

The Jackson County Journal

\$1.50 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

Elijah Owen, Fratricide Is Held Without Bond In Jackson County Jail

Wiley Owen, 36, of Canada township is dead and his brother, Elijah Owen, is being held in Jackson county jail, charged with firing a load of buckshot into his body as he sat in a chair on the porch of his home, about 7 o'clock, Saturday evening.

Sheriff Holden and Coroner C. W. Dills, on being notified of the shooting, went to the Owen home, where a coronor's jury was impaneled, and an inquest held. After the inquest, the officers went to a room on the second story of the house and found Elijah Owen asleep in his bed. It is stated that after the shooting he retired and slept through the coronor's inquest being held over the body of his brother, in the same house.

The coronor's jury, composed of R. E. Ervin, Carl Wood, M. J. Galloway, Sam Owen, Arthur Wood, found that Wiley Owen came to his death by a gun shot, fired by Elijah Owen.

It is stated that the two brothers had been working in the woods together, during the day, getting out acid wood, and that after they knocked off for the day, some liquor was obtained. According to allegations, Elijah tried to get Wiley to go for some more liquor and when Wiley refused an altercation ensued. Whereupon, Elijah is said to have fired a load of buckshot into his brother's body as he sat in a chair on the porch.

Five Killed In County In Six Months Period

Jackson county was one of the fifty-seven counties of the State that won the unenviable distinction of having scored more traffic fatalities during the first half of 1941 than during the first half of 1940.

Five traffic fatalities were charged to Jackson County in a report issued this week by the Highway Safety Division covering the first six months of this year, as compared with none for the corresponding period in 1940.

This report showed a grim toll of 545 human lives reaped on North Carolina streets and highways the first half of this year, against 363 persons killed in the same period last year. This increase of 50 per cent is well above the increase for the country as a whole.

In the face of this steadily rising slaughter, ten North Carolina counties succeeded in having clean traffic fatality records for the six months period; these being Alexander, Alleghany, Avery, Camden, Cherokee, Dare, Hyde, Jones Polk and Yancey.

Nineteen counties with 10 or more traffic deaths each accounted for an almost even 50 per cent of the total. These were: Wake, with 29; Cumberland with 24; Mecklenburg, 22; Guilford, 20; Buncombe and Columbus, 18 each; Halifax and Durham, 14; Robeson, 13; Rockingham and Alamance, 12; Davidson and Gaston, 11; and Harnett, Henderson, Johnston, Pender, Sampson and Wilson.

Fifty-seven of the 100 counties in the state showed increases over the first half of last year.

The greatest increases were recorded in Wake, Columbus, Cumberland, Henderson, Halifax and Rockingham.

The report showed further that 94 persons were killed in traffic accidents in the state during the month of June. This was a 50 per cent increase over the 62 traffic deaths in the state last June. The state's 1941 traffic toll to date is averaging three lives a day.

DISASTROUS

Rains and drought have combined to make this a year of hard luck for Polk County farmers, reports J. A. Wilson, farm agent of the N. C. State College Extension Service.

MEN CANNOT EVADE SERVICE BY MARRYING

Registrants who get married on the eve of induction, or after being ordered to report to the doctor for physical examination will do so at their own risk and will find that marriage will not keep them out of the army. This was made clear, yesterday, by a bulletin received by the Jackson County Selective Service Board from General Van B. Metts, State Director of Selective Service, as he announced a modification of the former policy of leniency toward married men which has been recommended by State Headquarters. General Metts stated that a modification of this policy was made necessary by an increasingly large number of registrants who are apparently undertaking to abuse the policy of leniency in an effort to evade military service.

The modified policy, which was passed on to all Selective Service agencies in the State is as follows:

"When a registrant acquires married status after issuance of 'Notice to Appear for Physical Examination', it should be assumed that both parties concluded the marriage knowing that the registrant was subject to early call for service and were prepared to take the consequences, and therefore deferment in such cases would not appear to be justified. But when a registrant has indicated on his questionnaire that he is engaged, giving the date set for the wedding, or has given similar information in writing to the local board and the wedding date falls after issuance of 'Notice to Appear for Physical Examination', his case should be considered in the same way as those who married after registration, as provided by Amendment No. 77 to Selective Service Regulations. Of course, there may be other conditions which would obviously temper the above announced modification of policy, e. g., proof that the wife was pregnant, or conclusive evidence of absolute dependence wherein the wife would suffer undue hardship if compelled to live on the registrant's income as a soldier, etc."

This modified policy, General Metts pointed out, is in line with a recent amendment to the regulations, which is as follows:

"It is not advisable to defer any such registrant if he acquired such status for the purpose of avoiding training and service, and therefore, no registrant should be placed in Class III after he acquired such status after the day when he was required to register unless (1) he or his claimed dependent or dependents present to the local board written statements of the facts peculiarly within their knowledge, showing the history leading up and the circumstances under which such status was acquired, and (2) such facts show that the status of the registrant was acquired in a manner consistent with the ordinary course of human affairs and was not acquired to provide the registrant with a basis for a claim for Class III deferment."

General Metts was careful to point out that in the application of these principles he anticipates that some mistakes will be made. But he stated he was satisfied that Selective Service agencies in the State would endeavor to do substantial justice in every individual case.

JOHNNY PARRIS HEARD ON RADIO FROM LONDON

Johnny Jarris, Sylva boy, who is a correspondent for the United Press in London, was heard over the short wave from the British Broadcasting System by people in Sylva, Sunday night. Among those who listened with intense interest to Johnny were his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Parris.

Johnny, who has been covering the activities of the "V" Army, for the United Press in Europe, was interviewed by another newspaper correspondent, on the articles he has written about the "V" Army.

His parents stated that Johnny sounded as if he were in the next room.

Beginning his newspaper work by writing articles for The Jackson County Journal, while he was a student in Sylva High School, Johnny became local correspondent for the Asheville Citizen. Later he went to Raleigh as correspondent for the United Press. He served on newspapers in Winston-Salem and Memphis, and then went with the United Press in New York City. Last spring, he was transferred to London, and came home for a short visit before leaving the United States. He sailed from New York and disembarked at Lisbon, where he remained for several weeks, before taking the plane for London.

CONVENTION OF BAPTISTS TO BE AT LOVEDALE

The Tuckasee Baptist Sunday School Convention will meet with Lovedale church at 2:30 in the afternoon of Sunday, August 10, according to W. G. Womack, secretary of the convention; and the following program has been worked out by the program committee:

Congregational Song, led by Mr. Will Painter, of the Lovedale church.

Devotion, conducted by Mr. J. T. Gribble of the Sylva church. Minutes and Roll Call of Sunday schools.

Special music, by the Speedwell quartet of the Speedwell church.

Address by Rev. B. S. Hensley, Pastor of the Scott's Creek church.

Talk by Rev. L. H. Crawford of the Buff Creek Baptist church.

Congregational song, led by Mr. Will Painter of the Lovedale church.

Prayer.

Adjournment.

Fifteen Men Fail To Return Questionnaires

The following men have failed to return questionnaires mailed to them and have failed to respond to notices sent at different times. The time is up for these men and unless they are found by August 7th their names go to the District Attorney for further action. Any friends or relatives who know of these people will be saving them and the Selective Service Board a lot of time and trouble by reporting to that office.

The men are: Frank Richmond McAvay, William Joseph Miller, Leon Grant O'Malley, Lawrence Angus Stallard, Bee Love, Orvin Cady, Elmer Dillingham, Larry Lee Wilson, Robert Emmett Slattery, Conrad Lewis Hucksold, Boyd Franklin Taylor, John Bradley, Joseph George Crowell, Lee Murice Hutchinson, Nolen Franklin Montgomery.

AS WORLD EVENTS UNFOLD

By DAN TOMPKINS

JAPAN, with the acquiescence of the puppet government in Vichy, has occupied strategic points in French Indo-China, bringing the Nipponese within 800 miles of U. S. territory, and constituting a threat to the British sea lanes and to Singapore. (Some day when things get straightened out, and the French again control France, the Guillotine will be set up in Paris and traitors' heads will again fall like over-ripe apples. The French are biding their time.) America immediately froze all Japanese assets within our territory. Britain followed suit and abrogated all trade treaties with the Japs. Even Dutch East Indies, the territory most placed in jeopardy, did the same. And the economic war against the Japanese, who began this aggression business anyway, is on. The days of the State Department's attempts to appease Japan seem to be nearing the end. There is close collaboration between the United States, the British Empire, and the Dutch government in exile in dealing with Japan. If economic sanctions are not sufficient to choke the Japs into stopping being the right bower of Hitler and the bad boy of the Orient, then it appears that war is inevitable. The Navy is urging such a step immediately, in the full belief that a severe bombing of the straw, bamboo and paper cities of the Nipponese would swiftly bring the Japanese to their senses. They have been so puffed up with a sense of their own importance, for a good many years, being really good at imitating their betters, that a dose of the kind of thing they have handed to China might bring the little yellow men around to listening to reason.

EVERY DAY somebody asks us, "How long will Russia be able to hold back Hitler's legions?" We don't know. Neither does anyone else. But this much we do know: Despite all the conflicting reports that have come from the Steppes, we are sure that the Russians have already withstood the mightiest assaults Germany could launch, much longer than Hitler believed they could. For weeks now one of the most titanic battles that the world ever saw has been raging. Some nine million men have been joined in the struggle from the Arctic circle to the Black Sea; and Hitler must have lost many men, and much stores of munitions. Napoleon once said that no nation could permanently dominate Europe so long as Russia is unconquered and England controls the seas.

ENGLAND still controls the seas. The economic weapons that the British have used against Germany have not been spectacular; but they have been striking telling blows. Economic strangulation is the mighty bludgeon with which England has won many a war. Churchill has warned that Hitler may at last attempt his invasion of the British Isles in September. That is logically his next move. He intends to take over Spain and Portugal, and try Gibraltar and the North of Africa, including Dakar; but even that would not relieve the economic pressure. He would have a longer coast line; but it would be little easier to obtain the supplies which make a successful invasion of Great Britain, and seize the British Navy. That would stop the tightening screws of economic warfare that so besets him. He can no longer use Japan as a purchasing agent, and the Transiberian railway as a supply line. Japan is in deep water herself; and he has attacked his old ally Stalin. The economic pressure from the Americas is growing tighter, as the activities of German agents in South America come to light.

VICHY is undoubtedly the pawn of Hitler. That is the reason that all of France was

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FARMERS PICNIC DREW CROWD LAST SATURDAY

Twenty-five hundred Jackson county farm people were drawn to Sylva Saturday by the Farmers' Federation picnic, held on the high school grounds. The streets of Sylva were thronged all day, as farmers from the country mingled with tourists from all parts of America.

One truck, driven by John Deltz, brought 152 people to the picnic, and the runner-up was John Bishop who hauled 149 people to the school grounds on his truck.

James G. K. McClure, president of the federation, declared in his address, that "The purpose of the Farmers' Federation is to increase the income of every farmer in Jackson county." Speaking of the Lord's Acre plan which has attracted national attention, Mr. McClure said: "We have the possibility of developing the finest and newest thing on farm organization in America, which will incorporate the Lord in our business and in our lives."

The gathering was addressed by G. R. Lackey, county agent. The Indian choir from Rock Springs, led by Henry Bradley, won first prize and Addie choir was second. For quartets, that directed by Weaver Fox took first place, with Balsam Grove in second.

Mr. and Mrs. Ute Jumper won the prize for the longest married couple; Mr. and Mrs. Thad Green, for the most recently married; D. H. Moffatt the baldiest man; and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Bishop, for having the largest family present.

REVIVAL BEING HELD AT CHURCH IN CULLOWHEE

Rev. Dr. A. D. Kinnett pastor of the First Baptist church of Burlington, is assisting Rev. Fred Forester in a revival meeting at Cullowhee Baptist church, which began Sunday.

Several of the best choirs in the county have been invited to assist in the singing.

Dr. Kinnett is preaching twice each day, at 10 in the mornings, and at 8 in the evenings.

Farm People Are Invited To State College Meeting

From officials of N. C. State College comes a cordial invitation to farm folks of this and other counties to attend the 38th annual Farm and Home Week, starting next Monday August 4. Accompanying the invitation is an offer to provide a room in one of the college dormitories for the entire week for only \$1.00.

The invitation is signed, first by Col. John W. Harrelson, administrative dean of the college; and by Dr. I. O. Schaub, director, John W. Goodman, assistant director, and Miss Ruth Current, State home agent, of the State College Extension Service.

An attractive program has been arranged for the farm people. It includes talks at joint assemblies of farm men and women by Governor J. M. Broughton, Col. Charles M. Busbee of Fort Bragg, Dr. Helen Mitchell, director of nutrition for the Federal Security Agency; Edward Scheidt, special FBI agent of Charlotte; and Dr. Sankey L. Blanton, Baptist minister of Wilmington.

1. Bayard Clark, representative from the Seventh Congressional district, will address the 20th annual meeting of the N. C. Federation of Home Demon-

Weaver Will Be Speaker For Dam Dedication At Glenville Site, Soon

COMMERCE BODY TO ERECT SIGNS ON HIGHWAYS

The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce is erecting large road signs, 25 feet long, at strategic points on the highways leading into Western North Carolina.

One is located at Pigeon Ford, beyond Gatlinburg, Tenn. It has just been completed. Another is being painted on Highway 23, beyond Franklin, directing people through Jackson county to the Great Smokies. Still another is being put up on the Highway just west of Clyde, advertising Sylva and Jackson county. Another will be completed this week, in Cashier's Valley, at the junction of Highways U. S. 64 and N. C. 107, directing people to Sylva.

All these signs are on locations leased by the Chamber of Commerce, and are as attractive as highway advertising signs can be made to appear. The locations are as good as could be found.

QUALLA

(By Mrs. J. K. Terrell)

It was announced at the Baptist church Sunday morning that they would elect the officials of their church next Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Callahan on July 21st, a son, Herbert Lail.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Moore attended the Moore-Swanson reunion at Young Harris, Ga. Sunday, July 20th.

Hyatts Chapel choir attended the singing at the Dix Creek church Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Battle, Mrs. D. C. Hughes, Mr. Burton Bumgarner and Mrs. Annie Bisch of Charlotte, visited their aunt Harriett Baker of Almond on Sunday afternoon. She is about 88 years old.

Rev. Ben Cook conducted services at the Baptist church Saturday evening and Sunday morning. He was a guest at Mr. Mr. J. L. Sittin's.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller Hall have moved to their new residence in Qualla.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hall visited at Sunset Farms Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thad Beck and daughter, Barbara, made a business trip to Asheville Saturday. Mrs. A. C. Hoyle visited relatives at Candler Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hoyle and Miss Gertrude Ferguson attended singing at Bryson City Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Horace Howell and family and Jim Edd Hughes have returned from a visit with relatives in Dillard, Ga.

Mrs. Sewell Hips, of Canton, and children called at the home of Mr. J. E. Battle.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Blanton were guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Shuler Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hughes called at Mr. J. K. Terrell's Sunday.

Stratton Clubs on Thursday. Miss Margaret Edwards, head of the home economics department of the Woman's College at Greensboro, will speak on the Honor Day program Friday.

Special conferences for men are scheduled Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and classes in a great variety of homemaking subjects will be conducted for women Tuesday and Wednesday.

Group singing, led by Jack F. Criswell, will be held each night, and quiz programs will be conducted by F. H. Jeter on Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

Congressman Zebulon Weaver has been invited to make the principal address at the dedication of the Glenville Dam, which will take place at an early date, according to advice from Washington and New York. The exact date has not yet been determined, but it is expected to be soon after August 1.

The dam was constructed by Morrison - Knudsen Company, contractors, for the Nantahala Power Company, a subsidiary of the Aluminum Company of America.

The lake is rapidly filling up, and the tunneling, tubing and power house construction are about completed.

It is understood that a great celebration, at which National Defense and the importance of Western North Carolina to the nation will be stressed. Plans are being perfected by officials of the Aluminum Company, and the Nantahala Company.

Robert Erwin, writing to The State, from Washington, in connection with the expenditure of National Defense money in Western North Carolina, gave facts and figures, and lavished praise upon Congressman Weaver. To quote Mr. Erwin: "A recent congressional appropriation carried \$40,000,000 for construction of new dams by the Tennessee Valley Authority, and of this sum \$30,000,000 will be spent in Western North Carolina on three projects. They are the Hiwassee Dam at Appalachia, \$20,000,000; a storage dam for the Hiwassee in Clay county, \$5,000,000; and a dam at Nolichucky, near Murphy, also \$5,000,000. These and other expenditures by the TVA to develop the water power in the mountains are exclusive of continuously big expenditures by the Aluminum Company of America. The company has spent \$20,000,000 on the Tuckaseegee and Nantahala dams, and the Nantahala project is nearly finished. The TVA is still contemplating an expenditure of \$50,000,000 on the Fontana dam, in Swain county."

"Mr. Weaver has played a prominent part in securing these these valuable Federal projects for his district. He is recognized as the legislative father of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, on which the federal government has spent many millions of dollars in recent years."

"The power dams, as mentioned before, have great implications for the future. Already they are helping bring new industries. The Ecusta Paper Company of Brevard has doubled its capacity. The Carolina Woodturning Company of Bryson City making flares for Navy Planes, already has on hand contracts for one year's production and is operating at almost twice its previous capacity."

"It was not without a good fight on Mr. Weaver's part that Western North Carolina recently lost the proposed aluminum plant contemplated by the Office of Production Management, OPM wrote finis to the state's chances for getting the plant with the announcement that more electric power was immediately available in the Pacific northwest. Incidents like this will hardly happen again when power projects under way in the western section of the State are completed."

ELLIOTT TO PREACH HERE AT METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY

Rev. P. L. Elliott of Western Carolina Teachers College, will occupy the pulpit at the Sylva Methodist church, Sunday morning, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. A. P. Ratledge, who with Mrs. Ratledge, will be at Lake Junaluska.