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\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

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\$1.50 A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN JACKSON COUNTY

FSA PLANS ARE FOR INCREASE IN FOOD SUPPLY

"When a family keeps a record book and carries on farming like business men carry on their business, then it isn't difficult to increase production," according to Dennis Higdon, Chairman of the Jackson County Agricultural Defense Board.

"Approximately 300 farm families in Jackson County will operate their farms during the next crop year in accordance with definitely planned farm and home practices," he said. "These are the families who are borrowers in the Farm Security Administration Program. William G. Davis, Supervisor for FSA in Jackson County, reports they all are increasing their production of foods in the Food-Freedom Program.

"Those who have taken part in the rehabilitation program under the U. S. Department of Agriculture long enough to have worked out plans in previous years, now have their farm record books to help them plan for future operations," he said. He pointed out that farm families in the Farm Security Administration program make careful plans first, and that the loans are made then to put the plans into actual operations. FSA, in making the loans, stresses the importance of farm and home record books.

Many of the families are now meeting to develop plans, and many are making the plans in their own homes. The services of the County Supervisor and the Home Management Supervisor, Mr. William G. Davis and Miss M. Estelle Powers, are available to aid in formulating the plans.

According to most farm plans now being worked out, farm production next season will lean toward more milk, milk products, better home gardens, eggs, and meat for home butchering, in line with the Food For Freedom Program, Mr. Higdon said. This sort of production has been encouraged by the FSA for some years, and most borrowers now are replacing one cash crop farming with diversification, he said.

Virtually without exception, Mr. Higdon believes FSA borrowers can be counted upon to plan their farm work to increase the output of items called for in national defense. It will continue to be the policy to produce for home use first; and this will tend to leave commercial production, on borrower's farms as well as others, free to go into channels which eventually will lead to feeding our armed forces as well as those of our allies.

MRS. CARTER IS NEW HOSPITAL HEAD IN SYLVA

Mrs. A. H. Carter of Whittier has been elected superintendent of the C. J. Harris Community Hospital here to succeed Miss Grace Cordon, who recently resigned. The announcement of the election of Mrs. Carter was made by S. W. Enloe, chairman of the board of trustees, following a meeting of that body on Tuesday evening, Miss Cordon, who has been superintendent of the hospital for more than seven years, resigned last month, her resignation to become effective on December 19.

Mrs. Carter, who is well known throughout this section as a capable nurse, assumes her duties at the hospital on Friday. She is a graduate of the Paterson General Hospital, Paterson, New Jersey, and has had much valuable experience in nursing.



Christmas

(By Dan Tompkins)

For the first time in twenty-four years, America at war prepares to celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace. What a paradox! And yet not a paradox!

Time after time the ideals of the Child of Bethlehem have almost been trampled from the earth beneath the tread of marching armies. This Christmas, the light of Christianity has been beclouded in many lands by the new-found paganism, that tries to establish itself upon the suffering of humanity. Little children who have learned to list the name of the Christ child, flee to filthy holes in the ground to save themselves from the flaming death that rains down from the skies. Ravaged cities, ruined countryside, hopeless millions of old men, sad-faced women, and helpless little children have become the victims of men's ambitions to rule over their fellow men. Yet, there is a peace. That peace that comes into the hearts of simple men, and which can never be driven from them.

In this paradoxical world there are few things to which we can anchor ourselves, and those things are so simple that they have been overlooked by those who believe themselves wise.

Every worthwhile value in this world is as homely, as simple, as common as the Manger in which the Prince was born. Let us not forget that this Prince was clothed in the swaddling clothes of poverty, and that there were no precious oils with which to bathe His new born body. His cradle was a manger, his birthplace a stall. His simple life was lived simply among simple people. His sublime teachings were illustrated with homely, everyday incidents.

The only road to peace is the simple road of toil and self-forgetfulness, a lowly devotion to a mighty cause. If we would have peace, we must be as simple as little children, coming to worship a little Child, in simple faith.

No peace can be found in marble palaces or strutting before our fellow men. Peace is found in a stable.

No sacrifice is acceptable except the ancient one—an humble and a contrite heart.



Seaman Harold Monteith Is Jackson's First Hero In Japanese-American War

\$482 RAISED IN COUNTY IN RED CROSS DRIVE

Mrs. J. P. Stovall, Chairman of the Red Cross Roll Call for Jackson county, has announced that four hundred and sixty-one memberships were taken, and a total of four hundred and eighty-two dollars collected, in the annual roll call, just completed.

Of this amount, Mrs. Stovall stated, \$147 came from the Mead corporation and its employees, with the corporation subscribing a \$10 membership, and the employees buying 95 memberships. Western Carolina Teachers College, Cullowhee community, and East LaPorte enrolled one hundred thirty-one memberships. The people of Sylva and the rest of the county accounted for the remaining \$247.

Half of the money raised remains in the county to be used to assist needy families here and to buy first aid kits for the schools.

Dr. Grover Wilkes, the chapter chairman, and Mrs. Stovall, roll call chairman expressed their gratification at the success of the roll call.

COUNTY TREE TO SEND GIFTS TO SERVICE MEN FROM COUNTY

The Rotary Club, Lion's Club, Twentieth Century Club, Woman's Club, the Recreation Project, and other organizations backing the Community Christmas have a dime board in the streets each day, collecting dimes for the tree. In addition to caring for the county's needy, a gift from the Community Tree will be sent to every soldier, sailor and marine from this county, now in service of the United States.

These gifts will be sent as from the people of Jackson county. Those in charge state that the contributions to the dime board have been most generous, and that if the flow of dimes continues until Christmas, the funds will be sufficient for the purposes.

Mrs. E. L. McKee is general chairman of the fund for the service men.

Relatives of service men from this county are requested to leave the names and addresses of the men at the office of the selective service board; and men who are at home on leave are asked to call at the office and receive their gifts.

MOTHER OF MAYOR OF SYLVA PASSES AWAY IN BRYSON CITY

Mrs. Jane Henderson Gibson, mother of Mayor H. Gibson of Sylva, died tonight at her home in Bryson City after a lingering illness, at the age of 72. Mrs. Gibson was a native of Marshall, a daughter of the late Zachariah and Anne Henderson. She had lived in Bryson City for 58 years.

THREE YOUTHS FROM SYLVA ENLIST IN NAVY

Herman Mitchell, Andy Frady, and Shuford Cagle left for Norfolk on Monday. They enlisted in the navy after the Japanese attack on the United States.

BARLEY

Fifteen 4-H Club members of Rutherford County have definitely stated that they will carry barley as a club project next year, reports J. J. Hamlin, assistant farm agent.

Harold Wilburn Monteith, able seaman in the United States Navy, is the first son of Jackson county to fall in the World War which was so treacherously brought to America by the Japanese attack. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Monteith, have been notified that the young man was lost when the Japanese broke the peace of the Pacific with the attack on Pearl Harbor, on December 8.

Harold has one sister, Miss Elise Monteith, teacher in the school at Cashier's. He enlisted in the Navy some time ago, and was known to be stationed at Pearl Harbor, the great naval base of the United States Pacific fleet.

Born and reared in Hamburg township, he attended school at Glenville. He was a member of one of the county's oldest families.

MRS. BRYSON DIES IN SYLVA HOSPITAL ON WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Margaret Jackson Bryson died at the Community Hospital, Wednesday morning, of severe burns she received at the home of Buster Lanning, at Glenville, a few days previously, when her clothing became ignited as she was standing close to a heating stove.

Mrs. Jackson, who was 68 years of age, is survived by one brother, W. T. Cresswell, of Mooresville, and one sister, Mrs. D. M. Tinsley, of Spartanburg, S. C.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon, Thursday, at the Presbyterian church in Piedmont, S. C. Interment will be at Piedmont.

DRAFT AGE TO BE 20 TO 44 IT IS BELIEVED

That all men between the ages of twenty and forty four will be subject to military duty under the act now pending in Congress is the general belief in Washington. The Senate has placed the minimum military age at 19, and the House has fixed it at 21. Thus it is believed that a compromise will be effected whereby the ages for military service will be 20 to 44. All men up to 64 years of age will be required to register.

LAST RITES FOR MONTEITH HELD AT CULLOWHEE

Funeral services were conducted at the Cullowhee Baptist church, Monday afternoon, by Rev. Thad F. Deitz and Rev. P. L. Elliott, for Lucius P. Monteith, who died on Sunday at the age of 72, following a year's illness. Born and reared in this county, Mr. Monteith spent his entire life here. He grew up in the Savannah section of the county. When the Jackson County Journal was first published at Webster, in 1906, he was employed in the office of this newspaper, and moved to Sylva when the paper moved here.

Later he removed to Cullowhee, where he has been engaged in the shoe repair business for a long number of years. He was known as a good citizen and a faithful member of Cullowhee Baptist church.

Mr. Monteith is survived by two sons, Roy Monteith of Cullowhee, and Harry Monteith, of Culberson; one daughter, Mrs. Lucy Brown, of Argura; and by eight grandchildren.