

The Jackson County Journal

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

SYLVA, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1942

\$1.50 A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN JACKSON COUNTY

Four Year Term Given Escapée And Accomplish In Superior Court Here

One convict, already serving 16 years on the roads, got an additional four year sentence tacked on to his term, and his buddy, a former fellow convict goes back to do an additional four year stretch for an escape perpetrated last week, when the convicts from the Jackson county prison camp were working on the highway near the Glenville power house. Talmadge Gregory, serving 16 years for breaking and entering, was with the work crew of prisoners, when his partner, Otis Chase of Burnsville, drove up where the men were working, picked Gregory up, and drove away. Less than an hour later, Sheriff Leonard Holden and Highway Patrolman Ray Erwin arrested the men on the Cullowhee mountain. When they plead guilty in the Superior Court, Judge Allen H. Gwyn sentenced each of them to four years on the roads.

Oscar Hurst drew a 17 months sentence, with one year of it suspended for five years good behavior, when he entered a nolo contendere to a charge of aiding Hugh Harril and Clarence Tyler to escape. These were the two men who were arrested by officers at Cherokee, last week, following an escape from the Polk county jail, and a series of robberies over two states. Hurst was identified by Burton Brown of Dillsboro, as the third man he saw burning paper on a side road. This incident reported by Brown led to the arrest of Tyler and Harrell.

The criminal term of court was completed on Wednesday.

Judge Gwyn sentenced Coy Settlemeyer to serve four months on a drunken driving case; and Bill Giles, John Edward Sorrels, Alfred Bowers, Roscoe Silvers, and Browder Gibson each drew a fine of \$50 and costs and had their license revoked on drunken driving charges.

About Christmas time, a charge of dynamite set off near a cafe in Cashier's Valley, owned by M. J. West and T. S. Lance, severely damaged the building and contents. John Lee Rogers, Thomas Hawkins, Junior Bumgarner, James Robinson and Norton Dillard, all Cashier's youths, entered pleas of guilty of destruction of property and drew two years' suspended sentences, upon good behavior and upon payment to Messrs West and Lance the sum of \$1100 to reimburse them for the damage done.

4-H CLUB ORGANIZED AT BETA TUESDAY BY COUNTY HOME AGENT

The Beta 4-H Club was organized by Miss Margaret Martin, Jackson county Home Demonstration Agent, on Tuesday morning of this week, at the Beta school. Miss Martin talked about the importance of 4-H Club work. There were 68 boys and girls who joined the club.

The club elected officers as follows: president, Jay Lee Shook; vice-president, Arbie Sue Enslley; secretary, Edoleen Curry; club reporter, Patsy Cope.

LOCAL STUDENTS WERE REGISTRARS

Cullowhee, Feb. 17 (Special)—Maxine Reagan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Reagan of Whittier, Misses Lillian and Virginia Messer, daughters of Mrs. S. M. Messer of Cullowhee, and Lucille Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Reed of Sylva, were four of the nine students who were selected from the Business Education Department of Western Carolina Teachers College to serve as registrars on February 16 in the various communities of Jackson County. Miss Reagan registered draftees at Tuckaseegee; Misses Messer at John's Creek; and Miss Reed at Cullowhee.

WCTC Players To Give Play February 26th

"The Goose Hangs High" by Lewis Beach is the Western Carolina Players' dramatic offering for the winter quarter on the stage of the Western Carolina Teachers College Auditorium, February 26.

First produced by the Dramatic Theatre, Inc., at the Blazon Theatre in New York, this play has been one of the most popular comedies in modern theatrical history. After its stage run it was filmed and has had marked success on the road.

The plot centering about the three grown children of the Ingalls family finds its counter part in every home where there are grown children, and it's theme—the younger generation—appeals to both the parents and the younger generation.

R. B. Knox, Lincolnton and Lucille Meredith, Guilford College, play the leads. Supporting them are Tom Byers, Shelby; Russell Byrd, Greensboro; Reuben Harris, Gastonia; Ruth Elliott, Cullowhee; Lorene Brown, Bryson City; W. R. Hall, Jr., Young Harris, Georgia; Jack Holloman, Kingston; Margaret Moore, Marion; John Tyree, Lexington, Kentucky; Vera Hosaflook, Waynesville, and Elmer Neill, Cherryville.

The play is being directed by Miss Mabel Tyree, faculty sponsor of the Western Carolina Players. Alma Jackson, Waynesville, is the student director.

Mrs. R. U. Sutton Heard By P. T. A.

With the principal address being delivered by Mrs. R. U. Sutton, district P. T. A. president, Sylva Parent-Teachers Association celebrated Founder's Day, Tuesday evening at the school building. Mrs. Sutton was presented by Mrs. Harry Ferguson. The High School Glee Club favored the parents and teachers with two numbers, under the direction of Mrs. Grover Wilkes.

Reports were made on the Victory Book drive; and Mrs. E. J. Duckett, presiding, called for the attendance of parents. The banners went to Mrs. Thomas' room in the primary department, Mrs. Freeze, in the graded school, and Mrs. Scott, in the high school.

Following the program, coffee and cake was served in the cafeteria.

ROY BAKER GIVEN ARMY PROMOTION

Roy J. Baker, a former resident of Dillsboro, North Carolina, has been promoted from the grade of First Sergeant to the grade of Master Sergeant in Headquarters Battery, 92 Armored Field Artillery Battalion, Second Armored Division. Master Sergeant Baker's promotion places him in the position of Sergeant Major of the Battalion in which he serves.

Master Sergeant Baker had been First Sergeant of "D" Battery, 14th Field Artillery (Armored) from September 22, 1940 to the date of his present promotion.

Master Sergeant Baker makes his home in Columbus, Georgia, where he lives with his wife, Nellie Baker. He is the son of Mr. J. W. Baker of Dillsboro.

JACKSON GIRLS ARE ON CLUB PROGRAM

Cullowhee, Feb. 17 (Special)—Maxine Reagan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Reagan of Whittier and Irene Bryson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bryson, Sylva, were on the program of the Business Education Club meeting of Western Carolina Teachers College which was held on Friday, February 13. Miss Reagan made an interesting talk on Tennessee Valley Authority tests and Miss Bryson discussed civil service tests.

The Home Front

Just because Axis warplanes haven't yet raided American cities, don't make the mistake of thinking the Axis is ignoring our home front.

Remember the Axis method—divide and conquer? Night and day, Joe Goebbels' radio-ranters have been telling us the British were trying to get us to fight their war. Meanwhile, they were trying to steal their markets and make Washington the capital of the world. How successful have they been in selling their wares? Well, the measure of their success lies in the amount of suspicion, grumbling and mistrust which they can produce among the United Nations.

Instead of falling victim to such obvious propaganda, let's inject into our conversations some of the facts and figures about our war program. Instead of fuming about what the British are doing, or not doing, in Burma or Libya, let's keep posted on what we, as civilians, can do to help America reach her maximum war effort.

Auto Graveyards To Go
Field men of the Bureau of Industrial Conservation, working in cooperation with the WPA, have begun a survey of automobile graveyards in the Carolinas and Virginia in an effort to expedite the flow of scrap materials into war production. Most graveyard operators are demonstrating their willingness to aid in the program. In cases where operators fail to cooperate, however, they will be given a reasonable time to strip old automobiles of usable appliances and the government then will resort to requisitioning.

Salvage To The Front
Twenty-three states, including the Carolinas and Virginia are either organizing salvage committees or have completed organization. The public may assist in the program by collecting scrap metals, rags, rubber and waste paper. Collections should be sold to local waste dealers or given to collecting charities.

Seeking Rubber Sources
The Japanese thrust into Malaya and the Dutch East Indies may have cut off a great part of our rubber imports, but already we are preparing for the day when our present reserves are exhausted. Not only will plants be established for the manufacture of synthetic rubber, but the United States is working with Brazil for the development of Amazon Valley as a vast rubber producing area. It is estimated that from 60,000 to 70,000 tons a year can be gotten from the wild forest regions, although President Roosevelt warned recently that there will be a real problem in getting crude rubber out of the hitherto virtually inaccessible area.

Don't Waste Food
Consumers who have built up hoards of sugar will have stamps torn from their ration books, thus depriving them of their right to buy more sugar until their hoards are used. When consumers apply for War Ration Book No. 1, they will be required to make a certified statement as to the amount of sugar per person in their family. All sugar in excess of two pounds per person will be considered hoarded.

"It should be a point of pride with every good American not to hoard or waste food," declared Claude R. Wickard, secretary of agriculture, and Leon Henderson, administrator of the Office of Price Administration, in a recent joint statement. They said the aim of their agencies would be to stabilize living costs and prevent inflation.

War Boosts Building
New construction will reach a total of \$10,750,000 in 1942, topping the dollar volume of construction in any year since 1928, according to Labor Secretary Perkins. "More than six billion dollars, or 60 per cent of the 1942 construction," she said, "will be Federally-financed work under the expanded war program. Although private construction and non-defense public works will decline sharply in 1942, the war program will more than offset the decline."

Jackson Sends Thirty Men To Fort Jackson

Thirty young men from Jackson county left Sylva last Thursday morning for Fort Jackson for induction into the United States Army.

The bus left from the Community House, where following short talks by Dan Tompkins for the American Legion, and Mrs. E. L. McKee, for the Jackson County Chapter, American Red Cross, the young men were presented gifts by the Legion, and a New Testament each, by the Sylva Methodist Church.

The young men who went in the last contingent were, Harvey Gillan Fisher, Howard Edward Blackburn, Clyde Verna Harris, Dennis Briton England, John Alvin Dillard, Samuel Goslan Shelton, James Pendleton Keener, Edward Alvin Dolsky, Adam Everett Moore, Sherman Hunter, Mont Adolphus Stephens, Coy Watson, Elmer Hooper, James Everett Hill, Ernest Jake Phillips, William Nathaniel Fugate, Stephen Long (Indian), Earl Merrimon Cooper, Clarence Lester Adams, Dallas Cucumber (Indian), Ray Davis Phillips, Ernie Ashe, Carl Robert Crawford, Fred McFalls, Corbett C. Hensley, Paul Monroe Moore, George Richard Enslley, Clinton Nathaniel Lusk, Grady James Cade, and Fred Bradley (Indian).

Armour Men Will Buy Defense Bonds

With the employees of the Armour Leather Company congregated to hear a recorded message from G. A. Eastwood, president of the Armour Leather Company, and excerpts from utterances by President Roosevelt and Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau, the drive for the purchase of United States Defense Bonds, through the payroll deduction plan was launched on Tuesday, and met with enthusiastic response from the employees, according to announcement by Bill Wise, manager of the Sylva plant.

MUSICAL RECITAL IS GIVEN AT CULLOWHEE

Cullowhee (Special)—A musical recital was given in the Hoey auditorium at Western Carolina Teachers College by students of the music department Thursday afternoon, February 12, at 5:30 o'clock.

The program included: Scott's "The Voice of the Wilderness" sung by Miss Essie Mae Hall; Clokey's "Night Song", sung by Alice Weaver, Carolyn Stillwell, and Martha Perkins; a piano solo, Haydn's "Sonata in G Major Allegro" played by Miss Elizabeth Anne Hunter; a solo, De Koven's "O Promise Me", sung by Miss Alma Jackson; Chamlinade's "The Silver Ring" and Engel's "The Sea Shell" piano solos, played by Miss Edith Cherry; and Chopin's Ballade, G Minor, a piano solo, played by Miss Dorothy Thompson.

Instructors of the music department, George Tracy, chairman of the department and instructor in piano, Mrs. Charles Gulley, instructor in voice, and Mrs. J. W. Fisher, instructor of violin, were sponsors of the program.

Attending the recital were members of the student body, the college faculty, and a number of folks from the community.

East LaPorte P. T. A. Observes Founder's Day

The East LaPorte Parent-Teachers Association will observe Founder's Day with a program at the school, Friday at 2:30.

Mrs. R. U. Sutton of Sylva, the district president, will be the speaker for the meeting, using as her subject: "Why We Observe Founder's Day."

The children will give some musical numbers.

Nine Hundred Thirty Registered For Service Before Jackson Board

Report Made By Jury To Judge Gwyn

The Jackson County Grand Jury took occasion, in its report to Judge Gwyn, to complain about the condition of certain roads in the county over which the school buses transport children to school, and to recommend that the State Highway and Public Works Commission take immediate steps to remedy the situation. The report did not specify which roads it considers unsafe for travel by the buses, but confined itself to generalization.

The report, signed by C. G. Rogers, of Cashier's Valley, said: "To His Honor Allen H. Gwyn, Judge presiding at the February term 1942, Superior Court:

"We, the Grand Jury, wish to submit the following facts, as our report, to-wit:

"We visited the prison camp, and found everything well kept and the surrounding conditions satisfactory and perfectly sanitary and the prisoners well cared for.

"We visited the County Jail and find same in as good shape as possible except some minor repairs on plumbing need to be done. We understand the parts have been ordered.

"We find the court house and the records in the various offices in good condition and records well kept.

"The schools in various sections of the County was visited and found in excellent condition and under supervision of able and capable Supt. of Public Schools.

"Some of the school bus roads need immediate repair, and we recommend to the State Highway Commission, to cooperate with the Board of Education in getting same repaired.

"The County Home was visited by our Committee and we find the inmates well cared for and plenty of provisions are at their command.

"We want to thank the Honorable Allen H. Gwyn, Judge presiding, for his help and cooperation."

Haywood Loan Company Will Serve County

Officers of the Haywood Building and Loan Association have announced that the Association has received authorization to extend its services to Jackson county, and the directors have adopted a resolution making such extension.

Mr. L. N. Davis, secretary-treasurer, states that the authorization gives the association the privileges of serving Jackson county people on first mortgage loans for construction and improvements. The association, he stated, confines its activities to assisting people who desire to own their homes, and does not include commercial property or loans.

MARY WILDA VARNER MAKES HONOR ROLL

Mars Hill, Feb. 17 (Special)—The name of Miss Mary Wilda Varner of Whittier appears on the second honor roll at Mars Hill college for the first semester, which has just been released by the registrar.

The second honor roll comprises students who make a grade of "C" or above on all subjects taken and earn 25 quality points.

Nine hundred and thirty men registered at the various places of registration set up by the Jackson County Selective Service Board, on Monday. These men, between the ages of 20 and 45, will all be mailed questionnaires and assigned numbers. Following that, they will be classified, as has been the case of the men in other registrations.

There were three places for registration in Sylva, the Community House, the office of Armour Leather Company, and the office of Sylva Paperboard Company.

Other places of registration in the county were:

Buren Terrell, Cashiers School House; F. I. Watson, Glenville High School; Mrs. Fannie M. Brown, Tuckaseegee School House; G. C. Cooper, John's Creek School House; Edward Bryson, Cullowhee Training School; R. P. Buchanan, Webster School House; R. O. Higdon, Savannah School House; D. M. Hooper, East LaPorte School House; Elwyn Queen, Wolf Creek School House; Mrs. Kathleen F. Jones, Barker's Creek Church; W. H. Crawford, Qualla School House; S. J. Phillips, Willets School House; Cornelius Deitz, Balsam School House; Mrs. Hazel Caldwell, Canada, Sols Creek School.

It was pointed out at the office of the Selective Service Board that any men who were prevented from registering because of illness, bad weather, or other cause, should register at once with the Board in Sylva.

With all but eight boards out of 155 reporting, state selective service headquarters announced today that 136,021 men between the ages of 20 and 44 inclusive had registered for the draft Monday.

Reports from 59 additional boards were received today, listing new figures of 79,038 to be added to the 118,983 reported by 88 boards yesterday.

Final figures will probably be received Saturday and will fall far short of the 245,000 which had been expected to sign for the third registration, draft officials said.

Still unheard from are Bladen, No. 1; Currituck, No. 1; Dare, No. 1; Gates, No. 1; Greene, No. 1; Johnston, No. 2; McDowell, No. 1; and Swain, No. 1.

TOMPKINS SPEAKS TO WEBSTER PTA

Dan Tompkins, editor of the Jackson County Journal, was the Founder's Day speaker at Webster Parent-Teachers Association, last Wednesday. Mr. Tompkins was presented by Mrs. N. Don Davis, for the program committee. An impressive candle lighting service by a number of the teachers was a feature of the program.

Cake and coffee was served, following the business session, over which Mrs. Ernest Lewis presided.

God And Country

Mindful of the fact that God and country are all-important in the lives of Southern soldiers, the chaplains of the Old Hickory Division's crack 105th Medical Regiment have adopted a novel method of citing various companies of the regiment for outstanding religious fervor. Similar to colors awarded to units for military achievements, a purple streamer to be attached to the company guidon (flag) is presented each week at a regimental formation to the company having the largest percentage of its personnel at the previous Sunday morning church services.

CARY ALLISON IMPROVED

Friends of Mr. Cary Allison will be pleased to learn that he is able to be out again after two week's illness of influenza.