

With this issue of The Herald we bring our readers the first of a series of special issues to be published consecutively over a period of weeks emphasizing the plans now laid and the immediate possibilities for a greater expansion along all business, industrial and agricultural lines in Sylva and Jackson county. We will also give a summarized review of the growth and develop-

ments of our town and county, carrying you back to the county's organization in 1851. As was announced three weeks ago the publishers of The Herald planned to publish one large issue of the above coverage. The following week the world-shocking announcement of the dropping of the deadly atomic bomb on Japan was made, resulting in the quick surren-

der of the enemy. At this time most of the material for the issue was collected and ready for the press, but the fast changing of world events necessarily caused revision of the copy. This, together with the prevailing shortage of help, especially in the printing industry, resulted in a change of publishing a series of issues rather than one single issue. In this way we

will be able to give our readers a bigger and better coverage of Sylva and Jackson county. To those who have already reserved and paid for extra copies of the special issue, a copy of each in the series will be available at The Herald office, as was first planned. Others may make request for the special issues either by mail or by calling at The Herald office.



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## Sylva Has Bright Postwar Outlook

### Tuesday Noon Closing Hours Ended This Week

After this week you won't have to go without milk, bread and some of the other groceries on Wednesday morning because you forgot that the stores closed at 12 o'clock on Tuesdays. The four summer month period of closing for half-day on Tuesday ended with Aug. 28th. All the stores in Sylva co-operated fully in the closing agreement and are ending it the same way. The idea of the closing came back in War years when it was thought many employees could take the extra half-day for making a victory garden. Many did do that, but a greater majority used it for recreation and rest for which they cannot be blamed as long hours in the stores is tiresome.

Everyone will welcome the end of the closing period as a certain amount of inconvenience was experienced. Rural people will especially welcome the change as many times it was necessary for them to have certain items from the hardware or other stores in order to keep their farm work going. Traveling men who hit a town at noon on closing days were inconvenienced. They, however, tried to work out a schedule to avoid that.

After this week Sylva stores will be open all day every Tuesday.

### LIONS SPONSOR DRIVE FOR FUNDS FOR ATHLETIC EQUIP.

Mr. Frank Crawford, president of the Sylva Lions Club, has announced a public meeting to be held in the Sylva High School Gym Friday night, Aug. 31 at 8 o'clock for the purpose of discussing plans for raising funds with which to buy athletic equipment for the school. The Lions club is sponsoring the drive to raise the money.

All persons that are interested in seeing good clean sports come back to our town, please be present. We are asking all those connected with the Old Smoky Mountain Association to be present if possible.

### MANY CARS FROM OUT OF STATE NOTICED ON SYLVA STREETS NOW

Sylva streets have changed since gasoline ration has gone. Instead of the continuous line of North Carolina cars on both sides of the street we now find other states take their places as they used to do. Many cars from Florida, Ohio, Alabama, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, and other states have again begun to roll up and down our fair city.

This means tourist have chosen this section of the state to spend their vacation. Tourist homes are full every night and some were turned away during the week-end.

Sylva has begun to have a post-war look. There are more lights at night, on Sunday our visitors can now get meals at any of our restaurants, which were filled to capacity this past week-end, and the war worn look has left the faces of her citizens. An up and coming town is once again taking her place as a brighter star in the Western part of North Carolina.

A second cooperative shipment of lambs brought 100 Alleghany County farmers \$11,019.44.

BIG STREET DANCE CLIMAX TO SYLVA'S CELEBRATION OF JAP SURRENDER



This picture gives you some idea of the large, joyous and jubilant crowd that gathered on the streets of Sylva Tuesday night, August 14, to celebrate the news of Japan's surrender. The city was packed with people, men, women and children. Traffic was suspended for a block on Main street while the dance was in progress which lasted for several hours. Everyone was happy that the war had ended and that the boys would be coming home again to stay. The crowd was orderly and well behaved.

### W.C.T.C Offers Special Course To Aid Students

In view of the growing demands within the area served by Western Carolina Teachers College to provide a special training school next summer for high school students who will lack not more than one unit to complete their requirements for graduation from the twelve year school course, the college is making definite plans to provide a program to meet such needs. In so doing the college offers its facilities by providing teachers from the college training school who holds Masters degrees in their particular field and are thoroughly familiar with the courses in which the high school student will wish to enroll.

This institute for high school course will be given at the college during June and July at the time when the regular college summer school will be in session, it was announced by Dean W. E. Bird, director of the summer school and of the institute for the high school students.

Provisions have been made for the high school students to stay on the campus in dormitories which will be in charge of men or women adequately trained to assist young people in getting adjusted to living in the College community.

Before a boy and girl may enroll in the institute, he must have secured the full approval of his principal or superintendents, Dean Bird, pointed out.

A minimum of six weeks will be required to complete one unit of work. If a student wishes to take two units, he will continue with an additional six weeks term, provided the demand is sufficient to warrant the College's operating the second six weeks session.

High school courses to be offered will include units in every field except in that science and home economics, both of which require more time for laboratory work than the six weeks term will al-

low. The announcement being made now particularly for the consideration of principals and superintendents who may find the plan helpful in arranging students schedules for the year and from whom Dean Bird would appreciate getting approximate numbers of students who are interested in attending the institute as well as the particular courses they wish to take.

### ENSLEY RESIGNS FEDERATION HEAD TO ENTER BUSINESS

Fred Cope Named New Manager, Has Been Asst. Manager Since May

Mr. Vearle Ensley, manager of the Sylva Farmers Federation store for the past five years, has resigned, effective September 1st, to enter private business. Mr. Fred Cope, assistant manager of the local store since May of this year, has been made manager of the store, according to officials of the Federation in Asheville.

Mr. Ensley has been very popular with the farmers and other citizens of the county which has resulted in rapid growth of the business here. He is leaving to be associated with his uncle, Shirley Ensley, in the grocery business. They have operated a grocery store on Cullowhee road for some months and the business has grown until one could not take care of it. Mr. Ensley will now give all his time to their store.

Mr. Cope came to Sylva from the Lenoir store in May. He was formerly with the Bryson City store and has considerable experience in the grocery and feed business.

### Honorable Discharge Given Cpl. Keener

Cpl. Clyde Keener of Franklin has received an honorable medical discharge from the army at Fort Bragg. A veteran of four years service, he served 43 months in the Pacific theater.

He holds the Pacific theater ribbon with three battle stars, good conduct medal and the Purple Heart.

He is now with his wife, the former Miss Halloween Stephens at Cowarts.

### Bumgarner Brothers Spend Furloughs At Home

Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Bumgarner of Wilmot, have been visiting at home after returning from several months overseas duty.

Pfc. Garsie Bumgarner spent 18 months in the European theater. He took part in D-Day invasion and for eleven months fought thru battle with being wounded. After thirty days at home, he reported to Fort Bragg and has been sent to Camp Butler, Durham.

Robert Bumgarner, S. 1-c, is now spending 32 days with his parents after 11 months foreign duty. He will report to Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 28. S. Bumgarner has in the U. S. Navy since April, 1944.

### Pfc. Ted Fincannon Receives Honorable Discharge

Pfc. Ted Fincannon, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Fincannon of Sylva has recently received an honorable discharge from the armed forces and is at home here with his wife and small son.

Pfc. Fincannon entered service Dec. 1943 and served eight months overseas with the 80th Division of the Infantry. He was stationed in France and Germany. He received his training at Camp Blanding, Fla.

Returning to the states several months ago, Pfc. Fincannon, was sent to the Beatty Hospital in Rome, Ga., for medical treatment and received his discharge from Welch Hospital at Daytona, Fla.

### Lt. Jesse Dillard, Jr., Becomes Member Of Famed "Caterpillar" Club

Lt. Jesse L. Dillard, Jr., has become an accepted member of the famed "Caterpillar" club, an organization whose membership is made up of those men whose lives were spared because of an emergency parachute jump from an aircraft.

Lt. Dillard and members of his crew parachuted to safety May 15, 1945 when the plane in which they were flying developed trouble. Enlisting in the air corp in April 1942, Lt. Dillard received his training at Maxwell Field, Ala., Gunter Field, Ala., and Helener, Ark. He received his wings and commission from Napier Field, Ala., in April 1943 and at the present time is stationed on the Marianna Islands. He was sent overseas in April of this year.

His wife, the former Miss Mary Gaylor and young daughter are living with Mrs. Dillard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gaylor.

### Convention To Meet At Glenville Sept 9

Announcement has been made by R. E. Moss, Sec. and Treas. of the Tri-State Singing Convention that the meeting will be held Sunday, Sept 9th at Glenville.

All quartets, songs leaders and singers are cordially invited to attend the singing and the dinner.

### Accepts Position With Farm Security

Miss Susie Belle Tatum who formerly taught in the Burlington High school has accepted a position as clerk and typist with the Farm Security Board of Sylva.

### EXPANSION STARTED BEFORE WAR ENDED, MUCH CONSTRUCTION PLANNED IN CITY

#### HOUSES ARE NEEDED

The postwar future for Sylva is very bright a survey of the city recently revealed. A number of modern business buildings are planned for Main street, modernization and expansion of present buildings and the opening of new businesses leads the parade back to peacetime business. Even before Japan gave up and quit Sylva was experiencing a healthy expansion. Several new business places had opened in readiness for the coming of peace.

The town and county expect no unemployment problem as our main industrial plants will not have to go through a long period of reconversion. They can go from supplying war material right into supplying private business. However, the government will need paper and paper products for some time to come in supplying our men who are still overseas and other War and Navy department needs. Government agencies say that pulpwood is still on the demand list and will be needed in great quantities for some time.

#### FAIR TRADE CENTER

As a trade center Sylva heads the list of the smaller towns. The large number of modern, up-to-date stores carrying almost all kinds of merchandise, provides the shoppers everything they want and need for home, farm and business. Sylva has more men handling the various makes of automobiles than any other small town. Each one of these dealers have a large stock of auto parts and accessories. They have been providing these parts all during the war. Now that peace has brought new cars and more supplies they are ready to take care of the automobile and truck owners.

With the ending of hostilities new electrical appliances and supplies were made available to the public as fast as production can supply them. A new firm for handling these appliances and supplies has already opened and others firms plan to stock them. The town is to have a new Good-year Rubber store. A new lumber and building supply house is to open soon. Gas stations closed during the war are reopening and all business places are getting in more new merchandise.

The fall business boom is about to open with Sylva leading the return to peace with more merchandise.

### Pre Session Conference To Be Held At W. C. T. C. Sept. 5-6-7-8

Using the theme, "Raising social standards of living on the College Campus", the eleventh Pre-session conference of W. C. T. C. has been set for Sept. 5, 6, 7, 8.

Thirty students and faculty members will participate in these meetings. The session will be devoted to two meeting each day, a morning meeting and an afternoon meeting.

Opening will be Wednesday evening with Dean W. E. Bird presiding. Thurs. morning, Presidents of organizations and Carolyn Blankenship, presiding; Thursday afternoon, Hazel Morgan, presiding; Friday morning, L. E. Halliburton, and Phyllis Dillard, presiding, Friday evening, Bill Flack, presiding; Saturday morning, Carolyn Blankenship presiding and will conclude with Dr. T. Hunter presiding over the Sunday night program.

### Sylva School Enrollment Is 667 Students

The Sylva school opened August 23rd with a total enrollment of 667 students, 360 of this number in the High school and 307 in the Elementary Department. Last years total enrollment at the close of school showed a figure of 735.

W. H. Crawford, new principal of the Sylva High school, states that the prospect for a football team and athletic program this year is unusually good, and that he is well pleased with the cooperative spirit he has found among the students. He anticipates an excellent school year.

### CHIEF MIDDLETON ON LEAVE, DAVIS ACTING CHIEF

Griffin Middleton, popular police chief of the town of Sylva for the past five years, has been granted a leave of absence by the town board to take a position as carrier on a rural mail route. The leave is only temporary at present. Mr. Don Davis, who has been serving as night police, has been made acting chief and is now on duty during the day. Mr. Bart Cope, in charge of streets and water, has been named night police. The changes became effective last week.

The town board has been considering adding an extra man to the force for some time but have taken no official action.

### Sol Schulman Returns From New York

Sol Schulman who was called to New York two weeks ago, due to the illness of his father, Mr. I. H. Schulman, has returned. He reports his father's condition as much improved.

### Pvt. Charles D. Stephens Reports To Fort Meade, Md.

Pvt. Charles D. Stephens has reported to Fort Meade, Md., for further assignment after spending a ten-day furlough with his wife and small daughter.

Mrs. Stephens, the former Miss Mary Katherine McClure, has moved to Waynesville where she will make her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McClure, until her husband returns. She holds a position with the American Enka Corp.

### Capt. John R. Irvin Returns To States



Capt. John R. Irvin arrived in New York August 24 after being in the 33rd Station Hospital in England and France for two years and nine months. He is a graduate of Davidson and Southern Dental College and volunteered for service in July, 1942. He is the son of Mrs. Oris Wolman of Sylva. His wife Mrs. Mary Irvin resides in Atlanta, Ga.