

## State To Let Contract For 14 Miles Paving

### Thomas Alerts Citizens Of Jackson County To Rabies Outbreak

**All Tuckaseegee Dogs Placed Under Strict Quarantine Yesterday**

An outbreak Rabies threatened Jackson county this week as the result of the discovery of a "mad-dog" at Tuckaseegee. A positive report of Rabies was returned from the State Laboratory at Raleigh on Tuesday concerning the dog owned by C. B. Houston. The dog had run loose and bitten several others in Tuckaseegee that authorities were able to trace and confine for observation. It is feared that other animals in the area may also be infected.

C. B. Thomas, District Sanitarian, was hopeful that the disease would not reach such proportions as was the case in Asheville recently when 85 persons were required to take the painful and expensive Rabies treatment following contact with infected dogs.

Thomas said that the Sheriff and Highway Patrolmen have been advised to destroy any dog found not bearing the tags which evidence Rabies inoculation. At the same time Thomas asked that any dog which shows suspicious signs should not be killed immediately, but confined and the health authorities notified since confinement and observation are the only sure ways of diagnosing Rabies.

It was also pointed out that any dog which has not been inoculated for Rabies should be given the shots at once. The Farm Agent's Office can give full particulars.

### J. W. Blanton Dies; Burial At Ochra

Funeral services for J. W. Blanton, who died Saturday, were held Monday in Ochra Hill Baptist Church with the Rev. Robert Parris and the Rev. H. L. Crawford officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. The deceased was 52 years of age.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Sadie Blanton; two daughters, Mrs. Lee Ensley of Cullowhee, and Burnice Blanton of the home; one son, Emmitt Blanton; four grandchildren; 5 brothers; 3 sisters; and a host of relatives and friends.

The flower girls were nieces. Pallbearers were nephews of the deceased. The Moody Funeral home was in charge.

### Legion To Sponsor March Of Dimes Dance

On Friday, January 27, the William E. Dillard Post No. 104, of Sylva, will sponsor a March of Dimes dance at the Legion Hall, formerly the Community Building, in the City Park.

Music will be by the Soco Gap String Band, playing from 9 till 12. Advance tickets, now on sale, are \$1.00 per couple. At the door tickets will be 75c per person.

All proceeds are for the Polio Fund, to aid in the battle against infantile paralysis, so let's all turn out and have a good time, while supporting this worthy cause.

### Sutton And Moore Head Jackson County Polio Drive

The Jackson county Polio Drive is now underway with a goal of \$4,000 set for this year. Mr. R. U. Sutton is secretary and Mrs. Dan K. Moore is the county campaign director for this drive.

Committees will be set up to take care of advance gifts, special events, dime boards, schools, house to house solicitation and other means of raising funds. During the last campaign more money was raised thru the schools than by any other means.

Several of the county officers

### TREE SEEDLINGS PLENTIFUL; ORDERS BEING TAKEN

Landowners who still plan to plant tree seedlings for reforestation purposes are urged by District Forester Pettit to place their orders as soon as possible with the Department of Conservation and Development. Mr. Pettit says there are plenty of loblolly, slash, shortleaf and longleaf pine left at the Clayton Forest Nursery, but new orders are arriving daily for them.

The Forestry Division expects to sell nearly 10 million seedlings this year to more than 2,000 landowners throughout the State. District Forester Pettit says order blanks for trees may be had by writing to him at Sylva or to the State Forester's Office, Department of Conservation and Development, Raleigh, N. C. County Forest Warden Charles Evans, will also take orders and forward the applications to the proper authority.

### Ex-P.O.W. Can File Claims Now

Forms for making application for prisoner of war claims will be available at the American Legion hall in Sylva on and after January 10, according to an announcement by Dan Tompkins, Jackson County Veterans Service Officer.

An Act of Congress provides for payment of these claims at the rate of \$1.00 per day for military personnel who were prisoners of war in any theatre of operations during World War II, and to certain civilian internees of the Japanese in the Philippines, Midway, Guam, Wake Island, or in any territory or possession of the United States invaded by the Japanese on or after December 7, 1941. Survivors may be eligible for the benefits in case the former prisoner of war or internee has subsequently died.

The payments will be made by the War Claims Commission on the basis of first come first served, and all claims must be filed prior to March 1, 1951. The county service officer will be glad to assist anyone in preparing and filing these claims.

### Accident Not Serious To Little Miss Waters

Audrey Waters, 5 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Waters of Sylva, who was accidentally hit by a truck while crossing the highway near her home on the Cullowhee road Sunday morning, is reported to be doing fine at her home now.

She was taken to the hospital immediately and following an examination it was found she had no broken bones, but only received some bruises.

### Jackson C. of C. Begins Drive For New Industries

The chief goal of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce for 1950 will be the attempt to procure the establishment of new industrial enterprises in the county. This decision was made at a meeting Monday night presided over by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce's new president, Felix Picklesimer.

The Board of Directors decided that without neglecting the tourist business and various proposed civic improvements, the greatest need of the county as a whole is new business firms, whose payrolls would provide livelihood for many people as well as stimulating trade throughout the county.

President Picklesimer appointed a committee to carry out the promotional activity in connection with the organization's plan to obtain new industry. Serving on the committee will be Sol Schulman as chairman, Dr. W. A. Ashbrook and W. D. McKee.

Other decisions rendered included one to continue efforts to bring about the hard surfacing of the presently unpaved 4 and a half mile section of the South Carolina Highway joining with N. C. Highway 107. It is also planned to cooperate with certain civic organizations in Tennessee with the idea of getting this highway assigned a national highway number.

The annual membership drive which is beginning this week is to be under the direction of the membership committee headed by Felix Picklesimer and composed of J. A. Gray and Joe Wallin. All business men are invited and urged to cooperate in this membership drive so that adequate funds can be raised to insure the success of the proposed projects.

Directors installed in addition to Mr. Picklesimer were: Mr. Roscoe Poteet as Vice-President; W. D. McKee as Sec.-Treas.; and Dr. W. A. Ashbrook, Dr. David Daniel, J. A. Gray, H. J. Landis, Ed Nicholson, Sol Schulman and Joe Wallin.

### PRESBYTERY MEETS, NAMES NEW OFFICER

The winter meeting of the Asheville Presbytery was held on Tuesday at the Sylva Presbyterian Church at which time J. H. Flagman of Hendersonville was elected moderator.

Ministers to the General Assembly were elected and included J. C. Lime of Andrews, J. C. Nevelle of Mills River, with P. P. Thower of Hazelwood and W. H. Wakefield of Sylva as alternates.

G. C. Summerow of Hazelwood, J. S. Gray of Franklin were elected as Elders with J. H. Flannagan of Hendersonville and S. A. Mann of Oak Forest as alternates. 43 ministers and elders were present for the opening sermon which was delivered by Rev. Thomas of West Asheville. The Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. Wakefield and Rev. Lime.

A dinner was served by the women of the church at which time it was announced that the next meeting of the group would be at Kenilworth in Asheville on the 18th of April.

### RICE SPEAKS SAT; SEEKS SOLICITOR'S OFFICE

A. A. Rice, Sylva attorney, will make a campaign speech at the Post Office in Sylva on Saturday about 10 in the morning.

Subject to the Democratic Primary to be held in May, Rice will enter the race for Solicitor of the 20th Judicial District.

If the weather is unfavorable he will speak at the courthouse.

### Makes Cancer Find



AN ASSOCIATE of the Institute of Cancer Research in Philadelphia, Dr. Irene Corey Diller is pictured at a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in New York. Dr. Corey reported finding fungi present in every type of human cancer studied in her laboratory during past 18 months. She warned that the tests were not conclusive. (International)

### It Happened HERE AND THERE

Wimpy Hyatt cutting loose with one of his sneezing exhibitions that rattles store windows for 100 feet!

Roscoe Ramsey complaining that he wished some cafe in town would serve saltine crackers with his soup!

Oldtimers sitting on bench in front of David Hall's trading pocket-knives.

Quay Grigg, John Parris and Charlie Reed participating in a Main street "bull session."

Two small boys at odds concerning the abilities of Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice. One says, "Aw, he ain't so hot. Pee Wee Hamilton is twice as good!"

During the Murphy - Sylva basketball game, Perry Rhodes becomes confused during an exciting moment and tackles the Murphy "ball carrier!"

### Bloodmobile In Sylva On February 8th

The Bloodmobile will return to Jackson next month and give county citizens an opportunity to fill their yearly quota which is 125 pints short at the present time.

The Mobile will be in town for one day, February 8.

### MERCHANTS VOTE TO CLOSE STORES WEDS.

The Merchants Association of Sylva voted at their January 4th meeting that the stores of the town would close on Wednesday afternoon beginning on February 1st.

The doors will be shut at 12:00 noon. This practice will continue on thru the spring and summer months until next November.

### BLOODSHED BOXSCORE ON N. C. HIGHWAYS

Killed Jan. 3 thru Jan. 5—2  
Injured Jan. 3 through Jan. 5—62  
Killed thru Jan. 5 this year—9  
Killed through Jan. 5, 1949—10  
Injured thru Jan. 5 this year—133  
Injured thru Jan. 5, 1949—106.

BOSSAMON'S . . . . . in Sylva

### Hatching Egg Expansion Seen In Jackson County

Further expansion of the hatching egg program in Jackson county was recommended by the Poultry Committee at their recent meeting held in the Vocational Agriculture Department at Cullowhee.

Progress of the program to date was reviewed by Winston Cabe, chairman of the committee. He pointed out that hatching eggs are now flowing in volume to the Gainesville area. The current price being received by flock owners is 75 cents per dozen. The outlook for an increase in the price of hatching eggs is favorable.

Chairman Cabe also pointed to the interest being shown in this section by the large hatchery men and predicted that we will gradually see the hatching egg industry expand in this section.

C. T. McMillian, flock supervisor stationed in this county, attended the meeting and reported on the progress of blood testing to date. He pointed out that of the six thousand birds tested to date there had been only one reactor. This bird is being taken to the Georgia State Laboratory to determine whether the reaction was caused by pullorum or some other type of organism.

Mr. McMillian stated that he was blood testing around 6,000 birds per week and that as soon as the job is completed a report will be made. There are around 25,000 birds being tested, and the tube method is being used. He expressed a great deal of satisfaction with the fine job the present flock owners have done in growing good pullets.

McMillian pointed out that more pullets will be available for Jackson county farmers the last of January, February and March. Pullets coming to the county in January will be mated with Cornish Cockerels.

Farmers planning to get pullets within the next 90 days should contact the county agent, vocational teachers, or FHA Supervisor.

### SCOUTS PLAN FOR LARGE INCREASE AT ASHEVILLE MEETING

A large number of Jackson county Scouters traveled to Asheville on Monday afternoon to attend the Twenty-Ninth Annual Scouters Convention there. For the 4th consecutive year, the Smoky Mountain District, of which Jackson county is a part, won the attendance award.

Hugh Monteith, president of the Council, reported to the gathering upon the past year's work. A gain of 204 scouts was made in the Council, bringing the total of 2,533 at present. A goal of 3,000 was set for next year in the 14 W.N.C. counties which make up the Council.

The Silver Beaver Award, given each year to the Scouters who have done the outstanding work for the year, was presented to Dr. S. Robinson of Asheville, chairman of the Rhododendron District; and F. B. Gardner, Hendersonville, president of the Land Of The Sky District.

More than 200 were present for the banquet at the Central Methodist Church on Monday night, which followed an afternoon of committee meetings on Advancement, Health, Safety, Finance, Organization, Extension, Leadership Training, and Camping.

### Health Clinic Date Changed

Due to the large number of people who failed to see last week's statement concerning the changing of the Health Office Clinic, Dr. Janowsky announced again today that the Clinic which was formerly held on Tuesday has been changed to Friday.

### Contracts Will Be Let January 31 For County Roads Ready To Pave

### SEVEN HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS CHOSEN AS OUTSTANDING

Seven students from Sylva central High School have been selected as the most outstanding students for the year and will be included in the 1949-50 edition of the High School Register, an annual publication containing biographical sketches of outstanding high school juniors and seniors selected from schools accredited by regional associations or by the several states.

Nell Elizabeth Green, Theresa Joanne Moody, Doris Love Middleton, Eddie Lou Terrell, Frank Moody Crawford, James Derel Monteith and William Eugene McClure were those chosen.

These seven students were chosen on the basis of scholarship, leadership, service to school and community, personality and probable future usefulness to society.

The High School Register is published in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

### BETA P.T.A. HOLDS MEET; GIVES FUNDS FOR 4-H CAMP

The Beta P.T.A. met on Wednesday, January 4, at 1:30 p.m. in the lunch room with a good attendance.

For the afternoon's program a film on "The Child's Eyes", and "We Go To School" was shown to the P.T.A. and the school children by Jesse Flake of the Guidance Clinic from Cullowhee. The business session was presided over by the president, Mrs. Joe Clyde Fisher. The attendance award for January was won by Mrs. Lucy Crawford's room. Plans were completed for the Founders Day Program next month.

A donation of money was made to the Beta 4-H club on their camp at Waynesville in appreciation of their social work to the P.T.A. The organization was presented a membership certificate for 1949 from the state office.

The next meeting will be in February.

### Jackson Association Southeastern's Youngest

The Jackson Artificial Breeding Association is probably the youngest in the State, having been organized in October, 1949. It is composed of 100 members and is reported to be growing steadily.

Velt Wilson is chairman of the board of directors and members of the board are Kenyon Moody, Walter Ashe, R. M. Bryson, John Will Hooper and Mack Johnson Stewart. Robert Varner of Whitler is technician.

### Girl Scout Set-up Revised; Jones And Johnson Leaders

New life has been breathed into the Girl Scout movement as far as Sylva is concerned. The setup has been completely reorganized with the Junior Woman's club as the sponsor.

The actual change was begun in early December. At that time Mrs. Edward C. Jones and Miss Eugenia Johnson assumed the duties of leaders and an advisory board was elected as troop committee members consisting of: Mrs. Jimmy Buckner, Mrs. R. U. Sutton, Mrs. Dan Moore, Mrs. Walter Jones, and Mrs. John Parris.

Since that time three patrols have been organized and a fourth

### Thrash Says Work Will Begin As Soon As The Contractors Can Start

A large number of Jackson county citizens and the "Go Forward" road program committee for the county met with L. Dale Thrash, 10th Division Highway Commissioner, and Z. V. Stewart, Division Engineer, in the county courthouse Thursday afternoon to discuss certain roads the State plans to let to contract soon for black top surface.

Mr. Thrash said that approximately 14 miles of Jackson county roads will be let to surface contract January 31. These are certain roads in the county that are now ready for surface, the commissioner said, and they include all the mileage that is now ready for black top surface. All surface will be 16 feet wide.

The roads ready for surface are: Monteith Branch road .5 mile; Allen Branch road .6 mile; Dillard Cove road 1.37 miles; Cope Creek and Beta road 2.8 miles; Speedwell road 2.3 miles; Shoal Creek 2.2 miles; Norton, Yellow Mountain and Glenville Dam road 2.9 miles; Glenville School road .9 mile; Cashiers School road .6 mile and Whittier Church road .25 mile.

The only thing the contractors will have to do on these roads is to place more rock on them, pack it down and then black top. Contractors placing the lowest bids will get the job, said the commissioner. Contractors will be paid by the ton for the rock and by the mile for the black top surface. A State Inspector will be on the job all the time to see that State specifications are maintained at all times.

The following is a list of other roads that the State forces will start working on as soon as possible with the view of getting them ready to let to contract for black-topping in 1951. This group includes some 24 miles of roads and are as follows:

Camp Branch 4.1; Barkers Creek road 1.4; Greens Creek road 1.4; East Fork Savannah 2 miles; Cullowhee Mt. road 2 miles; Norton, Yellow Mountain, Glenville Dam road 1.7; Big Ridge road 2.3 miles; Caney Ford road 4 mile; Balsam road .7 mile; Whiteside Cove road 2.5 miles; Punkintown road 2 miles.

The question came up regarding rock now being hauled from Swain county and being placed on Jackson roads which is considered by local people as inferior material. Thrash and Stewart both said that the material meets State and National specifications and is as good as any material to be found in North Carolina.

Thrash said that the mud roads of the county will be rocked just as fast as state forces can get to them.

The number of persons at work on farms in late November totaled slightly more than nine million, about the same as a year ago.