

# U. S. Develops World's Most Destructive Bomb

## Smoky Mountain District Court Of Honor Held In Franklin

The Smoky Mountain District, Daniel Boone Council Boy Scout Court of Honor was held Monday evening, August 6, 1945, at the Methodist church in Franklin.

John F. Corbin of Sylva, District Advancement Chairman, presided. Philip Jones was court clerk. Chas. Stillwell led the pledge to the flag. The Tenderfoot Candlelight Investiture ceremony was conducted by Francis V. Smith, Assistant Scout executive of Asheville.

The following Sylva Scouts received awards: Tenderfoot, Allen F. Jones, Second Class, Mack Monteith and Charles Cagle. First Class, Derel Monteith.

Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, Franklin, District Chairman, presented Merit Badges to the following Scouts of Troop 1, Sylva: Walter Allison Jones, Conservation, Reptile Study, Life Saving, Camping, Animal Industry, First Aid to Animals; Philip Jones, Camping, Life Saving, Pathfinding and Reptile Study; James Madison, Athletics, First Aid, Life Saving, Swimming, Personal Health, Public Health, Archery; Jack Hennessee, Athletics, Life Saving, Personal Health, Public Health; Charles Stillwell, Athletics; Carroll Ashe, First Aid to Animals; Boyd Sutton, First Aid, Athletics, Personal Health, Safety; Ray Davis, Hiking, Safety; Frank M. Crawford, Jr., Public Health, Safety, Cycling; John Robinson, Hiking Safety; Chas. Cope, Wood-carving; Robert Quigley, Safety.

The next court of honor will be held in Sylva Monday P. M., Sept. 3. At this court two scouts of Troop 1, Sylva will be awarded the Eagle rank, the highest award in scouting and the public is cordially invited to attend this ceremony.

## New Forestry District Will Have Offices In Sylva

It has been announced that a new district will be added to the State Forestry service with headquarters in Sylva. This office will be located in Lloyd Hotel and will be opened around the middle of the month.

Mr. Mack Ashe will be the District Ranger and the District Forester will be named at a later date. This district will encompass eight western counties, those being Haywood, Transylvania, Jackson, Macon, Swain, Cherokee, Clay and Graham.

## Sylva Dance Team Defeated By Green River

Although the Sylva Dance Team received the largest ovation of the four dance teams that participated in the Mountain Dance Folk Festival held in Asheville Thursday night, they were defeated by the Green River team for honors to complete the following night. Photographers and news reporters congratulated the team as one of the best square dancers on the floor, and were amazed when told the Sylva team had only gone through one practice, before the contest night.

## St. John's High School Will Be Continued

WAYNESVILLE — In answer to numerous requests, St. John's High School will be continued, it was announced by Rev. A. F. Rohrer, Superintendent. The continuance of the parochial high school has been made possible owing to the generous donation of all the teachers' salaries by the Rev. Mother Mary Bartholomew, Superior-General of the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi.

St. John's High School is accredited with the North Carolina State Board of Education.

## Jackson County Men Accepted For Service During July

The following men from Jackson county were accepted for service during July:

**ARMY—**  
George Aberham Teague  
Lenoir Clamon Wilson, Jr.  
John Richard Bradley  
Billy Joe Sharpe  
Joe Tucker Evans  
Harvey Crawford Powell  
General Fillmore Stepp  
Alvin Franklin Bradburn  
R. L. Williams  
Leighton Allison Moss  
Wayne Jamison.

**NAVY—**  
Charlie Alexander Hooper.

## Jackson County Men Meet In Belgium Cafe

Two Jackson county men, who were in the same Division but different companies, recently met in a cafe in Belgium.

Pvt. Adam Justice, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Justice, of Sylva happened to mention his home town and the soldier standing near him immediately introduced himself as Pvt. Neut Dills, son of Anzil Dills, also of Sylva.

The soldiers are both serving with the 82nd Airborne Division, Pvt. Justice with Co. E; Pvt. Dills with Co. A.

## Pfc. Harry H. Brown Now Stationed At Camp Arles France

After serving ten months in the European Theatre, Pfc. Harry H. Brown, son of Mr. Thad R. Brown, of Cowarts, has reported to Camp Arles, France, redeployment camp of the Pacific Theatre. This camp is situated near the Mediterranean port of Marseilles and has a capacity of 106,000 soldiers.

## Very Rev. Dr. H. Motry To Conduct 3-Day Mission

WAYNESVILLE — The Very Rev. Dr. H. Louis Motry, dean of the Church Law School, Catholic University, Washington, D. C., will conduct a three-day mission at St. John's Church, Waynesville, Sunday through Tuesday, Aug. 12-14, and at St. Joseph's Church, Bryson City, Friday through Sunday, August 17-19.

## C. C. Buchanan Goes To Washington To Appear Before Army Court in Behalf Of Cpl. Thur. Laws Charged With Murder

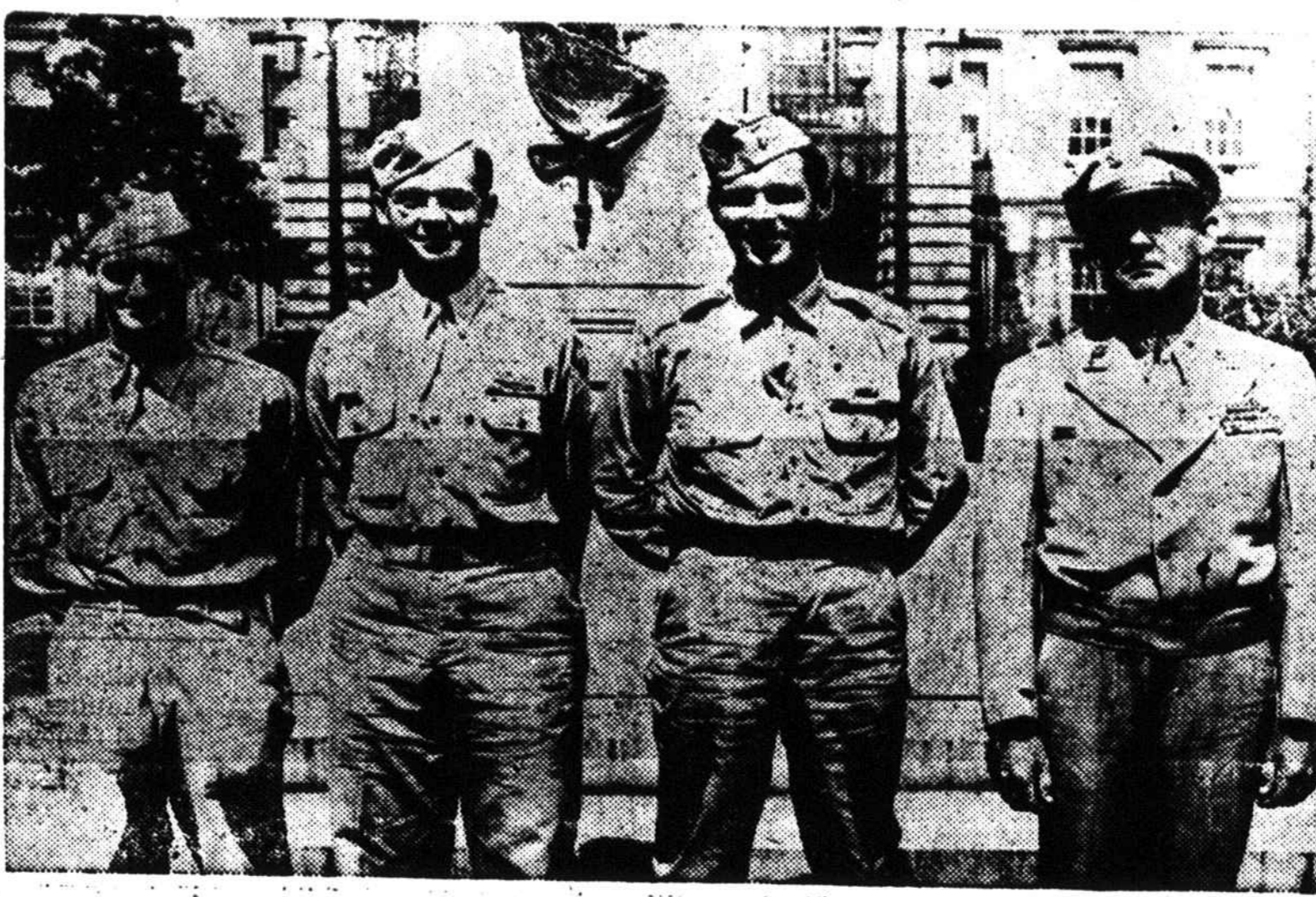
Mr. Corsey C. Buchanan, local attorney, left Sylva Monday for Washington to appear before Myron C. Cramer, Major General of the Advocate General office of the United States Army on behalf of Cpl. Thurman E. Laws, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Laws, of Wilmore, this county, who has been sentenced to be shot by an Army court on a charge of murder.

Cpl. Laws was tried June 28 before board of seven members sitting as general court martial at Kingman, Arizona, three days after the supposed murder is said to have taken place and sentenced to be executed before an army firing squad. The case was then heard by a board in California and another in Texas before being sent to Washington. The two latter boards sustained the sentence of the first board.

The evidence in the case should vindicate Laws and the great volume of material Mr. Buchanan has taken to Washington should convince the court that Laws should not be convicted of cold blood murder.

The killing took place in Kingman, Arizona, on June 25 where Cpl. Laws is stationed at King-

## Veterans on 1,500-Mile "Wood for War" Tour



Four members of the Army's "Wood for War" Combat Team who are touring North Carolina through August and early September to seek increased production of pulpwood and lumber. Left to right, they are: Pfc. Robert R. Hilliard; S/Sgt. W. O. Hoad, wounded four times in the fighting against the Germans and holder of Presidential Unit Citation and Purple Heart with three clusters; Lt. Thomas M. Mitchell, veteran and parachutist who fought for 14 months in Italy, and at Anzio and Salerno and who holds the Purple Heart and Presidential Unit Citation; S/Sgt. Harry W. Crocker, survivor of 3 years Jap imprisonment, who holds the Bronze Star Medal, Liberation Medal with Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Presidential Unit Citation.

## JACKSON SCHOOLS TO OPEN AUGUST 23RD

Jackson county school board met Monday and set the date for the opening of all county school on Monday, Aug. 23, according to an announcement by superintendent of schools Adam Moses. The teacher list for the schools has not been completed and will be released, probably next week, Mr. Moses said.

## Pfc. Max Clayton Wins Second Battle Star

Pfc. Max Clayton, 19, a radio man with the 32nd Infantry Regiment has just added a second battle star to his Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, with the completion of the Okinawa Campaign. He has participated in the Leyte and Okinawa operations with the 7th Division.

Clayton also wears the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, with two battle stars and the Combat Infantry Badge. His home is in Sylva.

## Army's "Wood For War" Motorcade Coming 28th

### Death Claims Mrs. John L. Jones Of Addie

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, August 5th, at the Addie Baptist church for Mrs. John L. Jones who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harley Shuler of Webster, August 3. Mrs. Jones had been ill for a long time. The Rev. Robert Parris was in charge of the services.

Mrs. Jones was a member of the Addie Baptist church. Her husband, the late John L. Jones preceded her in death four years ago. She is survived by eight sons, Lon, Ern, and Roy of Addie, Richard of Darrington, Wash., Francis of the U. S. Navy, stationed in Jacksonville, Fla. and J. V., Charlie and Hal of Detroit, Mich., and two daughters, Mrs. Harlie Shuler of Webster and Mrs. B. E. Parris of Beta.

## Felix E. Picklesimer Returns To Position At Postoffice

Felix E. Picklesimer has returned to his old position at the post office after three years' service in the U. S. Navy. Four and a half months of this time was spent overseas in England and Scotland. Mr. Picklesimer has received his discharge and held the rating MAM 1-c at the termination of his service.

## Upper Dis. Singing Convention to Meet At Hamburg

The Jackson County Singing Convention of the Upper district will meet with the Hamburg Baptist church at 2 o'clock on the second Sunday in August. All singers are invited to attend this meeting.

## Pfc. Monroe Wilson Awarded Five Battle Stars

Pfc. Monroe L. Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilson, of Gay has been awarded five Battle stars. He also holds the good conduct medal and the ETO Ribbon.

## East LaPorte Cemetery To Observe Decoration Day

It has been announced that the annual grave yard decoration will be held at East LaPorte Sunday, August 12. Mr. Hugh Monteith of There will be no picnic lunch served.

The Army's "Wood for War" motorcade under the command of Lt. Joseph H. Mitchell, veteran parachutist, with six wounded fighting men who have just returned from European and Pacific Battlefronts, will reach Sylva on Tuesday, August 28th.

The motorcade is on a 1,500 mile tour of North Carolina's wood producing areas for the purpose of bringing to the farmers and workers in the woods and the mills a message of appreciation to those who have been responsible for North Carolina's tremendous production of pulpwood and saw logs during the past year. Lt. Mitchell said he hoped that the direct message from the motorcade's combat veterans would influence a number of workers who have not been carrying their share of the production load to stay on the job and get out the urgently needed lumber and pulpwood products.

While in Sylva and vicinity the motorcade will visit woods and mill operations where walk-throughs, assemblies or community rallies will be held. If a night meeting is held the War Department's special combat film, "San Pietro", will be shown.

The veterans traveling with the motorcade have all been in the thick of the fighting in Europe and the Pacific and wear many decorations for gallantry in action. Lt. Mitchell holds the Purple Heart, European Theatre Ribbon with two stars and the Presidential Unit citation for assault landing on the beaches at Anzio. He fought in Sicily and Italy for 14 months where he served with the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

The motorcade is a fully equipped field unit with staff car and sound truck equipped with motion picture projector and loud speaker facilities. Mr. Robert Patterson, the Undersecretary of War, authorized the 1,500 mile tour at the (Continued on page 8)

## Cpl. Ray B. Ashe Home On Furlough

Cpl. Ray B. Ashe, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Walter Ashe, of Sylva, left August 5th after spending a week's furlough at home. He was called home due to the illness and death of his grandmother, Mrs. Amanda Jackson.

Cpl. Ashe is stationed at the Columbia Air Base, Columbia, S. C. and is specializing in Radar. He has been in service for the past seventeen months.

## REVERBERATIONS OF BOMB FELT OVER WIDE AREA

A blinding blast followed within 40 seconds by a shuddering explosion that sent a huge multi-colored cloud roaring upward to an altitude of 40,000 feet and caused reverberations felt for a 25-mile radius across New Mexico and Arizona marked the first test of the new destructive atomic bomb, conducted July 16 at a remote location on the Alamogordo, N. M., army air base.

The steel tower which held the bomb was melted and turned into vapor by the blast, and in the earth of the remote New Mexico desert test ground a deep crater "was gouged."

"This is it!" As winds dispersed the mass that had shot into the stratosphere in five minutes, and the tremendous pressure wave that knocked down two men standing five miles away passed over, the scientists and military authorities whispered, "this is it." They said the test of their \$2,000,000,000 experiment was successful beyond all hope.

They had observed the test from 10 miles. In disclosing details of the bomb which hit Japan for the first time today, the army quoted them today as seeing a ball of fire many times brighter than the mid-day sun.

The brilliant flash startled a blind girl, Miss Georgia Green, 120 miles away, and she asked "what's that?" Windows rattled at Gallup, N. M., 250 miles northwest.

"It was just like the sun had come up and then suddenly gone down again," one witness 150 miles west remarked.

Face Relaxes In Relief In the control center, Dr. James B. Conant, president of Harvard university, and J. R. Oppenheimer, director of the atomic laboratory, stared ahead in the long seconds before the blast.

When the announcer shouted "now!" and there came a burst of (Continued on page 4)

## Local C. A. P. To Be Reorganized

Johnny Watson, instructor at the Airport has announced that the local C. A. P. unit is to be reorganized. Lack of interest up until this time has kept the unit from functioning properly, and it has been further announced that if the organization becomes an active one more needed material will be available; such as radio, air craft parts, and other things.

The C. A. P. is still open for applications and it is urgently requested that interest be kept alive in this important program. Applicants between the age of 16-65 will be accepted.

The C. A. P., an auxiliary of the army, was begun in 1940 and active members are under army regulations and entitled to wear uniforms and identification insignia.

## Charles Reed, Jr. Undergoes Operation At Mission Hospital

Charles Reed, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reed of Sylva has recently undergone an operation on his leg at the Mission Hospital in Asheville. Mrs. Reed accompanied Charles and will remain with him during his convalescence. Reports are that he is making satisfactory progress.

## Lions Club Will Observe Ladies' Night

The Sylva Lions Club will observe Ladies' Night Wednesday, August 15th, on the lawn of the Scott's Creek Baptist church. The event will be in the form of a picnic served by the members of the Young Woman's Circle of the Woman's Missionary Society. The wives and friends of the Lions will be guests.

## JAPAN HIT WITH NEW MISSEL FIRST TIME SUNDAY MORNING

### New Bomb Said To Be 2,000 Times More Destructive Than Blockbuster

The mystery surrounding the purpose of the huge project at Clinton, Tenn., was lifted Monday when President Harry Truman announced that on Sunday morning American airmen dropped terrifying new atomic bombs on Hiroshima transportation center of Japan, the bombs having been manufactured at the Clinton plant.

The president, in making his announcement on Board the United States Cruiser Augusta which is bringing him home from his Big Three meeting in Germany, said that "we have just dropped a bomb on Japan which has more power than 20,000 tons of TNT. It was an overwhelming success." He made this remark to the officers of the ship, and then proceeded on about the ship-telling members of the crew of bomb.

His official statement was later issued through the White House at 11 A. M. Eastern War Time Monday. He said the first atomic bomb, invented and perfected in the United States, had been dropped on the Japanese army base of Hiroshima.

That one bomb alone carried a wholly more violent than 2,000 B-29 Superfortresses normally could hand an enemy city, using old type TNT bombs.

ONLY A BEGINNING And bombs of this type are only a beginning. Mr. Truman said that while these are now in production "even more powerful forms are in development."

Initial reports on the dreadful power of the atomic explosive came from Los Alamos, N. M., where it was tested July 16. A steel tower holding the test model was vaporized when it went off. A great crater was torn in the earth. Windows rattled 250 miles away and forest rang 150 miles away thought there had been an earthquake. A brilliant light flamed over the whole landscape.

The War Department began experiments on the new weapon over three years ago when it started the huge project at Clinton, Tenn., where now 125,000 people are busily engaged in producing the weapon. The Clinton project had been shrouded in mystery until the President's announcement Monday. Now even the workmen in the plant knew fully what was being produced.

## Many Jackson People Working At Oak Ridge

Jackson county has helped create the new and vital force that has been released for use, the atomic bomb whose secret was revealed to an amazed world for the first time Monday afternoon.

Since the early days of 1942 when the building of this town, which was to house this tremendous secret, began, workers from Jackson county began to migrate to this project and the growth in numbers has been steady since that time. All departments, from construction units to clerical workers, are represented. Speculation as to the product has ranged from every thing from war weapons to post war articles and the new force is yet too young for its full significance to be known.

Perhaps with the coming of peace Jackson county workers can help turn this new force into the channels of constructive workmanship and away from the purposes for which it was discovered.

## Major Carl Byrd Fisher Returns To Robbins Field

Major Carl Byrd Fisher has returned to Robbins Field, Ga., after visiting First Sgt. and Mrs. J. O. Fisher at their home for the past ten days.