

The Jackson County Journal

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

SYLVA, NORTH CAROLINA, JANUARY 2, 1941.

\$1.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

Last Rites For Mrs. Monteith

Funeral services for Mrs. John Hix Monteith, were conducted yesterday afternoon at Scott's Creek Baptist church, by Rev. Thad F. Deitz. Mrs. Monteith passed on at the Community Hospital, Monday afternoon, following a short illness.

Surviving are her husband, three daughters, Mrs. Roy Mills, Mrs. Wesley Barnes, and Mrs. Robert Harris, and three sons, Hobson Lyman, and Owenton Monteith.

Potash Lacking In Most Soils

Farmers are thinking of their 1941 fertilizer needs, and J. R. Piland, associate soil chemist of N. C. State College, reminds growers that the majority of North Carolina soils are deficient in potash. This is especially true, he says, in soils where cotton, corn, tobacco, and vegetable crops of the Coastal Plain are grown.

"In the fertilization of cotton where cotton rust is prevalent, the use of fertilizers containing 5 to 8 percent potash has materially increased yields," Mr. Piland reports. "Sometimes, under severe conditions of rust, side dressing with potash has proved beneficial."

The chemist says that, in general, the soils of the Coastal Plain are relatively low in their potash reserves, especially under conditions of inadequate fertilization. Tobacco has a high requirement for potash, and usually there is a noted response of the crop to this element with regard to the quality of the leaf produced. The tobacco fertilizer grades now recommended seem to furnish sufficient potash for the production of the crop in most soils.

Calendar for 1941

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What will it bring?

City Tags

Now On Sale

Sylva city tags for 1941 are on sale at Campbell's Candy on sale at Campbell's Candy Shop. The tags sell for \$1.00 each, and the proceeds go to the support of the volunteer fire department.

T. J. Fisher

Seriously Ill

T. J. Fisher, one of the oldest and best known citizens of Sylva township, is seriously ill, following a stroke of paralysis, on Wednesday. Mr. Fisher is 89 years of age.

Rotarians Hear Rogers

The Sylva Rotary club met Tuesday night a few hours before the Year 1940 became history. The speaker was Rev. C. F. Rogers, pastor of the First Baptist church at Franklin.

Mr. Rogers' talk was in line with the coming of the New Year and he brought out many interesting and helpful reminders. He pointed out that the New Year was not only the door to opportunity, but also the door to opposition and obligation. His informal manner and remarks which showed deep thinking delighted his audience.

Besides the speaker, Charles Thompson, guest of T. N. Massie, was the only other visitor.

College Opens For Winter Quarter

Students and teachers are returning to Western Carolina Teachers College from their homes and holiday trips, for the opening of the Winter Quarter, which begins this morning.

Presbyterians To Hold Services Sunday

The Presbyterian worship service will be conducted at the Sylva Community House Sunday, 4:30 P. M. Rev. Paul P. Thrower of Bryson City, will conduct services regularly each 1st and 3rd Sunday at this hour during the winter months. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Will Dedicate Hamburg Church

The dedication of the new Hamburg Baptist church, and a home coming of the former members will be held Sunday.

The new church is located on the new highway, and is one of the most beautiful country churches in Western North Carolina. Mrs. Clayburn Bryson is clerk, and Rev. W. N. Cook is pastor of the church.

Former Sylva Girl



Mrs. Annie Laurie Greiner

C. A. Ridley's Daughter To Speak Here Sunday

Mrs. Annie Laurie Greiner, Methodist Missionary and evangelist, will speak at the Methodist church, Sunday night at 7:30, and the public is invited to the service.

Mrs. Greiner is the eldest daughter of the late Dr. Caleb Ridley, famous Baptist preacher and lecturer. She lived in Sylva during her girlhood and has many friends and relatives in Jackson County. Mrs. Greiner is spending the week end as the guest of Mrs. M. Buchanan, Jr.

Annie Laurie Ridley, who lived on Courtland Heights, and attended school here when she was a girl, has become a world traveler, missionary, and evangelist. She inherited her father's winning and attractive manner and eloquence in the pulpit and on the lecture platform.

Early in 1937 Mrs. Greiner set out with Miss Anna E. McGhie, well-known Akron, O., missionary, on an evangelistic mission that was to take her around the world, visiting every civilized country and a number which weren't. She returned to the United States eight months ago, after dodging wars and war-lords on three continents.

Now she'd like to go back. But the State Department says No. That's all the more unfortunate because of all the lands Mrs. Greiner has visited she likes India the best—the best to the point of thinking of it as "home." Until the war ends she can't go home again.

Mrs. Greiner was in India when the present war broke out, but she had been a witness to religious strife in Palestine. India, she feels, will stand by Great Britain. The Mohammedans are strongly pro-British, but the attitude of the Hindus is antagonistic and probably dependent upon Mohandas K. Gandhi. "The nation worships him," said Mrs. Greiner, "but I firmly feel that he is the greatest enemy of Christianity in the world today." While in India Mrs. Greiner and Miss McGhie established the South India Bible institute, an inter-denominational school, John Wesley in doctrine.

The two missionaries, whose venture was voluntary although they worked with other organ-

ized missions in every country they visited, crossed Europe in 1937 to Turkey, where they found pre-war tension at its peak. "You had to have three or four passport pictures to get across the border," said Mrs. Greiner, for the Turks were suspicious of everyone. In Transjordan Mrs. Greiner was most impressed with the Petra caves, hewn out of solid rock cliffs by the Edomites in Old Testament times and capable of giving shelter to 500,000 persons. In Palestine she followed the Via Dolorosa, Christ's route from the time of his arrest to his death.

Likes China

Next to India, Mrs. Greiner's favorite country is China. She went deep inland with Christian missions in that country and "heard the rumblings of war on all sides." Japan was a much different story, though the Japanese she believed to be more anti-British than anti-American.

"What is the possibility of conflict between the United States and Japan?" she was asked.

Her answer was more or less typical of Americans who have returned only recently from the Orient, for Mrs. Greiner saw 'Japan as an exhausted military power. "The Japanese were surprised by China's resistance, that is, the military clique had not contemplated it. As for the people, they don't know as much about the war as we do in the United States. Christian Japanese believe that their country will do everything to avoid a clash with the United States. The page celebration of the war's anniversary when I was in Japan convinced me that the people do not share their leaders' military ambitions," said Mrs. Greiner.

Adventure In Africa

In Africa she found adventure—nights deep in the jungle among hostile tribesmen and with jungle animals nearby. In Kenya Colony, a British possession on the east coast of Africa, the mission had no church bell. It called native worshippers to the huge tent, pitched on the edge of the wilds, with a native tom-tom.

Sylva Schools To Open Monday

Schools in Sylva will open on Monday, January 6, according to a decision made on Tuesday by the county board of education. The schools were scheduled to open on Thursday of this week; but the authorities, after making a survey of the situation, decided that it would be better to wait until Monday, giving more of the children an opportunity to recover from the measles.

Volunteers Again Fill Jackson's Draft Quota

Jackson County has been called upon to furnish 15 men to report to Fort Bragg for one-year's training, under the peace time conscription act. Again the volunteers have filled the quota, and it will be unnecessary for the board to draft any men.

The fifteen will report to Fort Bragg on January 17. The list of men who have volunteered for service is: Dennis R. Ensley Sylva; Dillard L. Robinson, Willets; Glenn Hooper, Cowarts; Homer T. Shelton, Wolf Mtn.; Verlin H. Owen, Sylva; Ellis P. Galloway, Wolf Mtn.; Finley Denton, Whit-tier; John H. Ferguson, Whit-tier; Ray W. Cunningham, Sylva; Thomas Barker, Sylva; Ralph J. Connor, Dillsboro; James C. Moss, Erastus; and Wiley R. Sorrells, Sylva. Wiley R. Sorrells, Henry M. Miths, Lyman Hal Keener, Clifford Keener, Clifford Keener, James Edgar Hopkins, Charles Andrew Sorrells, and Lloyd Painter, all of Sylva.

Will Take Intelligence To Reduce Traffic Toll

"It's going to take a lot of intelligent planning and coordinated effort on the part of a lot of individuals and organizations to check the current upward trend in traffic accidents in North Carolina," Ronald Hocutt, director of the Highway Safety Division, declared this week.

Reporting that provisional figures indicate a toll of approximately 1,000 killed and 9,000 injured on North Carolina streets and highways during 1940, Hocutt pointed out that accidents in the state since last August have taken an upward trend which appears liable to continue into the New Year.

"This slaughter must be stopped, and I pledge a more vigorous effort on the part of the Highway Safety Division toward reducing traffic accidents during 1941," he said. "But we can not do the job alone. The traffic problem is largely a local problem, and definite steps toward eliminating accidents must come, for the most part, from enforcement officials, educational leaders and interested organizations and individuals in each and every community in the state.

Hocutt said there was considerable safety activity on the part of many groups in the state last year, but that much of this activity was of the flash-in-the-pan variety.

"Safety activity, to be most effective, must be carefully planned, assiduously carried out and well coordinated," he stated.

"Another thousand North Carolinians who are now living will be dead and thousands whose bodies are now whole will be maimed and crippled by the end of this year unless every person in North Carolina resolves to do something and then actually does something to make our streets and highways safer during 1941."

The safety director said his services and those of his field workers are available in assisting any groups sincerely interested in helping to reduce this state's traffic toll.



Sylva Boy Graduates From West Point Of The Air

Included in the largest class of Flying Cadets ever to complete their basic flight training at Randolph Field, Texas, scheduled to graduate from the "West Point of the Air" during Christmas week is J. T. Gribble of Sylva. Two hundred eighty future pilots of the expanding Air Corps, including eleven others from North Carolina are being transferred to the Advanced Flying School at Kelly Field for a final ten weeks of instruction before receiving their wings and commission as Second Lieutenants.

The others from North Carolina are: Griffin R. Beatty, Stanley; Charles L. Bowman, Route 3, Hickory; Llewellyn H. Couch Jr., 402 E. Houston St. Monroe; Robert E. Elliott, Rich Square; Harvey E. Ferguson, 908 W. 5th St., Charlotte; Russell J. Fitch, 925 Dayton, High Point; Frank C. Cox, Staley; Robert R. Hatch,

204 N. George St., Goldsboro; James B. Kendrick, 205 N. 4th St., Albemarle; Horace Palmer, Jr., Littleton; Rudolph B. Walters, Bladenboro are among the 12,000 new Air Corps officers to be added to the newest branch of national defense during the coming year.

Classes start training every five weeks under the accelerated training schedule that transforms young college men between 20 and 27 into full-fledged military aviators in thirty-five weeks. Sixty-five hours flying time in ten weeks on primary training planes prepare them for the second phase of training either at Randolph Field or one of two other basic flight schools.

More than 350 low wing monoplane with a top speed of 175 miles an hour are in daily use at Randolph Field alone where 4,200 Cadets will be trained this year. Seventy hours additional flying time is logged during the secondary phase of training,

much of it at night or under the instrument flying hood.

An innovation in the general Air Corps training program was announced recently. In addition to training fliers, 3,600 aerial navigators and bombardiers will be turned out during each calendar year. These graduates will receive the same pay as a Flying Cadet during training, \$75 per month, in addition to quarters and food. They will be commissioned as Second Lieutenants as will the pilots. Pay of the navigation officers and bombardiers will be the same as for pilots, \$205 per month plus quarters.

Certain selected college men with a technical education will get a nine month's course in engineering and airplane and engine maintenance. Physical requirements are high, it was pointed out, but not as high as for those applying for pilot training.