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## Largest Industries In Sylva Are Affected By OPM Power Cut Order

The Office of Production Management order that the Nantahala Power and Light Company and the Dillsboro and Sylva Electric Light Company reduce their power allotments to non-defense users by 30 per cent beginning Monday, November 10, will greatly affect Sylva and Jackson County.

The order not only means curtailment of power used by private citizens in their businesses, but also affects Sylva's two largest industries, The Mead Corporation paperboard plant and the Armour Leather Company's tannery.

Since the paperboard plant generates part of its own power by a steam turbine, it is not known just how many days each month it will be necessary for this plant and the Armour Leather company's tannery to shut down, it was stated.

The Paperboard company buys power from the Nantahala Power and Light Company and distributes power to the Armour Leather company's plant.

The Mead Corporation's plant, which manufactures liquid chestnut extracts and chestnut corrugated board, employs around 200 persons. The Armour tannery, tanner of sole and belting leather, employs more than 100 persons.

## '42 ACP BULLETIN IS NOW AVAILABLE AT COUNTY AAA OFFICE

The Agricultural Conservation Program Bulletin for 1942 now is available at the county AAA office, according to G. R. Lackey, county agent, and secretary of the Jackson county AAA Committee.

The Bulletin covers all provisions of the conservation program, including information on payments and deduction rates, said Mr. Lackey. It also contains full details with regard to soil-building practices.

## DAN TOMPKINS WILL SPEAK AT GLENVILLE

Dan Tompkins will be the principal speaker at the Armistice Day celebration at Glenville school, next Tuesday. The exercises will begin at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and will be for the schools of Cashier's, Hamburg, and Mountain Townships. These townships are some distance from Sylva and school authorities believed it impractical to bring the children to Sylva for the county celebration.

## GIRLS, GET HIM IN THE ARMY IF HE IS BASHFUL

Fort Jackson, S. C.—Here's a tip for girls who are waiting impatiently for a proposal from a timid suitor. Encourage him to join the Army.

A perusal of the records of the 43rd Field Artillery Battalion here at Fort Jackson indicates that six months of Army life will spur the most reticent swain to an immediate expression of his desire for marital bliss rather than martial bliss. No less than seven members of the Headquarters Battery of the 43rd had the knot tied while on recent furloughs.

It isn't that the boys dislike the strictly military side of their Army life. It's simply the matter of sewing buttons, washing clothes, making beds, and doing K. P. that opens their eyes to the joys of living in a snug little nest, with the "one and only" in constant attendance to keep the place properly policed.

## RED CROSS IS HELPING MEN IN U. S. UNIFORMS

Washington, D. C.—On the home and military fronts the American Red Cross is turning its focus on the man in uniform. In his behalf, more than 10,000 nurses are being recruited. Volunteers are donating their blood for a huge plasma bank. Red Cross women in chapters throughout the country are making 40,000,000 surgical dressings, and knitting sweaters for men in outlying posts and sailors on patrol.

But these are just fragments of the story. In military and naval stations, the Red Cross is concerning itself with the personal problems of the service man, helping him adjust himself to military life. For the disabled, the Red Cross is on the job in service hospitals, helping to speed recovery of the sick through a morale-building program.

In mobilizing a 2,000,000-man fighting force, the personal problems of the able-bodied man in uniform have in turn become problems of the morale divisions. Red Cross field directors stationed in all camps and reservations have been entrusted with the task of helping to solve these problems.

Speaking in a nation-wide broadcast recently, Chief of Staff Marshall, of the Army, addressed the following words to Red Cross field directors:

"When you help straighten out any of the great variety of tangles that human beings seem unable to avoid, you are helping to maintain morale on the home front and on the military front; you are helping us in training for defense."

The disabled man in a service hospital also can look to the Red Cross for help in speeding recovery. Medical-social workers, trained for their specialized assignment, are on duty at Army general and Navy hospitals to aid service physicians, to act as a medium of communication with the families of hospitalized men and to conduct recreational programs for convalescents.

The Red Cross provides recreational service for patients in all Army and Navy hospitals. Sixty-five new hospitals are under construction by the Army, and their recreation buildings are being equipped and staffed by the Red Cross as each one opens.

As part of the Army and Navy safety programs, members of the national Red Cross staff are qualifying instructors in First Aid and Water Safety among the ranks of the enlisted man.

The number of Army and Navy cases assisted by Red Cross field directors has increased in volume 140 per cent since Selective Service has been in operation. During the past year 126,515 cases involving active service men have been handled in the camps.

The Red Cross recently made available \$1,000,000 to meet an emergency need for athletic equipment for the Army and Navy. This need arose when Government appropriations for the purpose became exhausted.

In addition to providing the Army and Navy with an official reservoir of nurses, the Red Cross is cataloging the nation's medical technologists. Through this program, in which approximately 3,000 technicians have registered, the Army and Navy will select such professional personnel as laboratory workers, dietitians, dental technicians, pharmacists and other categories of trained technologists.

ed to increase production in 1942 to help supply food for Great Britain, and for home defense, will find Mr. Evan's message "a great inspiration and an opportunity to learn, first hand, how badly more eggs, milk, and other vital food products are needed in England."

## AS WORLD EVENTS UNFOLD

By DAN TOMPKINS

SEVASTOPOL'S gates are being thundered at by the German armies in their sweep across the Crimea brings the war closer to the Caucasus each day, closer to Iran, to Iraq, to India, and there is much basis for the belief that the final great struggle for mastery of the world may be fought in the east. Waiting to meet the Germans when they attempt to drive into the Caucasus oil fields where they could be entrenched with sufficient supplies of petroleum to feed the Nazi war machine indefinitely, there is a great British army, commanded by the man who drove the Italians from most of Africa, and composed of Australians, New Zealanders, Canadians, and Indians, in addition to the troops from the British Isles. That army is said to be well equipped and to number around a million men. Here indeed, admitting that the Germans will complete their conquest of the Crimea, drive the fleet from the Black Sea, and attempt to invade the Caucasus, will be a mighty battle.

TURKEY, hemmed in on all sides except the east by German forces, grows more restive each day. She wants to maintain her independence. She has seen the effects of German occupation in the lands of her neighbors. She has no stomach for such an occupation. She wants to hold her position astride the Dardanelles, and to keep her faith with Britain. And yet there are the fearful consequences of war and desolation, in addition to occupation that stare her in the face. What will Turkey do?

AFRICA still looms large in the scheme of things. Great battles for the possession of the north of Africa, for Suez, for Gibraltar, and for the Atlantic coast of that continent may be pending. Germany will probably attempt to force Spain into the fight, when the time comes to attack the great rock from the land. France will be called upon to turn from collaboration to practical participation. Indeed it is more than suspected that Dakar, the nearest old world post on the Atlantic to the new, is now being fortified by the

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## Cherokee Braves Will Meet Christ School Saturday

Cherokee, N. C. (Special)—The Cherokee High School Braves will play Christ School Saturday, November 8, at Cherokee Athletic Field for the first home game. The kick-off is set for 2:00 P. M.

Coach Dick Fayssout's Christ School grid machine scored in every period last week to topple Waynesville from the unbeaten ranks, and all forecasts point to the best game of the season Saturday afternoon when Coach George Silver's Cherokee Braves meet Arden's strong eleven on the local field.

Coach Silver, with his assistant back-field coach, Eshelman, have been directing the squad this week in hard work on both offense and defense. The Braves serve notice, barring injury in practice, that they are capable of a fight for Saturday's tilt. All injuries have healed sufficiently to where the entire squad of 33 players can be hurled against the invading Christ School machine.

The line-ups: Cherokee, LE, Bradley, LT, French, LG, Otter, C. Sneed, RG, Stewart, RT, O. Dunlop, RE, Tiger, QB, Armachain, LH, Jackson, RH, E. Martin, FB, Taylor.

Christ School: LE, Luke, LT, Christine, LG, B. Bayne, C. Williamson, RG, McCullough, RT, Hancock, RE, A. Johnson, QB, R. Johnson, LH, Edney, RH, White, FB, Bryson.

The officials for the game are from Western Carolina Teachers College, Cullowhee.

## SIGNS ON ROADS TO COME DOWN IN THIS STATE

Raleigh, N. C.—The State Highway and Public Works Commission opened its campaign against advertising signs along the highways Monday, according to instructions that have been issued to all Division Engineers. Engineers have been instructed to complete as much of the work as possible on that day and to continue it until completed.

The Commission has ruled that after November 1, 1941, no advertising signs can be erected or maintained along any state highway closer than 50 feet to the center line of the road. Excepted from this ordinance are signs erected beyond the state highway right-of-way at a place of business advertising such business and one sign placed on any premise advertising it for sale or advertising for sale products produced thereon.

Advertisers who have lawfully erected signs on leased property will have until November 1, 1942 to "relocate or readjust" their signs to conform with the Commission's ordinance. Legal erection of signs means that the property owner's written consent must have been secured in advance. Section 7880 (83), subsection C, of the North Carolina Code provides that the owner's permission in writing must be secured before any sign can be legally printed, placed, posted, tacked or affixed on the property of another. Oral permission is not recognized by the law as giving any right for the erection of advertising signs on the land of another person. Legal notices are excepted from this provision.

For the present the Highway and Public Works Commission will confine its activities to signs lying beyond city limits, but it is expected that a joint program will be sought with officials of various cities for the removal of signs within their jurisdiction.

In a letter sent out this week the Commission Chairman requested the cooperation of city officials, civic clubs, newspapers, advertisers, and chambers of commerce in the sign removal campaign. It was pointed out that signs are believed to be directly related to traffic accidents in that they distract the attention of the drivers and minimize the effectiveness of highway signs through which it is sought to inform drivers of road and traffic conditions. Enclosed with the letter was a copy of the Commission's ordinance.

The Division Engineer will direct the campaign in his division. Helping him will be district engineers and others working under them. According to instructions issued by the Highway and Public Works Commission, all signs of little value, including those tacked on trees, posts, etc., will be loaded and brought to a designated place in order that owners may secure them. "Signs having any value," the instructions say, "should be taken down with as much care as possible so as not to damage them, and any of those removed having any substantial value should be laid on the ground back of the 50-foot line near the point where they are taken up."

If there is any doubt as to whether or not a particular sign comes within the scope of the Commission's ordinance, removal crews have been told to leave it in place until this information is definitely known. In cases of doubt as to sign's status, it is to be listed so that it can be located easily when its status under the ordinance is cleared up.

Removal crews have been instructed not to molest signs on property leased for that purpose since owners of these have been granted a year for their removal.

In answer to requests for specialized information, more than 35,000 packets of library materials were circulated in the last year by the University of Texas.

## Parade Will Feature Armistice Celebration Here Tuesday Morning

### Future Farmers Hear Stafford

(By Orville Coward)

Mr. Tal H. Stafford, district supervisor in Vocational Agriculture, talked to the Fourth Section boys, at Sylva High School last Tuesday. He spoke chiefly on his recent trip to Kansas City to the National Future Farmers' Meeting. He reported that about 6,000 boys were present representing all parts of the United States. There were eighteen North Carolina boys at the meeting. One of these won first place in livestock judging; and one won ninth place in all kinds of judging. The 18 North Carolinians won third place in all competitive organizations.

## CONSERVATION BOARD BACKS OLIVINE MOVE

Pointing out the imperative need for huge quantities of magnesium in the National Defense effort, and calling attention to the huge deposit of olivine, from which magnesium can be made, at Webster, the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development has called upon Office of Production Management officials, and the officials of other government agencies to investigate the great possibilities here, in a resolution adopted unanimously by the Board of Conservation and Development.

Copies of the resolution were forwarded to every member of the Congressional delegation from North Carolina.

In the meantime, high government officials have been interested in the possibilities here, by the efforts of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, and The Jackson County Journal. It is anticipated that a thorough investigation of the whole matter will be forthcoming within a short time.

The resolution adopted by the Board of Conservation and Development says:

"WHEREAS, huge quantities of metallic magnesium are needed in the construction of airplanes and for other National Defense purposes in this country, and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Board of Conservation and Development has received what it considers to be reliable information to the effect that there are huge and, according to geologists, practically inexhaustible deposits of olivine near Webster, North Carolina, and

WHEREAS, it has been pointed out to the members of the North Carolina Board of Conservation and Development by men experienced in the field of mining and reduction of ores that practical and economic methods are available for the reduction of olivine ore to magnesium,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Director of the Department be requested to urge the Office of Production Management and other proper Federal agencies to send mining experts to the State as soon as practicable to make a thorough investigation of the State's olivine deposits and to report on the practicability of developing them for the Defense Program."

### TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB

The Twentieth Century Club will meet on Thursday afternoon of next week with Mrs. C. C. Buchanan as hostess in Moore Parlors, at Cullowhee. Mrs. S. W. Enloe will sponsor the program, which will be a literary review.

Sylva and Jackson County are preparing for a huge Armistice Day Celebration in Sylva next Tuesday. Committees from the Chamber of Commerce and the American Legion are making arrangements for the celebration, and other civic organizations, the public school system, the Fire Department, and the Town of Sylva, are joining in the movement.

The celebration will begin at 10 o'clock in the morning with a parade of Legionnaires, Boy Scouts, and school children, led by the band from Western Carolina Teachers College.

Following the parade patriotic addresses will be made at the Sylva Elementary school.

In the afternoon there will be a football game; and in the evening the Legionnaires will hold their annual banquet. Every former service man and woman in the county, and all widows of service men are invited to the dinner.

The American Red Cross, the Jackson County Public Schools and others will have floats in the parade; and the business places of the town and the streets will be decorated with flags.

All business houses in town will be closed all day.

## Boy Scouts Have Meeting At Hotel

The district committee of the Daniel Boone council of the Boy Scouts of America met Wednesday night at 7 o'clock at the Jarrett Springs hotel, Dillsboro.

W. E. Bird, of Cullowhee, district chairman, presided.

The committee, which consists of two or three men from each of the towns in Macon, Swain, and Jackson counties, made plans for activities.

## AIRPLANE BELIEVED TO HAVE CRASHED NEAR CANEY FORK

Residents in the central part of Jackson county believe that an airplane crashed in the Balsam mountains near the head of Caney Fork Creek, Sunday afternoon, and it is understood that a search has been organized to go to the remote and rugged mountain region between Jackson and Haywood counties to make an investigation.

People observed that a plane, seemingly afire, was headed toward the mountains, with motors limping, and since no report has been received of a plane in trouble further east, it is presumed that there was a crash way back in the Balsams.

Those who saw the plane were unable to detect what kind of an aircraft it was.

## TWO CONVICTS ARE CAPTURED HERE MONDAY

James Tilgham and Mealvin Potter, two long term convicts escaped on Sunday from the prison camp at Whittier, and were picked up on Mill Street in Sylva, Monday night by Patrolman John O'Kelly and Deputy Sheriff Dock Wood.

The two escapees were walking east along the street when the officers apprehended them and took them into custody. Both men were unarmed and they offered no resistance.

They stated that they had not eaten since Sunday noon, and the officers took them to a cafe and bought them a supper before returning them to the prison camp.