

The Jackson County Journal

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

SYLVA, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1941

\$1.50 A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN JACKSON COUNTY

County Will Join In The Celebration Armistice Day Here November 11

William E. Dillard Post, American Legion and the Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the Town of Sylva and the public schools of the county, are planning a memorable Armistice Day Celebration for Sylva and Jackson County.

It is planned to have a parade, led by the Western Carolina band from Cullowhee, the American Legion, and the Boy Scouts, followed by school children, a Red Cross float, a Fire Department Display, and other features at about 10 o'clock in the morning. Following the parade, there will be speaking at Sylva Elementary School.

In the afternoon, a football game will be staged on the school grounds, and in the evening the Legion and other former service men and women will hold their annual dinner.

Edward Bryson, commander of the Legion Post has appointed Joe Davis, Raymond Sutton, Walter Ashe, and others as a committee from the Legion to make arrangements for the celebration. The Chamber of Commerce appointed A. J. Dills, T. W. Ashe, H. Gibson, George Tracy, and A. K. Hinds as its committee on the celebration; and John R. Jones and M. D. Cowan as a committee to secure a good speaker.

The committees are conferring with school and town and county authorities, and with other civic bodies in making the arrangements for the parade and celebration.

Merchants of the town have ordered a large number of flags for display.

FARMERS MUST NOT BE A LIABILITY IN NATIONAL DEFENSE

"A farmer who is forced to spend money for milk, pork, poultry and other products he could produce at home is a liability in the National Defense program," says Dean I. O. Schaub, director of the N. C. State College Extension Service. "Every ounce of dairy, poultry and other such products is needed to feed defense forces in Army camps and industrial centers, and our friends who are resisting aggression in Europe," he declared.

Dean Schaub pointed out that the Farm Census showed that, in 1939, there were no cows on 98,204 of North Carolina's 280,000 farms; no hogs on 86,604 farms; and no chickens on 33,154 farms.

"That means," he asserted, "that about one-third of our farmers were buying milk and hog meat, and about one-sixth were buying eggs, or else they were doing without these essential health foods. Either situation is bad."

"For instance, if they were buying canned milk they were reducing the supply available for export to Great Britain. If they and their children were doing without milk, they were undernourished and no nation achieves total strength unless all of its citizens are well fed."

The Extension director says that North Carolina can make its biggest contribution to the "Food for Freedom" campaign by seeing that every farm has at least one cow, some pigs, and a farm flock of poultry. "If we do that, we will more than meet our goals of increased production sought in 1942. The average cow in North Carolina produces 3,900 pounds of milk annually. If each of the farms without a cow in 1939 had only one in 1942, the State's milk production would be increased about 383 million pounds. We are only asked to increase our milk production in 1942 about 81 million pounds over 1939."

SIX PERSONS KILLED IN JACKSON COUNTY FIRST 9 MONTHS OF '41

Ninety-five of the 100 North Carolina counties were charged with one or more traffic fatalities the first nine months of this year, and 66 of these showed increases over the same period last year, the Highway Safety Division reports today. Jackson County was charged with 6 traffic deaths through last month, against 2 during 1940.

The only counties with clean records at the close of September were Alexander, Avery, Dare and Polk.

For the state as a whole, there were recorded 857 fatalities during the first nine months of this year, an increase of 37 per cent above the 622 listed through September of last year. This was about double the national increase.

The counties with the worst records in comparison with last year are: Wake 39 against 16; Davidson, 21 against 6; Pender, 16 against 6; Onslow, 13 against 2; Halifax, 16 against 6; Durham, 20 against 8; and Cumberland, 34 against 18.

An even 100 of the 857 fatalities occurred in the 28 cities of the state, against 94 in the same period last year. Those included 18 in Charlotte, 12 in Durham, 8 each in Raleigh, Greensboro and Wilmington, and 7 in Asheville and Fayetteville.

Ronald Hocutt, Director of the Highway Safety Division, said indications are that the October toll will be high and may bring the 10 months total for this year up to the 1940 twelve months total of 989.

NANTAHALA CO. GETS NEW TRIAL IN COURT HERE

The Nantahala Power Company was granted a new trial in its appeal from a verdict in Jackson County Superior Court, in which the heirs at law of J. W. Davis, Miss Ida Moss, and W. C. Norton were awarded \$45,000 damages for diversion of the Tuckasee River from its natural course, thus removing the potential value of the property as a power development.

The Power Company appealed and a new trial was ordered. Judge Barnhill, writing the opinion, said:

"That the court below permitted the cause to be tried upon the theory, in part, that the respondents (landowners) are entitled to compensation for the diversion of the waters of Tuckasee river on the basis of advantages thereby accruing to the petitioner (power company). That is on the basis of the enhanced value of its development resulting from the use of the water as diverted. . . ."

"The market value of property is the yardstick by which compensation for the taking of land or any interest therein is to be measured and market value of property is the price which it will bring when it is offered for sale by one who desires, but is not obligated to sell it, and is brought by one who is under no necessity of having it."

FOOD

With all the British have been able to do toward increasing food production, they have been able to boost their pre-war total only about 10 per cent, giving them 40 per cent of what they need.

MOTHER OF FIVE KILLS SELF AT WILLETS HOME

Stark tragedy stalked in a little home near Willets, last Wednesday, when Mrs. Jessie Fisher, wife of Sam Fisher, and mother of five children, the youngest only a few months old, died instantly of shotgun wounds, said by the coronor's jury to have been self-inflicted. Officials stated that evidence showed Mrs. Fisher had taken a 20 gauge shotgun and shot herself in the head. She was 32 years of age.

Upon being called to the scene officers of the Sheriff's department summoned Coroner C. W. Dills, who empaneled a jury composed of P. E. Moody, C. G. Middleton, T. Woodrow Dillard, E. E. Duncan, L. W. Fisher, and Andrew Wood. Following the inquest, the jury returned the suicide verdict.

T. V. A. GIVES REPORT ON OLIVINE IN W. N. C.

At last the report of the Tennessee Valley Authority concerning the olivine deposits in Western North Carolina, has been sent to the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development. The T. V. A. report confirmed original estimates, and claims that have been made by the Jackson County Journal and the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, that there are billions of tons of olivine available for working in Western North Carolina that contain more than twenty-five per cent magnesium.

T. G. Murdock, of the mineral resources division of the Department of Conservation and Development stated that the report will be published by the Department within the next two months, making the details of the deposit available to the general public.

Thus, it may be remarked, the campaign that Jackson county began a few weeks ago is beginning to bear fruit. We can be said to be getting places.

HOME AGENT NAMES DATES FOR WEEK

Miss Margaret Martin, Jackson County Home Demonstration Agent, has announced her engagements for next week, as follows:

Monday, November 3, Office. Tuesday, Cullowhee - Speedwell Home Demonstration Club, with Mrs. Brady Parker.

Wednesday, Gay Home Demonstration Club. Thursday, Glenville Home Demonstration Club, at school.

Friday, Cashier's Home Demonstration Club, at school lunch room.

Saturday, office.

All meetings will be held at two o'clock in the afternoons. All club members are urged by Miss Martin to make special effort to attend the November meetings, as they are to be very important business planning meetings.

WEBSTER WILL HAVE HALLOWEEN PARTY

A Halloween Carnival will be held at the Webster School tomorrow (Friday) evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Entertainment will be provided for everyone and prizes will be awarded. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the school.

LARGEST

Milk production in 1942 is expected to be the highest on record, due largely to a 3 per cent increase in cow numbers and a larger production from individual cows.

A voluntary, non-credit course in business personality development is offered in the business school of New York City college.

County Has Had \$4,344.85 From Social Work Fund

Approximately \$232,302.73 has been distributed in Jackson County through operation of eight of the ten divisions of the Social Security Act, from its beginning and through June 30, 1941, it is estimated, on a basis of official figures, compiled by M. R. Dunnagan, Informational Service Representative, and announced by A. I. Fletcher, Chairman of the N. C. Unemployment Compensation Commission.

Normally, Unemployment Compensation, or benefits to workers temporarily out of jobs, is the largest item in the program, except in agricultural counties. The more and larger the industries a county has, the more jobs benefits it gets. In the three and one half years of benefit payments, through June 30, these benefits reached \$46,708.38 included in 6,951 checks issued to residents of Jackson County.

Chairman Fletcher reports that State agencies handling phases of the Social Security Act cooperate with him in supplying figures of their activities, which gives him an accurate picture of distributions in counties of the State. These include the State Welfare Department, Mrs. W. T. Bost, superintendent; Dr. Roma S. Cheek, secretary of the State Commission for the Blind; Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, State health officer; and the Department of Public Instruction, particularly T. E. Browne, director of vocational education.

Old Age Assistance, help for needy residents past 65 years of age, in the four years of distribution, through last June 30, amounted to \$2,519,000 in this county.

Aid to Dependent Children, help for those deprived of their normal breadwinners, amounted to \$39,557.50 in the same period in this county.

Aid to the Blind, in the same 48 months, amounted to \$6,173.00 in the county.

In these three divisions of the Social Security Act, the Federal Government provides one-half of the funds and the State and counties one-fourth each, with a State equalizing fund to help the smaller counties. Prior to January 1, 1940, these three governmental units furnished one-third each for Aid to Dependent Children.

No county figures are available for Old Age and Survivors Insurance. Monthly payments in this division started after January 1, 1940, due to a 1939 amendment, after lump-sum payments for three years. This will, in due time, become one of the most important of the five major divisions of the Social Security Act.

With practically accurate figures, it is evident, Chairman Fletcher points out that \$190,957.88 was distributed in this county to last July 1, in four of the five major divisions of the Act, exclusive of Old Age and Survivors Insurance.

The other five divisions, classed as "services", are

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JOHN BUCHANAN IS IN DRILL PLATOON

Charleston, S. C., Oct. 27—(Special to The Journal) Cadet John O. Buchanan, of Cullowhee, N. C. has been chosen as a member of the Bond Volunteer, Junior exhibition drill platoon at The Citadel, military college of South Carolina. Selection was made on the basis of a series of competitive drills.

Cadet Buchanan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Corsey C. Buchanan.

Halloween Party

The East LaPorte Parent-Teachers Association will sponsor a Halloween Carnival, Friday night at the East LaPorte School. A good time is promised and everybody is invited. Proceeds will be used for the school.

RED CROSS ROLL WORKERS GIVEN FOR THE COUNTY

Mrs. Phillip Stovall, Chairman for Jackson County for the Red Cross Roll Call, which begins on Armistice Day, has named chairmen for the various sections of the county. They are:

Business District, Sylva, Mrs. W. T. Wise. Residential District, Sylva, Mrs. Walter L. Jones, committee: Mrs. Hugh Monteith, Mrs. Crawford Smith, Mrs. John A. Parris.

Chairman, Western Carolina Teachers College, Miss Helen Patton.

Junior Roll Call, Cullowhee, Miss Cordelia Camp. Junior Roll Call, Sylva, Frank C. Crawford.

Dillsboro, Mrs. Wayne Terrell. Webster, Mrs. J. H. Gillis. Cashier's Mrs. Monroe Madison.

For chairmen for the other districts in the county one teacher in each school will be selected by the school and she will select her own workers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEET TO BE HELD AT EAST FORK ON NOVEMBER 9

The Tuckasee Baptist Sunday School Convention will meet on November 9, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon at East Fork Church. The tentative program has been arranged by the committee and announced by W. G. Womack, the secretary:

Congregational singing, conducted by Homer Jones, of New Savannah church.

Special music by the Friendly Choir, East Sylva.

Minutes and roll call of Sunday schools.

Special music, by Friendly Choir, East Sylva.

Address, Prof. E. H. Stillwell, Western Carolina Teachers College.

Special music, Friendly Choir. "What a weekly teachers' meeting means to our Sunday School", J. A. Bryson, Scott's Creek Church.

Special music, Friendly Choir. Appointment of nominating committee to report at December convention.

Announcements. Congregational singing, led by Friendly Choir.

BRIDGES BEING REPAIRED AT POINTS ON RIVER

The bridge across Tuckasee River at the foot of Dick's Gap hill has been completed, although the approaches have not. The new bridge at Cullowhee, to replace the concrete structure that was carried away in the flood of 1940, is now under construction, and the new section of road, beginning near the home of Mrs. Nannie McGuire, and ending at the Dick's Gap bridge, is now being graded.

The Cullowhee bridge will be curving and elevated on the down river side, so as to fit in with the new road that is being constructed. The road will follow the present one to the hollow half way up the hill, and will then turn off back of the college, coming close to the Negro church, and coming back in to cross on the new bridge below Dick's Gap. This will take the highway entirely off the campus of Western Carolina Teachers College, and it is believed that it will materially reduce the danger to students of the college and children at the training school.

Faced with a declining supply of available workers, farmers have been able to keep their hired men this fall only by sharply increasing farm wage rates.

High Officials Of United States Interested In Olivine For Magnesium

FARM LEADERS MEET IN SYLVA MONDAY ON FOOD FOR FREEDOM

Meeting in the Court House, Monday morning, committee members from the various sections of Jackson county, conferred on the Food for Freedom Campaign in Jackson county. After hearing discussions of the situation, the committee members made their plans for the county and went back to their communities, ready to carry the message of more food without depletion of the soil, to the farmers of the county.

They will discuss the matter with individual farmers in every part of the county, map out programs for every farm that wishes to join in the movement, and carry out the wishes of the State and National governments that the farms of America produce more of the essential foods.

It was pointed out, that the surplus commodities will probably be reduced to the vanishing point next year, and that the people here who have been depending upon that source for part of their supplies, will have to produce their own food.

It was also stressed that we may not have a great deal to export from the farms of the county, but that we can produce our own food and feeds, and thus release the things that we now import for consumption elsewhere.

R. G. TUTTLE IS NEW PASTOR OF M. E. CHURCH

Rev. R. G. Tuttle succeeds Rev. A. P. Rattle as pastor of the Sylva-Dillsboro charge. Rev. Walter L. Lanier goes from Cullowhee to Unity-Fair Grove, while Rev. McM. S. Richey, who has been assistant pastor at Central church in Asheville, succeeds Mr. Lanier at Cullowhee; and Rev. B. C. Moss, student at Western Carolina Teachers College was named as supply for the Webster circuit, succeeding Rev. J. C. Gentry, who goes to South Davidson. These were the major changes in preachers affecting Jackson county, made by the annual conference, in Winston-Salem, last week.

The appointments for the district are: District superintendent, W. L. Hutchins; Andrews, R. Houts, Beaver Dam, W. H. Pless, supply; Bethel, J. W. Blitch; Bryson City, C. O. Newell.

Canton—Central, W. R. Kelly; First, J. B. Tabor; Rockwood, V. A. Morton; Clyde, C. C. Washam, Crabtree, W. H. Neese; Cullowhee, McMurry S. Richey; Dellwood, L. C. Stevens; Fines Creek, to be supplied; Franklin, J. L. Stokes II; Franklin circuit, P. L. Green; Hayesville, A. J. Clemmer, Jr.; Highlands, J. S. Higgins; Jonathan, G. M. Carver; Junaluska, Miles McLean; Macon, J. C. Swain; Morning Star, G. W. Bumgarner; Murphy, C. B. Newton; Murphy circuit, Alfred Smith, supply.

Pigeon Valley, E. M. Hoyle, Jr.; Robbinsville, H. D. Garmon; Shooting Creek, D. H. Dennis; Sylva, R. G. Tuttle; Waynesville, J. C. Madison; Webster, B. C. Moss, supply; Whittier, W. E. Andrews; Missionary to Brazil, C. W. Clay; District Missionary Secretary, W. R. Kelly.

Retired: J. J. Gray, J. B. Needham, T. Parris, W. H. Pless, W. M. Robbins, J. L. Teague, W. G. Warren and E. K. Whidden.

University of Michigan first undertook inspection of high schools in the state in 1870.

High officials in the government of the United States have been approached with a view to interesting them in the olivine deposits in this county as a probable source of magnesium for the defense of the nation.

The Office of Production Management has released the following detailed story of the needs and shortage of magnesium:

"Think of a metal that comes from salt water; that makes Fourth of July sparklers spark and flashlight powder flash and is today a prized material for airplanes, required in ever growing quantities. That metal is magnesium—and it's scarce.

In 1940, the United States produced 12,500,000 pounds of magnesium, and then the demand really started. This year, it is estimated, our production will top 30,000,000 pounds which will be some 130,000,000 pounds short of the demand in 1942, according to present plans, we may turn out in excess of 150,000,000 pounds and still be that much or more short of our requirements.

Our shortage is not caused by any lack of raw material. One source of magnesium is salt water and the only limit to supply is the width of the oceans. It has been estimated that one cubic mile of sea water would provide all the magnesium we need for any purpose. But the process of extraction is intricate and calls for a tremendous amount of machinery and electric power. Increasing our production is a job that cannot be done overnight.

Still, the job is being done as rapidly as is humanly possible. Production capacity has been doubled and redoubled, but so rapidly has the demand grown there still isn't enough magnesium to go around. It's all caused by the fact that magnesium alloyed with aluminum makes the best airplane material yet discovered, light and tough, and that incendiary bullets and incendiary bombs are made from magnesium.

Great Britain, China, Russia, and the armed forces of the United States want multiplied millions of these bullets and bombs, and the skies filled with airplanes with which to deliver them.

There has been, until very recently, only one producer of magnesium in the United States. Acting in conjunction with the British government and the Defense Plant Corporation of the RFC, it is rushing new plants to completion that will double and redouble its capacity. It has also licensed for manufacture and made technical knowledge available to other companies to produce magnesium from various sources.

The present tremendous demand is the result of years of research into the field of magnesium alloys. Alloyed with aluminum, it makes a light, tough metal that the aircraft industry has proclaimed as its own. Magnesium is approximately one-third lighter than aluminum and its use in aircraft results in increased payload and improved performance.

Commercial production of this strange metal actually started in 1918, as an aftermath of World War I. It was developed originally in Germany and prior to 1916 our small demand for it was met by imports. When the war stopped importation, American production was rushed and our war needs met.

Twenty years elapsed before American industry got acquainted with magnesium. Its use was just getting well started—in automobiles, for certain machinery parts, and other civilian uses calling for a light, tough metal, when the defense emergency arose.

Our consumption in 1938 was

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