

American Legion Post Organized Here Saturday

The William E. Dillard Post American Legion, with a large membership, elected its officers Saturday afternoon, and made formal application for its charter. Veterans from all parts of the county met in the Court House, Saturday afternoon, to adopt a constitution, by-laws, and elect officers.

Dan Tompkins was elected Commander; John H. Morris, vice-president; George W. Womack, Adjutant; Ramson E. Hooper, Finance Officer; Ed Bryson, Sergeant-at-Arms; T. Finley Arrington, Historian; and Rev. Joe Bishop, Chaplain.

Regular meetings of the post will be held on the last Saturday afternoon in each month, at two o'clock. The meetings will be in the court room at present, until permanent quarters for the post can be arranged for.

The newly elected commander stated that all committees will be appointed by the next meeting, at which time the post will really begin to function as a civic and patriotic organization for Jackson county.

Rites Held For Highway Foreman

Funeral services were conducted at the Baptist church at Cullowhee, Sunday afternoon, by the pastor, Rev. Fred Forester, and Rev. P. L. Elliott, for Spurgeon Stevens, who died, Friday at the Angel Hospital in Franklin, following a long illness.

Mr. Stevens, who was 42 years of age, was a native of Caney Fork township, and a member of a well-known Jackson county family. For several years he had been a foreman on the highways of the county, for the State Highway and Public Works Commission. The esteem in which he was held was attested by the large crowd that was present for his funeral.

He is survived by his father, his mother, several brothers and sisters, his widow, who was Miss Beulah Crawford, and nine children. Interment was in the church cemetery at Cullowhee.

Lewis Funeral Is Conducted

Funeral services for George Lewis, 64, who died at his home near Sylva Thursday at noon following a short illness, were held Friday afternoon at the Lovedale Baptist church near Sylva. The Rev. W. N. Cooke, of Webster, assisted by the Rev. Ben Cook, of Tuskegee, officiated.

Active pallbearers were: Roscoe Poteet, Ed Curry, Ed Parris, Zeb V. Parris, J. L. Corbin, W. B. Stiles, John Hurst, and John A. Fincannon.

Burial was in the church cemetery. Mr. Lewis, a native of the Savannah section of Jackson county, had been employed by the Sylva Paper-board company since its establishment in 1928.

Surviving are the widow; two sons, George S. and Carl, of Sylva; five daughters, Mrs. J. T. Bird, Mrs. Obert Ash, and Lucy and Birdell Lewis, of Sylva, and Mrs. Lonnie Albright, of Gastonia; two brothers, Cling, of Sylva, and Aus, of Rainbow Springs, and one sister, Mrs. Tom Buchanan, of Green's Creek.

Heads Student Paper

Cullowhee—Bill Justice of Fletcher was chosen by the student body of Western Carolina Teachers College in a recent election to be business manager for The Western Carolinian, bi-monthly student publication. Charles Moody of Waynesville had been elected business manager last spring, but since he resigned this fall in order to assist with work in the guidance program being carried on by the college in Western North Carolina, it was necessary to elect a new business manager. The new manager, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Justice of Fletcher, is also a member of the Journalism Club and the Science Club.

During the same election, a senator from the Freshman Class was elected by the student body; Gordon Bryson, son of Mrs. Carrie Bryson of Cullowhee, received the highest number of votes.

Florida Fishing Trip

Messrs. M. B. Cannon, Lewis Cannon, and Dan Allison have returned from a fishing trip in Florida waters.

Two Jackson Girls Win National 4-H Honors

Pansy Dillard, daughter of Mrs. Garland Dillard, of Bethel, and Edna Owens, daughter of Mrs. Steve Owens, of Webster, have been awarded the trip to the National Club Congress, and International Livestock Show to be held in Chicago the first week in December.

The girls are the 4-H Rural Electrification Champion for North Carolina. The trip is given by Westinghouse. Pansy was a blue ribbon winner in the Beauty Contest for North Carolina. She had to win the regional contest since Mrs. Charles R. Walgreen awards the trip, sends only four girls in the United States to National Club Congress. Edna will represent North Carolina but South. Westinghouse sends its state Champion in Rural Electrification to National Club Congress.

Delegates from every state in the Union, all the possessions of the United States, and the Dominion of Canada will assemble in Chicago at this meeting.

Pansy and Edna will leave Asheville Thursday, November 30th, for Raleigh where they will join Miss Frances MacGregor, Assistant State Club Leader, and the other 4-H champions. They will leave for Washington on the morning of December 1st. While there they will tour city visiting all places of interest. They leave for Chicago that evening, remaining there for a week. They will return by way of Cincinnati, Ohio, arriving in Asheville Friday morning, December 8th. Their address while in Chicago will be the Congress Hotel.

Jackson Girls at White House

Miss Pansy Dillard, of Bethel, and Miss Edna Owens, of Webster, Jackson County 4-H Club winners in national contests will be seen at the White House, Washington, D. C., on Monday, Dec. 11th.

QUALLA

The workmen are now finishing Qualla school building which has been under construction for the past fifteen months. The rocks for the building were brought from Socco Creek. The building has six glass rooms, auditorium, office, etc. The stage for the auditorium already has a beautiful velvet curtain. The building is heated by the hot air system, and lighted by electricity and water is furnished throughout the building. A splendid stone wall has been built on the highway in front of the building. Qualla folks are rightfully proud of their new school building. Qualla and Olivet have consolidated and are working in harmony for a successful school. The children of Union Hill, Olivet and Camp Creek are brought to school by bus.

On Tuesday evening, Nov. 14 about 35 parents and teachers met and organized a P.T.A. They decided to sponsor a lunch room to be opened on Nov. 27. Interesting programs will be given from time to time for the benefit of the school. Mrs. Hanes Reagan was elected president of the P.T.A.; secretary, Mrs. J. M. Hughes; vice-president, Mrs. C. P. Shelton; program committee, Mrs. Florence Seaman, Mrs. Frank Hall and Mrs. Emmerson Cathey. Finance committee, Mr. J. M. Hughes, Mr. Dallas Howell and Mrs. Mack Clement; social committee, Mrs. D. C. Hughes, Mrs. C. P. Shelton, and Mrs. Oscar Gibson.

The Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. J. M. Hughes. Home Beautification was the subject discussed.

Mrs. Thad Beck made a trip to Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Bumgarner and little daughter and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Battle visited at Mr. D. C. Hughes'.

Mr. Hugh Ferguson spent the weekend with relatives at Bethel.

Messrs. W. H. Crawford and Ray Synder visited school Thursday.

Mrs. Rufus Johnson, Mrs. Margaret Watson and Mr. Alonzo Johnson, of Ela, spent Wednesday at Mr. D. M. Shuler's.

Mr. H. G. Ferguson called at Mr. J. K. Terrell's Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Reagan have moved to their new house on the Reagan farm.

Play At College

Cullowhee—The Dramatics Club of Western Carolina Teachers College, sponsored by Miss Mabel Tyree, has chosen as its first three-act to be presented this year on the campus, "The Whole Town's Talking," a farce by John Emerson and Anita Loos.

Troyouts for the play were held recently before a committee of faculty members, and the following students were cast for the twelve characters in the play: Harry Simmons, a manufacturer, Buck Hunt, of Hayesville; Harriet Simmons, his wife, Mrs. Fowler, of Glenville; Ethel Simmons, their daughter, Ruth Barron, of Marble; Chester Binney, Simmons' partner, Leo Cowan of Greensboro; Letty Lythe, a motion picture star, Ruth Coggins, of Swannanoa; Donald Swift, a motion picture director, D. W. Harrison, of Swannanoa; Roger Shields, a young Chicago hood, Sam Fashburn, of Forest City; Edna Wilson and Sally Ollis, friends of Ethel; Irene Hamilton, of Whitler, and Gertrude Carter, of Zebulon; Annie, a maid, Ellen King, of Webster; Sadie Bloom, a dancing teacher, Jean Bennett, of Bryson City; taxi-driver, George Walker, of Murphy.

The play is to be presented December 13.

Meat Demonstrations Planned in Mountains

A series of meat-cutting and curing demonstrations will be held in the mountain counties of Western North Carolina in December and January. It was announced by H. W. Taylor, Extension swine specialist of State College. The latest improved methods for handling the family meat supply will be shown.

Home agents and home agents will be in charge of the demonstrations in the counties of Swain, Macon, and Jackson, respectively, of the Extension Service.

The schedule of the demonstrations has been arranged as follows: Dec. 14, Swain County; Dec. 15, Cherokee County; Dec. 16, Clay; Dec. 18, Macon; Dec. 19, Jackson; Dec. 20, Haywood.

Jan. 9, Watauga; Jan. 10, Avery; Jan. 11, Yancey; Jan. 12, McDowell; and Jan. 13, Burke.

Taylor said that an animal will be cut up and the curing process started at each of the meetings. The demonstrations will be given in a central part of the county in order that all farmers and farm women may attend conveniently.

Several interesting facts were mentioned in the connection by the swine specialist. For instance, he said that a barrow weighing 200 pounds live weight will dress out 80 percent if handled properly. By dressing percentage is meant the proportion of chilled dressed carcass to live weight.

The average steer will dress out 50 to 55 percent, and the dressing percentage of a lamb is about 50 percent, depending upon paunchiness, weight of pelt, quality and type.

Flock Records Help In Poultry Business

C. F. Parrish, Extension poultryman of State College, invites all poultry raisers in the State to avail themselves of the free service offered through county farm and home agents to keep flock production records on their chickens during the coming year. "The keeping of records is the surest way of determining if the hens are earning their keep," Parrish declared.

County agents furnish records books and the monthly reports are summarized at State College and returned to the flock owner, with suggestions as to how to improve the records. A comparison is made with the records of other poultry raisers in the State, and in many cases the flock owner has been able to correct mistakes and move his poultry business from the red to the black side of the ledger in a relatively short time, the specialist stated.

For instance, the 359 farmers and farm women who kept records during the 1938-39 season found that it is unprofitable to keep a flock of chickens which do not have an average yearly egg production of at least 125 eggs a bird. "It is impossible, in most cases, to make a

European War Orders Coming To America

Schools Will Get 2 Weeks Vacation

Superintendent A. C. Moses announced to the meeting of the teachers of the county, at the graded school, Saturday, that a two-weeks Christmas holiday will be observed in the schools, beginning Dec. 22 and continuing to January 8, 1940. Mr. Moses announced that the schoolmasters club will meet at Cullowhee, Friday night December 15.

The general meeting was opened with a devotional, conducted by Mr. A. C. Hoyle, and a prayer by Rev. Jonathan E. Brown.

At the close of the general meeting, the several groups held their meetings. Miss Leonora Smith, of Western Carolina Teachers College spoke to the primary teachers group on Children's Books, Past and Present, following which there was a round-table discussion of problems in the primary groups, Miss Anne Rabe leading the discussion.

The grammar grades heard Mrs. Janie Bryson Hooper, of the Glenville school, on remedial reading in

In the high school group Mr. Louis Hair and Mr. Paul Buchanan led a discussion on standardization and how to attain it.

Pastor Loses Automobile

Rev. Thad F. Deitz suffered the loss of his automobile, which caught fire and burned, a few nights ago in his garage at his home at Beta. The Sylva fire department answered the call; but the fire was discovered too late for efforts to save the car to be availing.

Lowered

New railroad rates on cottonseed cake and meal, which went into effect recently, mean savings of close to 50 percent on hauls of less than 100 miles, and nearly 30 per cent on distances slightly greater.

Records

Seven poultry flock owners of Lenoir County have started keeping demonstration flock records this fall in cooperation with the State College Extension Service.

Doubled

By changing from home grown seed to certified seed, B. B. Holder, Lillington, Route 1, increased his yield of sweet potatoes from 153 to 307 bushels this year.

Cooperatives

With a substantial increase in volume of products handled, farmers' marketing and purchasing cooperatives chalked up a two-billion-dollar business during the 1938-39 marketing season.

Income

American farmers received a cash income of \$847,000,000 in September, a substantial increase over the \$745,000,000 received in the same month one year ago.

Interested

Craven County farmers are showing considerable interest in the purchase of brood mares, says L. G. Matthis, farm agent of the State College Extension Service.

Organized

An Older Youth Club, composed of farm boys and girls beyond the 4-H age limit, has been organized in Bertie County, reports Assistant Farm Agent R. D. Smith.

profit of \$1.00 a bird per year over and above feed cost where the annual egg production averages below that figure," Parrish reported.

In cases where the flock average is less than 125 eggs a bird a year, the Extension poultry advises selling the entire flock at the end of the laying year and buying replacement stock in the form of baby chicks from a reliable breeder or hatchery.

The 359 flock owners who kept records in cooperation with the Extension poultry office the past year averaged 168 eggs per bird, and a net return of \$1.72 per bird. This is an improvement over the 1937-38 records.

Washington—The first definite tangible result of the clearing away of the question of whether the manufacturers of the United States may make and sell military weapons and supplies was the release from Governmental restrictions of almost \$80,000,000 worth of war orders already in the hands of makers of airplanes and other munitions.

Great Britain has ordered from the makers in this country nearly \$15,000,000 of planes, France almost three times as many, and there are orders in hand for \$5,000,000 of planes from Australia, Canada and other nations, to say nothing of numerous small orders for rifles and ammunition.

It is known to the State and War Departments that hundreds of millions of further war orders from the Allies were ready to be given, the moment the President signed the new Neutrality law. That these war orders will start a boom of business in many lines is not to be doubted, but how far it will be reflected in other lines of business apart from munitions no one ventures to predict. It will put a good many thousand men back on payrolls, however, and so increase the purchasing power of themselves and their families for all sorts of commodities.

Boom May Be Limited

How long this boom will last depends upon how long the war lasts; and there are astute observers in Washington, close to the State Department, who are predicting that the war will not last very long. These prophets base their belief upon the assumption that Germany will be forced by the pressure of world opinion to yield to the demand that Hitler and his immediate circle be thrown out. In that case there would be a possibility of mediation by some powerful neutral nation, such as the United States, looking toward a peace which would be just to all parties concerned.

Such a peace cannot be negotiated with a government which, like Hitler's, has demonstrated its untrustworthiness, but it is understood here that the new British Ambassador, the Marquess of Lothian, has assured the President that his government would be only too glad to avert the sacrifice of lives and wealth which a prolonged war would involve if a satisfactory settlement could be arranged with a government which the British government could trust.

Such a message is considered here as tantamount to an invitation to President Roosevelt to be the mediator of the European quarrel. He could hardly offer his services, but it is considered possible that he might accept that role if a formal invitation came from both sides, from responsible governments. In that case he would be following the example of his illustrious namesake and predecessor, "Teddy," who negotiated the Peace of Portsmouth between Russia and Japan in 1905.

While some who are close to the European situation ridicule the idea that any external pressure can force Hitler to relinquish his leadership, others who are equally informed point out that the Fuehrer has not the confidence or the unquestioning support of the German Army, and that another Army revolution such as that which drove the Kaiser unto exile is not impossible.

Pure Speculation

Much of that is pure speculation, but it is worth noting as indicating that there is no certainty that the rush of war orders already beginning will continue long enough to start anything like a business boom. There is a better chance many observers here believe, that as a result of all the discussion of the position of the United States with relation to the rest of the world, the next session of Congress may begin appropriating enough money to provide our own army and navy with necessary arms and supplies.

It is taken as a settled question in Washington that the defeat of the "isolationist" block in the Senate is the green light which the Army and Navy and the State Department have been waiting for as the signal to go ahead and prepare the defenses, not only of the United States but of the whole Western hemisphere, so that we shall be actually, instead of only possibly, the most powerfully armed nation in the world.

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