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German Surrender Proclaimed By Truman

7th War Loan Drive Starts May 14, County Quota Is \$240,000

With a view to getting ready for the 7th War Loan Drive which begins on Monday, May 14th, a meeting of the War Finance Committee for Jackson County was held in Sylva last Saturday afternoon.

On motion the following county-wide officers were renominated and named to handle the 7th War Loan Drive in Jackson County:

R. L. Ariali, Permanent County Chairman
Hugh Monteith, County Co-Chairman.

Mrs. Dan M. Allison, County Chairman, Woman's Division.

Paul Kirk, County Chairman Retail Merchants.

R. U. Sutton, County Chairman, Payrolls.

A. C. Moses, County Chairman, School System.

Township Chairmen for the fifteen townships in Jackson County were then nominated and named and a quota was assigned to each township as follows:

TOWNSHIP	CHAIRMAN	QUOTA
BARKERS CREEK	Kelley Bradley	\$ 7,693.00
CANADA	John Coward	6,959.00
CANEY FORK	Vance Hooper	6,258.00
CASHIERS	T. S. Lance	5,579.00
CULLOWHEE	H. E. Battle	14,427.00
DILLSBORO	J. C. Cannon	10,770.00
GREENS CREEK	R. S. Cowan	4,375.00
HAMBURG	H. H. Bryson	9,653.00
MOUNTAIN	Mrs. Pearl Stewart	3,220.00
QUALLA	T. T. Varner	16,295.00
RIVER	Charles Stewart	6,853.00
SAVANNAH	N. Higdon	6,216.00
SCOTTS CREEK	W. H. Snyder	8,663.00
WEBSTER	Mrs. D. D. Davis	6,342.00
SYLVA	T. N. Massie	126,697.00

Two or more co-chairmen have been appointed to assist the chairman in each township in the county.

Of our quota of \$240,000 the sum of \$180,000 must be sold in E Bonds, almost double the amount assigned to Jackson County in past War Loan Drives. The committee, realizing the tremendous job ahead in the coming 7th War Loan Drive, agreed to give a \$5.00 prize to each of the thirty schools in the county and one \$50.00 Bond as a county-wide Grand prize to the pupils selling the most bonds, worked out on the following basis: The thirty schools in Jackson County are being asked to put on a bond sale campaign whereby the pupils selling the largest amount of bonds will be given a \$5.00 prize. Conditioned, however, that the pupils must sell at least \$100.00 worth of bonds in order to enter the race. This plan gives every school in Jackson County equal opportunity to win a prize.

In addition to the \$5.00 prize offered to each school in the county a \$50.00 War Bond, county-wide grand prize,

will be given to the pupil selling the largest amount of bonds in the county. The offer of these prizes only apply to the sale of E Bonds. Each pupil will be expected to keep a complete record of bond sales by recording each sale, amount and to whom sold. No other record will be kept. Mr. A. C. Moses, Supt. of Education, will announce the winners at the end of the drive.

It is sincerely hoped that there will be great interest and enthusiasm in putting over the 7th War Loan Drive in every township in Jackson County. The war in Europe is over but the war with Japan goes on. Every person is urged to get behind the 7th War Loan Drive, back up your township Chairman, encourage him and help him in every way you can, help him to make your township quota.

Bond application blanks, folders and other bond literature can be had by applying for same to Mr. Ariali at the Jackson County Bank in Sylva.

SYLVA CIVIL AIR PATROL UNIT SEEKS MORE MEMBERS

The Sylva Unit of the Civil Air Patrol met at the Sylva High School Tuesday, May 1, with a number of Cadets and adult members present. Classes are being conducted in First-Aid and Communications.

The Civil Air Patrol is an Auxiliary of the Army Air Forces. The course includes Communications, First-Aid, Meteorology, Navigation, and many other interesting subjects. Time is devoted also to military drill.

This unit is striving to increase its membership in order to become a squadron. Anyone between the ages of 15 and 65, male or female, who is interested in enlisting is urged to attend the next meeting which will be held at the Sylva High school, Thursday, May 10th, at 7:30 P. M.

FARMERS URGED TO GROW BETTER HAY AND PASTURE CROPS

Farmers of Jackson county are strongly urged to give as much attention as possible to their haycrops and pastures this year. The pasture grasses and legumes do much better on land that has been limed. More good hay crops and better pastures are greatly needed to provide more good local feed for livestock.

M. L. SNIPES, County Agent

LIST OF JACKSON MEN GOING INTO MILITARY SERVICE REVEALED

The following Jackson county men have been accepted for military service and have left to begin their training:

- NAVY: Wade Franklin Cordell.
- ARMY: Charlie Daniel Bishop, Jasper Benjamin Green, Richard Hayes Wike, Homer Ray Bryson, Vernon Loransey Coggins, Furl Hues Gates, Zernie Edward Dills, Hilan McKinley Loftis, Rufus Clayton Chastain, Roy Hubert Nations, Edward Henry Shook, Samuel Ray McGuire, George Washington Dillard (V), Ray William Owen (V), Clarence Ray Barron, William Dillard Robinson, Glenn Wilburn Dillard, Clyde Eugene Rabb (V), Earl Galloway, James Harris, Homer Elbert Dills, Ray Wiseman, Claude Mathis, Clifford Edward Connor.

List of men who became 18 during April:

- George Clayton Buchanan, Charlie Cline Anders, Charles Howard Bennett, Jr., David Eugene Parker, Mont Candler Hall, Jim N. Seay, Joe Tucker Evans, Charlie Alexander Hooper, Harvey Crawford Powell, William Elbert Watson, General Fillmore Stepp.

Legal Holiday To Be Observed By Bank

Being a legal holiday the Jackson County Bank will transact no business on Thursday, May 10, Confederate Memorial day.

PFC. T. J. GRIFFIN LIBERATED FROM STALAG B-1 P. W. CAMP

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Griffin of Sylva have received official notice from the Government that their son, Pfc. T. J. Griffin, has been liberated from the prison camp Stalag B-1. The notice read, "The Secretary of War desires me to express his pleasure that your son, Pfc. T. J. Griffin, returned to military control. Date unreported."

Pfc. Griffin had previously been reported missing in action and at a later date reported as a military prisoner. Pfc. Griffin has been in service for over 3 years and served overseas with an infantry unit for nine months.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffin have had a letter from their son since his release stating that he was alright and hoped to be home soon.

220 CARS CHECKED IN BRAKE TEST HERE

Sgt. T. A. Sandlin, of the State highway patrol, stated today that he and local Jackson county officers made 220 passenger car brake tests in Jackson county on April 30. Of this number they found 57 cars with defective brakes and ordered the owners to have their brakes adjusted to comply with traffic laws. Sgt. Sandlin said that two arrests were made in connection with the test.

A nation-wide brake check is being conducted at this time for the purpose of bringing about greater safety on our highways with lowered accident casualties.

D. G. BRYSONS OBSERVE GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Bryson of Beta observed their golden wedding anniversary quietly at their home last Saturday. Mr. Bryson, retired farmer and traveling salesman, is 71 years of age and Mrs. Bryson, the former Miss Hattie Frizzell, daughter of Thomas and Magdalene Dills Frizzell, is 72. Both are life-long residents of this section. Mr. Bryson is the third brother to live to celebrate their golden anniversaries. Mr. and Mrs. Bryson still own and operate the same farm where the Bryson ancestors settled 146 years ago.

Owing to war-time conditions Mr. and Mrs. Bryson did not have a planned observance, but many friends called, extending their congratulations and they were the recipients of many gifts.

They have one child, Mrs. V. V. Hooper, three grandchildren, Mrs. Eloise Kirkpatrick, Dan Bryson Hooper, U. S. Navy, and Verna Vaye Hooper, and two great grandchildren, Sara Frances and Bill Vernon Kirkpatrick.

Captain Malcolm E. Brown Home From England

Captain Malcolm E. Brown arrived last week to spend twenty-one days with his mother, Mrs. E. E. Brown. He has just returned from two years' service in the European Theatre.

Capt. Brown volunteered for service in January, 1942, and was accepted in the Air Corps. He trained at Maxwell Field, Ala., Argadia, Fla., and Gunter Field, Montgomery, Ala., before receiving his wings and commission at Columbus, Miss. He took advanced training at Selmig, Fla., and Montgomery and combat training in Texas and Colorado. He went overseas in June, 1942.

He was stationed in England with the 8th Air Force and served as a pilot on a B-17. He completed his missions, on one of which he was forced to land in a field with only one motor.

Captain Brown holds the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf clusters and the Presidential citation.

He will report to Miami for further assignment.

"There is a greater need now than at any time since the war began for more gardens and better gardens," says President Truman.

PROCLAIMS "VICTORY IN EUROPE" DAY



PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN told a listening America yesterday morning at 9 o'clock that the Nazis had laid down their arms and surrendered unconditionally to the Allies, thus ending almost six years of the greatest bloodshed and human misery that the world has ever known. He designated Sunday, May 13, as a day of prayer and thanksgiving, and urged all to work harder than ever for victory over Japan.

Victory Ends Long Rule By Military Might

Combined Strength of The Allies Drives Nazism To Defeat

Victory for the Allies in Europe—the most anxiously awaited event in modern history—means the liberation of a continent which has been under the domination of military might ever since the German blitz rolled into Poland in the fall of 1939.

Starting with Hitler's bloodless conquests of trusting neighbors, the threat which has hung over the world has finally been dissipated by an overwhelming superiority of the Allies in men, materials, air power, sea power and the overwhelming desire of free peoples to rid the world of the tyranny which has "blacked out the lights of Europe."

The Allied victory and the capitulation of Germany has once more restored freedom to Europe. Victory is sweet after the period of despotism which has prevailed but, as in 1918, the world must appreciate that victory is one of arms alone so far and must be followed by a peace that will ensure the world against anything like the rise of National Socialism again.

June Invasion Started It

Today the Allies have beaten Germany to her knees, something that was beyond the comprehension of most of the world little less than a year ago. The invasion of Europe started it in June, 1944, and the quick success in France and the drive to the heart of the reich itself blasted the theory of a "European fortress" that Hitler said was impregnable.

Battle-hardened veterans of Britain who stopped Rommel in Egypt, the husky young Yanks in their superb equipment Frenchmen fighting to win back their homeland, the bitter Poles who remembered how they tried to fight the Wehrmacht with nothing but rifles—all these are responsible for the downfall of what was supposed to be an "invincible" army.

And hammering away on the other side of Germany were the Russians, who took the best the Germans could strike them with, and then came back to drive the hated Hun out of Russia and beat him back until there was no retreat and there finish off Germany as a military power.

The victory in Europe is won but what years of suffering that continent has seen since the day that Adolf Hitler first became chancellor of Germany in January, 1933.

GIBSON ELECTED MAYOR FOR 5TH TERM IN CITY ELECTION TUESDAY

The Democrats of Sylva carried their entire town ticket in Tuesday's election with around 137 votes majority over their Republican opponents.

The vote was as follows: Democrats: H. Gibson for mayor 282 votes. For Aldermen, W. T. Wise 289, Chester Scott 293, W. L. Jones 289, W. E. Grindstaff 285, and S. A. Carden 286.

Republican: A. D. Parker for mayor 170, J. R. Long 170, T. B. Dillard 156, Dillard Coward 165, L. H. Monteith, and T. J. Painter 166.

This is Mr. Gibson's 5th term as mayor of Sylva.

Prisoner of German Government



Pvt. Homer C. Sellers, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sellers, and husband of the late Margaret Louise Sellers, who was previously listed as missing since Dec. 23, is now a prisoner of the German Government.

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.

Sylva Observes V-E Day With Thanksgiving Service

A thanksgiving service was held at the Sylva Methodist Church Tuesday, May 8, at 12:30 observing V-E day. All churches of the town participated in the gathering. Rev. R. G. Tuttle, Methodist pastor, and Rev. C. M. Warren, Baptist pastor, directed the services.

WORLD HAD KNOWN OF SURRENDER 24 HOURS EARLIER FOLLOWING A P BROADCAST

Announcement By Truman, Churchill And Stalin Make Peace Terms Official

President Harry S. Truman spoke the words at 9 o'clock Tuesday A. M. which the Allied World had awaited for the previous 24 hours, that of the official announcement proclaiming the unconditional surrender of the German Army, Navy and Air force. The President spoke for a few minutes from his office in the White House and told the awaiting world the Nazis had surrendered to the Allied Military leaders the day before. He told his listeners the war in Europe is over but a long hard battle still faced the nation, and would until the last of the Japanese had followed in Germany's steps of unconditional surrender. He urged every American citizen to work, work and work, harder than ever before in order to bring Japan to her knees at the quickest possible moment. When this is accomplished then we can celebrate victory as it should be celebrated.

There is little cause for wild excitement and jubilation even at the news of Germany's surrender when there is still so much suffering and dying of our brave fighting men. Thousands of them have made the supreme sacrifice, many thousands more lie on hospital beds from which they will never leave, others will return maimed of limb. Hospitals are crowded with those suffering from mental disturbances, the most pitiful of all our afflictions. The President designated next Sunday as a day of prayer and thanksgiving for the entire nation.

FORMING OF AXIS WAS FIRST PHASE OF LONG STRUGGLE

Hitler made his first move in the long chain of events that was to lead to World War II in 1936, after he had secretly built up a German army and had rearmmed the country in direct violation of the Versailles treaty.

In March, 1936, Hitler ordered the first of his goose-stepping legions into the Rhineland, cutting France off from her eastern allies and setting up a barrier that could not be circumvented by anything short of total war—which he knew France was not ready to declare.

Then in October, 1936, Hitler and Mussolini formed the Rome-Berlin pact, giving both fascist nations the agreements they needed to bully the world. Mussolini had already taken Ethiopia and had defied the British navy to try to enforce sanctions against him—the only threat which the democratic nations of the world were able to make.

In March, 1938, Hitler grabbed Austria and he now found himself

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STATE AERONAUTICAL COMMISSION TO BE GUESTS OF SYLVA

The State Aeronautical Commission with Senator Roy Rowe of Burgaw as chairman will meet in conference with the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, County and Town officials May 15.

Tuesday night they will be the guest of the Sylva Rotary club and a meeting will be held afterwards.

Wounded In Action

Pfc. Ranzie L. Mathis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Mathis, and husband of Mrs. Janet Melton Mathis of Argura was wounded in action in Germany April 1.

Pvt. Mathis is now in a hospital in England recovering from wounds. He entered service in October, 1942, and received training at Camp Campbell, Ky., and Camp Barkley, Tex., before going overseas in September, 1944. He has three brothers in service.