

OFFER REWARD OF \$600 FOR HALL KILLERS

The Young Democrats Win In City Primary Election

World War II Veterans Are Unopposed In May Election

Mayor Gibson And Present Board Did Not Seek Reelection

Sylva voters nominated a full Veteran's ticket for Mayor and Board of Aldermen in Saturday's municipal Democratic primary. This was the first municipal primary to be held in the town in many years.

Jack C. Allison, heading the Young Democratic or G. I. ticket, was nominated for mayor with a vote of 203 to 164 for his opponent, W. J. Fisher.

Nominated for board of aldermen were Joseph F. Wilson with 218 votes, Edward H. Baldridge, 218; Lloyd W. Cowan, 193; R. R. Nicholson, Jr., 193, and Dr. Harold McGuire, 176.

Unsuccessful candidates for the board seats were Paul Kirk, 160 votes; James E. Crawford, 171; James T. Bales, 161; H. E. Ferguson, 156, and Roscoe Poteet, 154.

Dr. Harold McGuire, veteran of 42 months with the Army, was one of the candidates on the ticket headed by Mr. Fisher. James E. Crawford, also a veteran, was on the ticket headed by Mr. Allison. This was the only switch the voters made in their balloting.

The successful candidates will be unopposed in the general election on May 6.

The retiring mayor, Herbert Gibson, and board members, W. T. Wise, Chester Scott, Walter Allison, and S. A. Carden, did not seek re-election. Mayor Gibson, agent for the Southern Railway here, has been in office for eight years.

A brief service of the new nominees is as follows:

Edward H. Baldridge entered service August 10, 1943, and was discharged November 5, 1945. He was engaged in three major campaigns, the Rome-Arno, Southern France and Rhineland. He was taken prisoner by the Germans on the Moselle River crossing September 21, 1944, and remained in the hands of the Germans until liberation by Allied forces April 26, 1945. Mr. and Mrs. Baldridge and son, Eddie, make their home in Sylva. Mr. Baldridge holds a position with The Herald as linotype operator.

Joseph F. Wilson, son of Mrs. T. O. Wilson and the late Mr. Wilson, served with the 8th air force as a gunner on a B-24. He and his crew made 31 missions over European territory. They all came through alive but were forced to bail out of their ship as they were over England returning from their last bombing mission. He held the rank of Staff Sergeant and was in

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First Secretary of the British Embassy Speaks WCTC 29th

Mr. Frank Darvall, First Secretary of the British Embassy, will speak at Hoey auditorium, Cullowhee, Tuesday, April 29, at 11 a. m. instead of at 1:30 p. m. as previously announced.

Mr. Darvall's talk, on "The British Commonwealth and Empire," will be the regular chapel program for that day. The time has been moved ahead to fit in with Mr. Darvall's schedule. He has an urgent appointment in Washington on Wednesday, which will necessitate his leaving on the 3:45 p. m. train from Asheville Tuesday.

The First secretary's address will be primarily for the students and faculty members of Western Carolina Teachers College and the Cullowhee High school, but there

SYLVA SENIORS TO PRESENT COMEDY PLAY MAY SECOND

"A Million Dollar Joke," a comedy in three acts by Pauline Phelps, will be presented by members of the senior class of Sylva High School at 8:00 Friday night, May 2, in the Elementary School Auditorium.

Rehearsals for the play have been in progress for several weeks under the direction of Mrs. Luce and Mrs. Reed, sponsors of the senior class.

The plot involves a modern youth who is really a worm, Percival Smith, and his million dollars in a terrific joke. The worm is made to squirm by a young lady, Peggy Eustis, who shows him his fault. He reforms and is not trampled on by his room mates any more. Percival receives a million dollars and the money gives him the confidence to run for mayor. He has many funny experiences which will be worth a million dollars to the audience.

Combined with the experience of the directors and artistic skill of the stage director are the varied talents and acting abilities of the senior class. Such a combination indicates a successful performance of "A Million Dollar Joke."

Two performances will be given. The matinee for the elementary children will be presented in the afternoon, and admission will be 15 cents. At the Friday night performance, admission will be 25 cents and 50 cents.

Scout Camporee To Be Held May 16 At Lumpkin

The regular monthly meeting of the District Committee of the Smoky Mountain District, Boy Scouts of America, was held at Jarrett's Springs Hotel, Friday evening at 7 o'clock April 18th.

Reports of scouting activities were heard from practically all sections of the District. Mr. Hugh Monteith, Chairman of Advancement, of the Smoky Mountain District, who attended the Regional Scouters Convention, held in Atlanta, March 30th, gave a very interesting report of this meeting.

Camporee for the Smoky Mountain District will be held at Camp Lumpkin, ten miles west of Franklin on the Wayah Road, May 16th and 17th. It is hoped this meeting will be well attended by Scouts and Scouters of this section.

Those present at the meeting

BETTER BABIES IS PART OF COUNTY HEALTH PROGRAM

By MRS. LINA PADGETT
Jackson County Nurse

To the parents of the young infant belongs the care that insures the physical and mental growth of that child into happy, useful citizen.

The Jackson County Health department carries out the following program to help the parents of these infants and pre-school children:

Clinics for mothers and babies are held as given below for examination in order to discover any deviation from good development and health. Conditions needing corrections are pointed out and referral made to the family physician, or if needed to available clinics.

Clinics are held in the spring at the various schools for inspection of the child who is to enter school for the first time in the fall so that parents may take the child to the health department or the family physician for further examination if found necessary.

Immunization clinics are held where advice is given as to what should be done and when to protect the child from communicable diseases and immunizations are offered. Those required by state law during the first year are stressed, and later those required for school enrollment.

The nurse goes into the home as much as she can to help the mother with suggestions and to demonstrate the home care of the child.

The Sanitarian carries on his program that safe living conditions may prevail at home, school or in the cafe; and that safe milk, clean drinking water and food are provided.

WNC Groups Go To Washington About Park Development

Representatives of Western North Carolina Associated Communities will meet in Washington next Tuesday with A. E. Demaray, associate park director, to discuss ways and means of insuring continuing development of Great Smoky Mountains National Park despite the prospects of a sharp cut in federal funds of this purpose.

Mrs. Grover Wilkes Will Have Recital

On Thursday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock in the Sylva Elementary school auditorium Mrs. Daisy Franklin Wilkes will present her music pupils in the annual spring recital. Twenty pupils will present a varied program of musical selections. The public is invited to attend this recital.

Chamber Of Commerce Membership Drive

Felix Picklesimer, president of the Jackson county chamber of commerce, has announced that the annual membership drive will start Thursday, May 1. The membership drive committee will begin canvassing the businesses of the town for their membership at this time. It is hoped, Mr. Picklesimer stated, to complete the work within a few days.

were: Bill Wall, Assistant Scout Executive; Gaston Means, Field Executive; John Archer, Everett Harris, Dr. Harold McGuire, Paul Kirk, O. E. Brookhyser, Sam Gillim, A. F. Neely, T. A. Willets, Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, John Allsup, E. W. Renshaw, Hugh Monteith and W. C. Hennessee, District Chairman.

Will Represent El Salvador At Lions Meet



MISS BRYSON



MISS POTEET

Miss Thelma Poteet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Poteet, and Miss Jenneane Bryson, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jennings A. Bryson, will represent the county of El Salvador at the Lions Silver Jubilee Convention in Asheville May 25, 26, and 27. Miss Poteet's father is president of the Sylva club, and Mr. Bryson is a past president and past district governor.

Frank Crawford Succeeds A. Moses As Superintendent Of Jackson County Schools

Board Made Selection Thursday, Also Named District Committeemen

W.C.T.C. MONOGRAM CLUB SPONSORING AMATEUR NIGHT

The annual Amateur Night, sponsored by the W.C.T.C. Monogram club, will be held in Hoey Auditorium Saturday night, April 26, at 8 o'clock.

Amateur musicians, dancers and comedians will compete for cash prizes which will be awarded at the end of the show. Winners will be judged by the amount of applause received and by judges selected from the audience.

The field is still open to contestants. Anyone wishing to enter may do so by contacting any member of the Monogram club before Saturday night. No entry fee is charged.

Admission prices are .50 for adults and .35 for students and children.

CHILDREN'S WORK IN CULLOWHEE BAPTIST CHURCH IS GROWING

The beginner-primary department of the Sunday School of the Cullowhee Baptist Church is under the direction of Miss Annie Knotts, first grade teacher in the local training school and a genuine servant to children wherever she goes. She is assisted in the work by Mrs. Ed Crawford, who devotes most of her attention to the little folks of a pre-school age.

During the worship hour on Sunday mornings Miss Knotts can almost always be found in her place in the educational department of the church building with anywhere from twenty to thirty children between the ages of six and nine going through a carefully planned program which is suitable to this age group. On special occasions they are to be observed in a body in the auditorium in worship along with the adult congregation; in this way they practice under able and consecrated guidance the art of congregational worship. This group of children and their leader have recently made a number of improvements in the appearance of their large class room, the most obvious of which is the hanging of attractive draperies.

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The Murder of Jack Hall And Wife Was Most Brutal Crime Ever Committed In County

N C LIONS WILL HAVE SILVER JUBILEE IN ASHEVILLE MAY 25-27

The Sylva Lions Club plans to have 100 per cent registration at the State convention which meets in Asheville May 25, 26 and 27. This annual convention will be known as the 25th, or Silver Jubilee, in celebration of the 25th year of the organization.

North Carolina is divided into three districts known as 31 A, B, & C, and all three districts will be represented at the Jubilee meeting. Wesley W. Brown, of Asheville, is chairman of the convention. He and his committee has arranged a full three day program for the occasion, with plenty of entertainment for the ladies who attend.

The principal speaker will be Hon. Dr. Ramiro Collazo, of Havana, Cuba, who is immediate past president of Lions International. He will make his talk at the last session of the last day of the convention.

Foreign countries having Lions Clubs will be honored with flag salutes. The Sylva Club has elected Miss Thelma Poteet, daughter of Lion President Roscoe Poteet, representing Miss Jenneane Bryson, daughters of Jennings A. Bryson, past president and past district governor, will be alternate.

Jackson Farmers Seed 4,000 Acres To New Pasture

Improved pastures is where the emphasis is being placed this year by the Jackson County AAA committee. Good pastures conserve soil and reduce livestock production costs, and when operated with cultivated crops, results in larger yields.

Approximately 4,000 acres of pasture have been seeded this spring in Jackson County, according to good pasture practices. This includes reseeded of depleted land and planting new pastures. Also the application of lime and phosphate and a season-long system for preventing overgrazing. The AAA this year has furnished pasture seeds to farmers through the local dealers by issuing a purchase order slip which the farmer takes to the dealer of his choice and pays

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COUNTY, STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICERS PROBING SLAYING

Sheriff Griffin Middleton announced Wednesday that a reward of \$600 has been posted for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of party or parties connected with the brutal killing of Jack Hall and his wife, Margie Maples Hall.

Funeral rites were held at 11 o'clock yesterday morning at East Fork Baptist church for Mr. Hall, while services for Mrs. Hall were held at the same hour at Pigeon Forge Baptist church at Sevierville, Tenn.

As The Herald goes to press county, state, and federal officers are pushing the probe into the slaying of the Sylva taxi operator and his wife, which took place sometime around 2:30 o'clock Monday morning at a secluded spot on the old Diltsboro road, just outside the city limits. The body of Hall and his wife were discovered about six o'clock Monday morning by Homer Green, Jud Robinson, and James Clonyz when en route to work at Mead Corporation. Sheriff Middleton was immediately notified and arrived on the scene a few moments later. Mrs. Hall was found lying on the floor of the front seat of his taxi and Mrs. Hall was sprawled across the front seat. Hall was already dead from brutal blows about the head, which left parts of his skull and brain on the roadside and running board of the car. Mrs. Hall was still alive but died at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon from several blows on the head in Harris hospital. Inquests held by county coroner C. W. Dilts stated that Hall and his wife came to their death at the hand of person, or persons unknown, using a blunt instrument.

The Halls were last seen alive in Sylva at about 10:30 Sunday night. She usually accompanied her husband on his night trips, relatives of the couple stated.

Mr. Hall, 39, Sylva taxi operator and holder of large property investments, and his 20 year old wife had been married about a year.

Mr. Hall was said to have been in the habit of carrying large sums of money on his person, which was generally known. However, \$387 was found in his pockets after he was murdered. But relatives believe he had a much larger sum at the time.

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Jackson Welfare Department Provides Care For Babies

The following article was written by the County Welfare Department for The Herald Baby Week issue and states the type of services rendered the babies of the county.

The welfare staff of the county is composed of Mr. T. C. Henson, Superintendent; Miss Helen D'Anna, and Miss Rena Cathey, case workers.

Baby Week is of particular interest to the Jackson County Welfare Department because its services center around the protective rights due every child. The program of "Aid to Dependent Children" offers financial assistance when one parent is physically or mentally incapable of supporting the family, but can give parental care. This enables a child to re-

main with its own parents or parent. When it is for the best interest of a baby to be placed in a foster home, it is the responsibility of the Welfare Department to locate and supervise these placements. Quite often this service is needed for a child born out of wed-lock. The protective rights for the child, the mother, and foster family are carefully guarded. Supervision of children in their own home is often requested and we are interested in giving advice that will be helpful to a parent and a child. We help families in learning of resources which are provided for good health and mental welfare. Baby Week emphasizes the good care and protection that every child needs and that is our interest for every Jackson county baby.