

The Jackson County Journal

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

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\$1.50 A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN JACKSON COUNTY

Cherokee Eastern Band Puts \$150,000 In Chest For Uncle Sam's Defense

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, whose towns lie in Jackson, Swain, and Graham counties, have just invested \$150,000 worth of the tribal funds in Defense Bonds of the United States.

The authorization for the purchase of this amount of bonds to aid the United States in the prosecution of the war, was recently voted by the Tribal Council meeting in the Council House at Cherokee.

LOCAL BOY IS ON U. N. C. DEBATE TEAM

Marcellus Buchanan III, has won out in the elimination contest for the University of North Carolina Debating Team, and will take part in the intercollegiate debate with the University of Pennsylvania, relatives here have been informed.

Mr. Buchanan has only been in school at Chapel Hill for about five weeks altogether, having become ill soon after he matriculated, last fall.

COLORED FOLKS GIVE TO LOCAL HOSPITAL

A committee of colored people, headed by Frederika Love, as chairman, have taken the responsibility of looking after the colored ward in the C. J. Harris Community hospital. They have already outfitted the ward with curtains, curtain rods, waste baskets, and a water pitcher, and will continue to supply the ward until its needs are met, Mrs. Carter, the superintendent, stated.

RED CROSS FIRST AID CLASS TO BE STARTED HERE

A Red Cross First Aid Class, sponsored by the County Health Department, will be held each Wednesday evening from 7 to 9 o'clock, at the Sylva High School.

The first of the weekly classes will meet next Wednesday, February 4. Mr. Howard Edgerton, a student at Western Carolina Teachers College will be the teacher.

All interested persons are invited to be present for the first class. A fee of 10c will be charged for the purpose of buying the necessary supplies. The classes will continue for ten weeks.

The National Defense Chairman of the county has approved the move most heartily, and expressed the hope that a large number of the people will avail themselves of the opportunity of learning to be of valuable service, should an emergency arise.

COUNTY HOME AGENT GIVES SCHEDULE

Miss Margaret Martin, Jackson County Home Demonstration agent, has announced her schedule for next week's meetings and appointments. The schedule is:

- Monday, February 2—Office.
- Tuesday, February 3—Cullowhee-Speedwell Home Demonstration Club at Hoey Auditorium, 1:30 P. M.
- Wednesday, February 4—Gay Home Demonstration Club with Mrs. John Buchanan, at 2 P. M.
- Thursday, February 5—Glenville Home Demonstration Club at School, 2 P. M.
- Friday, February 6—Cashier's Home Demonstration Club at School Lunch Room, 2 P. M.
- Saturday, February 7—Office.

The Navy's women nurses are not allowed in combat zones.

AS WORLD EVENTS UNFOLD

By DAN TOMPKINS

MACASSAR STRAITS attack upon a huge Japanese convoy, carrying men and munitions to the Dutch East Indies, dealt a smashing blow to the Japs, and marked up the first large-scale Naval victory for the United States in the present war. American forces are sure that they sank eight Japanese ships and possibly ten. This blasting cost the Japs a great deal in ships and munitions, and probably 10,000 men. The Americans lost no ships, and admitted only the serious injury of one man, and slight wounds to two others. Macassar strait brought the total of Japanese craft blasted to the bottom of the ocean by our forces to 50 since the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, or exactly one a day. Pretty good score. When we really get going, after the factories turn out their huge supply of planes and munitions, we won't leave the Japs anything larger than a row boat to visit their folks from one of their puny islands to another.

MACARTHUR celebrated his birthday with an attack upon the Japs and scored a victory, thus relieving the pressure upon his left, at least temporarily. But he and his gallant band of American and Filipino soldiers are in a spot. Confronted by overwhelming numbers, they are making one of the most magnificent defenses in all the military annals of America. It was the work of a genius to establish the lines on Batan so that they would hold against superior numbers. Every move that MacArthur has made, so far, has displayed brilliant military leadership, and the superb fighting of his soldiers has proved itself worthy of such a commander. Roosevelt made no mistake when he promoted MacArthur to the unusual rank of General, full-fledged.

THE RAMPAGING Japanese have landed on New Britain and on New Guinea, in the territory of Australia, evidently seeking to consolidate their positions and then attempt to take the continent of Australian Dominion out of the war, and at the same time preventing the United States from using Australia and the islands under her mandate as bases of operations against Japan to recover lost territory in the Dutch East Indies and the Philippines, or for a knock out blow against the Japanese islands.

AUSTRALIA is much concerned over the developments, and considers the situation extremely grave, while watching the **MALAY** peninsula, and the retreat of British forces toward Singapore, the key to the whole situation in the east. Fighting gallantly to preserve Singapore as a base of operations, when American and Britain reach their full stride in the war effort, the troops of England, Australia, and India are being steadily forced back.

IN BURMA the Japanese and Siamese are increasing their strength against the Burmese, English, Australians, and Indians, driving steadily toward the Burma Road, the world's most important highway, seeking to cut the line over which flow the supplies to the embattled Chinese, who have administered defeats to the Japanese in recent weeks.

STRENGTH and weakness both develop in the Japanese spread over the Pacific and Indian oceans. The strength lies in holding positions of strategic importance that would hamper American and British operations; and the weakness lies in long communication lines, which are always hard to maintain.

ASTRIUE the strategic points in the Pacific and Indian oceans, if Singapore and Australia fall, and with the Burma Road severed, if the invasion of Burma is successful, the Japanese will hold positions of the utmost importance in the war. They can be dislodged, and they will; but showing total assets of \$1,501,451.76.

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There's A Great Day Coming



Passed by Oenore THE little nations that Hitler has ravaged may be down but they're not out. In Canada, men of Poland, Norway, the Netherlands and Belgium have their separate camps. There they are gathering by the thousands and training for the day of their revenge. Already each group has sent many hundreds of men overseas to swell the growing ranks of their nations in Great Britain and when they leave, new contingents from civilian life take their places in Canada. One of the most active of these camps is at Joliette, not far from Montreal. Over it the tricolor of Belgium flies and in it are training Belgians from the four corners of the earth. The photograph shows five of these Belgians, one of them wearing a string of ribbons and sleeve chevrons denoting four years of service in the last war.

PLANS BEING MADE TO REDUCE NUMBER OF FOREST FIRES

The District Forester and County Warden Mack Ashe, are making plans to combat the fire hazard to the forests that always arises at the approach of spring.

Mr. Ashe pointed out today that it is necessary for all persons to obtain permits before burning brush, and that the forest service will make it as convenient as possible for the people to obtain the permits. The district forester stated that the following is the record of fires in this district in 1941:

In 1941, we had in District One, which comprises eleven of the thirteen western counties and includes: Buncombe, Cherokee, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Polk, Swain, Transylvania and Yancey Counties, 622 forest fires which burned an average of 31 acres a fire and caused an estimated damage of \$59,308.00.

The cause of the 622 fires are distributed as follows: Incendiarly 189, or 30.5 percent; Smokers 135, or 22 percent; Brush Burners 126, or 20.5 percent; Hunters, Campers and Fishermen 74, or 12 percent; Railroads 60, or 9.5 percent; Miscellaneous 25, or 4 percent; Lumbering 11, or 1.5 percent; Lightning 2, or 0.0 percent. Of these 622 fires, 620, or over 99.9 percent were man-caused and could have been prevented if proper precaution had been executed, and care for the value of our forests had been felt by the responsible party.

RASMUSSEN IS NOW CORPORAL

The following from the Roanoke Beacon, of Plymouth, will be of interest to many people here, since young Mr. Rasmusson spent most of his boyhood in Sylva, where his father was superintendent of the paper mill:

Silas S. Rasmusson, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Rasmusson, of Plymouth, has been promoted to the grade of corporal in the director of technical training office of the Ordnance Replacement Center at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland, it was learned this week.

Corporal Rasmusson's new job with the army will be in the capacity of ammunition instructor to new men coming into the training center. Corporal Rasmusson graduated from the University of Alabama in 1934.

TWO JACKSON COUNTY GIRLS HONORED AT WESTERN CAROLINA

Cullowhee, Jan. 26—The Alpha Phi Sigma of Western Carolina Teachers College recently held its quarterly initiation ritual in the Student Union building. Twenty-six degrees were conferred, eleven novice, seven apprentice, and eight master's.

In order to obtain the degree of novice, which is the lowest degree, one must have made the honor roll for two consecutive quarters or have been valedictorian or salutatorian of his high school class.

To receive the second or the apprentice degree, one must have made the honor roll for four consecutive quarters. To receive the master's degree one must have made the honor roll for six consecutive quarters.

Miss Anne Bird, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bird of Cullowhee received the master's degree. Miss Bird is also an active member of the International Students' Society, Junior Woman's Club, and the college orchestra. Miss Agnes Henson, daughter of Mrs. Vivian Henson of Cullowhee, received the apprentice degree. Miss Henson is a member of the Shubert Glee Club.

ROGERS RITES HELD TUESDAY AT CULLOWHEE

Funeral services for Pat Rogers, 37 year-old employee of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, and a member of an old Jackson County family, were held Tuesday afternoon, at the home of his mother, Mrs. Fannie Rogers, at Cullowhee. Rev. B. C. Moss conducted the service. Interment was in the Rogers family cemetery.

Mr. Rogers had been employed by the State Highway and Public Works Commission for five years as a construction foreman. A few weeks ago he became ill and was taken to the State Hospital, in Morganton, where he died, early Sunday morning. He was born and reared at Cullowhee, and was a resident of that community all his life.

He is survived by his mother; one sister, Mrs. Ella B. Roberts, of Asheville; and four brothers, John and Hugh Rogers of Cullowhee; and Robert and Bert Rogers, of Asheville.

Sylva's New Theatre Is Beautifully Appointed; Nearing Completion

REPORT OF ORES SENT TO SOLONS FROM CAROLINA

Bulletin 41, of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development has been sent from the office of Governor Broughton to every member of Congress from North Carolina, according to a letter from R. Bruce Ethridge, director.

Mr. Ethridge's letter, dated in Raleigh, January 26, states: "Hon. Dan Tompkins, Sylva, N. C. Dear Dan:

A letter from Congressman Weaver today tells me that you have requested that a copy of Bulletin No. 41, dealing with magnesium, etc., be handed to each member of the North Carolina delegation in Congress.

That is being done today in the Governor's office."

HANDLERS ACT WILL HELP FARMERS OF NORTH CAROLINA

Raleigh, Jan. 28—Protection for the farmer who makes production contracts with handlers of agricultural products and equal protection to honest dealers who have faced unethical competition will be afforded under provisions of the North Carolina Handlers' Act this season, Harry T. Westcott, marketing specialist of the State Department of Agriculture, announced today.

A "bonding system" will be placed in operation throughout the State this year "and all handlers of farm produce who make contracts with growers will be required to give substantial bonds to assure fulfillment of agreements, unless financial responsibility can be established to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Agriculture," Westcott explained. Handlers, "other than those completing transactions with United States currency," will be required to obtain a "handlers' permit."

Westcott said that "the 1941 General Assembly enacted the Handlers' Act as a farmer-protection measure designed to prevent unscrupulous dealers from contracting for produce without giving the producer a guarantee that such contracts will be fulfilled."

"Legitimate handlers of farm produce are recognizing the Handlers Act as progressive legislation, essential in removing unfair competition and necessary for the protection of the growers," Westcott added. Copies of the act and applications for permits may be secured by writing the Markets Division, State Department of Agriculture, Raleigh.

STATE INCOME TAX MAN HERE MARCH 10

A representative of the State Department of Revenue will be in Sylva on March 10 for the purpose of assisting in making out income tax returns for citizens who are liable for State income tax.

The official from the Department will be located at the City Hall.

Methodist Preachers Go To Meeting In Nashville

Rev. R. G. Tuttle of Sylva and Rev. MacMurray Richey of Cullowhee, are in attendance upon the Missionary Conference of the Methodist church, in Nashville, this week.

The new picture theatre for Sylva, which has been under construction for several months by James Massie of Waynesville and his son, Frank Massie of Sylva, is now rapidly nearing completion. The theatre is Western Carolina's newest and finest. There is not a theatre in this part of the State that can surpass it.

The auditorium will have a seating capacity of 840, and can be made to accommodate more than one thousand people. The ladies' lounge will have facilities of every kind, just as milady would wish to have in her boudoir.

In addition, there is a commodious crying room, where ladies can take small children, and the children can cry to their hearts content, or make any other noise they wish, without disturbing anyone in the auditorium. The crying-room is absolutely sound proof, but persons in it can both see and hear the picture just as if they were in the auditorium.

The projection room is absolutely fire-proof, reducing the fire hazard to a minimum.

It is expected that the new theatre, beautiful in its appointments, will be ready for opening between the 15th of February and the 1st of March.

LIONS SPONSOR PAPER SAVING IN SYLVA TOWN

The Lion's Club has assumed the responsibility of sponsoring the gathering of waste paper and cardboard in Sylva, and will have a truck call at each business house daily to take up the waste paper.

All persons having waste paper and cardboard saved up in their residences should call the City Hall, and the truck will take up the paper from the residence sections of the town once a week.

The money derived from the sale of these waste materials will be donated to the American Red Cross.

The government has asked all persons to save paper.

"Please bundle up your paper and cardboard and have it ready before the truck calls", requested a representative of the Lion's Club, today.

Christmas Cheer Fund Reached Total Of \$858

The total of the Christmas cheer fund for the service men of this county and for aid to the needy reached \$858.00, according to a statement issued by R. U. Sutton, treasurer of the fund. The largest part of this came from the dime board, Mr. Sutton stated. From this source \$481.40 was turned in. The employees of the Mead Corporation gave \$123.40; The teachers of the county, \$99.15; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Allison, \$1.25; Home Demonstration Club, \$1.25; Teachers at Western Carolina Teachers College, \$23.50; Employees of Armour Leather Co., \$41.56; The American Legion, \$15; and the employees at the court house, and county officials, \$18.75.

\$308.96 was expended on Christmas gifts for the service men, and for postage on the packages. 38 Christmas baskets were purchased from various merchants in the county, at a cost of \$129.83. This leaves a balance in the bank of \$419.19, which will be used for the same kind of work, as occasion arises.

Navy doctors must be graduates of accredited medical schools before being commissioned.