

## Veterans Of Two Wars March In Armistice Parade

### FORMER JACKSON GIRL NOW ACTING AS COURT REPORTER IN WAR CRIMINAL COURT

Miss Gladys Picklesimer, former Jackson county girl, is at the present time a court reporter for the War Criminal Courts at Neurnburg, Germany. She is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Picklesimer of this county and a sister to Mrs. Claude of Sylva. Until her recent assignment Miss Picklesimer had been employed in Washington for the past five years as a conference reporter, the majority of her work, having been connected with the War Labor board. She left Washington about the middle of October and writes in part to her sister.

"To begin with the trip over, there was twenty-three of us in the crowd I was with, and we were in a 50 passenger plane, very luxurious, I assure you. We stopped in Bermuda and the Azores, and the trip from Washington to Paris took about twenty-four hours. It really was nice. We stayed in Paris about three days—didn't have much time to do any sight-seeing, but did a little—and then we came on to Neurnburg, also by plane.

We stayed at the Grand Hotel here—the only hotel left standing—for about five days and then were billeted out in a home. There are several girls in the house I am in, but it is a very large home. I was surprised at the wonderful accommodations we have. I never expected anything so nice. We have plenty of steam heat, hot water and MAID SERVICE, and I mean service. The houses the Americans are staying in are homes of Germans who have put out. There isn't left standing here except in the residential sections, some of the nicer homes weren't bombed, and that is where the War Crimes Commission people stay. We have our meals at the Grand Hotel, and they are very good, too. We have car service when we want to get some place. Actually, they have done everything humanly possible to make the people comfortable who have come over here. "I have seen some interesting things, most of which I will wait and tell you about. I am not at all sorry that I came. As a matter of fact, everything is much better than I had expected. So far the weather hasn't been cold at all. Yesterday I spent all day sight-seeing. There isn't too much left here to see except the ruins, but it must have been a beautiful place before the war. Everything is just simply flat now. You can't imagine what it looks like unless you could see it.

"As far as the work goes, there is a lot of it, but it is very interesting. So far I haven't seen many of the top criminals, as the big trial hasn't started yet. We are now having preliminary interrogations of mostly witnesses prior to the trial. However, we have had Goering, Hans Frank, Von Ribbentrop, Alfred Rosenberg and some others."

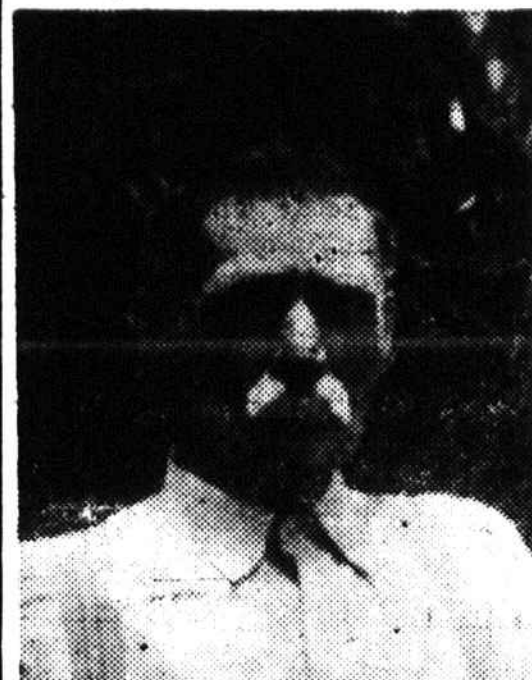
### Future Farmers Can 700 Cans Sauer Kraut

The two Future Farmers of America Chapters in the County, one at Sylva and one Cullowhee, has just completed canning 700 cans of sauer kraut to be shipped to the needy people of Europe. This was done in a cooperative effort to build a brotherly feeling between all men. Every F. F. A. in America canned ten or more cans of produce for this purpose. The boys generally grew the food, furnished the tin cans, collected the produce, assembled the necessary equipment used sanitary pressure approved methods and not a single feminine person was on the grounds.

### MELTON INFANT DIES

Graveside rites for Barbara Jean Melton, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Melton, of Sylva were held Thursday, Nov. 1, at the Keener cemetery. Besides her parents, a sister, Mary Jane, survives.

### JOHN B. LONG, 94, CLAIMED BY DEATH



Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 3rd at Cullowhee, for John B. Long, 94, who died at his home Nov. 1st. The Rev. B. S. Hensley conducted the rites.

Pall bearers were Ben Lee Long, Glenn Long, John Wesley Long, Bruce McCall, Fred Henson and Howard Dills.

"Uncle" John as he was affectionately called by his friends at Cullowhee was born January 13, 1851. He had been sick for the past two years, his illness becoming critical three months ago. He was married to Louise Hooper of Tuckaseegee in 1878 and three sons were born to this union, all of whom are surviving. They are J. C. Long of Cullowhee, Jim Long of Gastonia and Poley Long of East La Porte. He is survived by nineteen grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

"Uncle" John was one of the oldest pioneers of the Cullowhee section and a much loved and respected friend and neighbor. His home was always open to his friends and he almost felt insulted if they refused to eat the coming meal with him. People passing his home found it unusual if he was not seen somewhere along the way. In fact his longest vacation in his 94 years of living was three nights away from home.

Rev. Fred Forester, former pastor of the Baptist church was a frequent visitor at the Long home and "Uncle" John openly expressed to him that he has accepted Christ as his personal Saviour and was ready to go when the Lord saw fit to call. He had expressed a desire to be baptized but ill health had made this impossible.

His friends and neighbors will miss this "Good Samaritan" friend, and extend to the family all comfort in their bereavement.

### Correction

In a news article last week, the rating of S. Sgt. James C. Cannon was inadvertently put as Pic. 1. Herald regrets this error.

### Dr. Henry Leon Cox Visits Mother At Home

Dr. Henry Leon Cox of the Chicago Corn Products Co., son of the late Thomas A. Cox and Mrs. Cox has been visiting his mother for several days at their home, "Forest Hills", Cullowhee. Also Miss Katherine E. Cox of the Laboratory of Hygiene for the State of West Virginia and Mrs. George C. Cox recently spent a few days with their mother, returning to Charleston, W. Va., last week.

### CAROLINE RHODES KILLED IN PLANE CRASH IN ITALY

Word has just been received of the death of Caroline Rhodes on Nov. 6th, in a plane crash over Italy.

Miss Rhodes, a native of Eastern Carolina came to Jackson county with her family some few years ago to make her home. She was a daughter of the late Prof. and Mrs. W. H. Rhodes and was a graduate of the 1928 class of the Sylva High school and attended Greensboro College, Greensboro, N. C. After finishing her college work she was employed in Raleigh, N. C. and with the Kelvinator Company in Atlanta. She had been with the American Red Cross in Europe for the past months and was stationed in Germany. As far as can be learned at this time, Miss Rhodes had gone to Italy on a vacation when the crash which claimed her life occurred. No further details are available at this time.

She is survived by a sister, Mrs. R. L. Patrick of Atlanta, Ga. and one brother, Leland Rhodes of Raleigh, N. C.

### BIG BEAR KILLED BY STATE OFFICIAL

Raleigh, Nov. 10—John G. Harris killed the largest bear ever taken in Eastern North Carolina last week, according to Frank Meacham, State Museum zoologist.

Harris, an official of the Unemployment Compensation Commission killed the black bear, which weighed 406 pounds, on his farm near Fairfield in Hyde County.

In reporting the kill, Harris said that a full load of double-0 buckshot in the bear's head from a distance of about eight feet failed to stop him, and he "calmly used his right pay to wipe the blood away." A second shot, however, killed him instantly.

### WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA EXPECTS TOURIST BUSINESS TO REACH NEW HIGH NEXT YEAR

The Western North Carolina area, in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, is widely known as "the land of the sky" and is recognized as a principal tourist center in the Southwest.

The Chamber of Commerce, the travel bureaus and passenger traffic officials in all sections of the country are literally deluged with requests for information about tours, since wartime restrictions have been eliminated.

Observers of developments in tourist attractions predict the tourist volume in Western North Carolina in 1946 will be far in excess of a million and a half. Business men, eating establishments and tourist resort operators are optimistic over the outlook for the postwar increase.

Climate of Western North Carolina Although mountain weather in winter does get pretty strenuous at times, many tourists have exclaimed they were pleased with the bracing winter atmosphere in Western North Carolina, and that it is conducive to good health.

### SYLVA MERCHANTS ORGANIZE, ELECT OFFICERS FOR YEAR

#### Sossamon Heads Group To Carry On Work Of Association

Following a dinner meeting held at the Sylva Hi school cafeteria several weeks ago, and attended by 50 or more merchants and business men of Sylva who heard Arthur M. Jones, Executive secretary of the Asheville Merchants association explain the details of the workings of such an organization, around 20 of the merchants met again Friday night in the Blue room of the Carolina Hotel and completed the organization of the Sylva Merchants Association by electing officers for the coming year. Boyd Sossamon of Sossamon's Furniture company, was elected president; Frank Fricks, vice-president; Paul Kirk, secretary-treasurer.

The officers will serve as the present board of directors and will meet Wednesday night to formulate plans for the functioning of the Association.

The organization was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the two organizations will work together for the betterment of Sylva and Jackson county. All merchants are urged to join the organization an receive the full benefits it has to offer.

### CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TO BEGIN EARLY THIS YEAR

Anticipating an early buying of Christmas merchandise, Sylva merchants are making every effort to secure as much stock as early as possible this year. A consensus of the stores show that already there is much being bought, which will increase as the days draw nearer to the holiday season. A few of the merchants, particularly in the dry goods section state that this, the first post war Christmas, will be one of the largest they have ever done. There is beginning to be a trickle of goods coming in, some that have been off the market since the beginning of the war. However civilians need not expect certain articles for a long time yet as the period of reconversion will of necessity be a long one.

It is the whole-hearted hope of each and every merchant contacted that the public do as much of their shopping as early as possible, giving the stores a chance to replace their depleted stocks as fast and as much as possible.

Those stores which handle a definite Christmas line will place their stock on the shelves in the next week or so. Toys, especially those made of metal, leather and such still remain on the scarce list, but every thing possible has been done to see that Santa Claus still gets around.

Cooperate with your merchant as much as possible and remember that through no fault of his there will still be a shortage of some things. Also remember that he has done the best he could through the lean war years. Do your shopping at home this year. Supply Sylva needs from Sylva stores.

### Earl Padgett In Knoxville Hospital

Earl Padgett of Sylva who suffered severe injuries in an automobile accident near Dillsboro several weeks ago has been moved from Angel Hospital, Franklin to a hospital in Knoxville where today he is having an operation on his jaws which were broken at the time of the accident. His friends are glad to know that he is making satisfactory improvement.

Europe faces critical food shortages. Food supplies produced there this year are a fifth below pre-war, says the BAE.

### Lt. Helen Caldwell Speaks To School Children And Lions Club



Speaking to the school children, Wednesday afternoon and the Sylva Lions Club, Wednesday night, Lt. Helen Caldwell of the Naval nursing corps, stressed the vital importance of continuing to buy bonds in the final Victory Loan Bond Campaign, which is being conducted now.

Lt. Caldwell entered three years ago and has seen action in the Pacific at Saipan, Iwo Jima, Okinawa and Pellelieu. After eighteen months of naval hospitals she was attached to the USS Samaritan, which began its first runs by carrying evacuees from the Pearl Harbor attack back to their homes and bringing sick and wounded American soldiers to the States. In May of 1944 the ship became a hospital ship and the first assignment was to pick up Saipan casualties. Working as a highly efficient crew, Lt. Caldwell attributes part of this efficiency to the well stocked ship, made possible by the purchase of war bonds by the civilians back home. For the next fourteen months Lt. Caldwell was to repeat this experience many times.

She concluded her talk by stressing the fact that the American fighting man had secured victory and it was up to those at home to secure the peace.

### Rev. Edgar W. Willix Announces Services

Rev. Edgar W. Willix, pastor of the East Sylva and Tuckaseegee Baptist churches announces services as follows:

East Sylva 1st and 3rd Sundays—morning and evening. Tuckaseegee 2nd and 4th Sundays—morning and evening.

### Lt. William B. Dillard Receives Commission



Lt. William B. Dillard, and Mrs. Dillard and son, William B. Junior, at Moore's Field Mission, Tex., where Lt. Dillard received his commission. His son was chosen mascot of the class. Lt. Dillard was

### Speaking, Barbecue, Softball And Dance Feature Program

#### American Legion Sponsors Dime Board

The American Legion is sponsoring a dime board, located at the corner by the Sylva Supply Co. Proceeds will go toward the Christmas of disabled and sick service men. Help make this project a complete success.

### SYLVA HUNTERS REPORT KILL IN EASTERN CAROLINA

Nine Sylvans participated in the annual bear, raccoon and amphibious wildlife hunt near Plymouth, in the Dismal Swamps of Eastern North Carolina the past week, with honors of one 200-pound kill going to Ed Bumgarner.

The hunt, as told to this reporter, was in a wilderness of congested swamps, surrounded by water, with a spontaneous patch of briars that made it almost impossible to proceed on the trail of the prey after once having located him.

Only two of the dogs showed fight at any time. All the others absolutely refused to fight, due to the fact that they had been trained in the mountain area and would not swim to their prey after once having him at bay, as was the case in the swampland area.

One hunter in particular was so disgusted by the refusal of his dog to go in for the "kill" that he gave the dog to an Easterner. His name was James Davis, who had, the previous week, given \$150.00 for the dog just for this occasion.

Besides the 200-pound prize bear (the average weight of bear in the swamps) the hunters included several raccoons in the bag. Thus no hunter lost his shirt tail on the five-day hunt.

The hunters complimented the lodge where they stayed while on the hunt and was delighted with the food which consisted of (deer) delicious food, practically every meal. The hospitality was an exception.

The participants who traveled approximately 500 miles for the 200-pound prize were: Ed Bumgarner, (Killer); J. B. (Chick) Young, James Davis, Chester Robinson, Fred Elders, Ellis Styles, Bill Bumgarner, John B. Ensley, and "Rat" Warren.

### Legion Post Announces Plan For Veteran's Memorial Building

Paced by a high stepping band from the Waynesville High school, Jackson county staged one of the most successful Armistice programs ever held in the County on Monday, Nov. 12th.

Beginning at 2 o'clock the parade formed at the foot of the courthouse steps and cheered by an admiring crowd, the band, veterans of both World Wars, girls and boy scouts, campfire girls and football team marched through town and back to the school campus where a full afternoon of entertainment was provided.

Cloudy skies and a threatened rain failed to dampen the spirits of the crowd but did prevent the finish of the softball game of the Army vs the Navy and Marines.

The afternoon program was held in the auditorium of the Sylva Elementary school and the Assembly and Call to Order was conducted by R. U. Sutton, Commander of the William E. Dillard Post 104, which sponsored the Armistice program for the day.

The National Anthem, played by the Waynesville Band was followed by a moments silence and the opening prayer.

Paying tribute to the members of the armed forces of World War II, Dan Tompkins spoke of the debt we owe to those who will not return and those who did, and the part the American Legion will play in this payment to those new members.

Responding was Lt. W. B. Grigg, Navy Chaplain in World War II, with his tribute to those veterans of an earlier war.

The proposed memorial to veterans of both wars was briefly outlined by John Corbin. This memorial will be in the form of a two story brick and native stone building, located at the foot of the courthouse on a lot donated by the county to the American Legion for this purpose. It is to be the permanent home of the American Legion and on the first floor will be housed the county library, on the second floor will be lounge rooms, a kitchen and permanent offices for this organization. The front of the building will bear two memorial tablets, one to the memory of the fallen dead of the first World War, the second tablet the names of those of the last war.

T. Walter Ashe, Service officer for the Legion spoke briefly on his duties and pledged himself to all possible aid to returning men.

A barbecue, served by the American Legion Auxiliary, followed in the school cafeteria for the veterans and their guests.

A square dance in the Community House concluded the day's festivities.

### SMOKIES LEAD IN VISITORS FOR TRAVEL YEAR 1945

Topping any other National park, by almost double the amount, the Great Smoky Mountains National Park was viewed by 669,515 visitors for the travel year ending September 30, 1945.

Famed since its beginning as a scenic paradise the Park has much to offer the tourists who go there yearly. Beautiful in any season, it is perhaps most popular during the late summer and early fall, with the beginning of the turn of the foliage.

People, long eager for the return of unrestricted travel used to full advantage the lifting of the gas ration. Out of state cars were seen in ever increasing numbers at Newfound Gap.

Plans for a new two way entrance from Knoxville for the park have been announced by Senator McKellar of Tenn.