

The Jackson County Journal

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

SYLVA, N. C. WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1942

\$1.50 A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN JACKSON COUNTY

Commerce Body Works For Shuttle Train From Sylva To Fontana Dam

The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce has been working through the Tennessee Valley Authority to secure the operation of a shuttle train between Sylva and Fontana when the work on the dam begins. A survey has been made, and it has been found that approximately 1,000 people can be housed in and around Sylva, in addition to the large number of men in Jackson County who have applied for work with the T. V. A. on the Fontana project.

It is believed that the operation of the train will help to solve the housing problem for the workmen on the project, and it is hoped that it can be arranged for the train to leave Sylva in the mornings, take the men to their work, and return in the evenings.

It is estimated that it will require four years to complete the project; and it is believed that large numbers of the people who work at Fontana will make their temporary homes in and near Sylva, if arrangements for the train service can be completed.

1,700 JACKSON BOYS AND GIRLS JOIN THE RED CROSS

Cullowhee, Jan. 9 (Special)—According to an announcement made today by Miss Cordelia Camp, chairman of the Junior Red Cross for Jackson county, approximately 1,700 students in Jackson county have joined the Junior Red Cross and have made a contribution of one penny or more to the organization. Eleven schools at this time have become members. They include Sylva elementary school, Cashier's, Qualla, Willets, Green's Creek, Glenville, Dick's Creek, Beta, East LaPorte, Cullowhee elementary and high school, and the Jackson county colored school.

The students in the various schools are working on sundry projects to aid the nation in defense. One class, the eighth grade at Cullowhee high school, sponsored by Dr. A. L. Bramlett, is collecting scrap paper which the children plan to sell. With the proceeds from their sales they plan to buy defense stamps which will belong to the class. Before Christmas each grade in the training school adopted one or more soldiers from Jackson County and sent them Christmas greetings and gifts.

WILSON RETURNS TO ARMY SATURDAY

John H. Wilson, Jr., who was transferred to the enlisted reserve a few months ago, and who has been a student at Western Carolina Teachers, attempting to complete his senior work and receive his degree before returning to the service, has been ordered back to Fort Bragg on Saturday.

QUALLA P. T. A. BUYS A \$25 DEFENSE BOND

The Qualla Parent-Teacher Association, meeting last Friday evening, January 9, held an "All Out For Defense Program". The topics for discussion were Democracy and Defense. Miss Alley read an interesting article on "Democracy Should Begin At Home".

The association decided to raise \$15 for the Red Cross by collecting all scrap iron, magazines, paper, etc., and by selling garden and flower seed.

The Association voted to buy a \$18.75 Defense Bond this month.

Blue food stamps added approximately \$8,000,000 worth of farm products to the diets of 3,300,000 persons eligible to receive public assistance during November.

JOHNNY PARRIS WRITES HOME OF LONDON IN WAR

John Parris, Jr., who is a foreign correspondent for the United Press, now located in London, has written his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Parris, whose home is in Sylva, about conditions in London during the war. The letter was written on December 15, shortly after the United States was dragged into the war by the attack by the Japanese on Pearl Harbor.

"Chins up and keep smiling. We'll come through again with those broad stripes and bright stars still shining, and our flag still there to wave forever over our land of the free and the home of the brave. I know these are trying days for you, but remember that all my thoughts are of you and that I love you with all my heart—more than all else in the whole wide world.

It was inevitable that we should come into this flaming conflict which Britain and Russia have fought and are fighting so magnificently so that such men as Hitler and Mussolini may never rise again. Japan's cunning attack on us came like a bolt from the blue. It rather staggered me, just as it must have staggered you there in the states. The blow those little yellow men struck was hard, but we are a hard bunch and we don't go down under that first blow or a million such blows. We are measuring our blows now and one day we'll start doing a Dempsey after he was knocked through the ropes by Firpo only to come back and beat the Argentine into a bloody pulp.

I'm more proud than ever that I am American. That flag we bare our heads to when it passes is more symbolic of freedom and the things for which our people have lived and died than ever before. It's flying from buildings along Fleet Street and the Strand now. Britain feels more closer to us now. We are side by side in a common cause. It's a fight to the finish this time. So don't despair. The folks of this glorious country have set an example of spirit and courage for you. Russia has shown you what perseverance really is—what faith in liberty and the right to live as you wish means. Take heart and do your bit to keep those ramparts we watch forever standing, steady and strong.

We Americans here in Britain have watched you, the slumbering giant awake. We, who know what war is, are feeling those tense moments you are going through. We smiled a bit perhaps as the news kept coming in of air raid alerts on the west coast and in the New York area. It wasn't that we didn't realize the situation was grim and grave and serious for you. But you see, the folks here know what the real thing is like. They've lived through blitzes the like of which I hope and they hope you never experience. They've seen their homes blasted into splinters and powdered clay and sand and twisted steel and blackened ashes. They've picked up their loved ones broken and lifeless, bruised and dazed. But each time they've turned their eyes to the sun, straightened their tired, stooped shoulders and thanked God they could still carry on. And that's what we must do, too, should our skies ever become blackened with blackness of swastikas and crescents of rising suns.

We here in London have been given a respite from Slap-Happy Herman's boys across the channel. But we don't expect it to last. Only last night as I sat watching Clark Gable in "Honky Tonk" there flashed upon the screen these words: "An Air Raid Alarm has just sounded. If you care to remain in the theater you may do so." You knew as you sat there that this was what you knew was coming sooner or later. Your mind went back to those nights when bombs blasted

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AS WORLD EVENTS UNFOLD

By DAN TOMPKINS

MacARTHUR'S artillery broke up the heralded mass attack of Japanese mechanized columns upon his stronghold in the province around Manila. The deadly fire of the Americans destroyed enemy batteries, upset the plans for clearing the Island of Luzon of Americans, and resulting heavy Japanese casualties, with light casualties reported on the American side. Superior guns and superior marksmanship made up in large measure for the lack of air support and adequate numbers of American and Filipinos in meeting the assault.

KUALA LUMPUR capital of the federated Malay states, and Rubber Capital of the world was surrendered to the Japanese by the British, after huge rubber stores had been destroyed. The Japs have kept up their average of advancing 15 miles a day toward Singapore ever since the first troops landed on the Malay peninsula. But

INCREASING ACTIVITY on the part of the allies is beginning to make itself felt, and the advance on Singapore may begin to slow down as more and more RAF fighters take to the air in the 130 miles that still remains to be traversed before the fighting for the actual occupation of Singapore comes.

SINGAPORE is the key to all the east. Upon it must be based the British and American naval units to operate in oriental waters against the Japs. Here is the one point that dominates the Philippines, the Dutch East Indies, Australia, and that stands between the Japanese and the vast domains of India. That Singapore is threatened cannot be denied; but that Singapore will fall to the Japanese has not been proved. There will be much fighting yet before vital Singapore follows Manila as an occupied city of the Nipponese.

GATHERING STORM in the south will inevitably spell the doom of Japan. Japan must be destroyed and disarmed. The forces for the knockout blow will forgoth in Australia, and move northward. In the meantime, the allied forces are striving mightily, with inadequate preparation.

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PAN AMERICAN UNION OFFERS STUDENTS CASH

Washington, D. C., Jan. 11—Students of twenty-one American republics are invited to make a study of Inter-American affairs as part of a hemisphere forum under the auspices of the Pan American Union. It was announced today by Dr. L. S. Rowe, director general of the Union.

Two four-year university scholarships, each valued at \$6,000.00 are offered for the best papers submitted, after study and discussion, one scholarship to be given for the best paper in English, the other for the best presentation in one of the romance languages of Spanish, Portuguese or French. Papers on the subject "What Inter-American Cooperation Means to My Country" must be presented to school officials by Pan American Day, April 14, 1942. All high school students are eligible.

The announcement was made by Dr. Rowe on the eve of his departure for Rio de Janeiro, where in company with the counselor of the Union, Dr. William Manger, he will attend the meeting of foreign ministers of the twenty-one countries members of the Union, which opens in the Brazilian capital on January 15. It is believed that the conclusions of the foreign ministers of the American republics will serve as a source of information for students seeking background material for their

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NEW OFFICERS ARE INSTALLED BY WOODMEN

Sylva Camp, Woodmen of the World, installed the new officers, at a meeting held on January 4. Paul Womack was installed as Council Commander; Emerson Phillips, Advisory Lieutenant; Jeff Hedden, as Escort; B. E. Harris, Financial Secretary; Lloyd Queen, Watchman; Dillard Coward, Sentry; and T. F. Dillard, Banker.

Prior to the installation, an oyster supper was held, at which some 45 woodmen were present, and in which great enthusiasm for the lodge and its work was evidenced.

At the meeting on January 11, the Woodmen decided to take \$75 from the treasury and buy a Defense Bond, and to purchase other bonds in the name of the Camp as funds are available.

The Camp is cooperating with the work of the County Agent's office in collecting scrap metal and paper for the National Defense.

Mrs. Alice Long Aged 83, Dies At Cullowhee Home

Funeral services for Mrs. Alice Long, who died Sunday morning at her home near Cullowhee, were conducted at the Cullowhee Baptist church, Monday afternoon, by Rev. P. L. Elliott, and interment was in the church cemetery at Cullowhee.

Mrs. Long, who was 83 years of age, is the mother of Burdette B. Long, Cullowhee postmaster, and J. Robert Long, prominent citizen of Bryson City and well known Methodist layman. She is also survived by her husband, by four daughters, Mrs. Joe Shook, Cullowhee, Mrs. Jarvis Davis, St. Helens, Oregon; Mrs. J. A. Tabor, Coconut Grove, Fla., and Mrs. Ransom Cowan, Green's Creek by one sister, Mrs. Jane Hyatt, of Brassstown; two brothers, John Stephens, Cullowhee, and Adolphus Stephens, of Cowarts; by ten grand-children; five great grand-children, and a host of other relatives and friends.

FARM LABOR SURVEY TO BEGIN ON MARCH 1

Raleigh, Jan. 14—A cooperative farm labor survey "to be used in vital national defense planning" will be conducted beginning March 1 by the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service as the supervising agency, Frank Parker, federal statistician of the State Department of Agriculture, announced today.

An allocation of \$20,000 by the United States Department of Agriculture will be used to make the survey in North Carolina one of two states in the Nation selected to conduct a farm labor enumeration program. Indiana has been designated as the other State to make the survey.

"The present emergency and drain on farm labor by defense forces makes it imperative that agricultural agencies and leaders be informed as to the availability of farm workers," Parker said. "Information gathered will be used also in acquainting defense agencies with the labor needs for farmers whose efforts, it has been said, 'will win the war and write the peace'."

J. J. Morgan, statistician of the Department, viewed the selection of North Carolina as one of the two states to conduct the survey as "a distinct recognition of the State's achievements in agricultural statistic work." North Carolina, through its State Department of Agriculture, is the only Southern State making an annual farm census survey and the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service of the Department ranks No. 3 in the Nation.

More than 30,000 farmers will be contacted through the mails and by workers in connection

Twenty-Five Men From Jackson Left For Fort Bragg On Wednesday

DR. ASHFORD IS NEW TEACHER AT W. C. T. C.

Cullowhee (Special) A new teacher added to the teaching staff at Western Carolina Teachers College is Dr. Mozell Ashford of Wattsville, Georgia. Dr. Ashford is demonstration teacher for the fifth grade in the college training school, a position held for a number of years by Miss Tridie Jenkins, who is now on leave of absence because of illness. During the fall quarter Mrs. Edgar Duckett, of Sylva taught the fifth grade for several weeks until the vacancy was filled by Mrs. Walter Lee Lanier of Cullowhee. However, when the Reverend Lanier was called to Thomasville to preach, Mrs. Lanier resigned to accompany her husband.

Dr. Ashford, having studied in outstanding colleges and universities both here and abroad, has an unusual and varied educational background. After receiving her A. B. degree from Florida State Woman's College, she was awarded a scholarship to Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts, to study sociology, psychology, and philosophy. Upon the recommendation of Clark University's president, Dr. G. Stanley Clark, and on the basis of her master's thesis "Bergson's Concept of Consciousness," Dr. Ashford was awarded the Ives Fellowship in philosophy at Yale University. After studying a year at Yale, she passed her examinations for the Ph. D. degree in psychology and philosophy and was recommended for the Ives Fellowship, but gave it up in order to accept a teaching position.

Two years later Dr. Ashford received a scholarship for study at the University of Paris where she studied psychology under Pierre Janet, philosophy under LeRoy, and attended Du Ma's Clinic in psychiatry.

Upon her return from Europe, Dr. Ashford became a supervisor in training school and a teacher of psychology in the Florence Alabama State Teachers College. After three years Miss Ashford was given a leave of absence to study problems of temperament with the late Dr. William McDougall of Duke University. Returning to Florence State Teachers College, Dr. Ashford continued teaching there for four years, during which she gave her entire time to the laboratory school studying creative activities of children from the mental hygiene point of view.

In the year 1940-41 Dr. Ashford attended Vanderbilt University and was awarded her Ph. D. degree in philosophy, with minors both in the field of sociology and in the field of psychology.

BRAMLETT'S HEAR FROM SON IN THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

Dr. Bramlett has had a cablegram from his son, Kenneth Bramlett, who has just arrived in England as a lieutenant in the Royal Air Force. Lieutenant Bramlett sailed from Halifax on November 27.

FRESHMEN ELECT OFFICERS

The freshmen class of 1941-42 at Western Carolina Teachers College elected class officers Thursday, January 8.

Those elected were: Owen Lyndly, president; Clare Olson, vice-president; and Elizabeth Ann Hunter of Cullowhee, Secretary-Treasurer.

The new Naval Medical center near Bethesda, Md., includes 250 acres of land.

Other agencies cooperating in the survey will include the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and the Statistics Laboratory at State College.

Twenty-five young men from this county left by special bus, yesterday morning for Fort Bragg to be inducted into the United States Army. Of this number three were volunteers, and the other twenty-two were selectees. This is the first contingent of selectees that has been sent from Jackson County since the United States entered the war, last month.

The three volunteers were Edward Earl Greer, Merrill Johnson, and Thomas D. Garrett. Johnny Gellid Phillips was placed in charge of the contingent by the local selective service board, and had in his charge, in addition to the three named above: Gus Columbus Moss, Richard Will Taylor, Adam Lawrence Buchanan, Dewey Queen, Rufus Wayne Wood, Glenn David Mathis, Daniel Joe Farmer, Oscar Wood, Floyd Eugene Carden, Quinton Thomas Churchwell, Paul Hayes McCracken, William Daniel Coward, Charles Lindsay McMahan, Thomas Clingman Cole, Jasper Howard Mathis, Jack Clifford Hyatt, A Wilson Hunter Reed, and J. D. Coggins.

Three of the twenty-five were sent to the army from their present addresses, having moved from this county since registration, and were inducted by transfer. They are Fred Homer Sims, from Orange County, Florida; Norman Morris Humberson, from Somerset, Pa.; and Paul Green, from Snanahish County, Washington.

One of the men is a Cherokee Indian, whose home is on Soco. He is Hunter Reed, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Each of the men was presented with a New Testament, bound in olive drab, by the Red Cross and the Sylva Methodist church.

URGE GREATER HOSPITAL AID BY CIVIC CLUBS

The W. A. Enloe Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, is sponsoring a reorganization of the Hospital Auxiliary for the C. J. Harris Community hospital, and is asking each of different social and civic clubs in the county adopt a room at the hospital to supply with curtains, lamps, vases, scarfs, and other refreshment, to make the rooms more attractive to the patients.

Already the W. A. Enloe Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and the Afternoon Circle of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Sylva Methodist church have adopted a room in the hospital. It is asked that people who live on the farms of the county bring donations of canned fruits, vegetables and the like to the hospital when they have these commodities to spare, thus very materially aiding in the work of the hospital, which, it is pointed out, is the property of all the people of Jackson county, and by the same token, the responsibility of all of them.

WILL TEACH KNITTING

Mrs. Ollie Banks, of the Jackson County Recreation Program, has stated that if any people are interested in learning to knit for the Red Cross, she will be glad to arrange classes for instruction in the art.

LIMITED

Farmers and packers of farm products will find it necessary to change their packing and shipping practices because of limited supplies of container material such as burlap or cotton fabric bags.