

V.F.W. Declare Warfare On Communists, Fascists

Stand Is In Accordance
With Resolutions Adopted
By National Encampment

Open, relentless warfare against Communists, Fascists and members of all subversive organizations in this country has been declared by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, according to Commander Joe Clyde Fisher of Post 8060.

"The Veterans of Foreign Wars is now on record with the demand that Communists be barred from places on any state or federal ballots," Commander Fisher said. "Furthermore, we are taking new precautions to prevent members of any subversive group from infiltrating our organization."

This militant stand against the exponents of alien ideologies is in accordance with resolutions adopted by the recent National Encampment of the V. F. W. in Boston. Communists and "fellow travelers" of other subversive organizations came in for heavy fire from encampment delegates and several of the nationally known speakers appearing on the program.

One of the resolutions asked that "a bill be sponsored in the Congress of the United States to abolish and prohibit the Communist Party or any other subversive organization from appearing on any ballot" in the 48 states or U. S. possessions.

"Any foreigner who lands in this country and who becomes a Communist, is, according to the present ruling of the Department of Justice, considered a political foe and must be deported," the resolution said. "Therefore, membership in the Communist Party and agreement with its aims is reason and cause for arrest and deportation."

The resolution was offered by U. S. Treasury Post 2400 of the District of Columbia. By another resolution, the V. F. W. changed its membership application form to include the question: "Are you a member or supporter of any subversive group?" Applicants answering such questions in the affirmative will be refused membership, Commander Fisher said, and any member who gives a false answer can be expelled.

Sylva And Canton High To Meet October 25th

The Sylva Golden Hurricanes will meet a strong Canton eleven on the home field Friday, October 25th, at 7:30 p. m.

The game will be sponsored by the Boy Scout Troops.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY RECEIVES AWARD FOR WAR ACHIEVEMENT

The Southern Railway System on October 18 will receive a "Certificate of Achievement" from the United States Navy in recognition of the tremendous job which the railway did in moving millions of Naval personnel during the war and during the demobilization period. The award is the highest that the Bureau of Naval Personnel can give to an individual or organization unit affiliated with the United States Navy. It will be presented to the railway by Admiral Louis Denfield at a luncheon meeting in Chicago.

Coincident with the presentation of the achievement award to the railway, a citation will be given to Ernest E. Norris, president of the Southern.

Participating in the ceremony, in addition to Admiral Denfield, will be other high-ranking Navy, Government and railroad officials, including Under Secretary of the Navy John L. Sullivan; Rear Admiral J. L. Holloway, Jr., assistant chief of Naval personnel and recently appointed superintendent of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis; Colonel J. Monroe Johnson, director of the Office of Defense Transportation; and John J. Pelly, president of the Association of American Railroads. Hugh W. Siddall, chairman of the International Military Committee, will act as toastmaster.

ALLISON AND WARD BUY PUREBRED HEREFORD CATTLE

Dan Allison, business man and farmer of Sylva, purchased three purebred Hereford cows at the Haywood county Livestock show on October 9th. Glen Ward, progressive farmer of the Beta community purchased one purebred Hereford cow at this sale. These cows have been placed on the farms of these gentlemen to be used for breeding purposes in building up their herds. The purchase price of the cows was not stated but cows of this type brought several hundred dollars each during the sale following the show in Waynesville. More cattle of this type are needed on Jackson county farms, and these men are to be congratulated on bringing cattle of this type into the county.

DAISY SMITH RETURNS WITH LEADER DOG

Miss Daisy Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Smith of Sylva, and her Leader Dog, Ace, have returned from Rochester and Detroit, Mich. and Miss Smith has gone back to Western Carolina Teachers College, where she is a junior this year.

Miss Smith trained for her dog, a German Boxer, at the Leader Dog League in Rochester and before returning home spent a few days visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Lee Davis in Detroit.

Miss Smith and Ace flew to Knoxville and were met there by her parents.

H.D.C. Council Meets

The Council of the Jackson County Home Demonstration clubs met in the Home Agent's office Thursday, October 10, with Mrs. B. E. Gray, vice president, presiding in the absence of the president, Mrs. D. C. Higdon. Mrs. Don Fisher acted as secretary in the absence of Mrs. A. K. Hinds.

Among the business matters discussed was a fair to be held. The Council voted to cooperate in holding a fair next year. This is to take the place of achievement days held during the past.

Present at the meeting were: Mrs. B. E. Gray of the Dillsboro club; Mrs. Raymond Sutton, Sylva club; Mrs. Victor Brown, Cullowhee club; and Miss Josephine Johnston, home agent.

HENSON ANNOUNCES REGISTRARS FOR COMING ELECTION

Mr. John Henson, chairman of Jackson County Board of Elections, has announced names of registrars for the various precincts of the county who will conduct the voting at their respective precincts in the general election on Tuesday, November 5, and who will be in charge of the registration books for registering eligible voters on Saturday, October 19 and 26.

The registrars and precincts are as follows:

C. L. Dillard, Cashiers; Fred Bryson, Hamburg; Mrs. Pearl Stewart, Mountain; L. D. Moody, River No. 1; Oscar Wike, River No. 2; Spurgeon Middleton, Canada No. 1; D. M. Shelton, Canada No. 2; Earl Sutton, Cullowhee; Jim Potts, Caney Fork; J. N. Cowan, Webster; Harley Buchanan, Savannah; Joe Whetmore, Greens Creek; Grady Martin, Qualla; Ben Jones, Barkers Creek; Willie Sutton, Dillsboro; Wilma Jones, South Sylva; David Parris, North Sylva; Clyde Bryson, Scotts Creek No. 1; Price Dillard, Scotts Creek No. 2; George Bryson, Scotts Creek No. 3.

It is estimated that the cotton carry-over will be slightly over 4 million bales on August 1 next year, as compared with 7½ million this year.

SOSSAMON'S . . . in Sylva

Lolo Prisoner



BELIEVED to be one of the Americans held captive by savage Lolo tribesmen of China is Capt. Andrew Lungbotham (above), Pasadena, Calif. He was pilot of the plane carrying 31 passengers which is reported to have crashed in western China. The passengers, say news dispatches, were captured after a gun battle. (International)

Marion Bridges Wins Flying Safety Award

Johnny Watson, manager of the Sylva Flying Service, announced this week that the local winner of the W. T. Piper Safety Flying Award is Marion T. Bridges, newspaper publisher of Waynesville. Runner-up of this award is Lewis C. Wilson, of Sylva.

Mr. Bridges has flown a total of 59 hours and 105 minutes since April 1, 1946, which is the equivalent of 4,000 miles, without an accident of any kind. He will be presented an engraved bronze model of a Piper Skycycle.

Mr. Wilson has flown 50 hours and ten minutes during the April to October period.

A total of eight persons were entered in the contest. They flew 198 hours and 25 minutes, or 20,000 miles. Mr. Watson said that this was the first time that such a safety contest had been conducted on a national scale and that it was his hope to double the number of entrants for next year's contest.

The Sylva airport has a runway of 2500 feet and a hangar large enough to accommodate three planes. At the present time Mr. Watson operates four planes on the local field, two Piper Cubs and two Sterman. He invites the public to come out and observe the safe way flying is observed on the field.

Dean W. E. Bird Named Vice-President Of NCEA

Dean W. E. Bird of Western Carolina Teachers College was named vice-president for the western district of the North Carolina Education association at the meeting held in Asheville last Friday, when about 1500 teachers, principals and superintendents from 18 western counties met in annual session.

Other officers serving with him during the coming year are Henry M. Davis, principal of Hendersonville high school, president; and Mrs. C. H. Price, science teacher at Hendersonville high school, secretary.

Goering Cheats Hangman's Noose By Suicide

V. F. W. TO MEET AT
COURTHOUSE FRIDAY
EVENING, OCTOBER 18

Commander Joe Clyde Fisher has announced that the Frank and Herman Bailey post 8060 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will meet Friday night, October 18, at the courthouse at 7 o'clock. All members are urged to attend the meeting and any one eligible for the organization is invited to join.

At a recent meeting members of the VFW voted to sponsor a basketball team and season tickets have already been printed. They may be secured by contacting a member of the organization.

UP TO 70 POUNDS MAY GO AIRMAIL TO SOLDIERS OVERSEAS

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 14—Under new postal regulations you can send your soldier overseas letters or parcels weighing from eight ounces to 70 pounds by airmail, depending on where he is serving, Major George F. Heinz, Postal Officer, Seventh Army, said today.

Formerly, airmail addressed through Army Post Office numbers, care Postmasters in New York or San Francisco, was limited to two ounces. That weight for letters or parcels has now been raised to eight ounces.

Parcels not to exceed 70 pounds in weight may be sent to military personnel or civilians entitled to an APO number, in care of Postmasters in Miami, Fla.; New Orleans, La., or Seattle, Wash.

The wide difference in weights acceptable at the various ports is explained by the number of military personnel serving in various theaters and the distances involved. New York, it is stated, handles the European theater mail. San Francisco handles letters and parcels addressed to personnel in the Pacific, Hawaii, the Philippines, Korea and Japan. From these two ports the limit by airmail is eight ounces.

Seattle, Wash. handles mail to the Alaskan area. Miami, Fla. serves the Antilles Department and points in South America. New Orleans handles mail for the Panama Canal Zone, Ecuador and Peru. These, being comparatively short hauls by air, permit airmail parcels up to 70 pounds, Major Heinz explained.

FFA CHAPTER AT CULLOWHEE TO SPONSOR FAIR

Under the direction of C. G. Phillips, vocational agriculture teacher of the Western Carolina Teachers College training school, the Cullowhee Community Fair, sponsored by the Cullowhee FFA chapter, will be held Friday, October 18, on the college grounds. A morning program in the Hoey auditorium will feature an address by Mrs. E. L. McKee of Sylva, and a motion picture on forestry. Cash prizes will be awarded in all events featured which includes a vegetable, fruit and livestock division to be judged by the county agent and his staff, a canned and baked foods division to be judged by the home economics staff of the training school, and a baby health contest to be judged by the county health unit. Exhibits will be displayed throughout the day in the Breese gymnasium.

Many of the leaders of the Democratic party had urged the President to take this action for some time. Mr. Truman spoke angrily of congressmen and candidates whom he blamed for the meat shortage and failure of controls, and made no attempt to pin the responsibility solely on the Republicans.

Ashe Interviews 143 Veterans In Month of Sept.

A total of 143 veterans were interviewed during the month of September by T. Walter Ashe, Service Officer for the William E. Dillard Post 104 of the American Legion. This figure shows a slight decline over the previous month.

In the breakdown on the figures Mr. Ashe stated that two interviews were for education; three for Public Law 346, which deals with job training; nine for pensions; six for farmer training and 120 for miscellaneous interviews.

Fall Color Season Is Now At Its Best In The Great Smokies

Swears In Commerce Secretary



CHIEF JUSTICE Fred M. Vinson (right) of the U.S. Supreme Court is shown in Washington swearing in W. Averell Harriman (left) as the new Secretary of Commerce to fill the Cabinet post left vacant by the dismissal of Henry A. Wallace. Watching the ceremony is U.S. Attorney General Tom C. Clark, of Texas. (International Soundphoto)

Pres. Truman Abandons Price Control On Meats, Rents Stay

President Truman turned to the radio Monday night to tell the meat hungry American public in an angry worded talk that he was abandoning price controls on meat and that the entire program of decontrol will be speeded up immediately. However, he said that rent control must stay for a long time.

Thus three weeks before the general election the President reverses his stand on meat control and alters the course he had previously set, removing the administration's hand from the meat situation entirely, and put it up to the industry to restock the nation's meat markets. He said that this was the only remedy for the meat shortage.

The President said, "the responsibility rests squarely on a few men in congress who, in the service of selfish interests, have been determined for some time to wreck price controls no matter what the cost might be to our people."

The ceiling on livestock and the food and feed derived from it went off Tuesday. The president announced that this means the decontrol of all other items "will have to be accelerated under existing legal standards."

Included under the hastened decontrol process will be the wage controls. The President said that we all recognize the close relationship between wages and prices. But he refused to abolish the wage control simultaneously with the meat ceilings. He said, however, that this does not mean the end of control low.

Five persons were injured Saturday afternoon when a truck reported to have been driven by Douglas Stephens and a car reported to have been driven by Elliot Norton collided at the Cullowhee bridge on highway 107. The injured were Mr. and Mrs. Norton and two children and Douglas Stephens. They were taken to the C. J. Harris hospital, treated for cuts, bruises and abrasions and released the same evening.

Sylva Fire Department Called To Bryson City

Tilghman Bass and eight members of the Sylva Fire Department answered a fire alarm at the Walden Hotel in Bryson City at 10:10 Wednesday morning but the fire was under control when the truck reached there.

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Thousands Of Visitors Went To Park Sunday To See Nature's Show

What is the most colorful week of Autumn in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park? This is a question that Blair Ross, park superintendent, has been asked many times, and has answered in a press memorandum released last week.

Since climatic conditions play a very important part of the autumnal pageantry, and since no two years are ever alike, climatically, Mr. Ross finds it difficult to select any one week when foliage colors are at their best. All of October he recommends highly, "and although frost, wind and rain will bring about widespread defoliation by the end of the month, the tenacious oak leaves will persist to carry this color spectacle into the month of November."

Some species of trees naturally color early and will lose a large quota of their leaves before others some into their prime, such as the yellow buckeye. And since cool weather comes to the mountains before the lowlands, this fact complicates prophecies on wide-ranging species.

"Already the Sugarlands Valley in the Park is arrayed in striking colors which sweep upward along the slopes of Mt. LeConte, and the Oconuluftee River Valley is fast approaching its height of autumn grandeur. In places such as on rocky promontories which are drier and more exposed the vivid red and yellow hues appear to be intensified.

"The forest of yellow birch which forms a wide band just below the lower limits of the spruce forest is already in its color and should be at its best this week-end; here and there its prevailing golden color is interrupted by the indescribable hues which only the red maple can assume. The red maple is likewise found throughout the lower-altitude forests where, along with sourwood, black gum, flowering dogwood, sumacs, Virginia creeper, sassafras, hickories, tulip, sweet gum, ash, black birch, witch hazel, wild grape and other plants the pageant of autumn foliage reaches its richest development."

Thousands of motorists visited the Smokies on last Sunday to take advantage of a perfectly mild, clear day for viewing the color show now at its best.

Five Injured In Truck, Car Wreck

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No hearing has been held on the accident to date.

FINAL RITES HELD FOR MRS. CANSAS SHULER WEDNESDAY AT 2 P. M.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Ochre Hill Baptist church for Mrs. Cansas Shuler, 85, who died October 15 at her home in the Washington Church community near Pelzer, S. C. The Rev. Robert Parris officiated and burial followed in the Norman cemetery.

Mrs. Shuler, who observed her 85th birthday on October 5, was a native of the Cave Creek section of Jackson county. She was the widow of the late T. J. Shuler, who preceded her in death in 1941.

Mrs. Shuler moved to South Carolina four years ago and has been an invalid for the past three years. She is survived by two sons, H. C. Shuler of Pelzer, S. C., T. J. Shuler of Big Pines, Fla.; three daughters, Mrs. J. D. McCall of Marietta, Ga., Mrs. Julia Herrod of Pelzer and Miss Mayett Shuler, also of Pelzer; one brother, C. S. Buchanan of Oklahoma; one sister, Mrs. Emma McCall of Brevard; 22 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.

June Middleton Is Hurt In Auto Mishap

June Middleton, 12 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Middleton of Sylva was struck by a car reported to have been driven by John Hooper of Speedwell, when she stepped from a Trailways bus on Highway 107 near Enslley's grocery. The accident was termed unavoidable.

The girl suffered a broken right arm and leg in the mishap and was taken to the C. J. Harris Hospital for treatment.

Advanced Physics Course Given Special Students On Atomic Energy

Twenty-seven specially selected natural scientists comprise the class in an advanced course in nuclear physics which opened recently in the Manhattan Project's Clinton Laboratories at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

The trainees, selected on specific needs of the Manhattan Project for qualified men in the various fields of research and development of atomic energy represent leading industrial and academic institutions throughout the county.

Sylva Men Seek Bruin In Mt. Mitchell Area

Eleven Sylva members of the "Big Tom Wilson" Hunting club left this week for their camp near Mt. Mitchell where they will take part in the first bear hunt of the season. Those going were Harry Ferguson, Dr. W. P. McGuire, Everett Harris, T. N. Massie, Ray Cogdill, Cole Cannon, Phil Stovall, Frank Fricks, Ras Barrett, S. W. and Rege Enloe.