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AS WORLD EVENTS UNFOLD

By DAN TOMPKINS

THE UNITED STATES, seeking to forestall any possible Nazi attempt at South America, has occupied Dutch Guiana, with the consent of the Dutch government. We are determined that every precaution that is foreseen is taken to make sure that Hitlerism stays out of the Americas. You need not be surprised any day to learn that French islands in the West Indies have been occupied by Americans, with the consent of the Free French government. Two things will have to happen before that is done, however. The United States must withdraw recognition from the Vichy government, which is dominated by the Germans, and then recognize De Gaulle's regime as the true government of France, really representative of the French people.

JAPANESE newspapers talk mightily of "American Imperialism," and point to the occupation of Dutch Guiana as an example. All this to try to deceive our American neighbors into believing that the United States is much of the same kidney as Japan and Germany, seeking to devour the property of the weak. This will fool nobody, for Japan's actions in recent years far out-speak anything the papers of government can say. In the meantime, it looks as if the issue of

PEACE OR WAR hinges upon the outcome of the negotiations in progress in Washington between officials of the State Department and Japanese envoys. The United States has already made it plain that the only basis upon which we will negotiate is for Japan to first agree to get out of China. In other words, should our government negotiate upon any other basis, it would be considered as condoning, at least by inference, the bloody actions of the Japanese in their unwarranted aggression in China. That our people would never support Japan, on the other hand can ill afford to back down from the position she took four years ago, when the undeclared war against China began. It would mean the loss of face throughout the Orient, which would mean the beginning of the setting of the "Rising Sun." Japan has dug a pit and is about to fall into it. Her evil deeds are about to find her out; and the only hope that she can possibly entertain of remaining a world power lies in an Axis victory. And even that hope dwindles in the minds of conservative Japanese, who see their country receiving better treatment from their present enemies. The English-speaking nations, should they prevail in the titanic struggle, than they could expect from a friendly, victorious, but treacherous Germany.

IN AFRICA the great struggle for the mastery of the continent continues as British from Britain, from India, from New Zealand, and other outposts of the empire engage the Germans and Italians in a mighty battle of men and machines. Here, for the first time, American-made tanks have appeared in great numbers, and the British have expressed themselves as being pleased with their performance. We can learn from the battles in Lybia what we could expect of our machines should we have to face the Germans on this or any other continent. That experience may be worth much to American military men.

JOHN L. LEWIS backed down before the calm assurance and persuasive powers of the President of the United States. Lesser men, men who have less veneration for the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, might have forced an issue; but Mr. Roosevelt gave the world an example of how democracy can function without the persuasion of force, without aping the methods of the dictators. There was a valuable lesson for all of us, and one which Herr Hitler might well ponder.



These students of Western Carolina Teachers College at Cullowhee have been chosen by a representative faculty and administrative committee to represent the college in the publication, "Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges." From left to right, they are: B. C. Moss, of Kings Mountain; Lucille Meredith, of Guilford College; Lucille Reed, of Sylva; Dorothy Thompson, of Mocksville; Allene Jackson, of Dana; Frankie Collins, of Canton; Mary Alice Feaster, of Brevard; Cathryn Creasman, of Swannanoa; Pauline Pressley, of Speedwell; and Johnnie Wilson, of Sylva. Mr. Wilson was chosen for the honor last year. The 10th member of the year's group, John Jordon, of Murphy, was not present when the picture was taken.

FIVE MEN PUT IN CLASS A-1 BY DRAFT BOARD

Gus Columbus Moss, Bill Jack Ferguson, Daniel Joe Farmer, James Ray Pettit, and Paul Jones Shatley have been placed in Class 1-A by the Jackson County Selective Service Board. John Theodore Franks and John Francis Huey were placed in 1-A-O; and Samuel Roy Hammond was reclassified from 1-A to 1-A-O. Eldon Shook, and Clerman Henry Davis were placed in 11-B; and Ed Patterson reclassified from 1-A to 1-B. Alvin Asbury Cogdill was reclassified from 1-A to 11-A. Sebe James Nations, Grady Lee Elkins and Enoch Harris were placed in class IV-F.

RAMSEY WILL DEDICATE NEW SCHOOL HOUSE

With high ranking school and WPA officials of the State present for the ceremonies, the new Savannah school building, located in Green's Creek township, will be dedicated tomorrow (Friday) evening, at 7:30, with D. Hiden Ramsey, general manager of the Asheville Citizen-Times, as the principal speaker.

The building, which was completed last summer as a WPA project, sponsored by the Jackson County Board of Education and the Commissioners of Jackson County, cost \$46,000. It is an eight room building of native stone construction, and serves Savannah and Green's Creek townships. R. O. Higdon is the principal of the eight teacher school.

SYLVA GIRL TAKES FIRST PLACE IN ART

Cullowhee, Nov. 25 (Special)—Winning first place for the best individual piece in the arts and handicrafts exhibit in the Student Union building at Western Carolina Teachers College Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday was Miss Frances Allison of Sylva. The piece selected as the best in the whole display was a hammered pewter plate etched with a rhododendron design. Miss Allison also won first place (Continued on page 4)

SUNDAY SCHOOLS TO MEET AT BALSAM ON NEXT SUNDAY

The district convention of the Baptist Sunday schools will be held at the Balsam church on Sunday afternoon, November 30, beginning at 2 o'clock. The following tentative program has been announced:

Song, by Balsam choir.
Song, Friendly Choir, East Sylva.
Roll Call and announcements.
Song, Friendly Choir.
Why Every church should have a B. T. U., by Rev. B. S. Hensley.
Song, Buff Creek choir.
Requirements of a Sunday School teacher, by Rev. N. L. Stevens.
Congregational singing.

CARROL OLDEST WAR VETERAN IN COUNTY

W. Matt Carrol, of Hamburg township, is the oldest veteran of the World War living in Jackson county, and one of the oldest volunteers for service in that war in the United States. Legion officials here believe, it was disclosed this week.

Of course, General Pershing and some of the other regular army officers, and perhaps some of the regular army enlisted men who served in that war are older than Mr. Carrol; but it is doubtful whether there are any volunteers for service especially for the World War that are older than Veteran Carrol.

Carrol enlisted in the National Guard volunteer company that was raised in Sylva in July 1917. He was forty-five years of age at that time, which would make him sixty-nine now. The average age of the World War veterans now living is believed to be about 45 years, the age that Carrol was when he came to Sylva and signed his name to the enlistment paper and offered his services to the country for the duration of the war. He was then just slightly under the maximum military age of forty-five.

He left with the Radio Company, North Carolina National Guard, for training at Camp Sevier, South Carolina, where it became a unit of the 105th Field Signal Battalion, 30th Division. Carrol served as a private first class throughout the war. He spent eleven months in France with the 30th Division.

The Journal nominates him as the county's oldest World War veteran.

University of Tennessee experiments with feeding silage to chickens have yielded good results, both in increased egg production and the rate of growth.

Mrs. W.M. Fowler Dies At Son's Florida Home

Mrs. W. M. Fowler, relict of the late W. Mack Fowler, of Glenville, died Saturday at the home of her son, Lieut. W. Mack Fowler, in Cocoa, Florida. The body was returned to her home in Sylva, and funeral and interment were at Glenville, Tuesday afternoon, with Rev. W. N. Cook officiating.

Mrs. Fowler was well known in Western North Carolina. Born in Mitchell county, she moved to Sylva after her marriage to the late Mack Fowler, and lived here for several years before removing to Glenville, where her husband operated a general mercantile business, and she operated the Fowler House, a popular tourist center.

Following the construction of the Glenville dam, which flooded her home, she bought a new home on Sylvan Heights in Sylva about a year ago. She recently returned to Sylva following a visit to her brother in Denver, Colorado, and a week before her death she went to Florida to visit her son.

Mrs. Fowler, who was 63 years of age, was a charter member of the recently organized Presbyterian church in Sylva.

She is survived by three sons, Lieutenant W. M. Fowler, of the United States Navy, Dr. Guy Fowler, of Chicago, and Joe Fowler of Glenville.

WORK ON ROAD THROUGH EAST SYLVA STARTED

With the beginning of the construction of culverts, the long-expected and many times delayed building of the amendment on Highway 19 and 23, for their eastern approach to Sylva has started.

Turning off the present highway just east of the city limits; the road will cross the railroad and Scott's Creek, and will form a junction with Highway 107, near the store of John B. Ensley, thus getting the highway entirely out of the factory district, and eliminating the dangerous curve, known as the "Chipper curve".

Highway 107 from Mr. Ensley's store on into the main part of the city will become U. S. Highway 19 and 23.

BAPTISTS SHIP CAR OF FOOD TO ORPHANAGE

The Baptists of the Tuckasee Association shipped a car of produce from the farm gardens and homes of Jackson county, total weight of approximately 26,000 pounds, to the Orphanage at Thomasville, last week. The value of the produce was \$1,600, it was stated.

Rev. W. N. Cook was general chairman of the committee to assemble and ship the produce.

SYLVA SCHOOL IS REHEARSING FOR THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The Sylva Elementary school is making plans and practicing for the annual Christmas entertainment, which is divided into two parts. A religious pageant will be the first feature, which will be followed by a Christmas play, "The Kidnapping of Santa Claus".

Those in charge of the program state that several hundred children will participate in the pageant and the play, and that numerous colorful costumes will be used.

The date of the entertainment has not been fixed, but it will be shortly before the school closes for the Yuletide holidays.

POWER SHORTAGE IS RELIEVED HERE, SAY STATE OFFICIALS

Raleigh, Nov. 25—State Utilities Commissioner Stanley Winborne said today OPM officials in Atlanta had decided to end the Southeast "blackout" December 15 and earlier if rains further reduce the section's power shortage.

Merchants and other business men may then turn back on the decorative and advertising lights they turned off November 3 when use of current for such purposes was forbidden to conserve power for diversion to defense industries.

Winborne said that North Carolina power company officials were in Atlanta today for a conference with OPM officials in an effort to get the ban lifted immediately in the Carolinas.

Power firms in this state have been sending 36,600,000 kilowatt hours of current to other states weekly. It was estimated that the "blackout" would save 500,000 hours weekly.

Election For Commerce Body Will Be Held On Friday And Saturday

MISSIONARY TO SPEAKS SUNDAY TO METHODISTS

Miss Lella Judson Tuttle, returned Missionary from China, speaking at the eleven o'clock hour at the Sylva Methodist church, will open the Missionary Institute for the Waynesville District, which is to be held here Sunday.

Miss Tuttle has spent the past thirty-two years in China, and has recently returned to this country from Shanghai.

In the afternoon at 2:30, the District Missionary Institute proper will convene.

Appearing on the program will be District Superintendent W. L. Hutchins, Mrs. E. L. McKee, Mrs. F. E. Branson, and others.

The program for the afternoon is as follows:

Devotional, "Why Are We Here", W. L. Hutchins.
"Women at Work", Mrs. F. E. Branson.

"How to Put on a Fourth Sunday Missionary Program", H. D. Garner.

"Ways in which a Pastor can Use His Local Board of Missions and Church Extension", McMurray S. Ritchie.

Address, "The Spirit of Missions", Mrs. E. L. McKee.

The ladies of the church will entertain the visitors at tea immediately following adjournment.

The Sylva Zone composed of Bryson City, Whittier, Webster, Cullowhee and Sylva, will have a mass meeting for youth at Dillsboro at 7:30, with Miss Tuttle as the speaker.

There will be a zone meeting for adults at the Sylva church to be addressed by Rev. McMurray Ritchie, pastor of the Cullowhee Methodist church.

Ross B. Deitz Is Dead At Home In West Asheville

Ross B. Deitz, former citizen of Sylva, died on Monday in a hospital in Johnson City, Tennessee, relatives here have learned. Mr. Deitz was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Deitz. He was born in Webster and spent his youth and young manhood in Webster and Sylva. For a number of years he was employed by the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company. More recently he has been operating his own grocery business in West Asheville.

Two of his brothers, Joe B. Deitz and Raymond Deitz live in Sylva. Mr. Deitz is survived by his widow, Mrs. Alice Deitz, two daughters, Martha and Mary Deitz, of West Asheville, and by two other brothers, Walter Deitz of Lynchburg, Virginia, and Herman Deitz, of Leeds, Alabama.

SYLVA GIRL IS TO ATTEND 4-H CONGRESS

Miss Phyllis Dillard, 15-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Dillard of Beta leaves today for Chicago to attend the National 4-H Club congress, having won a free trip to the congress given by the Westinghouse corporation as a prize for the best project in rural electrification of any 4-H club member in North Carolina. It will be remembered that Miss Dillard's sister, Miss Pansy Dillard, won the same trip two years ago.

Miss Dillard went from Sylva to Raleigh, where she joined other North Carolina 4-H club winners. They will go from Raleigh to Washington, and from there to Chicago. The trip will require about ten days.

The annual election of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce will be held Friday and Saturday of this week, at the information booth. Nine directors will be selected, and from them the officers will be chosen. Under the by laws of the chamber, no member now serving as either a director or an officer can succeed himself.

M. D. Cowan, P. E. Moody, and Leonard Allen have been chosen as a board of supervisors to hold the election.

The nominating committee has proposed the following eighteen names from which the membership will elect the governing body of the chamber.

P. C. Ellis, Harry Ferguson, John A. Parris, Dr. W. P. McGuire, T. Walter Ashe, J. C. Allison, Frank Crawford, Phil Stovall, Dan M. Allison, John B. Ensley, Woody Hampton, Frank Fricks, Ralph Sutton, M. B. Cannon, Keith Hinds, Grayson Cope, S. C. Cogdill, R. L. Ariall.

NEGRO LOSES ARM BY FREIGHT TRAIN

Edgard Howell, Sylva Negro, lost his left arm and suffered other severe injuries; when he fell beneath a Southern freight train, Tuesday afternoon. The accident occurred just west of the Mead corporation's plant, when the Negro, an employee of the Armour Leather Company, attempted to board the train which was moving toward Bryson City.

The Negro's arm was severed from his body, just below the shoulder. The extent of his other injuries have not been determined. He was taken to the Harris hospital for treatment.

COMPLETION OF NEW THEATRE BUILDING IS DRAWING NEAR

When the construction and excavation of ground for the new theatre for Sylva was begun, several weeks ago, it was stated that the building would be ready for occupancy by the first of the year; and it looks as though that prediction will be fulfilled.

The contractors have been rushing the work, and it is believed that the theatre will be ready for occupancy on schedule time.

The Massie interests are the owners of the new theatre, which will be one of the best in all North Carolina.

BOARD PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS AT M. E. CHURCH IN SYLVA

The Board of Christian Education and Church Extension of the Sylva Methodist church, meeting last night, made plans for the Christmas celebration in church and Sunday School.

Mrs. Dan K. Moore was made chairman of the committee for the candle-light service to be held Sunday evening before Christmas, and was authorized to appoint the other members of her committee.

A Christmas tree will be held Tuesday evening before Christmas, for the children, and Mrs. Phil Stovall was made chairman of that committee, with the teachers in the junior and primary departments of the Sunday School as the other members of the committee.

The board elected Mrs. David M. Hall as its chairman to succeed Mrs. Dan Tompkins, and Mr. Kirkman as secretary, succeeding H. Gibson, Sr. Mrs. Mary Cowan and Mrs. A. D. Parker were placed in charge of the Home Department of the Sunday School, by the board.

Russell Sage College has added eleven new faculty members.