

## SYLVA C A P GROUP TO START STUDY OF AIR- PLANE ENGINES MAR. 8

Plans were made at the meeting of the Sylva group of the Civil Air Patrol last Thursday night that at the next meeting, to be held at the Sylva High school on March 8, to start into the class work with the study of airplane engines.

A large group was present at the last meeting, among them being a number who had just learned of the plans to organize the patrol in Sylva. Applications were filled out and finger prints made of all adult members present.

Lieutenant Holden, commander of the Canton Patrol, was present and explained for the benefit of new members the purpose and plans of the Civil Air Patrol in North Carolina. Also present were Lieutenant Mathis, executive officer, and Flight Officer Veto, both of the Canton Patrol. Lt. Mathis explained the part played and the importance of drill in the work of the air patrol.

All persons between the ages of 15 and 65 who are interested in becoming a member of the Civil Air Patrol are urged to be present at the next meeting on March 8.

## \$11,275.00 SYLVA BONDS CALLED SAYS MAYOR H. GIBSON

Mayor H. Gibson advises that the Board of Aldermen recently made a call for Town of Sylva bonds in the amount of \$11,275.00. Mayor Gibson also makes the following statement in connection with fiscal matters of the Town:

"On December 1, 1938, prior to re-issuing the Town's indebtedness, the total indebtedness of the Town was \$322,040.00. Including the last call of bonds, the indebtedness since that time has been reduced to \$214,240.00. During this period a considerable sum has been expended for such items as repairing water system, installing new chlorinating plant and purchase of new trucks. There is now no indebtedness other than bonds and all bills are paid currently. Since 1939 the tax rate been reduced from \$1.70 to \$1.50.

"The Town Board is now working on a refinancing plan which will reduce the interest rate on the Town's bonded indebtedness. The interest rate under the old plan will be 4% for the next five years and 5% thereafter until maturity. When the new plan is consummated, the Town should effect a saving in interest on bonds of \$2,000.00 to \$4,000.00 annually.

"Due to the war, it was necessary to postpone a water-filtering project and the purchase of street cleaning equipment."

## RUSSELL HAMILTON GIVEN UP AS DEAD BY NAVY DEPT.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hamilton of Cullowhee have received another message from the War Dept. in connection with the disappearance of their son Russell, who was reported missing in action Jan. 2, 1944. The telegram from the war dept. reads as follows:

"The Navy Dept. deeply regrets to inform you that a careful review of all facts available relating to the disappearance of your son, Russell Hamilton, Aviation Machinist's Mate 2-c USN previously reported missing, leads to the conclusion that there is no hope for his survival and that he lost his life as result of enemy action on 2 Jan. 1944, while in the service of his country. If additional information is received, it will be forwarded to you promptly. Sincere sympathy is extended to you in your great sorrow."

"Vice-Admiral Randall Jacobs, Chief of Naval Personnel

## SYLVA PTA TO MEET THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The Sylva Parent Teacher Asso. will meet Tuesday afternoon, March 13, at 3 o'clock in the high school building. Rev. R. G. Tuttle will be the speaker for the occasion.

The grade mothers will meet at 2:30 and finish their business in time to attend the P.T.A. meeting.

## THESE AMERICANS WERE HELD PRISONER BY THE JAPS



THE GHASTLY EFFECTS of life in the Santo Tomas Jap prison camp in Manila are evident in this photo of a group of prisoners liberated when our forces drove out the enemy. The men are (l. to r.): Hugo G. Winkler, 30, a proofreader on a Manila newspaper. He entered the camp weighing 135 pounds and now weighs 87. Thomas B. Loft, traffic manager, General Foods, who came in at 160 and is now 102. Arthur Williamson, 45, exporter; came in weighing 145, is now 103. Harold B. Leney, 31, accountant; came in at 185, is now 105. David Naveli, 36, employee of Soriano Brothers; entered at 135, and is now 95 pounds. (International)

## CARR HOOPER WRITES PARENTS AFTER LIBERATION FROM JAP PRISON CAMP

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Hooper of East LaPorte have received the second direct communication from their son, William Carr Hooper, that they have had since he was taken prisoner by the Japs following the fall of Manila.

Mr. Hooper and wife, the former Miss Ruth Williams, of Fayetteville, Tenn., spent three and a half years in Saint Thomas Prison camp. Their parents had had no direct word from them up until a year ago, at which time they received a letter. Mr. and Mrs. Hooper were notified last week that their son and daughter-in-law had been freed. The following is a copy of the letter that was received last week and gives a more graphic picture of what they have undergone than it is possible to describe otherwise.

### AMERICAN RED CROSS

Homefolks:

Little to tell now except that after three years and one month of slow starvation we aren't hungry any more. Since Sept. last we were actually dying of starvation at the rate of 4 daily, mostly among old men and women. Our food was 70 grams of corn meal (a half pint cooked) and 70 grams of rice (about a half pint cooked). No meat, no vegetables, no beans, no sugar, nothing but corn and rice. Believe me we know hunger. Had our troops not arrived and at the rapid rate people were becoming too sick to eat, half the camp would have died in another month.

The occupation and present situation cannot be told but we've had the experience of a lifetime and we can only tell you later. We don't know anything, we hear everything, it is pretty sure we will be sent home soon, at least we'll leave Manila. Some say we will be hospitalized others that we will be sent to our homes under doctors' care. No one knows but we are sure to see you all soon. We have read magazines, papers and heard the radio, (first time in three years) and believe all this will be over sooner than we expected. I have no wish, however, for this Jap war to finish too soon. I want seven million Jap men, women and children to starve to death in Japan. Stories will be told you that you can hardly believe but we know what animals these Japs are. We are prepared to tell the world that they deliberately starved old men, women and children to death while the war garrison guards feasted. We ate rotten fish and garbage while they ate U. S. rations from stores sent to us. We died for lack of medicine, which they stole from our stocks. Ruth is recovering but is still just a shadow and I feel well, nothing that good food won't cure with rest and peace, and we hope to get all this from now on. Do all you can to help. Remember what these boys of ours have to do and the great need for doing it.

Love to all,  
CARR

No ration stamps in War Ration Book Four will be good for canning sugar this year. Local boards will issue home canning sugar coupons good through November 30.

In the "good old days" they watered the milk; today they water the cow at an automatic drinking fountain.

### COWARTS SOLDIER PROMOTED IN ITALY

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY—Private Benoy Phillips, son of Mrs. Mary P. Phillips, who lives in Cowarts, North Carolina, has been promoted to private first class. He is a truck driver with a quartermaster unit of the Fifth Army in Italy.

### Pvt. John M. Blanton Wounded In Europe

Mrs. Iris M. Blanton of Balsam has received word that her husband, Pvt. John M. Blanton, had been wounded somewhere in the European Theater.

### DEATH CLAIMS MRS. GLENN JENNINGS OF GLENVILLE

Mrs. Glenn Jennings of Glenville died last Friday morning at 7 o'clock following a short illness at the Harris Community Hospital. Funeral services were held Sunday morning at 11:30 at the Glenville Baptist Church with Rev. C. C. Welch officiating. Surviving are the husband and three small sons of Glenville, her mother, Mrs. Mary J. Johnson, of Lacombe, Wash., five brothers, three in the armed forces and two in Oregon and three sisters in Oregon.

### PROTECTION BILLS GET HOUSE APPROVAL

Raleigh, March 5—Three bills designed to protect the public against the purchase of sub-standard products have been approved by the House Agriculture Committee.

Firms offering for sale any farm products for propagation for which standards have been established, would be required by the Commissioner of Agriculture to secure permits and submit satisfactory evidence of financial reliability or furnish a bond not to exceed \$10,000. This bill would amend the present bill relating to marketing, branding, and defining of farm products.

One of the measures would require anyone going into the manufacture of ice cream, sherbet, or any other frozen dessert to obtain a permit from the State Department of Agriculture. In another bill, the Department would be given the power to issue "stop sales" on fungicides and insecticides found below standard.

### Jackson County Service Men Meet

D. M. Tallent G. M. 2-c and Sgt. Avery Dillard met somewhere in the Pacific and later the two boys met two other Jackson county people, Ben Battle and Elizabeth Dillard.

D. M. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Tallent of Sylva. He has been in service more than two years.

Sgt. Dillard is the son of T. F. Dillard of Sylva.

Ben Battle is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Battle of Cullowhee and Elizabeth Dillard is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Dillard of Sylva, Route 1.

### Sgt. Earl W. Mashburn Wounded In France

Sgt. Earl W. Mashburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Mashburn, of Dillsboro was wounded in France Feb. 13 according to word received by his parents.

Sgt. Mashburn is now in a hospital in England and writes his parents that he is much improved.

He was stationed in Ireland fourteen months before going to England and France. He entered service before Pearl Harbor and has been overseas three years.

He was formerly employed by the Cogdill Motor Co. of Sylva.

### JACKSON MEN BECOME 18 AND ENTER SERVICE

The following men were accepted for service during February, 1945:

- NAVY—  
Logan Henry Taylor (V)  
Virgil Watson (V)  
Talmage Richard Bryson (V)  
Carl Calvin Fisher.
- ARMY—  
James Lee Buchanan  
James Reynolds Clubb  
George Burton Hall  
Manual T. A. Franks (V)  
These men became 18 during the month of February, 1945:  
Howard Melvin Breedlove  
Horace Ray  
William Dillard Robinson  
Glenn Wilburn Dillard  
Clyde Eugene Rabb  
Charles Harold Chester  
Earl Galloway  
Gentry Eugene Hyatt  
James Harris  
Eulas G. W. McMahan  
Charles David Moses  
Wayne Bryan Dillard.

### SOLDIER UNDERGOES OPERATION

S. Sgt. Thomas Allen Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bradley of Barkers Creek, has recently undergone an operation at the Thayer General Hospital Nashville, Tenn. Sgt. Bradley has served several years in the Army. His wife, the former Miss Pauline Messer, is in Nashville with him.

### W. A. Enloe Chapter To Meet In Dillsboro

The W. A. Enloe chapter of U. D. C., will meet at the home of Mrs. S. W. Enloe on Friday, March 9th.

### DR. KIRCHBERG NOTIFIED OF PROMOTION WHILE ON SHORT LEAVE WITH FAMILY

Dr. Roy W. Kirchberg, physician and surgeon of Sylva, spent five days with his family last week while the Army Transport ship, to which he is assigned as Transport Surgeon, underwent a few minor repairs. While here he was advised of his promotion from Captain to Major.

Dr. Kirchberg volunteered his service to the U. S. Medical Corps and went on active duty in May of 1942. He was first assigned to the Jackson Barracks Staging Area of the New Orleans Port of Embarkation. Later he was advanced to Surgeon in Charge of Chalmette Staging Area of the same Port of Embarkation—this troop staging area being located on the beautiful and historic site of the famous Battle of New Orleans. Then in August of 1944 he was assigned as

## McClure Talks To Jackson Farmers On Developing Poultry, Tobacco As Cash Income Producer For County

### Jackson County Making Progress With Red Cross Drive

Mr. A. J. Dills, war fund chairman of the Red Cross Drive, states that Jackson County is responding well to the quota of \$6500.00 assigned them. It is necessary that every man, woman and child in the county give and give generously to this campaign. There will be house to house canvass and contributions will be asked of merchants and business men.

It will be the goal of every worker in this fund raising campaign that each citizen take part in the support of the "greatest mother on earth", the Red Cross.

KEEP YOUR RED CROSS AT HIS SIDE. GIVE NOW, GIVE MORE.

### A. P. CORRESPONDENT WILL VISIT PARENTS HERE THIS SPRING

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Parris, Sr., have had a cable from their son, John A. Parris, Jr., stating that he will be home in April. He is to be sent to the States to cover the San Francisco Security Conference and will be home either before or after the conference. Mr. Parris returned to his post of duty in the European Theater Dec., 1944, after spending two weeks with his parents.

### Baffles Doctors



MEDICAL AUTHORITIES of Los Angeles, Cal., are baffled over the case of this baby which, apparently, was some three months old at the time of birth. The records show that Mrs. Beulah Hunter, 25, wife of an aircraft plant workman, pictured here with the baby, carried the child for over 12 months. The baby is normal, healthy and weighed about seven pounds at birth. (International Soundphoto)

### Sunday School Convention To Meet Sunday

The Tuckaseegee Baptist Sunday School convention will meet Sunday, March 11, 1945, at 2:30 P. M. with the East Fork Baptist Church. The theme for the convention will be "A Century of Missionary Progress." It is hoped that a large delegation from all the Sunday Schools in the association will be there.

### WILL BRYSON ELECTED DIRECTOR AT ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 1

At the annual meeting of the Farmers Federation Stockholders, held last Thursday at the Federation warehouse in Sylva, Will Bryson of Speedwell was elected as director to represent Jackson County for the next two years. Dr. A. S. Nichols, Dr. Grover Wilkes of Sylva and Sam Crisp of Dillsboro were elected to the Sylva warehouse committee. A resolution was passed on the death of Mr. T. A. Cox, one of the charter members and chairman of Jackson County Federation since its beginning. Dennis Higdon was elected to succeed him as chairman. Addresses of welcome were made by Mayor H. Gibson and Verle Ensley, manager of the Sylva warehouse.

James G. K. McClure, president of the federation, presided and told of the progress made by the organization during the past year. The Federation did business amounting to \$3,674,801.08, the Sylva warehouse doing more than \$163,000 of the amount.

The growing of Burley tobacco was discussed. D. C. Higdon gave his experience in growing tobacco. He stated that on less than an acre of land he had raised 2040 pounds of tobacco which brought him \$1014, his cost of labor and other things amounting to \$268.

Mr. McClure stated that Burley tobacco is one of the best outlets for farmers and emphasized the fact that any one could grow tobacco by paying 10c royalty per pound the first year; he can obtain an allotment the second year.

Western North Carolina is on the way to building a real poultry industry, stated Mr. McClure. The federation shipped 60 carloads last year. A truck is running full time, serving the warehouse each week.

Others appearing on the program were S. C. Clapp, federation horticulturist, who spoke on the importance of good seeds, Max Roberts, educational director told of the Lord's Acre plan, and Bob Brown, editor of the Farmer's Federation News. The staff of the Sylva Warehouse were presented and commended on their splendid work.

In the drawing for free chicks, C. P. Shelton, Mills, A. O. Weidlich and Jim Watson each received 25 baby chicks. Mrs. Samantha Bumgarner furnished music and Claude Fisher, federation buyer, danced.

The federation warehouse committee now consists of D. C. Higdon, Chairman, A. O. Weidlich, John C. Jones, W. Hute Snyder, Chief Jarrett Blythe, Will Bryson, Marion Moody, Crawford Shelton, Vance Hooper, Milas Parker, Dr. A. S. Nichols, Dr. Grover Wilkes and Sam Crisp.

### CONSUMER TO HAVE FEWER DAIRY PRODUCTS

Raleigh, March 5—Although there will probably be a slight increase in milk production this year, supplies of dairy products available to civilians on a per capita basis will likely be less than in 1943, but about the same as in 1943 on a whole milk equivalent basis, according to C. W. Pegram, head of the State Department of Agriculture Dairy division.

Per capita butter consumption is likely to be at a record low of about 10.5 pounds compared with 11.8 pounds in 1944 and a 16.7-pound pre-war (1935-39) average, explained Pegram. He said that fluid milk and cream consumption will be at a record level of slightly over 420 pounds per person.

### Pvt. Ralph O. Oxner In English Hospital

Pvt. Ralph O. Oxner is in a hospital in England according to word received by his wife. Pvt. Oxner entered the service in May, 1944, and received his training at Camp Blanding, Fla., and Fort Meade, Md. From there he was sent overseas where he was serving with the First Army Infantry in Belgium.