snyder and D. G. Bryson and J. A. Bryson.

In addition to his father he is survived by his step-mother, Mattie Mae Hensley, one brother, S. 2-c Max C. Hensley, stationed at San Francisco, and four sisters, Mrs. Albert Gordon of Asheville, Mrs. Burton Stanford and Mrs. Martha Hensley of Charlotte, and Miss Madeline Hensley of Sylva.

- Island of Kyushu, Japan
- Pvt. Talmadge W. Middleton J-6848
- American P. O. W. Huton Camp Mukden, Manchukuo.
- Civilian Carr W. Hooper J-0976
- American Internee Sante Tomas, Manila.

### NATIONAL ORGANIZATION 35 YEARS OLD, SYLVA TROOP ORGANIZED IN 1924 HAS 34 MEMBERS TAKING PART IN ANNIVERSARY WEEK ACTIVITIES

#### Court Of Honor Held Here Monday Night

The Smoky Mountains Court of Honor of the Daniel Boone Council Boy Scouts of America held its February meeting at the Sylva Methodist Church Monday night, February 5, at 7:30 o'clock. Mr. John F. Corbin of Sylva, Advancement Chairman, was in charge. The pledge to the flag, led by Scout William Holden, was given. The invocation was by Rev. A. R. Morgan, Franklin Scout Scout Charles B. Stilwell was the court clerk.

The Tenderfoot candlelight investiture ceremony was presided over by Francis V. Smith, Assistant Executive of Daniel Boone Council from Asheville.

Tenderfoot awards were made to Frank Holden, James A. Cunningham, Robert Lee Madison, Billy Barnes, Bobby Gunter, R. L. Warren, Jr., and Thorton Cabe, Jr., Sylva, Troop 1; Billy Joe Gibson, Donald B. Owenby, Paul Holden, Harold J. Bradley, and Cecil Rickman, Troop 3, West Mills.

The second class awards were presented by H. H. Plemmons of Franklin to Joe Wilde, John Robinson, Jr., Ray Davis and Harold Morgan, Troop 1, Sylva.

The first class pins were awarded by John D. Alsop, Franklin, to Tommy Queen and Frank Crawford, Jr., Sylva, Troop 1.

Hugh L. Monteith gave the following Scouts recognition for the merit badges earned. Troop 1, Franklin: John Alsop, Beef Production; John Waldrop, Woodwork; Troop 10, Whittier: Cecil R. Childers, Forestry; Eird Study, Bobbie Crawford, Personal Health, Pathfinding and Gardening. Troop 1, Sylva: Jack Hennessee, Reading; Jack Green, Carpentry; Charles B. Stilwell, First Aid.

The rank of Star Scout was presented to Cecil R. Childers, Whittier and Charles B. Stilwell, Sylva by Rev. A. R. Morgan of Franklin.

Troop 1, Sylva was presented a banner in recognition of the Troop having paid their pledge of \$50.00 toward the lake construction project at the Daniel Boone Camp.

Other Scout officials present were: Herbert Gibson, Chairman Sylva Troop committee, Rev. R. G. Tuttle, Troop committeeman, Bob Childers, Troop committeeman, Whittier, A. H. Gibbs, Scoutmaster, Whittier, Daniel Barkley and Claude Campbell Sylva Scoutmasters.

A number of parents were also present.

On February 8, 1910, the Boy Scouts of America was founded. This week February 8th through 14th is the 35th anniversary of Scouting. Sylva Boy Scouts are celebrating the event in numerous ways. They will have a display of Scoutcraft and collections in the window of the Campbell Electric Co. Sunday evening, Feb. 11, a special Scout service will be held at the Sylva Methodist Church with Rev. C. M. Warren Baptist Minister delivering the message. On Monday night, February 12, the Scouts will hold their annual Scouts-Parents banquet. Scouts will wear their Scout uniforms during Scout week.

The first Scout Troop was organized in Sylva in 1924 and in the intervening years hundreds of men and boys have enjoyed and benefited by its program. In 1930 Hugh Monteith headed a full Troop of 32 Scouts on a two weeks outing and sight seeing trip to Washington, D. C. Of these 32 Scouts, 26 are now serving in the armed forces of the U. S. To the present Sylva Scouts: "Our brother Scout, now in the armed forces, has given us the heritage of the Scout Law. His present service to the Nation proves his helpfulness to others, trustworthiness in time of national emergency and loyalty to his Country."

Troop I of Sylva is composed of 36 registered Scouts, 34 of which are active members. The local Troop is in the Smoky Mountain District which includes Jackson, Macon and Swain counties, one of the eight districts of the Daniel Boone council which covers 14 Western North Carolina counties. A. W. Allen is Scout executive, assisted by F. V. Smith and W. C. Wall.

The Troop is sponsored by the Sylva Lions Club and operates under the guidance of the local Troop committee composed of Herbert Gibson, chairman; W. C. Hennessee, O. E. Brookhyser, Paul Ellis, Rev. R. G. Tuttle, John Henson, J. F. Corbin, B. E. Harris and Hugh Monteith.

The local advancement committee is composed of J. F. Corbin, Chairman Rev. C. M. Warren and Paul Ellis. This committee reviews and passes all Scouts for advancements. Merit Badge Counselors work with the Scouts on their merit badge requirements.

The following are members of the Sylva Troop: Dennis Barkley, Scoutmaster; Claude Campbell, Assistant Scoutmaster; Philip Jones, Patrol Leader; Ray Davis, John Robinson, Clarence Dillard, Billy Barnes, Thorton Cabe, Jack Norris, C. J. Cowan (Continued on page 4)



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FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>-14<sup>TH</sup> 1945  
**THE 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
OF THE  
**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**  
Over 1,800,000 Members

As the United Nations move forward to victory, programs such as Scouting step forward to do their part in insuring the peace. The theme of the 35th anniversary celebration of the Boy Scouts of America from Feb. 8th to 14th is "Scouts of the World—Brothers Together."

### Smoky Mountain District Scout Group To Meet

The Smoky Mountain district committee of the Daniel Boone council will hold a dinner meeting at the Jarrett Springs hotel here Thursday evening at 6:30 o'clock.

Plans for the celebration of Scout week, which begins Thursday night, will be completed. School and club programs have been planned and scouts of the district will attend the church service of their faith in a body next Sunday.

The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan of Franklin, district chairman, and O. E. Brookhyser of Sylva, vice chairman, will be in charge. Scout officials of the council who will attend the meeting are A. W. Allen, scout executive, Francis V. Smith, assistant scout executive, and Robert F. Moody, adult membership chairman.

### Dance To Be Held At Club House

The C. J. Harris Hospital will sponsor a square dance Feb. 13 at the Sylva Community House to raise funds for the redecoration of the rooms. There will be a cake raffle at the dance.

### Pfc. Woodrow Wilson In Hospital In England

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson of Dillsboro has received word that her husband is now a patient in a hospital in England. Pfc. Wilson has been in the Army for twelve months and went overseas five months ago.