

## 49 Sylva Seniors Will Be Awarded Diplomas 30th

This year's graduating class of the Sylva High school will have forty-nine members. Plans for commencement exercises have been announced by J. L. Hair, principal. The Baccalaureate sermon will be delivered May 27th at 3 P. M. with Dr. B. A. Bowers of Ridgecrest, N. C. delivering the sermon.

On Tuesday night, May 29th at 8 P. M. a play entitled, "Ever Since Eve" will be presented in the Sylva Elementary Auditorium.

Class day exercises will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 P. M. in the form of a playlet, "Sails at Dawn." On Wednesday night the class will receive their diplomas with Dr. Howard P. Hiddens, Pastor of the First Baptist church at West Point, Ga. delivering the address.

## JUDGE PLESS PRESIDING AT CIVIL TERM OF COURT HERE THIS WEEK

J. Will Pless, Jr., presided at the May term of civil court which opened in Sylva Monday, May 21. Eleven cases were listed on the calendar.

Jurors drawn for this session were: Jim Tolley, Webster; Leon Picklesimer, Sylva; Ray Cogdill, Sylva; Frank Tatham, Gay; W. A. Watson, Tuckaseegee; Grady Henson, Sylva; McKinley Henry, Sylva; T. L. Wike, East LaPorte; Troy Hooper, Tuckaseegee; Henry Dills, Cullowhee; W. T. Cook, Sylva; E. A. Bumgarner, Cashiers; Carl Woods, Cowarts; Fred Smith, Tuckaseegee; W. O. Sherrill, Whittier; Ben Jones, Whittier, RFD; John R. Dills, Cullowhee; Herchel W. Ashe, Sylva; Fred R. Bryson, Greens Creek; Grover Cabe, Greens Creek; John E. Ashe, Webster; Taylor Bridge, Whittier; John W. Ashe, Sylva; and Lewis Smith, Sylva.

## PARRIS SERVING ON CARRIER IN PACIFIC BLAZING AWAY AT JAPS

ABOARD AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER IN THE PACIFIC—Wayne Parris, ship's service man (cobbler), second class, USNR, whose wife lives in Sylva, N. C., was aboard this Essex class aircraft carrier when her planes battered Okinawa prior to the Marine and Army landings.

With other units of the Pacific Fleet, this ship sent out her planes in a long series of sweeps and strikes that blasted enemy aircraft, shore installations and shipping from the Ryukyu Islands to the Japanese homeland.

Veteran Pacific fighters aboard the ship consider the recent action among the severest of the war in the Pacific. Sometimes day and night were broken by only short pauses for food and rest. Planes were fueled, armed, launched, then landed and at once prepared to fight again.

Besides doing her primary job of servicing its air group, the carrier put in a few licks with her own guns, destroying one enemy plane and helping down another.

## HONOR STUDENTS AT SYLVA HIGH SCHOOL NAMED

The honor students of the Sylva High school graduating class of 1945 have been named. Jean Monteith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Monteith, will be valedictorian and Elizabeth Clayton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Clayton of Dillsboro, will be salutatorian.

## Mrs. Phillips And Daughter Receive Cable From Pvt. Noel Phillips

Mrs. Noel Phillips and little daughter, Nancy have each received cables from their husband and father, Pvt. Noel Phillips, who has been a German prisoner since Dec. 16th, 1944. The messages stated that he was well and safe and hoped to see them soon.

Pvt. Phillips is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Phillips of Willets. He entered service in March 1944 and was overseas two months prior to being reported missing and later declared a prisoner.

## Sylva High School Will Present Play Monday Night

The play, "Ever Since Eve" will be presented by the students of Sylva High school on Monday, May 28th, at 8:15 P. M. in the auditorium of the Sylva elementary school.

The characters are as follows:  
Mrs. Clover—Rebecca Ann Wilson.  
Johnny Clover—John Gibson.  
Mr. Clover—Gerald Buchanan.  
Spud Erwin—Kenneth Kellar.  
Susan Blake—Barbara McClure.  
Betsy Erwin—Emily Shields.  
Martha Willard—Jean Potteet.  
Officer Simmons—Harry Bumgarner.  
Henry Quinn—Bobby Terrell.  
Lucybellie Lee—Barbara Bumgarner.  
Preston Hughes—Lewis Keener.  
Football Players—Tommy Farmer, Cecil Franklin, Astor Plemmons, Junior Dillard.

## Whittier Man Killed In Action



Mr. Coy Greenway of Whittier has received a message from the Navy stating that their son, Swift C. Greenway, MM 2-c, has been killed in action while in the service of his country. No details regarding the date nor place were given.

MM 2-c Greenway was 24 years old at the time of his death and had been in the service since July 22.

Formerly of Elberton, Ga., he graduated from the Rock Branch high school in 1938 and was a member of the Rock Branch Baptist church.

He is survived by his father and the following brothers and sisters; Charles Smith of Atlanta, Pfc. Carter Greenway, somewhere in the Pacific, Miss Babbie Greenway of Greenwood, S. C.; Betty and Rebecca, twin sisters who are in training at the Anderson County Hospital and Joe and Ann of Elberton, Ga.

At the time of his death Greenway was engaged to be married to Miss Maxine Reagan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Reagan, of Whittier.

## FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA TO BE GUEST OF CLEMSON COLLEGE

The Sylva chapter of the Future Farmers of America left Tuesday morning, May 22, via Franklin, Highlands and Walhalla for Clemson college where they were the guests of the college on that date.

Ray Cogdill of Cogdill Motor Co. furnished transportation for these boys.

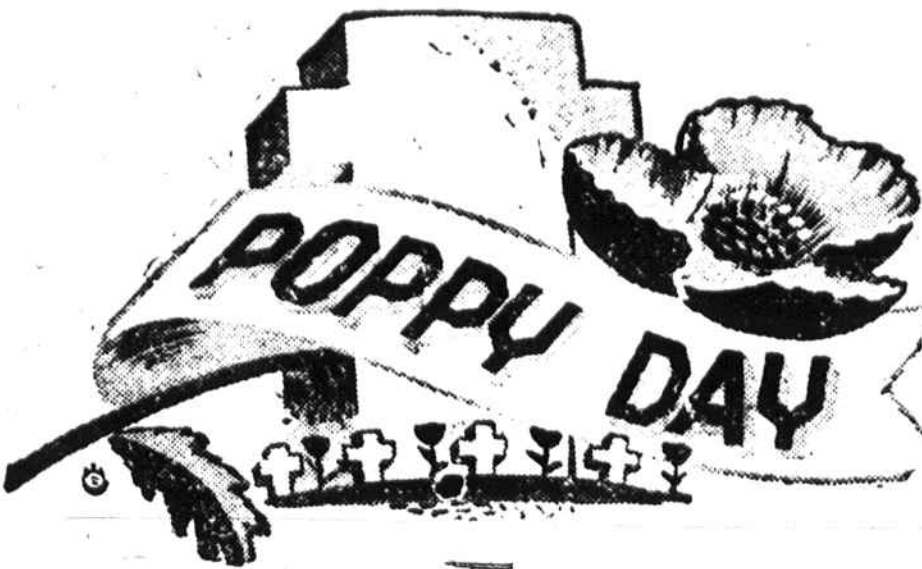
At Clemson College they were furnished a guide for the college grounds and were luncheon guests of 2,000 cadets. Their program included a visit to the college farm, dairy herd, beef cattle herd and hog barn where the boys bought breeding stock.

## UDC Recitation-Declamation Contest To Be Held Fri. Night

The annual recitation-declimation contest sponsored by the B. H. Cathey Chapter of the U. D. C., will be held at 8:30 Friday night in the Sylva elementary school auditorium.

At that time the four high schools of the county have been invited to compete for the Gertrude Dills McKee medals.

The public is most cordially invited to this contest.



In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved; and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe!  
To you, from falling hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high!  
If ye break faith with us who die,  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

John McCrae

## PRINCE PROMOTED TO GUNNER'S MATE 3-C

Houston Neal Prince, 22, Wolf Mountain, has been promoted to gunner's mate, third class, USNR.

Prince is attached to the Atlantic Fleet's Antiaircraft Training Center, Newport, R. I., as an instructor in antiaircraft gunnery.

His mother, Mrs. Ernest Prince, resides in Cowarts. Before entering the navy, Prince specialized in stock-farming.

## Hoopers Return After Liberation From Jap Prison

W. Carr Hooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Hooper of East La Port and his wife, the former Miss Ruth Williams of Fayetteville, Tenn. are back in Jackson County after having spent three and one-half years in the Santa Tomas prison camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Hooper went to the Philippine Islands thirteen years ago where Mr. Hooper was employed by the Government to teach English.

Seven years ago he became associated with the Singer Sewing Machine Co. as paymaster. He was a former principal of the Sylva Elementary school.

## Commencement Concert To Be Given At W. C. T. C.

W. C. T. C. will hold its annual commencement concert on Sunday evening May 28th at 8:30 in the Hoey Auditorium. Taking part will be the piano students of Miss Clara DeVane, violin pupils of Miss Rachel Rosenberger and the voice pupils of Mrs. Charles Gully.

## Jackson County Men Meet Somewhere In France



Sgt. William R. Sellers and Pvt. Roy D. Woodard believe it's a small world after all. They recently met in a hospital somewhere in France through the courtesy of the Red Cross.

Sgt. Sellers, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sellers, and the husband of the former Miss Fannie J. Moore, of Sylva entered the service in Dec., 1943, and received his training at Camp Shelby, Miss.

Pvt. Woodard, the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Woodard, of Norton and the husband of Mrs. Muriel Nations

## PFC. U. E. HENRY WOUNDED IN ITALY

Pfc. U. E. Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Henry, of Tuckaseegee was wounded in Italy April 29. He had been in the armed forces five years and overseas since last August, having served in North Africa, Sicily, Anzio Beach and Italy.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry have another son in service, Private David E. Henry, who has been in service three years and is now stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga. They also have two sons-in-law, Pfc. Alvin Wilson, serving with General Patton's army and Pvt. James L. Stafflebach, now serving in France.

## MRS. TEXAN QUEEN, 77, PASSES AT HOME OF DAUGHTER ON MAY 18

Mrs. Taxan Queen, 77, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Conley Cope, May 18, after a long illness. Funeral services were conducted at the home by the Rev. Nando Stevens and Oscar Beck. Burial was in the family cemetery on the head of North Fork.

She is survived by the following children; Mrs. Bessie Cope and Mrs. Mary Nelson of Sylva Rt. 1. — Mrs. Dorkey Cabe of Gay, Mrs. Laura DeHart of Bryson City, Mrs. Fannie Gates of Dillsboro, Mrs. Etta Fisher of Knoxville, Tenn., Mr. McKinley Queen of Gastonia, and Mr. Joe Queen of Balsam.

Cowpeas, soybeans, and velvet beans planted in corn will provide excellent grazing for the late fall.

## 3 Jackson Soldiers Return Home After Liberation From German Prisons

### Feed Wheat Bins Will Be Sold Saturday, May 26

D. C. Higdon, Chairman of Jackson County ACA, has announced that there will be no more Feed Wheat for sale in Jackson County and that the wheat bins will be sold at a public sale on Saturday, May 26th. These bins are located across from the City Hall and will be auctioned off to the highest bidder at 1:30 P. M. on the above date.

These bins are well-built, painted white and are in good condition and has a capacity of 900 bushels per bin. These bins can be used for grain, feed, chicken houses and storage houses. Mr. Higdon urges that all farmers who are interested in buying any of these bins be at the bin site by 1:00 P. M. on Saturday, May 26.

### Serves With Timberwolf Division In Germany



Pfc. Wymer Moss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Moss of Erastus is serving with 104th Timberwolf Division of the Engineers Corps in Germany.

Entering service in 1942 he received training in California, Oregon, and Arizona. Since going overseas ten months ago he has seen action in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

### PTA HOLDS LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR

Mrs. J. H. Gillis, president of the Sylva PTA, presided at the meeting held Tuesday afternoon. Two speakers were present. Mrs. Bradford D. Ansley, Southern Representative of the Campfire Girls from Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. McCracken, district nurse. Mrs. McCracken reported on the Pre-School clinic, thirty-four children were examined and given typhoid shots. Mrs. McCracken stressed the importance of health to the Pre-School Child.

Mrs. Ansley gave an interesting talk on the Character Building Program Provided for Campfire Girls.

After the meeting, Miss Henson, Home Economics teacher, invited the members and guests to come to the cafeteria for a social hour. The tea table, covered with a white cloth was centered with the punch bowl entwined with mountain laurel.

Miss Henson served the guests punch and cookies.

### Senior Class Of Pickens, S. C., Visiting In Western N. C.

Fifty high school boys and girls, members of the senior class of the Pickens high school are in Jackson county spending two days visiting places of interest.

They are the guests of Sunset Farm while here.

Mr. Joe Acker, Earl Morris, John Hyatt, Betty Dunham and Jerry Porter were in Sylva last week making arrangements for the trip.

The senior classes of the former years have been making a trip to Washington, D. C., but this year's class decided to visit Western North Carolina.

### MARK E. COGGINS S. 1-C HOME ON FURLOUGH

Mark E. Coggins, S. 1-c, is spending a twelve-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Coggins of Speedwell. S. Coggins is stationed at Norfolk, Va.

### Sorrells, Sutton And Haskett Are Visiting Relatives In Sylva

Pvt. David L. Sorrells, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sorrells, of Sylva arrived in Sylva Thursday, May 17, after spending seven months in a German Prison Camp.

Pvt. Sorrells entered service Dec. 10, 1943, and was sent overseas in July, 1944. He was first reported missing in action and later they received a message that he was a German prisoner. He was captured in Sept. but his parents did not learn where he was until December. He was released in April and upon landing in the States wired his parents that he had come a long way from Noman's land but had made it safely.

At the present time Pvt. Sorrells has gone to Roan Mountain, Tenn., to join his wife and family. He will return to Sylva during the latter part of the month.

Mr. and Mrs. Sorrells have two other sons in the service, Pvt. Wiley R. Sorrells, in Germany, and Pfc. Charlie A. Sorrells in the South Pacific.

Pvt. Marshall Sutton, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Sutton and husband of Mrs. Gladys Nations Sutton, who was recently released from a German Prison camp arrived home last week to visit his wife, parents and a son Henry.

Pvt. Sutton, who worked in a sawmill while a prisoner stated that he fared reasonably well. He entered service nearly three years ago and spent the greater part of this time in overseas duty. He took part in the North African campaign and in Sicily and Italy.

Pfc. James L. Haskett, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Haskett of Sylva has returned home after being liberated from the German Prison camp, Stalag 2 B, where he had been a prisoner since April of 1944.

Pfc. Haskett entered the service twenty eight months ago and was sent overseas sixteen months ago. He was taken prisoner on Anzio Beachhead and was first reported missing on Feb. 2, 1944. In April his parents were notified he was a prisoner of the German Government.

Pfc. Haskett's condition was reported fair, said that his treatment was reasonable with the exception of food. He will be at home for sixty days.

## JAPAN MOBILIZES 20 MILLION SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR WAR

Expecting greater blows against her homeland in the near future Japan has mobilized 20,000,000 students on a full war-time basis with the view of offsetting her losses suffered in the war thus far.

As Japan moved to combat an expected invasion, Tokyo reported that the government looked to resolution of its basic Chinese policy as the "key to overcoming the crisis" confronting the empire.

With 4,000,000 troops in China and other millions on the home islands yet to face our dough boys we can all see that victory over Japan is not going to be any picnic.

### William C. Ward Is Gunner's Mate On U. S. Destroyer

William C. Ward, 21, gunner's mate, third class, of Route 1, Whittier, has reported for duty on a destroyer of the Atlantic Fleet.

Although this is Ward's first duty on a Navy combat ship, he served in the Armed Guard crews of two merchant vessels in the Atlantic area.

Keeping his ship's main batteries ready for action and helping fire them during battle are the sailor's duties.

After entering the Navy early in 1943, Ward took recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Md., before joining the Armed Guard. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. George Ward, also of Whittier.