

The Jackson County Journal

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\$1.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

Workers Council Plans Defense Work On Farms Of This County In 1941

The Jackson County Worker's Council, meeting with W.H. Pierce of State College, and Fred Sloan, District Farm Agent, yesterday afternoon, considered the promotion of the production of food and feed as a part of the National Defense program. It was pointed out that the rural population of the State (and all Jackson county is rural), can contribute much to the common cause by raising food and feed on the farms and in the gardens, and preserving those foods and feeds for future use.

The Council is an effort to coordinate the efforts of all the agencies in meeting the situations as they present themselves.

The point was made that the United States Government will radically reduce the appropriations for relief work in the immediate future, and that the supplies of surplus commodities will soon be exhausted, or practically so, thus making it imperative that many people who have been obtaining surplus commodities from relief agencies or who have been employed on WPA projects, begin to produce more food and feed than they have done heretofore.

Great quantities of food and feed will have to be shipped to Britain and her allies under the Lend-Lease Act, and every available piece of ground, suitable for the purpose, in the State, should be turned by farmers and gardeners to producing food and feeds, or for pasture use, making ready for living at home. Further, it was pointed out, the picture does not look bright, and it behooves everyone to produce and store up as much food and feed as possible, against the eventualities that may be in store. The health of the people, and whether or not we eat regularly, may rest upon producing as nearly a balanced diet at home as is possible.

G. R. Lackey was elected chair man of the council; T. Walter Ashe, vice-chairman; and Mrs. Mary Cowan, secretary.

The council is composed of T. W. Ashe, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, Harry Nicholson, of the WPA office and the demonstration farms committee; G. R. Lackey and Jesse Giles of the Farm Agent's department; A. W. Wilson and Mrs. Wesley Vrabie, of the county health department; Mrs. Harry L. Evans, Home Agent; William Davis and Miss Estelle Powers, of Farm Security; Mrs. Whit Davis, of the NYA; Adam Moses, County Superintendent of Education; O. E. Brookhyser, of the Lion's Club; and Dan Tompkins, editor of The Journal.

Letters and cards, for returning to the county agent, enrolling in the National Defense program, have been mailed to 2,000 farm families in the county, and it is planned to enroll everyone in the county who can join in the movement.

In the letter, sent out by Mr. Lackey and Mrs. Evans, it is stated: "This is the start in a movement through which we hope the farm of North Carolina will become more nearly self-supporting as a part of our effort to aid in National Defense. We shall be disappointed if less than an average of 1,000 farm families in each county of the State enroll in this fight. It is simply an attempt to produce our own food and feed at home in 1941. It is a Statewide movement, and those families who produce as much as 75 per cent of their family living from the home farm this year will be awarded a certificate signed by the Governor, officials of the Extension Service, and of the Vocational Education Department, showing that the owner of the certificate has had a part in assuring security on North Carolina farms, this year."

"It is good citizenship for us to prepare ourselves for the present emergency. Adequate food by means of good gardens, fruits, eggs, butter, milk, meat, and the

H. Evans Recovers Watch Lost In Train Wreck 21 Years Ago

Twenty-one years ago, Harry L. Evans, member of the Sylva Board of Aldermen, and prominent Sylva citizen, lost his watch and almost lost his life in a freight train wreck. The watch was a gold Hamilton, bought in Sylva, and which Mr. Evans had carried through 13 months' service in the A. E. F.

Saturday Mr. Evans got his watch back. It had been buried in the earth since the wreck, but jewelers said it could be repaired, and the crystal was unbroken.

On June 5, 1920, Mr. Evans who returned to the railway in 1919, and Engineer D. G. Porter were taking freight train No. 88 (Engine No. 4617) through Moore's cut near Coleman in McDowell county. The engine struck a rock on the track and overturned, killing the engineer and pinning Mr. Evans beneath the wreckage. When he was rescued the watch was missing. Mr. Evans was in a hospital 18 months and was convalescent for nine years and then returned to the railway.

Last Monday, members of a bridge crew doing repair work on the right-of-way in Moore's cut, found the watch buried under four feet of earth. Ike English of Asheville, member of the crew, took the watch back to Mr. Evans yesterday.

Mr. Evans has been in the service of the Southern for 25 years.

100 Teachers To Attend Banquet Friday Night

At least one hundred of Jackson county teachers and a few guests are expected to be in Sylva for the annual banquet of the Jackson County Education Association, which will be held at the Community House, tomorrow (Friday) night.

The affair will be strictly informal, and there will be no set speeches. On the contrary, the evening will be given over to a general good time.

The dinner will be served by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Sylva Methodist church.

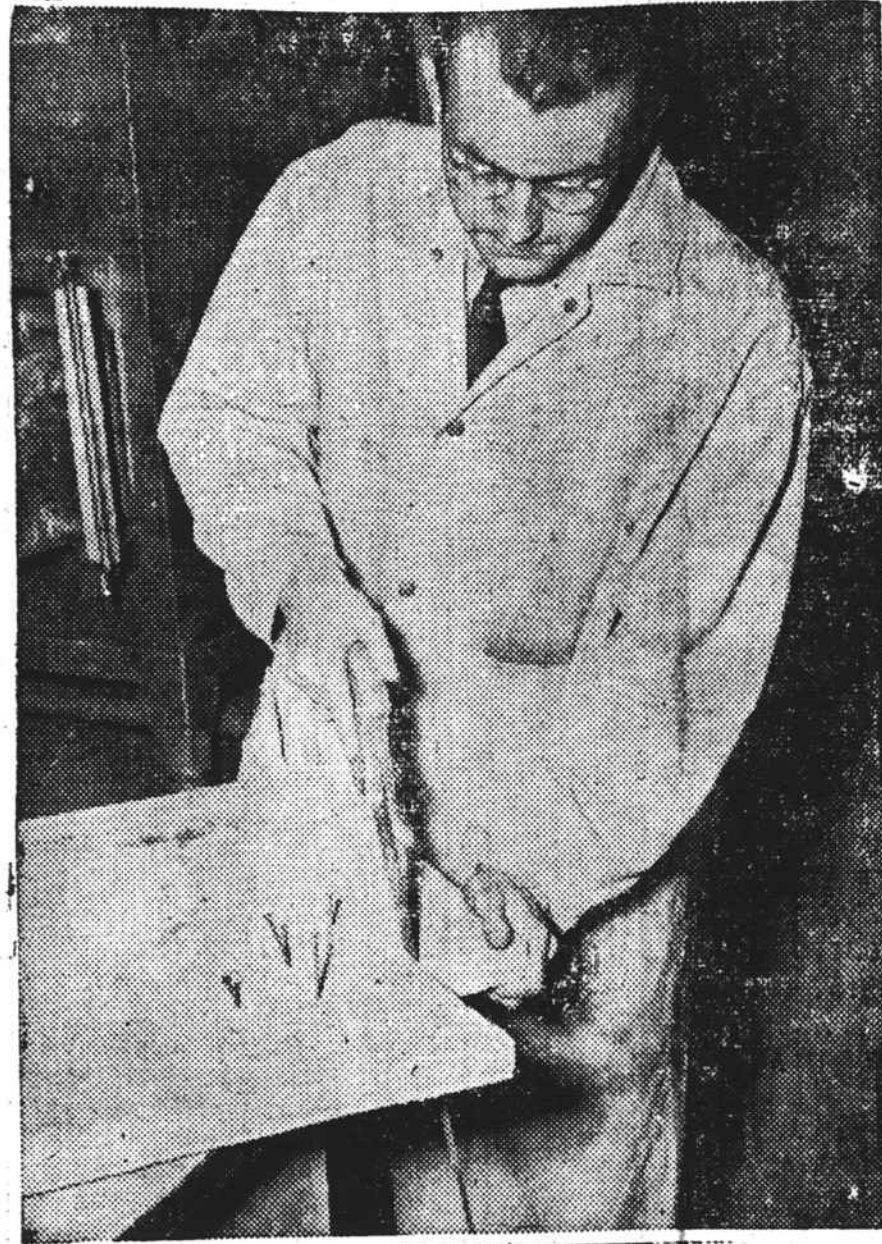
RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Attorney W. R. Sherrill has returned to his home in Sylva after having spent several weeks in an Asheville hospital, following an operation. Slightly improved, Mr. Sherrill was brought home in an ambulance, Tuesday morning.

like, means that the family can be maintained in good health at low cost. Adequate feed for our livestock means that we will adopt a well-balanced system of farming which will provide more fertile soils, control erosion, and plenty of grain, hay and forage. "This is the kind of farming that we should do. It is the only kind of farming that will make and keep us independent. It is the patriotic, sensible thing to do."

It was suggested at the meeting that the problem of obtaining seed, livestock, chickens, and the like can be solved through the farm security or other agencies; that of farmers with no work-stock getting their plowing done, by swapping work for work. And that other problems can be solved as they arise. In other words, that "where there's a will there's a way"; and that "there are more ways than one of skinning a cat".

CONCRETE CUT WITH HANDSAW



A new development in concrete, made with North Carolina vermiculite as the aggregate instead of sand, was on display in the Department of Ceramic Engineering at State College April 18 as one of the scores of exhibits in the annual students' Engineers Fair. The vermiculite concrete can be cut with an ordinary handsaw, and nails can be driven into it as in a board.

Shown here demonstrating the new material is William A. Scholes, ceramic research engineer at the college, who is conducting experiments with the concrete for the Tennessee Valley Authority. He is hopeful that it will come into widespread use in lowest prefabricated houses. The concrete has high heat and sound insulation values. Deposits of vermiculite, a type of mica, are in Jackson, Buncombe, Macon, Avery, Yancey, Transylvania and Clay counties.

BRYSON CITY CAST WILL GIVE PLAY AT QUALLA SCHOOL

The Swain County High School band and a play "A Mock P.T.A." which consists of Negro spirituals, a clever reading, which has once taken a gold medal, a play, "The Train To Mauro", and a string band, presented by Bryson City P. T. A., under direction of Mrs. Tom Ferguson, will be presented at Shoal Creek school house, Saturday night, sponsored by the Qualla Parent-Teachers Association.

The program was so successful at its first appearance in Bryson City, that it was demanded a second time.

The singing will be by the Earwood boys and other prominent people of Bryson City.

In the cast of the play will be Mrs. Bob Leatherwood, Mrs. Tom Ferguson, Mrs. Pat Colville, Mrs. Martha Patterson, Mrs. Queve Woody, Mrs. John Ashe, Mrs. T. T. Stallings, Mrs. E. N. Haller, Mrs. Dent Ensley, and twenty-one other well known people.

There are forty people in the band and thirty in the cast.

STENTZ WILL LEAD SONG SERVICE FOR METHODIST CHURCH

The evening service at the Methodist church, next Sunday, beginning at 8 o'clock will be given to devotional, and to the singing of Gospel songs led by Mr. J. Dale Stentz, of Waynesville. Mr. Stentz was for years leader of singing and a soloist at evangelistic meetings.

Baxter C. Jones On State Elections Board

Governor Broughton has appointed Baxter C. Jones, Bryson City attorney, and a former representative in the General Assembly from both Jackson and Swain counties, as a member of the State Board of Elections, to succeed R. Ben Price of Hendersonville, who was appointed Chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission.

SINGING CONVENTION

The Lower District Singing Convention will be held at Barker's Creek Baptist church, beginning at 1:30 in the afternoon, next Sunday, April 27.

Centenarian Dies At Caney Fork Home Sunday, 20th

Mrs. Saphronia Huffman Jones Page, died at the home of her son, Lee Jones, on Caney Fork, Sunday, just one week after her descendants and friends had gathered to celebrate her one hundredth birthday.

Born Saphronia Huffman, in Burke county, on April 9, 1841, Mrs. Page's parents brought her to Caney Fork when she was two years of age, and she has resided in that community ever since.

Mrs. Page first married Nelson Jones, and after his death, married John Henry Page. She has mothered seven children, three of whom are still living. She leaves 31 living grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Page was an exceptionally well informed woman, and despite her advanced age, kept abreast of the trend of the times. She spent many hours reading. She read the entire Bible through a great many times, and read everything else that came to hand, including the newspapers, the magazines, and the school books of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services and interment were at the cemetery on Caney Fork Tuesday.

East La Porte School Has Closed Successful Year

The school at East LaPorte closed a successful year last night, with an address by Rev. P. L. Elliott, of the Department of English at Western Carolina Teachers College.

Jean and Joy Woody, daughters of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Woody, are valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of the graduating class. East LaPorte is in the Cullowhee consolidated district, and takes pupils no further than the seventh grade.

Charles B. Thomas Will Operate Carolina Hotel

Hotel Carolina will be operated by Charles B. Thomas, beginning May 1, according to announcements made here this week. Mr. Thomas, a son of Mrs. Isola Thomas, of Sylva, graduated at high school in Hot Springs, Ark., and took a course in hotel management at Cornell University. Since that time he has been connected with hotels in New York, St. Louis, Phoenix, Hollywood, Los Angeles, and Tampa. He came to Sylva from Tampa. He was recently married to Miss Louise Moson of Dillsboro.

The hotel is the property of Mrs. Harry Hastings and Vernon V. Hooper, as joint owners. It has been operated successfully since 1936 by Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Thompson, after having been closed for several months.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson will take a long vacation; but have not revealed their plans further than that.

President Hunter Heads District Rotarians

Hiram T. Hunter, president of Western Carolina Teachers College was unanimously elected District Governor of Rotary International, at the meeting in Camden, S. C., the first of the week.

Mr. Hunter is a member of the Sylva Rotary Club, and a past president. He will assume his duties after his election is confirmed by the International Convention in Denver, this summer.

This is the 190th Rotary District and includes the two Carolinas.

State Leaders Expected At Meeting Of Daughters Of Confederacy Tuesday

Cashier's School Is Holding Final Exercises Tonight

With June Edwards as valedictorian and Parris Colton as salutatorian, the Cashier's school will hold its final exercises tonight, and will hear an address by Dan Tompkins, Editor of The Jackson County Journal, and Commander of the American Legion Post.

Miss Edwards is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Edwards. Mr. Colton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Colton, of Cashier's and Boise, Idaho. A. J. Cloer is president of the class, Parris Colton vice-president, and Lillian Burnette, secretary.

Faye Allen, daughter of Deputy Sheriff and Mrs. Frank Allen, is mascot of the class.

Class superlatives chosen recently are: Prettiest girl, Mary McCall; most handsome boy, Parris Colton; smartest girl, Lillian Burnette; smartest boy, A. J. Cloer; most courteous girl, Bernice Clark; most courteous boy, De Lois McCall; most dignified girl, Mary McCall; most dignified boy, Alvin Ray; most intellectual girl, June Edwards; most intellectual boy, Parris Colton; most studious girl, Lillian Burnette; most studious boy, Alvin Ray; friendliest girl, June Edwards; friendliest boy, A. J. Cloer; quietest boy, De Lois McCall; most athletic girl, Maxine Moody; most athletic boy, David Patton, Jr.; neatest girl, Mary McCall; neatest boy, Alvin Ray; most popular girl, June Edwards; most popular boy, A. J. Cloer best all around girl, Lillian Burnette; best all around boy, J. Cloer.

Retiring Highway Commissioner

E. L. McKee

President Coltrane of Brevard College delivered the address to the graduating class at Glenville High School last night, and diplomas were presented to fifteen graduates by Floyd Griffin, principal of the school. The commencement exercises started at Glenville on Sunday morning, when the baccalaureate sermon was delivered by Rev. W. N. Cook of Webster. The class day exercises were held at the school on Tuesday, by the graduating class.

Members of the class are: Mary Sue Rogers, Verna Lee Reid, Edwin McManar, Priscilla Cloer, Tom McGuire, Laura Joe Davis, Leona Fowler, J. C. Robinson, Malba Robinson, J. C. Fisher, Bertha Blackburn, Cora Frank Moss, and Sam Parker.

Ferrebee Succeeds McKee On Highway Commission

Percy B. Ferrebee, Andrews banker, capitalist, and hotel owner, has been appointed by Governor Broughton to succeed E. L. McKee of Sylva as Highway Commissioner for this district.

R. Ben Price, Hendersonville attorney, member of the State Board of Elections, and former Senator from Henderson, was appointed as chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission.

The new commission will assume its duties on May 1. Mr. Ferrebee has made no intimation as to whether he will move the division offices from Sylva to Andrews. The offices and shops were located at Andrews until the present Commissioner, Mr. E. L. McKee was appointed. He moved them to this county, since Sylva is much nearer the center of the division than Andrews.

A number of State figures are expected to be present for the district convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, to be held in Sylva next Tuesday, April 29. Among them are Mrs. R. O. Everett, State president, and Miss Anne B. Wilson, district director.

The meeting will begin at 10 o'clock, Tuesday morning at the Methodist church, with Miss Wilson presiding.

On the program are Mrs. Grover Wilkes, Mrs. W. G. MacFarlane, of Asheville, Rev. A. P. Ratledge, Mrs. Dan Tompkins, president of B. H. Cathey Chapter, Mayor Gibson, Dan Tompkins, Commander of the American Legion, Mrs. Preston Thomas, Mrs. W. T. Wright, Mrs. L. E. Fisher, Mrs. A. P. Ratledge, and Mrs. John H. Morris.

The pages will be Misses Agnes Wilson, Margaret Bird, Annie Nell Brown, and Mary Catherine Monteith.

At one o'clock there will be a luncheon meeting at the Community House. Miss Wilson will preside. After the blessing by Mrs. Charles L. Allison, there will be a quartette composed of Elizabeth Rogers, Gertrude Carter, Charles Frazier and Walker Free, directed by Mrs. Inez Wooten Gully, and accompanied by Dorothy Thompson. After "Dixie", by Mrs. Helen Cathey Dillard, there will be toasts, "To Our Confederate Fathers", by Mrs. Frank Buckner; "To The Men of Confederate Ancestry Now Training for the Defense of America", by Mrs. Grover C. Davis; and "The Birthday of the North Carolina Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy", by Mrs. E. L. McKee. Tommy Ferguson will sing, "God Bless America", and the entire group will join in singing, "America".

Coltrane, Cook Were Heard At Glenville Finals

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TOWN BUYS LAND FOR RECREATION CENTER PARK

The Town of Sylva has bought the ground upon which the Community House, the Welfare Offices, the Highway Shops, and the burned school bus garages stand from the County Board of Education. The purchase gives the town the ownership of all the property near the Town Hall, down the creek to the Monteith property, and between Scott's Creek and Dillsboro Road.

The officials of the town are planning to make a park and community center and playground of the property.

Recently, in view of the negotiations between the town and the Board of Education, the erection of new garages for the school buses was begun on property that the town traded to the board, just off Highway 107, on the Jim Love Cove Road.