

## Citizen Sounds Urgency Of Need For Numerous Changes

Figures Show Jackson Leads In Buying Power But Writer Discloses Lags Elsewhere

This week The Herald received a letter from a citizen who requested that we withhold his name. The letter bears upon so many of the problems that are in need of urgent solution, that the editor has decided to publish it. However, the following is not to be taken so much as the approximate opinion of the staff as the opinion of a citizen vitally interested in the welfare of his community.

The letter follows:  
Recently released figures based on estimates from a survey by Sales Management Magazine offer the following comparison of "effective buying income" in 1945 in some of the westernmost counties of North Carolina as follows:

County	Eff. Buying Inc.
Jackson	\$8,085,000
Transylvania	7,152,000
Cherokee	6,803,000
Macon	6,411,000
Swain	3,253,000
Graham	2,480,000
Clay	964,000

The foregoing figures represent but a single instance of the leadership of Jackson over any other county west and south of Haywood—insofar as most statistical comparisons may be concerned. Many another similar comparison would further emphasize this fact. However, that is as far as the matter goes in far too many very important respects along other and different lines vitally affecting the future welfare of the county.

The point is this: despite Jackson's pre-eminent position in matters statistical relating to the group of counties under consideration, this county has of late years fallen far behind practically all, if not all, of the others in the very important matter of securing a proportionate share of the patronage accorded the group by government, both state and federal. Thereby, Jackson county has become the red-headed stepchild of the entire state of North Carolina, almost. The economic and prestige-bearing favors of which Jackson has most certainly not had equitable and commensurate share add up to a most impressive sum total both in dollars and in the intangibles of political, social, and cultural recognition—the intangibles reaching deeply into the field of publicity of a favorable nature in quantity, quality, and consistency.

Following are a few of the many instances of Jackson's failure to receive its share of recognition:  
I. For several years past, Sylva's post office receipts have entitled the town to a Federal building, and to mail delivery by postman (or postmen, possibly, thus offering not one but two fairly good jobs for some of the town's citizenry).  
II. The authorities of the state highway department have been

### TEST POLL REVEALS THREE TO ONE VOTE FOR SUNDAY MOVIES

The straw ballot conducted last Saturday at the fire station showed three to one in favor of Sunday movies.

The move to sound out public sentiment on the matter of Sunday shows was conducted by a group of citizens who are interested in the opinion of the public in regard to the matter, and does not necessarily mean that there will be Sunday movies.

(It will be noted in another article in this issue that the Chamber of Commerce wants it clearly understood that it is not interested in trying to promote Sunday movies.)

The first try at a straw vote was discarded after the group conducting the poll decided that there was too much wholesale soliciting of votes on the part of private individuals. Previously, all citizens of Jackson county were eligible to vote, but in the second ballot voting was restricted to residents of Sylva, sixteen years or more in age.

### Rev. Osborn Speaks At Lions Club Supper

The Sylva Lions Club held a Ladies' Night supper and the annual installation of new officers at the Balsam Springs Hotel last Wednesday and heard the Rev. Mark Osborn, Jr., pastor of the Cullowhee Baptist Church and speaker for the evening, urge that all civic clubs work to the end of improving the morals of the nation.

Hugh Monteith made the presentation of awards, and Jennings Bryson installed the new officers. The new president of the group is Roscoe Poteet.

Approximately seventy-five members and guests were present.

### Job Placements For May Announced In District

Mrs. Mary Walker, district representative for the United States Employment Service, announced last week that sixty-seven job placements had been made in Jackson, Swain, and Macon during the month of May.

Approximately 18,000 claims for unemployment compensation were filed by the service during the same month from Jackson, Macon, Graham, and Swain.

### Record-Book School Slated Tomorrow

A record-book school for all farm men and women keeping books in connection with the Tennessee Valley Authority will be given tomorrow at 10 A.M. at the county courthouse by C. B. Ratchford of the North Carolina Extension service.

### TRUCK-AUTO WRECK LEAVES TWO INJURED

The trailer of a freight truck driven by R. P. Hagen of Little Rock, Ark., slid out of lane while rounding a curve just east of Addie on Friday afternoon, crashed into an oncoming car and seriously injured Mrs. C. E. Morris of Niles, Ohio, and her niece, Miss Ruth Davis of Hubbard, Ohio.

Mr. C. E. Morris escaped with minor bruises, and the driver of the truck was uninjured.

Miss Margaret H. Burrall of Phoenix, Ariz., driving behind the Morris car, bumped into the rear of the front vehicle, but she was not hurt.

A Murphy ambulance on the way to its home office and driven by W. H. Gose of Murphy, happened to pass soon after the accident and rushed the injured to the hospital in Sylva.

Witnesses stated that a light rain had made the road slippery and that the truck, rounding a curve to the left, slid partly across the road and into the approaching car. Mrs. Morris, driving, suffered a compound fracture of one arm and serious bruises about the ribs. Miss Davis suffered a spinal injury. Both are expected to recover.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris and their niece of Asheville and Huntington, were returning home by way of W. Va., from a trip to Florida.

### Two Day Program Is Arranged For Baptist Church

A two day program has been arranged for the Baptist Union meeting to be held at the Hyatt's Chapel Baptist church, June 28 and 29.

The Friday program will begin at 10 o'clock a. m. with the devotional conducted by the pastor of the church and followed by a business session. Rev. J. E. Brown will present the introduction of the program theme and at 11 o'clock Clarence Vance will give the introduction sermon.

Following lunch the afternoon session will open with the devotional by Ernest Jamison. C. M. Warren will speak on "The Pastor's Responsibility to the Serviceman." A short selection of music will precede an address by Mark Osborne, Jr. on "The Layman's Responsibility to the Serviceman."

The Saturday program will open at 10 o'clock a. m. with the devotional conducted by Ralph Bradley followed by an address by W. N. Cook on "The Church's Building Program In the Post War World." Songs and worship will follow and the program will be concluded with an inspirational message by T. F. Deitz.

F. P. Blankenship is chairman of the committee in charge. Other members are T. F. Deitz, Edgar Willix and J. E. Brown.

### Second Lecture On India Is Given by Dr. McKee

Dr. W. J. McKee of the University of North Carolina and visiting professor at Western Carolina Teachers College gave a second lecture on India on Tuesday morning at Hoey Auditorium.

Dr. McKee, who has spent fifteen years in India, gave the lecture after numerous requests from the student body and faculty.

### Agents Hold Meet On Feed Shortage

M. L. Snipes, county agent, and George Conrad, assistant county agent, attended a meeting of agents of the Western District held in Asheville last Thursday for the purpose of discussing the feed shortage.

The group decided to delegate the responsibility for elimination of the shortage to each county agent.

H. A. Powers of the TVA spoke on the relation of the TVA to the feed program.

R. W. Schaffner, district agent from Raleigh, conducted the meeting.

### Head Southern Groups



Two officials of the N. C. Department of Agriculture were recently chosen to lead the activities of Southern agricultural and scientific groups. D. S. Coltrane, left, Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture since 1937, has been elected president of the Southern Feed Control Officials, while Dr. E. W. Constable, State chemist, right, has been made president of the Association of Food and Drug Officials of the Southeastern States. Dr. Constable has been director of the Pure Food division of the agriculture department since 1943.

### PLANS ARE SET FOR WEEK OF HOLIDAY

Plans for a Fourth of July celebration to be sponsored by the local fire department finally got under way last week as former fire chief Charlie Campbell announced a list of events for the week of July first to the sixth.

Mr. Campbell stated that events will be held at Mark Watson stadium will include the shows and rides of the Carolina Amusement Company, fireworks, greased pole and greased pig contests, free acts, and a parade of floats that will take place on the morning of the Fourth at 11 o'clock. The parade will originate at the school grounds and will proceed down Main street and return to the point of origin.

Several organizations and concerns have entered applications for entering floats, and Mr. Campbell urges all groups that wish to enter floats to contact him as soon as possible.

### Stress Efficiency And Quality In '46 4-H Dairy Program

In converting to peacetime dairying, 4-H boys and girls are emphasizing efficiency and quality of milk production. This is reflected in the preliminary reports of members participating in the 1946 National 4-H Dairy Production Program.

Through the program, 4-H'ers receive not only valuable training and profitable experience, but an opportunity to win county, state, sectional and national recognition. They learn how to select foundation animals, develop a constructive breeding program to increase milk production, balance rations, provide adequate pasturage, and keep records. They also learn how Bang's disease, mastitis, grubs and parasites may be controlled.

Incentives to achieve outstanding records in 4-H dairy production are provided in the form of merit awards. These comprise medals to first and second place county winners, and \$25.00 U. S. Savings Bonds to eight state champions. Trips to the 25th Anniversary National 4-H Club Congress are also offered by Kraft Foods Company to 10 sectional winners, six of whom will be selected to receive the national award of a \$200.00 college scholarship.

This is the 10th consecutive year of the program, which is directed by the Federal and State Extension Services. County extension agents in North Carolina will furnish complete information.

### Name Of Writer Wanted

If the person who wrote a letter to the editor and signed it "An interested citizen" would like to have it printed, he must submit his name to the Herald. His name will be withheld if he so desires, but this newspaper does not publish letters without knowing the identity of the author.

During the last 45 years fertilizer nitrogen in the United States has increased from 62 to 826 thousand tons.

SOSSAMON'S . . . in Sylva

## 19,000 Vets Placed On Jobs This Year By USES

### C OF C GROUP WILL MEET IN DILLSBORO

Felix Picklesimer, president of the Chamber of Commerce, has announced that Jackson county will be next to the Chambers of Commerce of nine western North Carolina counties tonight at seven o'clock at the Jarrett Springs Hotel in Dillsboro.

This is the second of a series of joint meetings of regional cooperation among the counties of Buncombe, Haywood, Swain, Henderson, Transylvania, Clay, Cherokee, Graham, and Jackson. The Graham group will be represented by their Lions Club, since there is no Chamber of Commerce in that county.

A dinner is scheduled for seven o'clock, and the meeting is expected to begin an hour later.

The Hon. Francis J. Heazel, chairman of the Regional Cooperation Committee, and Robert J. Putman, assistant manager, are expected to be present.

### Scotts Creek Daily Vacation Bible School Concludes Friday

The Daily Vacation Bible school of the Scotts Creek Baptist church came to a close, Friday afternoon, June 21. Commencement exercises were held Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

The school has had a total enrollment of 140 with an average attendance of 110.

The following ladies have served as instructors during the session: Intermediate Department: Mrs. Roy Reed and Mrs. Dennis Fisher; Primary Department: Mrs. Lawrence Reed, Mrs. Craig Pannoll, Mrs. Charlie Fisher and Mrs. V. C. In Parker Junior: Mrs. Joe Davis, Mrs. Eugene Fisher, Mrs. Clinton Robinson, Miss Jackie Jean Southers, and Mrs. M. L. Shivers; Beginners: Mrs. Joe Clyde Fisher, Mrs. Vernon Cope, Mrs. Guy Blanton, Mrs. Henschel Ashe, Mrs. Georgia Blanton and Miss Barbara Joe Cook.

Mrs. Charlie Smith has been in charge of the music and Mrs. B. S. Hensley has served as principal of the school.

### Mrs. Jones Is New Clerk At Local Wire Office

Mrs. H. L. Jones, who left Sylva in 1943 to work for Western Union in Laurinburg, is now working temporarily as clerk-operator in the local telegraph office.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Della Hall of Sylva.

### The Western Carolina Baptist Pastors' Conference

The Western Carolina Baptist Pastors' Conference will meet with the Cherokee Baptist Church on the Cherokee Indian Reservation on July 8. A very good program has been arranged. The service will begin at 10:30 A.M. The ladies of the church will serve dinner. All pastors are urged to attend this conference meeting.

## Mrs. E. E. Brown Sells The Print Shop To Herald Co.

Mrs. E. E. Brown, owner and operator of the Print Shop here in Sylva, has sold her equipment and business to the Herald Publishing Company. The trade was completed Tuesday of this week at which time The Herald took possession of the property. All the business will be carried on in the Herald building as the Jackson County Bank plans extensive remodeling of its building, including the basement where the Print Shop has been located for a number of years.

Mrs. Brown's husband, the late Mr. Everett Brown, established the Ruralite and Print Shop in April, 1926 which he operated until his death January, 1932. Since that time Mrs. Brown, with the assistance of Leon Picklesimer and members of her family, continued to publish the Ruralite and do commercial printing. In 1943 Mrs. Brown sold the Ruralite to C. W.

### New Employer Relations Program Accelerates Work Placements

R. C. Godwin, State Veterans' Employment Representative for the Veterans' Employment Service, reports that 19,332 war veterans were placed on jobs during the first five months of this year through the activities of his service and that of the United States Employment Service.

The inauguration of the Job Development and Employer Relations Program in recent months, through United States Employment Service offices in which Veteran Employment Representatives participated has accelerated these job placements. Mr. Godwin stated. Mr. Godwin points out that while in May, 4,571 local veteran placements were made, and 41 placed in areas other than those in which they registered for work, still the 81 local United States Employment Service offices in the State have a backlog of 33,131 active applications of veterans for jobs. Employers listing all of their job openings with the United States Employment Service, are helping to hold this number down.

The preponderance of veterans activities is indicated by the fact that of the 261,895 reception contacts in the local United States Employment Service offices in May, 171,111 or more than 65 percent of the total, were visits from war veterans, naturally, many of them were repeaters.

During May, 9,112 new applications for jobs were made by veterans and 9,414 referrals were made to jobs. Of those referred, 4,612 placements on jobs were verified. Of the new applications for jobs 757 were made by disabled veterans. Of this number 404 were referred to jobs and 238 of them placed in gainful employment. The records show that 4,358 disabled veterans are actively seeking jobs.

Local United States Employment Service office personnel held 22-23,322 interviews, and 688 counseling interviews with war veterans.

In their efforts to find suitable jobs for all veterans seeking work, the United States Employment Service office personnel made 3,256 visits to 2,311 different employers, largely in the interest of finding or developing jobs for war veterans, Mr. Godwin reports.

### H. E. Monteith, Jr., Discharged From Navy

Hugh E. (Bud) Monteith, Jr., arrived home Tuesday after receiving his discharge from the U. S. Navy at Norfolk on Monday, 1943, and after training at Bainbridge, Md., was sent to New London, Conn., to the submarine base.

He was later attached to the Submarine Atlantic Fleet Repair Division and has been stationed at New London most of the time.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Monteith. He is planning to return to school this fall.

### Pool Open At Night

Lewis Wilson, manager of the Sylva swimming pool, has announced that the pool will be open every evening from 7:30 to 9:30. The pool was opened last Tuesday evening for its first night-time period.

## Rotarians Entertain And Install Leaders At Party

The Rotary Club held a Ladies' Night party and installed its new officers Tuesday night at a meeting at Fairfield Inn. The new president is Bill Ensor of Cherokee.

Speeches were made by several members of the organization, and gift favors were given to the ladies.

The other new Rotary officers are: Dr. D. D. Hooper, vice-president; Raymond Sutton, secretary-treasurer, and Stedman Mitchell, sergeant-at-arms. The directors are Paul Ellis, Bill Fisher, Harold McGuire, Paul Kirk, and Keith Hinds.

The outgoing president is Ralph Sutton of Cullowhee.

Chairman of the Club Service committee is Delos Hooper. The other committees are as follows: Attendance, Don Cowan, chairman, Herbert Landis, and Lewis

Cannon, Fellowship, Arthur Weldlich, chairman, Charles Gulley, and Herbert Gibson; Program, Paul Kirk, chairman, Paul Ellis, Newton Turner, and John Worth McDevitt; Classification, Reg Enloe, chairman, and Dick Slagle; Membership, Wayne McGuire, chairman, Mont Cannon, and Alonzo Hoyle; Rotary Information, W. Ernest Bird, chairman, H. Ty Hunter, and Scroop Enloe; Rotarian Magazine, Cole Cannon, chairman, and Grover Wilkes; Public Information, Andrew Gray, chairman, and Bill Ashbrook.

Community Service, Harold McGuire, chairman, Sam Gilliam, Dee Parker, Marvin Snipes, Stedman Mitchell, and J. C. Allison; Service, Keith Hinds, chairman, T. N. Masie, Jonah Dills, and Harry Ferguson; and International Service, C. C. Buchanan, chairman, Q. Grigg, John Seymour, and Dan Moore.