

American Legion Charter To Be Presented Saturday

The charter for the revived William E. Dillard Post, American Legion, has been received and will be presented to the post Saturday afternoon, according to information from Commander Dan Tompkins.

Every veteran of the World War in Jackson county is invited to be present at the meeting Saturday afternoon; and those who are not charter members of the post are invited to present their credentials and join their comrades in the veterans' organization.

RUFUS STEWART DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Rufus Stewart, aged citizen of Sylva, died at his home here, Saturday night, after a long illness.

Mr. Stewart was a life-long resident of Jackson county, moving to Sylva a number of years ago from the upper end of the county. He was 80 years old. The funeral, conducted at the Moody funeral home, by Rev. T. F. Deltz, was held at 11 o'clock Monday morning, and interment was in Pine Creek cemetery.

Besides his widow, Mr. Stewart is survived by two sons, Harley and Charley Stewart; two step-sons, Lewis and Richard Moore; two step daughters, Mrs. F. E. Moody and Mrs. W. E. Reed, all of Sylva; two brothers, Jake Stewart, of Erastus, and John, of Norton; and three sisters, Mrs. Mary Moore, Mrs. Sally Bumgarner and Mrs. Ruthie Jane Moss, of Erastus, and a number of grandchildren.

4-H Calendar For Year Is Announced

Dates of events important on the North Carolina 4-H Club calendar for 1940 have been announced by L. R. Harrill, State 4-H leader of the Extension Service. The list begins with the period from April 27 to May 4, which has been designated as Boys' and Girls' Week.

Harrill has called upon the 4-H leaders in the counties to cooperate with civic clubs and other organizations in presenting programs on 4-H work during that week.

Leaders' schools will be held during the month of May. The first will be at the Millstone 4-H camp from May 7 to 11, the next at a place yet to be selected for Eastern Carolina from May 14 to 18, and the third at the Swannanoa 4-H camp from May 21 to 24.

The State Older Youth Conference, for Service Club members, will be held at N. C. State College June 4 to 8. The National 4-H Club camp in Washington, D. C., will be from June 12 to 19. North Carolina will send a delegation of two boys and two girls.

The No. 1 event of the year on the 4-H calendar is next on the list. It is the annual 4-H Club Short Course to be held at State College July 22-27. Following this will be the State Wildlife Conservation Conference, to be held at a camp not yet chosen, from August 27 to 31.

The State 4-H Dress Review at State College is set for October 4, and the N. C. State Fair in Raleigh will be held October 8 to 12. The National Dairy Show is scheduled October 12 to 18, and the State Contest at the short course will determine the North Carolina representatives. Competing in the calendar are the National 4-H Achievement Day radio program on November 2, and the International Livestock Show and National Club Congress at Chicago December 1 to 8.

HELPED

Although the recent cold weather did extensive damage to the small grain crop of Hoke county, it helped to reduce the number of overwintering insects, says Farm Agent A. S. Knowles.

ASKEY RITES HELD AT BETA

Funeral services for Floyd Askey, master mechanic of the Log Cabin Association, well known Sylva man, and former member of the Canadian Mounted Police, were held at the Beta Baptist church, Saturday morning, Rev. Thad F. Deltz, officiating; and interment was in the Keener cemetery in Sylva.

Mr. Askey died at the Community hospital, on Friday, following an illness of several weeks. A native of Freeport, Ill., Mr. Askey went to Canada, became a naturalized British subject, and was an officer in the famous Canadian Mounties.

He had lived in many parts of the world. Coming here from Florida, several years ago he made his home here since that time, and had many friends. He is survived by his widow, one son, Roscoe, a radio operator in the United States Merchant Marine, one daughter, Mrs. Fred J. Henry, of Lincoln Park, Ill.; one brother, Roscoe, of Freeport, Ill.; and three sisters, Mrs. William Wise, of Freeport, Mrs. Fred Jordan and Mrs. George Peterson, of Moller, Ill. Another son, Frank, died several years ago.

ELLIS ADDED TO HOSPITAL BOARD

At the annual meeting held at 8 o'clock Tuesday night, the entire board of directors of the C. J. Harris Community Hospital was re-elected and Mr. Paul C. Ellis was added to the body. Mr. Ellis has accepted the post. The members now are: S. W. Enloe, chairman; J. B. Enslay, E. L. Moore, W. E. Bird, Dan K. Moore, H. T. Hunter, T. A. Cox, Sol Schulman, D. G. Bryson, J. C. Allison, M. D. Cowan and Paul C. Ellis.

The officers for the year will be elected at the next meeting, which will be held on the second Tuesday in March, at eight o'clock in the evening, instead of four in the afternoon.

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Question: Should sweet potato plants be treated before planting in the field?

Answer: Where the soils are infested with stem rot or wilt organisms, the stems and roots should be dipped in a 20-20-50 Bordeaux mixture or dusted with a mixture composed of 25 per cent monohydrated copper sulfate and 75 per cent lime just before planting. The scurf infested roots and stems should be treated with ground sulphur immediately before transplanting. Treated plants must be transplanted in moist but not water logged soil.

Question: What is the proper temperature for a brooder house?

Answer: For the first week, after the principal speaker at the District Youth Rally to be held for the Methodist young people of the Waynesville District, at Waynesville, on March 11, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

On Sunday afternoon the Young People's Council for the District met in the Methodist Church in Sylva, with the district director, Mr. George Swarengen, presiding, and laid plans for the rally and arranged a tentative program.

The general theme of the meeting will be "Methodist Youth Advancing." The president of each union in the district will take part on the program. Miss Sarah Rathbone, president of the Haywood Union, will read the scripture, and Miss Mary Boone, president of the Cherokee Union will lead the prayer.

The five minute talk from a young person will be by Mr. Eric Lloyd, a student at Western Carolina.

The District Superintendent, Rev. W. L. Hutcllus, will introduce Bishop Purcell.

WORLD WAR VETERAN DIES

Ralph Tatham, died in an Asheville hospital Tuesday night, about 11 o'clock after a long illness.

Mr. Tatham, a world war veteran and a well known business man of Dillsboro was born in this county and went with his parents to the State of Washington when a small child. He served in the American Expeditionary Forces in Belgium and France and some years after the conclusion of the war he came back to Jackson county and established a mercantile business at Dillsboro. He married Miss Lucy Bell Fisher who, with a small son, survives. He is also survived by a daughter, by a previous marriage, who lives in Washington; and a granddaughter; his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Tatham; of Sedro-Woolley, Wash., who have been here with him for the past three weeks; two brothers, Harry of Washington and Lewis, of Dillsboro; and a sister, Mrs. Dillsboro; and three sisters Mrs. C. C. Carter, Junea, Alaska; Mrs. H. C. Byrd, Mollilla, Ore.; and Mrs. Ernest Hamilton of Hamilton, Washington and a number of other relatives and friends in Jackson county and in the West.

The funeral will be conducted at the Methodist church in Dillsboro, of which he was a member, at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. A. P. Ratledge, pastor of the church, will conduct the rites.

Active pall bearers will be Henry Tatham and Leaman Tatham, Canton; James Tatham and Charles Robinson, Biltmore; Jim Cannon, Wayne Terrell, Dillsboro; Sam B. Cannon, Jr., and E. B. Gilbert, Spruce Pine. Honorary pall bearers: Dr. S. L. Crow, Asheville; Dr. C. Z. Candler, Dr. D. D. Hoper, Dan Allison, E. L. McKee, Leonard Holden, John Sutton, Charles Price, R. U. Sutton, E. L. Wilson, John Parrish, Dillard Leonard, Griffin Middleton, M. D. Cowan, Charles Reed, Veit Wilson, Dick Wilson, A. D. Parker, Jeter Snyder, Dan K. Moore, Fred L. Hooper, S. W. Enloe, W. C. Queen, Tommy Keever, P. W. Kincaid, Charles Snyder, M. E. Sharp, J. C. Sutton, W. A. Sutton, M. Y. Jarrett, Ras Barrett, R. F. Jarrett, Cole Cutton and J. L. Lovedahl.

MRS. C. S. FULLBRIGHT PASSES

Mrs. Cassius S. Fullbright died, about noon, Wednesday at her home in Hendersonville. Mrs. Fullbright, who had not been well for some time, was seriously ill for several days. Mrs. Fullbright has frequently visited relatives of Mr. Fullbright here. Mr. Fullbright was once a resident of Sylva. The funeral and interment will be this afternoon in Hendersonville.

PLAN YOUTH RALLY FOR MARCH 11

Bishop Clare Purcell will be the principal speaker at the District Youth Rally to be held for the Methodist young people of the Waynesville District, at Waynesville, on March 11, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

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FREE ROAD TO MOUNT MITCHELL OPENS TO TRAVEL IN SUMMER

Asheville, N. C., Feb. 20—Visitors touring the highlands of Western North Carolina, this summer will be given an opportunity to motor to the summit of Mount Mitchell (6,684 feet elevation), highest peak in eastern America, over a free public road which will be opened to travel early in the summer, it was announced here by H. B. Bosworth, Supervisor of the Pisgah National Forest.

The new free road to the summit of mighty Mitchell will be made possible through the improvement of the section of the old Mt. Mitchell toll road from the Blue Ridge Parkway through the Pisgah National Forest to the North Carolina State Park at the top of the mountain. The improvement of the old toll road section will be undertaken by the State Highway Commission as soon as weather permits, the construction being done through an agreement between the Commission, the National and State Park Services and the National Forest Service. When completed, the toll road section will be opened to travel free of charge to the public.

Mount Mitchell visitors may then drive east from Asheville on U. S. Highway 70 either to the Curtis Creek (Forest Service) graveled road two miles east of Old Fort, N. C., or continue to paved State Highway 104 which turns north toward the Parkway, five miles west from Marion, N. C. These scenic, public roads connect with the Blue Ridge Parkway at Laurel Gap and Buck Creek Gap, respectively. From these Parkway intersections the motorist may travel westward along the Parkway to Swannanoa Gap, where the new free road will be completed early in the season.

For the convenience of those wishing shorter routes to the mountain, the Mt. Mitchell toll road one mile east of Black Mountain, N. C., and the Big Tom Wilson toll road from Burnsville, N. C., will also be open for travel.

With the opening of the free road over the Parkway section, it is anticipated that travel to Mount Mitchell this season will be increased by many thousands. The tour over the new free road will constitute a superb one-day round-trip from Asheville.

Dairy 4-H Members Offered Medals, Trips, And College Scholarships

The campaign for better dairy methods and conditions, promoted the past three years through the National 4-H Dairy Production Demonstration Contest, will continue during the current year with increased awards. As heretofore, it will be supervised by county and state extension agents, and is open to all boys and girls enrolled in dairy projects.

Additional information and assistance may be obtained from county agents in planning demonstrations which must concern breeding, growing, fitting, feeding and judging of dairy cattle or production of milk and cream on the farm. County elimination contests will determine the teams to compete at state finals.

The awards are offered to stimulate members to become better informed on dairy methods, to encourage them to pass along their knowledge, and to give them experience in public speaking, team work, and sportsmanship.

Gold and silver medals are provided for members of first and second ranking teams in the counties. State winners will make the trip to Harrisburg, Pa., with all expenses paid, for the finals at the National Dairy Show to be held there October 12-19. The Kraft Cheese Company provides the medals and trips, in addition to \$3200 in college scholarships to be apportioned to national winners—\$250 to each member of the first ranking team and \$150 to members of the second team in each of the four extension sections.

PROSPECTS BRIGHTEN FOR GOOD CROP YEAR

Looking at the 1940 agricultural picture in North Carolina from a production standpoint prospects for crops are good says E. C. Blair, agronomist of the State College Extension Service.

For one thing, farmers have sown 130,000 acres in winter legumes, a far greater acreage than ever before. If these legumes are allowed to grow and gather nitrogen until April and are turned under and followed by corn, an increase of 10 bushels of corn to the acre, or a total of 1,300,000 bushels, should result.

Also, Tar Heel growers had 911,000 acres in lespezeda last year. As lespezeda usually occupies the land for two years, the chances are that only half this acreage will be used for another crop this year. If planted to corn, the land should produce 10 bushels more to the acre than formerly. Roughly, this would mean an increase of 4,500,000 bushels of corn.

Blair said there is another reason why crops in the Piedmont should be good this year. The weather was unusually favorable for plowing during the fall of 1939, and, consequently, nearly all land intended for corn, cotton, and cowpeas was plowed before the end of December. This means that the soil has been subjected to freezing and thawing, which will thoroughly pulverize it before spring.

The freezes and thaws also will help to kill destructive insects, which gradually have been growing more abundant during the last two or three mild winters. Also, organic matter plowed into the soil last fall has had all winter to decay, and more of it will be usable by 1940 crops than would have been the case had plowing been delayed until spring.

Training School Personnel Meets

Cullowhee, Feb. 19 (Special)—The personnel of the training school of Western Carolina Teachers College met with President H. T. Hunter for a dinner meeting in the home economics rooms of the college Monday evening with A. C. Moses, superintendent of Jackson county schools and C. H. Smith, chairman of the county board of education, as special guests for the occasion. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the objectives of teacher training and to define the place and importance of the training school in the college for teacher training.

The dining table, using the Washington Birthday motif, was decorated with red, white, and blue candles, red, white and blue hatchets, and white hyacinths. The dinner was planned by Miss Maude Ketchum, home economics teacher, and served by girls from the eleventh grade.

Presiding over the meeting and making the principal talk of the evening was President Hunter who called on Mr. Moses, Mr. C. H. Smith, and Dean W. E. C. Bird for greetings. An informal discussion of problems vital to the teachers and the administration then followed.

Those present for the occasion besides those already mentioned were: Mr. C. A. Hoyle, principal of the training school; Dr. H. P. Smith, director; Dr. C. H. Killian, head of the education department; Marion McDonald, teacher of industrial arts; Dr. A. L. Bramlett, Mrs. Evelyn Coward, Miss Fannie Goodman, Miss Anne Rabe, Miss Trixie Jenkins, Miss Ada White, Miss Mae Masterson, Miss Edythe Walker, and Miss Winnie Alice Murphy, all supervising teachers in the training school.

INCREASE

Participation in the Agricultural Conservation program by Mitchell county farmers increased 15 per cent in 1939 over 1938, with a marked increase being shown in the use of lime and phosphate.

True Bill Is Returned Against Carl Crawford

G. F. BALL IS MOVED HERE FROM SANFORD



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G. F. Ball, recently was assigned as Sales Representative for Standard Oil Co. of N. J. to Western North Carolina including counties of Haywood, Swain, Jackson, Clay, Cherokee, Graham and Macon, with headquarters at Sylva.

Ball was transferred from Sanford, N. C., and has been with Standard Oil for more than ten years.

The new territory is well liked by Ball and he indicated that he was particularly glad to wife and one child, to his headquarters at Sylva. He has a wife and one child and is residing in the Grady Clayton cottage at Addie.

More Families Turn To Balanced Farming

Caught in the uncertainty of the present tobacco crisis, North Carolina farm families are turning to a live-at-home program to provide for themselves and feed for their livestock.

At the present time, Great Britain holds the answer to tobacco prices this coming fall. If the existing embargo is retained, farmers will lose one of their best customers, since British buyers usually purchase a large percentage of the better grades of American tobacco.

On the other hand, it has been rumored that Britain will enter the market again this fall to make normal purchases. In such an event prices may be expected to be reasonably good.

While waiting for England to make her decision, wary North Carolina farmers have "hedged" by making their plans so as not to depend entirely on their income from this year's tobacco crop. In most instances, they have turned to other crops or to a good livestock or poultry program to supplement their income.

Added to that, they have laid out a balanced farming or live-at-home program so as to have plenty of food and feed. In one county a 15-point program has been drawn up to meet the emergency.

This program includes: growing a home garden and orchard for family use and selling the surplus; growing enough feed for farm workstock; having at least 25 purebred laying hens; keeping a purebred or good grade cow and heifer; raising enough pork for family use and selling the surplus.

Keeping a purebred bull, boar, and roosters in each community where needed; developing farming pride by observing a clean-up campaign every first Saturday; giving farm boys and girls an opportunity to develop projects; and having every family fill a canning budget.

CAMP

The annual 4-H Club camp, to which four delegates from each state are invited, will be held this year in Washington during the week of June 12-19.

The Grand Jury today found a true bill of murder in the first degree in the case of Carl Crawford, who is charged with the killing of Ashbury Ammons.

Ammons, 33, of Agura, who was brought to the C. J. Harris Community hospital here February 7, suffering from a bullet wound in the abdomen, died about 2:30 o'clock Monday morning.

Ammons was shot with a .38 calibre revolver during an altercation which is said to have taken place in front of the home of Carl Crawford in the Canada section of Jackson county Wednesday morning of last week here.

Ammons' younger brother, Albert, was slightly wounded in the head at the same time. Crawford is said to have told officers that the shooting of Albert Ammons was accidental, the younger Ammons having been shot in a struggle for the revolver after Ashbury Ammons had been wounded.

Crawford surrendered to Sheriff Leonard Holden after he brought the two wounded men to the hospital.

THE JOURNAL'S QUESTION CONTEST

Interest in the contest, inaugurated by the Journal three weeks ago, continues to increase. We are omitting the question this week, but a new feature and set of rules will be announced next week.

The dollar goes to Roy Hall, of the Sylva High School, who according to the Department of Labor, "Summary of the Naturalization Law."

Assuming that your father is a native of Glasgow, your mother of Moscow, and you were born in Prague in 1937; your parents brought you to North Carolina when you were six weeks old. Both your parents are now naturalized citizens. Of what country would you be a citizen or subject? The paragraph relating to this question says: "A child born without the United States, of alien parents, shall be deemed a citizen by virtue of the naturalization or resumption of American citizenship by the father or mother: Provided, That such naturalization or resumption shall take place during the minority of such child." Although several correct answers were received, Roy's was the first.

MERRITT HOOPER HEADS GRAND JURY

Merritt Hooper was chosen foreman of the grand jury, serving at the present term of court; and the jury is composed of: Merritt Hooper, foreman; J. R. Dawson, J. B. Blackburn, Eugene Lanning, Joe C. Middleton, Hobart Messer, W. J. Queen, Gus Brysen, E. B. Cagle, Steve Queen, Claud Stanford, Raymond Mull, W. L. Jones, Thos. Seagle, E. M. Hawkins, Carl Wood, L. T. Watson, L. P. Allen.

MR. OWEN COMES TO TOWN

Mr. J. B. Owen has accepted the position as head of the printing department of The Journal. He comes to us highly recommended as a commercial printer, linotype operator, advertisement designer, and as a man. Mr. Owen hails from Tennessee and is here to improve the service of The Journal in its advertisement, make-up and commercial printing departments.

PROGRESS

For every 30 seconds that ticked off from the beginning to the end of 1939, one person in a rural community received service for the first time from an REA-financed electric power system.