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Sylva Merchants To Close Two Days For Christmas Holidays

Due to the illness of the president, Boyd Sossamon, and sickness among the members, there were only a few present at the meeting of the Sylva Merchants Association Monday evening. The group met at the Carolina hotel at seven o'clock for the purpose of discussing the by-laws for the organization which were to have been adopted at this time but no action was taken.

The members of the organization agreed to keep the same store hours as are now in effect except to remain open until 7 o'clock Monday, December 24th. They also voted to take two days for Christmas holidays, Tuesday, December 25, and Wednesday, 26th.

The secretary reported membership fees collected in the amount of \$410.00.

LOWER HOUSE PASSES ANTI-RACKETEERING LABOR BILL

The lower house of the United States Congress passed President Truman's anti-racketeering labor union act on a voice vote. The measure now goes to the Senate, which has previously refused to pass such a measure.

President Truman said that he was confident that the congress would pass his labor law by Christmas despite current indications that committee hearings would be lengthy.

And just as confidently the president appointed his fact-finding board for the General Motors strike and predicted both sides would cooperate.

Dime Board Will Be Open Saturday

The Dime Board, which has not been open for several days, will be open Saturday. It will again be sponsored by the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary, and the money raised will be used to provide Christmas cheer to families of veterans who were killed or wounded in World War II.

Remember to make your donation to this worthy cause.

Old Paper Found By Chick Young During Repair Of Baptist Church

An old paper, The Republic, St. Louis, Missouri, and bearing the date line, June 25, 1900, was found this week by Chick Young when some new flooring was being laid in the Baptist church. It was discovered directly under the baseboards and is in a fair state of preservation. The paper is strewn with war news, war news now almost four and a half decades old. Trouble in China, with the uprising of the Chinese against foreigners, resulting in the Boxer rebellion, is reported and while it states "that no official declaration of war has been made, American blood has been spilled on Chinese soil." Competing with this news is that of the foremost American news of the day; the forthcoming election, that of William McKinley for president and Theodore Roosevelt for vice president. Roosevelt in his campaigning throughout "enemy" territory, meaning at that time to the Republican party the great west was also to attend a reunion of the "Rough Riders" famed group of the Spanish-American war.

Mrs. Ruth Hinds Resigns As Bursar At Teachers College

John Worth McDevitt, recently discharged from Navy, to fill position. Mrs. Ruth Oliver Hinds has resigned as bursar of Western Carolina Teachers College after having served in that capacity for seventeen years. She received her business education at the Woman's College in Greensboro and coming to Cullowhee in 1924 she worked for Mr. J. N. Wilson and Dr. H. T. Hunter. Upon the death of Mr. Will N. Coward in 1928 she was made acting bursar for the college for one year and at the end of that time was appointed bursar, which position she has retained up until the present time.

Mrs. Hinds has been a valuable member of W. C. T. C.'s administrative staff, taking part in the affairs of the college and its growth throughout the years she has been employed there. She was married in 1934 to A. K. Hinds, a member of the faculty and since that time has made her home at Cullowhee, adding much to the community progress. Mrs. Hinds is resigning in order to devote her entire time to her family which consists of her husband and young daughter, Edith Irene. Mr. Hinds served twenty nine months in the

Lt. and Mrs. Hooper at Home



It's Mr. and Mrs. Hooper now. Lt. John L. Hooper was released from active duty of the U. S. N. R. November 12 at the Naval Air Station, Ft. Belknap, Wash. and Pvt. Helen Hooper received an honorable discharge at Fort Bragg this week.

Lt. Hooper, with 28 months active service, attended Babson Park at Wellesley Hills, Mass. and was stationed overseas October 10, 1943. He was stationed at Kabului Naval Air Station on the Island of Maui, T. H. He returned to the States in July 1945 and has been

stationed at Oakland, California and Seattle, Wash. up to the time of his release.

Lt. Hooper joined the WACS November 12, 1944 and received her basic training at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. She was sent to Camp Atterbury, Ind. where she trained for fourteen weeks as a Lab. Medical Technician. For the past four months she has been stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash. Prior to entering the service, Pvt. Hooper was connected with Sylva Herald as News Editor and Advertising Mgr.

Disabled Veterans Remembered With Dime Board Gifts

Mrs. Harry Ferguson and Mrs. J. A. Parris will go to Oteen tomorrow to take 500 gifts, which are being furnished by the Red Cross of Jackson County, the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary. A large amount of the money to buy these gifts was donated through the local dime board, which was sponsored by the last two organizations.

These gifts consisted of scarfs, pipes, shaving sets, playing cards, handkerchiefs, stationery and other things and will be distributed to sick and wounded veterans in different army and navy hospitals.

SEVERE WEATHER HITS THE COUNTY

Sylva and Jackson county Saturday shivered with the coming of the coldest spell experienced this winter. Snow on Balsam and the Smokies brought down icy blasts. Snow and dropping temperature is predicted by weather experts for the coming week.

Coming with the cold weather is the usual headaches of motorists, with frozen cars and residents with frozen water pipes. With none too much coal in the county citizens are asked to cooperate in the consumption and make the supply last as long as possible. Closing off unused rooms and dressing warmly in the house will help to conserve the amount now available.

Masons At Glenville Choose New Officers

Claybourn Bryson has been elected master of Glenville lodge, No. 551, A. F. and A. M. at a meeting Saturday evening. Other officers elected were Sam J. Bryson, senior warden; Franklin Fowler, junior warden; W. S. Fowler, treasurer; J. H. Rogers, secretary.

Officers appointed were Bill Pennington, senior deacon; G. F. Bryson, junior deacon; Mack Breedlove, chaplain; C. W. Paxton, senior steward; Jones Fowler, junior steward; and Buren Reynolds, tyler. New officers will be installed at a special meeting Dec. 27.

Officers To Be Elected For Dillsboro Lodge

A regular communication of the Dillsboro Lodge No. 459 A. F. and A. M. will be held at Dillsboro, N. C. on Dec. 20th at 7 o'clock p. m. at which time officers will be elected for the ensuing year. All members of the lodge are asked to be present.

An additional twenty per cent of base pay is still paid to our soldiers serving overseas.

Jackson Farm Men and Women Hear Dean Schaub Here

The demonstration farm men and women held their annual meeting in the Sylva Court House at 10:30 a. m., December 6, and presented a splendid program to a representative group of farm men and women.

Blaine Nicholson, acting chairman, welcomed the group and outlined the purpose of the meeting. D. C. Higdon discussed progress made on the demonstration farms. Mrs. Ben Nicholson spoke on progress made in the demonstration farm homes. Mrs. D. C. Higdon outlined plans for improvements in demonstration farm homes. Blaine Nicholson presented goals for the demonstration program in the county.

The County Committee elected for 1946 consisted of the following: Blaine Nicholson, Chairman; J. Steadman Mitchell, Vice Chairman; Mrs. D. C. Higdon, secretary-treasurer; T. B. Burfigarner, C. P. Shelton, V. C. Buchanan and Mrs. Brady Parker.

Out of County guests included I. O. Schaub of the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service; Mr. R. W. Shoffner, District Agent; and Mr. W. B. Collins, Farm Management Supervisor. Director Schaub, the guest speaker, gave the group a very fine talk outlining future improvements desired on the farm and in the farm home.

Grammar and high schools at Sylva and Webster will close for the Christmas holidays with the completion of classes Wednesday, it was announced Tuesday night. The closing date originally had been set for Friday, but was advanced two days because of the large number of cases of influenza in the schools.

School officials said that approximately 300 of the 800 students of Sylva schools were absent Tuesday and the absences were attributed to influenza. The schools will resume work following the holidays on Dec. 31.

Officials of the school at Cullowhee said classes would be continued there through Friday.

Rev. Hadaway Accepts Call To Glenville Church

Rev. J. H. Hadaway of Coral Ridge, Ky., has accepted the call to be pastor of the Hamburg Baptist church of Glenville, N. C. The former pastor was the Rev. C. C. Welch. Rev. Hadaway is now attending the Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky., and will preach his first sermon at the Hamburg church the first Sunday in January.

Jackson Men Accepted For Armed Forces

Among those accepted for the Army and Navy during the month of November were, Army: William Herbert Smith, Roscoe Heasting Hooper, Willard Francis Nelson (V), James Harvey Gass and Lewis Olin Keener. Navy: Samuel Willard Beck.

Only 55 Per Cent of County's "E" Bond Quota Purchased

Bonds Bought During December Will Count

Jackson county has reached only 55 per cent of its E Bond quota in the big Victory Loan drive, according to an announcement by county War Fund Finance chairman, R. L. Atrial. Jackson was assigned an over-all Victory loan quota of \$175,000.00, and an E bond quota of \$108,000.00. Mr. Atrial stated this week that he is very anxious for Jackson county to make this quota in order to make the record of having fulfilled its obligation as we did during the previous war bond drives.

All bonds bought during the month of December will count on the county's quota, Mr. Atrial said. Victory bonds will make splendid Christmas gifts this year. They will grow in value, as the years pass and at maturity provide a neat sum that can be used in many useful ways. Every citizen of the county is urged to buy E bonds between now and December 31, thus helping make Jackson's quota in this last, and final bond drive.

Sylva Takes Pair From Cullowhee

Sylva high school trimmed Cullowhee high in both ends of a twin bill here tonight, the girls scoring a 28-9 triumph and the boys winning, 20-14.

Girls' lineup: Sylva (28) Cullowhee (9)
F—Crisp (9) Deitz (5)—F
F—McClure (18) Woods (3)—F
F—Ward (9) Adams (1)—F
G—Bess Nichols—G
G—Estes Sutton—G
G—Snyder Zachary—G
Subs: Sylva, Bryson (2), Ashe, Buchanan, Ensley; Cullowhee, Mashburn and Crawford.

Boys' lineup: Sylva (20) Cullowhee (14)
F—Nicholson (2) D. Norton—F
F—Cagle Hooper—F
C—Ryan (12) Taylor (10)—C
G—Wilson (3) Tilley—G
G—Farmer (3) Pressley (2)—G
Subs: Sylva, Sutton; Cullowhee, L. Norton (2). Referee: Cope.

Sylva To Have Christmas Lights Again This Year

For the first time since the war the Christmas lights go on in Sylva this year and the star at the courthouse will shine again. Main street will be beautiful at night and with the string of lights going up the hill to the courthouse. We can lay claim to the prettiest Christmas town in Western North Carolina.

Due to some replacement that can not be made at this time because of the shortage of materials the lights can not be strung the entire length of main street but the two center blocks will be gaily decorated. Also the restrictions have been lifted against residents decorating the outside of their homes and the trees in the yard. While no elaborate display is expected it will be a lovely sight to see the gay decorations again.

FIRST HEAVY SNOW FALLS IN SYLVA

Sylva is having its first winter snow today, Thursday. Snow began falling early in the morning and by 8 o'clock was about one inch deep. Milder temperature came in with the snow fall relieving the intense cold snap of the first few days of the week, when the temperature dropped as low as 12.

William H. Smith, Prominent Jackson County Citizen, Passes

William H. Smith, 61, of the Tuckasee section and former member of the North Carolina general assembly from Jackson county, died Friday at 2 a. m. in the Angel Hospital at Franklin following a long illness.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2 p. m. at the Tuckasee Baptist church with the Revs. Edgar Willox and J. E. Brown officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

For many years Mr. Smith was in the mercantile business in Jackson county, and was a commissioner of the State Highway. He has been an outstanding citizen in Jackson county, taking part in many activities in his community.

While serving in the general assembly in the 1928-29 sessions, Mr. Smith was co-author of the Smith-Galloway bill which made Western Carolina Teachers College at Cullowhee a four-year college. At the time of his death he was serving as land appraiser of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

but was inactive in his duties for the past several months due to failing health. Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Emma Coward Smith, three sons, Jessie of Oak Ridge, Tenn., Pvt. Clifton Smith of the U. S. Army in Panama, and Pvt. William H. Smith, Jr., of Fort Bragg; four brothers, J. T. Smith of Tuckasee, Ernest of Brevard, John B. Smith of Waynesville, and Thad D. Smith, attorney, Gatlinburg, Tenn. Honorary pallbearers were Hon. Frank Jarrett, Dr. A. A. Nichols, Dr. A. S. Nichols, Cyrus Nicholson, McKinley Hooper, H. E. Monteith, E. P. Stillwell, John B. Ensley, Charlie Allison, Claude Allison, Will Bryson, Tom Simpson, Dock Moses, Jr., Dr. W. H. Woody, Ralph Hunter, Dillard Wood, Hut Middleton, Roy Tritt, Albert Jackson, Edgar Stillwell, Dr. John Painter, Thomas Wike, C. A. Hoyle. Active pallbearers are: Junie Hooper, Monroe Hooper, Dee Dewton, Baxter Houston, Lee Freeman, Ferry Middleton.

Standard Oil Company Allots Jackson County \$1,000.00 In War Bonds

Mr. W. A. Goodson, field supervisor with headquarters in Bryson City, announced today that Standard Oil Company of New Jersey has purchased Victory Bonds in the amount of \$500,000.00 in North Carolina in connection with the Victory Bond Drive. In line with the company's policy of allocating this purchase among the 100 counties of North Carolina in proportion to each county's quota, Jackson County has been allotted \$1,000.00.

MILLIONS ARE SUFFERING FROM HUNGER AND COLD

United War Fund Only Source Of Relief For Unfortunate People

The State Department has just released figures showing that 354,000,000 people in the world are suffering from hunger, disease, idleness and poverty, according to a report just received by J. A. Bryson, chairman of Jackson County War Fund Organization. "These staggering figures give us some idea of the immensity of the problem of foreign relief and the urgency of the need for aiding war victims during the winter months ahead," said Mr. Bryson.

Emphasizing that "sickness and hunger breed political unrest, internal strife, demagogues and sometimes dictators," the State Department listed 140,000,000 men, women and children hungry and homeless in Europe, 84,000,000 in China and 130,000,000 in Southeast Asia.

"The most desperately situated of these 354,000,000 unfortunate people," the report stated, "are the displaced persons—now approximately 1,300,000 in Germany and Austria, and 40 million in China, who were taken or fled from their homes or whose families and cities were wiped out."

American agencies for foreign relief represented in the National War Fund are maintaining and even increasing their shipments of relief supplies through the support of contributions to Jackson County War Fund, Chairman Bryson added. Although the drive is over in the county, Mr. Bryson said that any and all further contributions to the fund would be greatly appreciated.