



## Legion of Merit Conferred on Lt. Col. Cox

### Son of Mrs. Thomas A. Cox of Cullowhee And the Late Col. Cox Served In 2 Wars

For his outstanding work in the development of new processes for removing rust and corrosion from the interior of tank ships and other vessels, Lt. Col. George C. Cox, of Southhampton Port of Embarkation, has been awarded the Legion of Merit by Headquarters, United States Forces in the European Theatre.

The Legion of Merit is the second highest United States Army award available to personnel serving in non-combatant duties. Lt. Col. Cox becomes the first member of the 14th Major Port to receive this award for achievements performed at Southhampton.

The citation honoring Lt. Col. Cox says that by his ingenious methods, skillful adaptations of electric currents to sea water and his superior technique, he devised and successfully applied an entirely new process for descaling and removing rust layers from large steel surfaces of tankers and covering them with a protective coating. His achievement was a valuable contribution to the successful outcome of the Allied operations, and served to reflect high credit upon himself and the United States Army.

Together with a small group of officers and men Lt. Col. Cox has been working in the electro plating field at Southhampton Docks since the autumn of 1944. While laboratory experiments still continue, sufficient practical procedures have been established to permit methods already devised to be used in the cleaning and descaling of tank ship compartments.

Within the past three months eight United States Army tankers have had compartments freed of hard rust and restored to service through the process employed by Lt. Col. Cox.

The value of this descaling process is evidenced by the time gained as compared to the best known previously used systems for descaling. Under the supervision of Lt. Col. Cox tankers have been descaled in an average time of 1-2 weeks as compared to 7-10 weeks required by other methods.

No harm is rendered the base metal of ships in this method, and the clean metal surface remaining is left with a protective film which retards corrosive action of the ships' cargoes.

A veteran of World War I, Lt. Col. Cox has long been associated in the field of electrochemical engineering in the United States. He received both his B. S. and M. S. degrees in electrical engineering from North Carolina State College, Raleigh, North Carolina, and afterwards taught electrical engineering at the same institution for six years. Later he took graduate work at Columbia University, and at the Sorbonne in Paris, studying under Madame Curie at the latter institution.

Lt. Col. Cox was a battalion commander in the Signal Corps of the United States 1st Infantry Division during World War I. For bravery in action in that war he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star, the Croix de Guerre, and the Fourragere. He served for more than two years on the General Staff of the United States War Department under Generals Charles P. Summerall and George C. Marshall.

Before joining the army in World War II, Lt. Col. Cox was associated with the Newport News, Virginia, Ship Building and Dry Dock Company. While with this firm he made some of his first experiments in the field of electro plating vessels.

His home is at 524 Maxwell Street, Charleston, West Virginia. He is the son of the late Thomas A. and Mrs. Cox of Forest Hills, Cullowhee, N. C.

## Buchanan Electric Company Moves To New Location

Mr. Carl Buchanan, owner and proprietor of the Buchanan Electric Company has moved his business establishment from its old location to the Chevrolet building and is now occupying the front space of Kirk-Davis Chevrolet Co.

With larger floor space Mr. Buchanan plans to increase his stock as quickly as new items are available. At the present time he has as large a group of electrical appliances as are obtainable at this time and is ready once more to serve the public at his new business place. Buchanan Electric Co. is exclusive dealer for Hotpoint and Universal electrical goods, also for Stomberg-Carlson radios.

## Sunday School Class Of Cullowhee Baptist Church Picnics At Cliffside

The Young Peoples Sunday school class of the Cullowhee Baptist church went on an outing through Cashiers, Highlands, Franklin and Sylva last Sunday. Enroute they stopped at Cliffside Picnic grounds and enjoyed a weiner roast. Those attending were, Dr. and Mrs. John Painter, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Jones, Juanita and J. R. Dills, Sara Sue and Dennis Norton, Ruth Moncey, Betty Joe Crawford, Billie Styles, Dan Phillips, Dan Stevens, Ray Bishop, Edwin Allen, Kenneth Hooper, Jean Sutton, Willa Bess Holden, Richard Pressley, Harold Dean Smith and Billy Rogers.

## Walter B. Campbell Arrives With Discharge

Walter B. Campbell is home with a discharge after several months overseas service, and says it's great to be at home with his wife and two children. His daughter, Judy Anne, is getting acquainted with her daddy, but still addresses him as "that boy." He wonders how long it's going to take to teach her to say daddy.

## Girls Will Hold Rummage Sale

The girl Scout troop under the sponsorship of Mrs. Paul Cagle, will hold a rummage sale Saturday, November 8th on the lot opposite the Lloyd Hotel. The sale will start at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

## Sylva and Cullowhee Churches To Present Christmas Cantata

The Sylva and Cullowhee Methodist church choirs, assisted by members of the Western Carolina Teachers College chorus and faculty will present a Christmas cantata at the Sylva Methodist church, at 11 a. m. December 9th, and at the Cullowhee Methodist church at 4:30 p. m., Dec. 9th.

The cantata, "Yuletide Memories" by Ira B. Wilson is under the direction of Mrs. Inez W. Gulley, voice instructor at W. C. T. C.

The program and musicians are as follows:  
Invocation.  
Chorus—Praise and Glory.  
Solo—The Prophecy—Miss Margaret Candler. (At the conclusion of this number please all rise and sing Joy to the World—Hymn No. 89.)  
Chorus—Bethlehem.  
Solo—Miss Maxine Barbour. Scripture.  
Quartet and Choir—The Shepherd's Vision—Misses Margaret Rhodes, Christine Aycock, Messrs. R. T. Houts, Jr., Monte Haire.

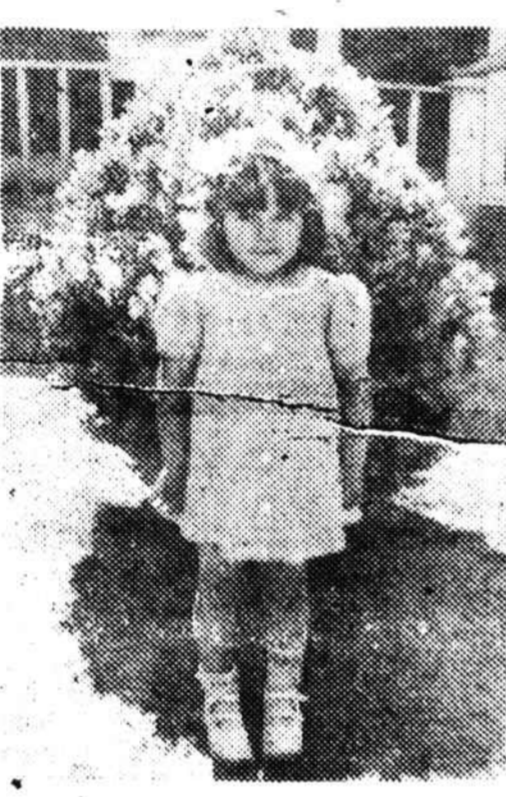
Solo and Chorus—The Midnight Choir.  
Solo—Miss Christine Aycock.  
Solo and Male Chorus—The Wise Men.  
Solo—Rev. R. T. Houts, Jr. Offertory.  
Violin and Piano—Adagio Pastorale—Godard.  
Theftique—Godard—Nelson O. Schreiber and A. M. White, Jr.  
Solo and Quartet—The Guiding

## T. B. Seal Making Satisfactory Progress In Jackson County

Mrs. J. H. Gillis, county chairman of the T. B. seal in Jackson county, announced that satisfactory progress is being made. The public is being contacted through letters and personal solicitation and through the selling of the seals by the school children.

If you have not bought these double barred cross seals, do so at once. 95 per cent of every dollar's worth sold in North Carolina will remain in the state for the fight against tuberculosis. This disease makes rapid ingrowth on the combat against it during and immediately following war. It is estimated that by no relaxing of the fight it can and will eventually be wiped out.

## First 1946 Tag Sold To Katie Smith



Katie Smith, 5 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Smith of Sylva, bought the first automobile license tag for 1946 sold in Jackson County. It was purchased Saturday morning, Dec. 1 at 9 o'clock from Cogdill Motor Co., local representatives of the Carolina Motor Club. The tag was listed as 142-101

## William R. Moody Serves Aboard U. S. S. Marshall

ON THE USS MARSHALL—William R. Moody, fireman, first class, Norton, N. C. served on this destroyer when she was part of Task Force 58.

The "Mighty Marshall," now on inactive status, took part in the invasions of Hollandia, Saipan, Guam, Tinian, Rota, Peleliu, Anguar, Leyte and Okinawa and in the Battle for Leyte Gulf.

She also took part in strikes against Tokyo, Kyushu, Formosa and other Jap-held islands.

## NAVY TO RELEASE 38-YEAR OLDS WHO HAVE DEPENDENTS

The Navy Department has announced that it will release all reserve enlisted men or women 38 years of age or older who had one or more dependents prior to August 15. There are about 35,000 in this class, the Navy said. Many of these, however, have already become eligible for discharge under the point system.

The new ruling does not apply to enlisted men in the regular navy or to those undergoing medical treatment or disciplinary action.

## SYLVA STORES DECKED OUT FOR CHRISTMAS

The store counters and shelves in Sylva are all ready for Christmas and merchants report a steady stream of Christmas shoppers. A few items that have been so scarce in the war years are beginning to appear once again. One store even reports a small surprise order of nylon hose but no need to rush for them now—they sold out in less time than it took to tell about them.

Merchants and buyers have made every effort to secure for the buying public as varied and complete line of merchandise as could be obtained. The quality of the toys this year surpass that of last. A few in metal are available this year and the craftsmanship is superior to that of last. The department stores show an increase of novelty gifts and the more essential articles of apparel. Even the grocery stores have an added portion of the holiday foods.

Christmas has really come to Sylva this week. The windows are being decorated fast, the annual dime board is now operating, and we've had more than a suggestion of Christmas weather.

## Peak Pulpwood Production Needed Commerce Body Says

The Department of Commerce this week warned that pulpwood production must be maintained at peak levels in coming months if the pulp mill needs of the nation are to be met. The warning came as part of the latest Industry Report on Pulp and Paper, just released by the Commerce Department.

"Pulpwood is a much more vital problem to the pulp and paper industry than before the war," the Commerce report stated, explaining that the level of pulpwood needs has been constantly increasing along with the increase of pulpwood production during the war years.

"Annual consumption of pulpwood in the last four years has averaged over 16,500,000 cords," according to the Department of Commerce, "compared with less than 11,000,000 cords in 1939."

"With prospects of pulpwood requirements continuing at this high level, or probably increasing in near future years," the statement pointed out that the "concerted attention of the industry" will be required to meet the problem of pulpwood production within the next few months.

In this connection the Department of Commerce praised as "timely" the current effort being undertaken by the pulp and paper industry in conjunction with newspapers and the U. S. Employment Service to recruit 50,000 new employees for woods and mill jobs.

Commenting on the urgent present need for more top quality pulpwood, the Commerce Bulletin stated: "A few mills are reported to be facing possible shutdowns, such as they encountered during the war, through failure of wood deliveries."

The program of the American Pulpwood Association on training of men in pulpwood production was also lauded by Commerce officials as "highly important for a long time ahead."

## Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allman Receive Son's Purple Heart



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allman of Webster have received the Purple Heart awarded posthumously to their son, Howard E. Allman, S. 1-c, who was killed in action, May 4, 1945 on Okinawa.

Howard entered service in July 1944, receiving his training at Camp Peary, Va. Upon completion of his training he went to the Hawaiian Islands where he went on board the U. S. S. LCS (L) (3) 31. He participated in the Iwo Jima Invasion and then returned to the Philippines before going to Okinawa.

He was a graduate of Webster High school and a member of the Webster Baptist church. Before entering service he was employed by the Sylva Supply company.

In addition to his parents he is survived by one sister, Miss Elizabeth Allman of Washington, D. C.

## Chas. Edwin Knight Receives Discharge

Chas. Edwin Knight M. M. 2-c received his discharge from the U. S. Navy two weeks ago in Norfolk and is with his wife, Mrs. Mary Sutton Knight at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Sutton.

M. M. Knight entered service three years ago and spent 2 and 1-2 years in sea duty in the North and South Pacific areas.

## Jackson Teachers Hold County Meeting

The main feature of the county-wide teachers meeting held in the Sylva Elementary school auditorium Tuesday afternoon was an address by Miss Sarah Foust of Raleigh, field worker for the North Carolina Education association.

Business matters pertaining to the group were attended to and Mr. A. C. Moses, superintendent of public instruction, announced that the schools of the county would close Friday, December 14th, for the Christmas vacation. The schools will reopen on December 31st.

## Baptists Hold Meet At Dillsboro

A meeting has just closed at the Jarrett Memorial church in Dillsboro with very gratifying results. Rev. W. C. Sledge of Lowell, N. C. assisted the pastor, W. N. Cook during the meeting.

## Jackson R. C. Chapter Saluted Over Radio

### Funeral Services Held For Mary Ann Franks

Funeral services were conducted for little Mary Ann Franks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Franks, who died at her home Sunday, at 6:16 to 6:30 over radio station WWNC, Asheville, North Carolina, in the last of five broadcasts on the role played by Western North Carolina chapters in the Red Cross program at home and overseas.

Pallbearers were, A. C. Wilson, Jim McMahan, Virco Hyatt and Pat Sorrells.

Flower girls were Martha Fox, Nellie Browning, Dortha Green, Aquilla Ridley and Iva Lee Higdon.

In addition to her parents she is survived by six sisters and two brothers, all of Gay.

### Ten Students Attend College Legislature In Raleigh

Ten students from WCTC attended the annual college legislature held in Raleigh Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. They were accompanied by Mr. C. E. Chrisman, faculty advisor. The meet was held in the state capital building at the invitation of the State college Secretary of State Thad Eure opened the session, followed by an address by Governor Chtry. Following the election of officers, in which WCTC placed Lynwood Halliburton as Secretary of the House of Representatives, 3rd highest office in the General Assembly, the senate and house went into the regular calendar of introducing and passing bills. The bills passed by this mock legislature will be referred to general assembly committees at a regular State Legislature the next time they convene.

Orville Coward of Sylva introduced and passed a bill which gave eighteen year olds the right of enfranchisement in North Carolina. Also, a bill giving the President a vote of confidence which was defeated, in the senate. Nancy Potts of Highlands was outstanding in the House of Representatives.

The main issue of the meeting came up in General Assembly regarding the invitation of collegiate negroes to the next assembly meeting to be held in Raleigh next year. It was decided by a 110 to 48 vote to extend to the negro this invitation.

Mrs. Halliburton, the mother of L. H. Halliburton, gave a dinner for the delegation at Meredith College Friday night. Those attending the annual legislature were: C. E. Chrisman, Nancy Potts, Maxie Wright, Jean Hall, Madrie Galloway, Orville Coward, L. H. Halliburton, Charlie Neill, Jake Schoonderwood, Paul Carlock and Joe Henry.

### Pfc. Hubert Dean Gets Discharge

Pfc. Hubert Dean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Dean of Sylva, has joined his wife, Mrs. Cora Dean, after receiving his discharge at Camp Claiborne, La. Pfc. Dean served for several months in the European theater.

### Basket Ball Starts At Sylva High School

The Sylva High Hurricanes are beginning their 1945-46 basketball season this week when they meet Robbinsville High on their court. Monday they met Webster in a practice game. Coach Huff and his boys are looking forward to a most successful season.

### Recognized For Outstanding Work In Home-Front Service

This honor was rendered to the Jackson County Chapter in recognition of its outstanding work in First Aid and Water Safety. Two other chapters of Western North Carolina, Madison County and Macon County, were also cited on this program.

The salute to Jackson County Chapter came at the end of a round table discussion on plans for the Red Cross for the future. The broadcast emphasized the need of the greater number of Red Cross workers that would be necessary to carry on services to men still in the armed forces, to veterans and their families, and to civilians both in the United States and in foreign countries that have been devastated by war.

The broadcast further pointed out that the coming of peace has increased, not diminished, the need for these services. Men formerly occupied in combat, civilians who were working in war plants, and people who heretofore have been shut off from Red Cross aid, will now ask the help of this organization in meeting their problems. Hospital services alone will call for many additional workers.

Other broadcasts in this Red Cross series over station WWNC have stressed Red Cross services to the armed forces, to veterans, civilian relief overseas, and the future plans of American Red Cross.

### Skipper Of Cruiser Indianapolis Charged With Negligence

The Navy has accused Capt. Charles B. McVay, III, of being directly responsible, through "negligence" and "inefficiency," for the loss of the 16,000-ton cruiser Indianapolis. It is said that about 880 persons perished in the disaster of the sinking of the ship off the Philippines July 30.

The charges did not say how the 16-year old ship met her fate. It is believed that she was either torpedoed by a Jap submarine or rammed a submarine. She was proceeding to Leyte from Guam where she had delivered a load of atomic bombs.

## Jackson AAA Committeemen Elected To Direct Organization's Work During Year 1946

D. C. Higdon has been reelected chairman of the Jackson County AAA committee of three members which will administer the affairs of the AAA farm program within this county.

Other members elected to the committee are: Blaine Nicholson, Vice-Chairman, and W. A. Hooper, third member, J. Lyman Stewart and N. Higdon were named as alternate members. Mrs. Ellen N. Corbin was elected secretary to the county committee.

Chairman Higdon announced results of community committeemen elections as follows:

Community	Chairman	Vice-Chairman	Regular Member	1st Alternate	2nd Alternate
Barkers Creek	Arthur Brooks	Fred Sutton	J. O. Bumgarner	Joe Messer	Jack Sutton
Qualla	C. P. Shelton	W. T. Gass	Nick Bradley	Robert Varner	R. C. Howell
Caney Fork	Wayne Lovedahl	Dillard Wood	Blaine Nicholson	Ben Nicholson	Ransom Hooper
River	Fred Smith	Albert Jackson	J. C. Millsaps	Dee Denton	Carey Woodring
Canada	G. C. Wood	M. H. Wood	M. J. Galloway	Mitchell Melton	Ralph Broom
Cullowhee	J. R. Stephens	R. S. Shelton	Frank Bryson	W. A. Hooper	Taylor Hampton
Sylva	T. C. Bryson	Lee Bumgarner	J. S. Higdon	Charlie Dillard	E. J. Bumgarner
Dillsboro	S. T. Crisp	Will Crisp	Joe Wilkey	C. L. Sutton	Ed Robinson
Webster	Frank Cole	W. N. Cook	Ransom Cowan	Roscoe Lewis	John Stillwell
Scotts Creek	C. P. Dillard	M. J. Henry	L. M. Crisp	L. C. Sutton	A. L. Keener
Savannah	N. Higdon	V. C. Buchanan	W. D. Bishop	James Brogden	Carl Higdon
Greens Creek	J. B. Wetmore	G. L. Green	Howell Green	Dearl Ashe	Felix Hall
Hamburg	E. W. McCoy	J. L. Stewart	Lawrence Cooper	H. D. Fowler	A. Blackburn
Mountain	W. C. Moody	Neal Tucker	Will Crawford	A. C. Edwards	O. Henderson
Cashiers	W. S. Alexander	T. S. Lance	Isaac Alexander	Charlie Passmore	L. Picklesimer