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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

Committee Considers Effect Of Proposed Road On Counties Of West

Dr. W. P. McGuire, chairman of the Committee on Transportation and Highways of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, called a meeting of his committee, Tuesday evening, at which the present situation as it affects Jackson County and Western North Carolina was discussed.

The members of the committee look with considerable misgivings and apprehension at the plans, recently announced in Asheville papers for the construction of a wide highway from Asheville, via Soco Gap, to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The committee was unanimous in its opinion that the construction of this road would adversely affect practically all of Jackson County, Lake Junaluska, Waynesville, Henderson and Transylvania counties, and would have no appreciable benefit to the county. Cherokee county, or Graham county. In fact, the committee was of the opinion that it would benefit nobody except possibly Buncombe county, and that the widening of the present highway from Asheville, via Canton, Waynesville, Sylva, and Cherokee to the Park would be of as great benefit to Buncombe as the proposed new highway.

With this in view, the committee authorized sub-committees to get in contact with people and organizations in the other counties affected, and with Highway Commissioner Percy B. Ferrebee, and Chairman, Ben Prince, to press the point that the important matter so far as tourist highways is concerned in this region at the present time is the widening of U. S. 19 from Canton to Bryson City.

It was pointed out before the committee that the construction of the proposed road would adversely affect the values of thousands of dollars of property along the present route to the Great Smokies, since many people, believing that the highway would remain as the permanent route, have invested in tourist camps, tourist homes, filling stations, and hotels for the accommodation of the tourists. While, on the other hand, it was pointed out, there are no investments of this character or practically none, along the route that is proposed.

CANTON IS HOST WEDNESDAY TO DISTRICT P. T. A.

A number of Sylva and Jackson people are planning to be present at the annual meeting of the Parent-Teachers Congress of the First North Carolina District on next Wednesday, October 1.

Mrs. R. U. Sutton of Sylva, District Director, is scheduled to preside at the meeting, at which Mrs. J. S. Blair of Elizabethon and Mrs. Clyde R. Hoey will be among the list of speakers.

The theme of the P. T. A. in North Carolina this year is: "Childhood and Youth in a Democracy."

KENYON MOODY IN DUKE HOSPITAL

Kenyon Moody, who went to Duke Hospital a few days ago for observation and treatment, underwent an operation, from which he is reported as recovering. Mrs. Moody and his sister, Mrs. Davisson went to Durham immediately upon being notified of the operation.

NAVY OFFERS GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MEN IN THIS COUNTRY

With the appointment of The Jackson County Journal to assist the Navy in giving ambitious young men information about opportunities the two ocean Navy offers them in technical training and advancement as they serve their country in its emergency, there is expected to be a stimulation in interest in the Navy and in enlistments, although Jackson County and Western North Carolina have already contributed more men to the armed forces than perhaps any other similar area in the United States.

At the suggestion of Secretary of the Navy Knox, The Journal will be of every assistance possible in giving information to the young men of this area concerning the opportunities that the Navy offers them.

According to an announcement made public in Washington, a limited number of additional men between the ages of 17 and 50 will be given a chance by enlistment in the Navy or Naval Reserve, to get to the top, with big pay, in jobs which by their aptitude, and as a result of examination they show themselves fitted, from among nearly

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PREFERENCE TO BE GIVEN VETERANS OF WORLD WAR ON WPA

Veterans' preference in WPA employment has been strengthened in the WPA appropriation act of 1941-42, it has been announced in Washington, according to the American Legion paper. Effective August 1, world war veterans, their wives and widows are exempt from the 18 month limitation on WPA employment. Veterans have a similar general preference regardless of relative needs. Disabled veterans receiving compensations also are made eligible for WPA employment up to a point where their total income would be substantially equal to that of a WPA worker without compensation from any other source.

The WPA is working out regulations for the application of preference rights included in the new bill.

COUNTY HOME AGENT GIVES SCHEDULE

Miss Margaret Martin, Jackson County Home Agent, has announced her schedule for next week.

On Monday and Tuesday, September 29 and 30, she will be in her office and on visits to homes.

Wednesday, October 1, the Gay Home Demonstration Club will meet with Mrs. J. B. Wetmore, at 2 in the afternoon.

Thursday, October 2, Greenville Home Demonstration Club, 2 P. M., at school.

Friday, October 3, Cashier's Home Demonstration Club, at school lunch room, at 2 P. M.

Saturday, October 4, she will be in her office at Sylva.

TIME CHANGES BACK SUNDAY MORNING

The State of North Carolina will change from Daylight Saving Time to Eastern Standard Time next Sunday morning at 2 o'clock. All services at the Sylva churches will be held Sunday by Eastern Standard Time, and the industries and mercantile establishments will operate on Eastern Standard Time, beginning Monday morning.

MANY VISITORS SEE "V" BEAR IN SMOKY PARK

A four year old female bear, bearing a victory "V" upon her breast has appeared on the North Carolina side of the Great Smokies, and is frequently seen along the highway to Newfound Gap. J. B. Owen, now of Knoxville, but late of The Journal force in Sylva, took a snapshot of the bear, Tuesday, showing the black bear with a large "V" on her breast. The rangers of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park have named the bear Victoria. Mr. Owen took the picture as she was standing on her hind legs, with front paws upon the hood of an automobile.

With Victoria, is a male cub, also with a "V" on his breast, though the letter is not as large as that of his mother.

There is much speculation among the superstitious as to just what is the meaning of the "V" as it appears in the Smokies. Does it portend a victory of the oppressed peoples of the world over the Germans? Peoples in the occupied countries have found many ways of spreading their "V" campaign. By tapping out the figure on tables and walls in the Morse code, by playing the Fifth Symphony, by painting the letter on walls and even on the backs of German soldiers, by holding up the hand in salute with first and index fingers held so as to form a "V" in salutation, and by many other means the campaign has spread throughout distressed Europe; but free North Carolina is the only State so far reported as having produced a "V" bear. Perhaps it is the natural instinct of these children of the forest for freedom, that accounts for the appearance of the "V" in the Great Smokies. Perhaps it means that the world will yet be free.

STORAGE PLANT BEING FINISHED FOR PAPER MILL

The new warehouse and storage room at the Mead Paper Corporation's Sylva plant is nearing completion. The structural steel is all up, and masons are rapidly bringing the brick walls to the proper height.

The construction of the new warehouse, which adjoins the mill proper, and will be really a part of the main building, was made necessary because the capacity of the mill was recently almost doubled by the installation of new and additional machinery. The old storage space was utilized for the installation of the machinery, which is now in operation.

BEAUTY AND BARBER SHOP MADE MODERN

The Bon Ton Beauty Shop and the City Barber Shop, located in the Bryson Building, have been making extensive rearrangements during the week. Separate booths for each customer have been constructed so that each one can find privacy in attractive surroundings while waiting for the dryers to complete the hair treatments.

The barber shop part of the establishment has been moved to the front of the building, where it is cut off entirely from the beauty parlor, and the whole of the interior has been refinished.

Beginning at the barber shop, the individual booths of the beauty parlor go the full length of the building, on both sides of a hall way.

AS WORLD EVENTS UNFOLD

By DAN TOMPKINS

THE RUSSIAN situation becomes more critical, as fighting continues from the Arctic Ocean to the Black Sea. As this is written, persistent reports come over the radio that the Germans have penetrated to Leningrad and that fighting is raging in the streets of the city. Germans claim to be in the outer districts of the city, and a British radio listening post picked up a Moscow broadcast admitting that there is fighting in the streets and calling upon all the more than four million soldiers and citizens there to resist to the death the German assault. German reports say that the great city of Leningrad will suffer the same fate as Warsaw, as it will be pounded mercilessly by artillery and airplanes until it capitulates. Further south Kiev, the third largest city in the Soviet country is in German hands, and the Germans are pressing forward to consolidate their victories and to try to give a knock-out blow. The Crimea is cut off from the rest of Russia. But, from all the conflicting reports, it is certain that the Russian armies are still intact and are still able to resist strongly. In other words, the disintegration of Russia, which the Germans hoped to accomplish, has not yet happened, and it is certain also that the Russians are making the Germans pay a tremendously heavy toll in material and blood for every advance that they make. So rages along a front more than 2,000 miles long, one of the bloodiest battles in all human history, as Communists and Nazis fight for the mastery. But, strange things happen, and it so happens that the Soviet troops and the Soviet people are at this time bearing the brunt of the fight to save Freedom in the world. The picture is none too rosy, and it is freely admitted in England that Russia is in sore distress.

OIL is the one commodity that Hitler must now have to continue his war machine rolling, in whichever direction he orders it to go. Oil to run his tanks, his planes, his submarines, must be forthcoming in greater quantities than he has access to if he is to keep his engine of destruction and oppression running. So, we may soon see Russians and Britishers battling in the Caucasus to try to keep the German armies from the oil fields of the Near East. That is one of the goals of Hitler in his Russian campaign. For oil he would sacrifice the lives of countless thousands of German soldiers. Men can be produced in Germany and in the occupied countries; but oil cannot, in sufficient quantities for his purposes.

THE SEAS separating Eurasia from Africa, including the Suez Canal, are prizes that dangle temptingly before the eyes of Hitler. The weather in the North of Africa is improving, and all indications are that the next front to be established will be there. If the British take the initiative, and drive into the French colonial possessions west of the Italian territories along the Mediterranean, it is predicted that seventy-five per cent of the African French will join the British cause. But, the Germans and Italians may take the initiative, driving into Egypt and also with the assistance of Bulgaria, through Turkey, thus attempting to drive the British from the whole Mediterranean area, and then push on beyond Suez to clear them out of the shores of the Red Sea.

BULGARIA, without the approval of the Bulgarian people, may join the Germans, in an assault upon Russia and Turkey. That is likely, if the successes in Russia continue in magnitude. At the same time, Japan, which country has been more or less quiet for several days, is said to have an army of a million men poised and ready to strike Russia in Siberia, if the

MEN SHOULD GET OLD JOBS BACK IF REJECTED

Selective Service registrants who are rejected at Army induction centers because they do not meet Army physical standards should be reinstated in their former jobs, General J. Van B. Metts, State Director of Selective Service, declared today, instructing all local boards to utilize every facility at their disposal to aid these men.

Pointing out that the Selective Training and Service Act requires former employers to reinstate men inducted into the Nation's armed forces who satisfactorily complete their military training, Director Metts asserted that employers likewise have a moral obligation to reinstate former employees who were not actually inducted but who had patriotically answered a call for service. He said:

"A man who responds to the call for military training is fulfilling his obligation to his country. When, for some reason beyond his control, he cannot be inducted into the Nation's armed forces, he must be considered as having discharged his responsibility under the law and should be protected in doing so. Every effort must be made to prevent hardship in such cases."

Director Metts emphasized that the mere fact that a selectee has been rejected by the Army does not mean that he is physically unfitted for his civilian occupation. Army standards he pointed out, are very exacting due to requirements of the training program and the possible hospitalization or pensions for those who break down. For those reasons, he iterated, only a comparatively small percentage of eligibles can qualify for induction.

While State Selective Service Headquarters is advised that

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REED RESIGNS; BOARD ELECTS ALLISON CLERK

Charles M. Reed has resigned his position as town clerk, because of ill health, he stated to The Journal, today; and Roy C. Allison has been elected by the Board of Aldermen to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Reed's health is improved; but he has been unable to return to his work regularly for several weeks, and Mr. Allison will hold the position until such time as Mr. Reed's health will permit him to return to work.

Mr. Allison is one of the town's leading business men and citizens, and was until recently, when he sold the business to the Sylva Supply Company and the Eagle Five and Ten Cent Stores, head of the Jackson Hardware Company.

HAS OPERATION

David Thomas, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. David Thomas, and a student at Sylva High School, underwent a head operation at Duke hospital in Durham. He is reported as recovering nicely. His brother, Mr. Fred Thomas, who was at home on vacation from Washington, D. C. accompanied him to Durham.

German successes appear to make prospects of such a venture successful.

AMERICA and Britain are preparing to rush supplies to the beleaguered Russians as rapidly as possible, to keep the Soviets in the war as long as possible, realizing that Russia is a bulwark between them and a final Hitler conquest of the world.

Lack Of Power Blocks Establishment Of Big Industry In County

Is the fact that much of Western North Carolina's power is now going to Tennessee for the enrichment of that State, as aluminum is being turned out for the National Defense, standing in the way of the erection of a Sixteen Million Dollar Magnesium Plant in Western North Carolina, near Sylva? This is the question that many informed observers are asking, upon the basis of information that they have gathered here and there.

Application has been made for the OPM to back the construction of a plant to extract the magnesium from the olivine ores that abound in this county. Gillis and Pawel have been carrying on extensive research work at Webster for a long number of months. Today they are turning out and shipping commercially sulphate of magnesium plant that is in operation. They have applied for articles of incorporation, and have been in contact with the OPM. It is reported reliably that the OPM is entirely satisfied with the feasibility of the plan for producing metallic magnesium from the ores, of which we have mountains in Jackson County. In fact representatives of the OPM have been to Webster and have investigated the plant is now operating. Other representatives of the OPM are expected within the next few days to make doubly sure of the thing that they have already expressed assurance, that is the metallic magnesium can be extracted from the olivine, just as at present sulphate of magnesium is being obtained. Or rather, that the sulphate of magnesium can be changed into metallic magnesium.

Magnesium is one of the metals that the government needs sorely in the National Defense effort. Magnesium and Aluminum are the principal metals that the government must have. The OPM has put up the money for plants in New Mexico, Ohio, and other places, in sums of money going above one hundred millions of dollars, and it is admitted that as yet there will be a magnesium shortage. It is also demonstrated, officials say, that magnesium can be produced at ten per cent less cost here than at the other plants the government has already financed, for the reason the nickel byproduct will amount to sufficient to reduce the pro-

duction cost to at least ten per cent.

It was intimated in Washington that the whole thing hinges upon the power situation. If the plant near Sylva is established either some 40 thousand horse power of electric energy that is now going to Alcoa will have to be diverted to the Sylva plant, or that amount of power will have to come from some other source.

It was also intimated in Washington that the OPM can not order the diversion of the North Carolina power that is now going to Tennessee; but that the people of North Carolina can get it done.

In other words, it is definitely believed in informed quarters that the erection of a magnesium plant near Sylva, at the approximate cost of sixteen million dollars, which would give permanent employment to some 3,000 men, hinges upon the power situation.

The aluminum plant at Alcoa was built, so we understand, to consume dump power. But, the plants there are running full time, and using large quantities of power, much of which comes from North Carolina from the dam at Santeeelah, and other places, and will soon be coming from Greenville, and from Nantahala. All of this Western North Carolina power is going to Tennessee, and is being used in producing what is conceded to be vital defense material. But in so doing, it may be that the use of North Carolina power over in Tennessee is also preventing the erection of a huge plant at Sylva, which would produce a material that is admittedly just as vital as that produced at Alcoa.

One solution that has been suggested is that the Canada prong of the Tuckaseegee River be harnessed for the production of the power needed for the magnesium plant; and it is pointed out that a power plant here could probably be ready by the time the magnesium plant was ready to begin operating. It is believed that it would take about nine months to have the magnesium plant completed, and that the Canada prong of the river could be harnessed within a like time.

At any rate, it is believed that the power situation in Western North Carolina is the thing that is holding up the erection near Sylva of one of the largest plants that is possible to locate in the mountains.

MRS. ROOSEVELT TO SPEAK TO WOMEN SATURDAY EVENING

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt will speak to the women of the nation from Hyde Park, Saturday evening at 7:30 according to Mrs. Jessie Cordell, Democratic vice-chairman of this county. The occasion will be a picnic by Dutchess County, New York, women, and the address will be heard over the Red Network of the National Broadcasting Company. Mrs. Roosevelt will speak on the National Defense.

JUDGE CATHEY TO BE SPEAKER AT REUNION OF BRYSON FAMILY

Judge Sam Cathey of Asheville, well known blind attorney, will be the principal speaker at the reunion of the Bryson family on October 4.

This will be the twenty-fifth annual reunion of this prominent family to be held at Scott's Creek Baptist church at Beta.

There is no finer way than the American way. Let's keep it that way. Buy Defense Bonds.

METHODISTS OF DISTRICT MEET HERE OCTOBER 1

The district meeting of the Methodist church of the Waynesville District will be held at the Community House in Sylva on October first. It was expected that about ninety persons representing the churches of the district will be present at the meeting. Rev. Mr. Stokes of Franklin will preside at the meeting in the absence of Bishop Claire Percell, who will be unable to be present at the conference.

M. BUCHANAN JR. IS RECOVERING AT VETERANS' HOSPITAL

M. Buchanan, Jr., who has been in the Veterans' Hospital in Lexington, Ky., for several months, and who recently underwent a serious operation there, is reported as improving. Mrs. Buchanan is with her husband in Lexington.