

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

Montgomery Ward Dies By Freight Train Near Barker's Creek Tuesday

General Jones and Lou Seagle came upon a gruesome sight, Tuesday morning, when they started to work. On the tracks of the Southern Railway they came upon the mangled and headless body of Montgomery Ward. The head was found some fifty feet distant from the body. Ward is believed to have been struck by a freight train earlier in the morning. Nobody knows just how the accident occurred. Funeral and interment were at Barker's Creek yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Ward, who was 35 years of age is survived by his widow, two sons, Doyle Ward, Akron, Ohio, and Curlee Ward, Barker's Creek; three daughters, Betty, Cherry Lee and an infant daughter, by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Berry Ward, Akron, Ohio; two brothers, Robert and Herbert Ward, Akron, Ohio, and four sisters, Mrs. Shaff Jones, four sisters, Mrs. George Ensley, and Miss Inez Ward, of Akron, Ohio; and Mrs. Jerry Jones and Mrs. Shaff Jones of Robbinsville.

Mrs. Lyndon Dillard Dies At Home Wednesday

Mrs. Lyndon Dillard died at her home in Sylva yesterday, a few hours after the birth to her of a baby boy. Mrs. Dillard died suddenly of a heart attack.

Mrs. Dillard, who before her marriage was Miss Kathleen Kitchen of Sylva, is survived by her husband, three children, her mother, Mrs. C. H. Kitchen, two brothers, Paul and Hayes Kitchen, and three sisters, Mrs. T. Kelly Guthrie, and Mrs. C. Ross Bennett, of Sylva, and Mrs. Cynthia Brown, of Warren, Ohio. Funeral services will be conducted at East Sylva Baptist church, at three o'clock, Friday afternoon, and interment will be in the Dillard cemetery.

CORPORAL LEOPARD ENJOYS JOURNAL AT McDILL FIELD

The Journal is greatly appreciated by Corporal Harlie M. Leopard, who is in Det. Q. M. C. 4th C. A. S. C., at MacDill Field, Tampa Florida. The Journal is being sent with the compliments of Dan Tompkins, its publisher, to all soldiers from this county, who addresses we can obtain.

Said Corporal Leopard in a letter to the Editor—"I would be grateful to you if you will publish these few words. I have to say in your paper, 'The Jackson County Journal' to show my appreciation to some one for sending me a copy of your paper. I honestly believe I would make a better soldier if I could hear the news from Jackson County and my home town, Greenville. It's very hot down here in Tam and the mosquitoes are bad, but I am willing to do my part, whatever it may be and wherever it may be, to help protect our country through the dark days we are facing. I want to again thank the person, whoever it was, that sent me your paper, for a soldier's greatest joy is hearing from his friends and loved ones back home. I am glad to hear of the large number of boys that are joining the army from Jackson County, and I hope that every citizen from Jackson county will do his part to help in our national defense. I honestly believe that we soldiers, sailors and marines, now hold the future and destiny of America in our hands. We are out to win and I hope every civilian will do his or her part."

PRESSLEY REUNION

The annual reunion of the Pressley family will be held at the Speedwell Baptist church, next Sunday, August 10. All relatives and friends of the family are invited to the reunion.

FERRBEE MOVES HIGHWAY OFFICE TO HOME TOWN

The district offices of the State Highway and Public Works Commission moved on Tuesday from Sylva to Andrews, the home of Hon. Percy B. Ferrabee, commissioner for this district.

The offices have been in Sylva for the past several years, on the second floor of the Sylva Supply Company building. Mr. E. L. McKee moved the offices here soon after he was appointed highway commissioner.

Sylva is much more centrally located in the district than is Andrews, and it was hoped here that the offices would be allowed to remain in Sylva, as an economy measure, since the State would be put to less travel expense from offices in a more central point.

Aged Brothers Hold Reunion At Watts Home

Canton Enterprise, August 7—Representing a combined age of more than 328 years and sincerely thankful to a gracious and understanding God for their general good health despite the fact that three of them are now almost blind, a quartet are enjoying a family reunion at the home here of A. B. Watts, 80-year-old retired Canton merchant.

of Watts brothers, natives of Qualiatown, in Jackson County, The four brothers, mentally alert despite their advanced years, are: R. L. Watts, 76, A. B. Watts, 80; Joe A. Watts, 84 and George William Watts, 88.

The four are the sons of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Watts, their father being a native of Virginia, who settled in Western North Carolina in the early 1850's. Their mother was the daughter of the late George Sherrill, one of the pioneer settlers in Western North Carolina and who was considered an outstanding religious and educational leader of his time.

Armour Company's Tannery Escapes Serious Fire Here

What threatened to be a serious fire at the Armour Leather Company plant Monday evening was quickly extinguished by Sylva's volunteer fire department, before any extensive damage was done.

The fire was discovered about 6:30 by a watchman and the alarm turned in. An electric motor, running a hot box, ignited the building, and the flames were spreading to the dry loft, when firemen arrived.

Legionnaires Invited To Picnic At Cherokee

Wm. Tyndall, adjutant of Steve Youngdeer Post, American Legion, has issued an invitation to all legionnaires and families, to a picnic given by Steve Youngdeer Post, on next Sunday, August 10, at 1 o'clock.

Roy McMillan, the new Department Commander will be the speaker. The picnic will be held at the New Island Picnic Grounds.

The Steve Youngdeer Post is the only all Indian post in the United States.

BAPTIST UNION OF YOUNG FOLKS MEETS AT SYLVA

The Baptist Training Union of the Tuckasegee Association will meet at Sylva Baptist church on August 19, at 8 P. M. Eastern Standard Time. Rev. J. E. Brown will deliver an address. Lyle Ensley, Associational Director, states that all churches in the association should be represented by pastors, Sunday School workers, church leaders, and young people. Their cooperation is needed, Mr. Ensley stated.

The following tentative program has been arranged:

Devotional, Edwin Allison. Song. Roll Call, announcements, business. Special Music, Miss Mildred Cowan.

A group of four minute talks by C. O. Vance, E. W. Jamison, Ruth Hall and W. N. Cook. Song, address by Rev. J. E. Brown.

Mr. Vance will speak of the value of the B. T. U. to the Sunday School; Mr. Jamison, on its value to the church; Miss Hall on the value of the study course to the members, and Mr. Cook, on the value of the study course to the B. T. U.

SOLON'S RECORD PRINTS JOURNAL V5 EDITORIAL

An editorial from the Jackson County Journal July 24, entitled, "V-5", was reprinted in the Congressional Record of July 29, as extension of remarks by Congressman Zebulon Weaver.

This recognition of the editorial in question will give it publicity throughout the United States, and especially in the Congress, official and diplomatic circles in the National Capitol.

Committee Recommends Farm Rehabilitation

Members of Farm Security Committees and Councils from Western North Carolina counties, meeting at the Sylva school building, Friday, recommended the adoption of the plan of taking low income farmers, who own land that can be rebuilt so as to make them self-supporting, from the relief and W. P. A. rolls, and paying them to build up their own farms, under supervised methods.

It is believed that if the men who own land that can be built up to the place where it will support its owners, are given the opportunity to do so, that they will apply themselves seriously to the task of good farming, and place themselves on the way to independence. If given a plan to work by, proper supervision to see that the plan is carried out, and a pay check for doing the work on their own farms, the committee members believe that the problems of the W. P. A. farmer, and lower than subsistence income farmer in this part of the United States, can be solved. They took the position that any other means of bringing support to these people is but a temporary palliative, while the building up the land plan, will work a permanent cure.

ATTEND MEETING

Mrs. R. U. Sutton, district director, Mrs. E. J. Duckett, president of the Sylva Parent-Teachers Association, Mrs. George Lee and Miss Evelyn Parker, are in attendance at the Parent-Teachers Institute in Chapel Hill.

AS WORLD EVENTS UNFOLD

By DAN TOMPKINS

RUSSIA has been defeated, three million Russians, the flower of the Red Army, have been killed. Another million have been captured or seriously wounded and put out of action. The Russian command has broken down. The Russian air force has been swept from the skies. In other words, the war with Russia is over in complete German victory, and there is nothing left to do except to execute a triumphant march into Moscow and on across Asia to the seas. At least those are the statements of the German high command and the German news agency, DNB. Yet, from the best information that can be obtained from Russian and neutral sources, the broken and fleeing Russian command has been able to muster sufficient strength, out of nothing to have the German armies still 230 miles from Moscow and little nearer Leningrad than they were a couple of weeks ago. It appears that the Russians have in reality adopted new tactics, of opening ranks and allowing the mechanized spearheads of the German drive pass through, and then fall upon the German infantry with fury, and destructiveness, when it comes up, leaving the mechanized forces to spend their efforts against nothing but air. It is a modern version of the tactics employed by the Russians against Napoleon in his invasion, which led to his undoing. Nobody knows the exact truth; but everybody knows that Hitler didn't bargain for the strength and the kind of resistance that he has met in Russia. He may defeat the Reds; but the victory will be much more costly than he anticipated.

VICHY is on the spot. Hitler wants the surrender of French Africa as a direct threat to the United States, and to South America. He expects to march into Spain and Portugal, and on down into Africa. The United States has made strong representations to the Vichy government. It may be that history and the French people could forgive the surrender of French Indo-China to Japan, on the grounds that the French could not garrison the country strongly enough to hold it. But there can be no excuse for the surrender of African possessions. The French have a strong army there. They would receive support from the United States in keeping the army in that part of the empire supplied. If Vichy surrenders the African possession, it will be because the men at Vichy believe that their own lives and fortunes are dependent upon a Hitler victory. Hitler can do no more to the French than he can do to the Dutch and the Belgians, yet those countries, with every foot of their continental territory occupied by Germany, and with their governments in exile, are still at war with Hitler. Counting upon a craven government that would collaborate with him to the limit, Hitler left part of France unoccupied. Petain could have confined the war from Africa. If all of France had been occupied, he would have had no other course. The charge that French Guiana is being used as a hotbed of German agents in South America, the surrender of Indo-China to Japan, and other evidence points toward the verdict that Vichy wants to go all the way in lending the full force of the French empire to Hitler's ambitions. American diplomacy and the fear of the outraged French people might make true men out of the craven; but that is the only hope of Vichy refusing to throw the weight of France entirely behind Hitler, and thus prolonging the war for perhaps many weary years. De Gaulle and the Free French will emerge as the heroes of France in the sorriest hour in French history. The guillotine awaits

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SERVICE BOARD TO SEND 20 MEN TO FORT BRAGG

Twenty young men from this county have been selected to leave for Fort Bragg to begin their military training. All are selectees except Joseph Alex Jones, who volunteered. The others are: Howard Joseph Revis, Glenn Jack Allison, Oscar Howard Price, Arley Alexander Tilley, David Lee Williams, Joseph Coleman Thompson, Grady Lafayette Dills, Johnny Odell Johnson, Charles Allen Barker, David Cleamond Woodard, Emmitt Hal Blanton, Clarence Eugene Fisher, James Paul Revis, Lawrence Albert Rogers, Lex D. Norton, Alvin Charlie Moore, Melvin James Henderson, (of Englewood, Tenn.) Robert Hughes Revis, and Thomas Edgar Bishop. The young men will board the bus at Sylva at 8 o'clock on August 13, arriving at Fort Bragg the same day.

Young Women Hold Auxiliary Council At Baptist Church Here

The Council of the Young Woman's Auxiliary of the Baptist Associations of this division, embracing the Tuckasegee Association, and those west of her, is meeting at the Baptist church in Sylva this evening.

A business session will be held beginning at 5:30. Following that, a dinner will be served in the dining room of the church, at which Miss Margaret Wilson, president of the local auxiliary, will preside. The principal speaker will be Rev. J. A. Herring, missionary to China. Mrs. C. F. Rogers, of Franklin, division councillor, and Mrs. H. M. Hocutt will also appear on the program.

Dr. D. W. Daniel To Speak At Federation Picnic

Dr. D. W. Daniel, Clemson College professor of English who is known throughout the South for his humorous speeches, will give the main talk at the final round-up Farmers Federation picnic at the State Test Farm in Swannanoa August 16th.

Dr. Daniel has been the principal speaker at the Swannanoa Federation picnic for the last two years, and his volleys of side-splitting jokes have won wide popularity among Western North Carolina farm people.

The best choirs and quartets and the most successful entertainers from all the county Federation picnics will participate in the program at Swannanoa. Rocks Springs choir, led by Henry Bradley, will represent Jackson county in the choir competition, and the Speedwell quartet, directed by Weaver Fox, will compete with quartets from 13 other Western Carolina counties.

Every farm family in Jackson county is invited to the final round-up Federation picnic at the Test Farm, according to James G. K. McClure, president of the Farmers Federation. Watermelons and lemonade will be available in large quantities, and there will be races and a big tug-of-war. The picnic will begin at 10 A. M. Daylight Saving Time.

Firemen Visit Smokies

A large number of firemen from the Firemen's Convention, being held in Asheville, visited the Great Smokies today. Sylva knew they did, for many of them went through town with shrieking sirens, just as if they were on their way to answer a fire alarm instead of being out on a pleasure trip.

S. C. Road Commissioner Says Route 107 Will Not Be Completed This Year

SHAKE-UP MADE BY ORDER IN HIGHWAY OFFICE

Division engineer John C. Walker has announced a drastic shakeup in the personnel of the highway forces in this district. The district itself remains unchanged, and is composed of Jackson, Macon, Swain, Graham, Clay, and Cherokee counties.

The personnel changes, under Commissioner Percy B. Ferrabee, are:

W. B. Ferguson, for several years district engineer of district No. 1, becomes resident engineer in the office of Division Engineer Walker. A. A. Siler, assistant division engineer, remains in the same position he has held.

J. T. Knight becomes district engineer for district No. 1 with headquarters in Asheville. Ernest Webb and G. E. Baskerville become maintenance supervisors in district No. 1. Mr. Webb was formerly district engineer of district No. 2.

L. M. Morgan becomes district engineer of district No. 2 with headquarters in Burnsville. G. C. Mauney and B. S. Connelly are maintenance superintendents in district No. 2. Mr. Morgan was formerly maintenance supervisor in district No. 1, and Mr. Mauney was maintenance supervisor in district No. 3.

C. W. Lee remains as district engineer in district No. 3. D. E. Hyatt and E. L. Curtis will be maintenance supervisors for this district. Mr. Curtis is in the same position he held.

J. R. Reagan is transferred from maintenance superintendent in district No. 1 to instrument man on construction.

T. G. Moody, maintenance superintendent in district No. 2, is transferred to the position of draftsman in the Raleigh office.

Under the changes four new men—Knight, Baskerville, Connelly and Hyatt—are brought into the division. This was made possible without increasing the supervisory staff in each district by the fact that Mr. Ferguson was transferred to the division office, Mr. Reagan was made an instrument man on construction, Mr. Moody was transferred to the Raleigh office and one vacancy in district No. 2, that of maintenance supervisor, was filled.

Mrs. Stillwell Passes At Webster On Thursday

Mrs. P. J. Stillwell, 88 year old resident of Webster township, died at her home, Thursday afternoon, following a long illness. Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon by Rev. W. N. Cook and Rev. Thad F. Deltz, and interment was in the Stillwell cemetery.

Mrs. Stillwell is survived by four children, A. R. Stillwell, of Webster, Mrs. Lula Ensley, of Washington, Mrs. Emma Calhoun, of Asheville, and Mrs. Docia Buchanan of Webster; by 20 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Woodard Passes In Billings, Montana

Mrs. Victoria Woodard, died at Billings, Montana, at the age of 72. Mrs. Woodard, a daughter of the late Jasper Buchanan, was a native of Jackson County, and lived here until 1904, when she moved with her family to Montana. She is survived by 1 daughter, three sons, and one brother.

That Highway 107 in South Carolina is in the plans for current construction by the highway authorities in that state, is assured by a letter to Dan Tompkins, president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, from Hon. J. S. Williamson, Chief Highway Commissioner of South Carolina.

With the construction of the highway from Cherokee to Soco Gap, it is anticipated by people of Sylva that there will be much of the present tourist traffic that will follow that route instead of through Sylva, and that the future of the tourist camps, tourist homes, tourist hotels, gift shops, and other businesses depending upon tourist trade in much of Jackson county, from Cashier's Valley to Cherokee, depends upon the completion of 107, as a trunk line highway from South Carolina, Florida, and Georgia points to the Great Smokies, and to Knoxville, Cincinnati, and Chicago. This would open up a year-around tourist travel from tourist travel from the southeast to the middlewest, through this county, and across the Great Smokies.

North Carolina's part of the highway is completed. Mr. Williamson, in his letter reiterated what he had previously written Mr. E. L. McKee, when he was Highway Commissioner. Said Mr. Williamson: "Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 4th regarding the construction of that portion of State Route 107 in South Carolina. I realize the importance of this particular section of road and as stated in previous correspondence this road is included in our current construction program. We plan to get it under construction as early as is practicable, but I do not anticipate that we will be able to get any of it under construction this year."

SENATE ADDS 18 MONTHS' TERM TO SELECTEES

The Senate has enacted legislation prolonging the active service of the selectees by 18 months, giving each of them a total of 30 months in the army. At the same time, the bill raised the pay of the men by \$10 a month after the first year of service.

The bill now goes to the House of Representatives, where its fate is uncertain. It is believed that there is a strong sentiment in favor of making the total service 24 months instead of 30. The vote in the Senate was 45 to 30 in favor of the 18 months extension of service.

Former Jackson County Woman Passes In Swain

Mrs. R. O. Oliver died at her home in the Alarka section of Swain county Wednesday morning, after an illness of several weeks' duration.

Mrs. Oliver was born in Jackson county, the youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cope. She is survived by her husband and six children and by two sisters, Mrs. John Smith, of Sylva, Route 1, and Mrs. Bob Walls, of Hazelwood.

CONCERT AT EAST LAFORTE

Wade Manier and his Sons of the Mountaineers will appear in person at East LaPorte School at 8:30 P. M. Monday evening, August 11, sponsored by the East LaPorte Parent-Teachers Association.