

Jackson County Farms Lack Home-Grown Food For "Food For Victory"

The place of the farm in this war is the production of "Food for Victory". Dean I. O. Schaub of State College, and other leaders of the N. C. Agricultural Extension, including our own county farm agent, say that farmers of this county generally are deficient in home production of such essential food products as garden vegetables, milk, pork, poultry and eggs.

From the last Federal census comes proof that a large number of farms in Jackson County are without gardens, cows, hogs and chickens. The 1940 census shows that there are 2,565 farms in the county.

The census report also reveals that 230 farms were without gardens, 498 farms did not keep a cow, 1244 farms had no hogs, and 368 were without a single chicken.

"This is the first war-time task of farm people," Dean Schaub declared, "to see that every farm has a garden, at least one cow, and some hogs and chickens. These are all vital to the health and welfare of rural people. Our farm families must be well-fed before they can expect to feed the rest of the Nation, and our Allies, in the fight for freedom."

The 1940 census listed 278,276 farms in North Carolina. Eighty-nine per cent of them, or 247,127 had gardens, leaving 31,149 without gardens. Those farms which did have gardens valued them at a total of \$14,773,625, or an average per garden of \$60. Figured at the same average value, the 31,149 farms without gardens "lost" \$1,869,000 by their failure to grow vegetables and small fruits.

The State census showed that 65 per cent, or 179,816, of the farms kept cows; 69 per cent, or 191,672, had hogs; and 88 per cent, or 245,122, kept some chickens.

HOME AGENT GIVES WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Miss Margaret Martin, Jackson County Home Agent has announced her itinerary for the first week in March, as follows:

Monday—Office.

Tuesday—Cullowhee - Speedwell Home Demonstration Club with Mrs. F. H. Brown, 3 P. M.

Wednesday—Gay Home Demonstration Club with Mrs. Sam Buchanan, 3 P. M.

Thursday—Glenville Home Demonstration Club, at school, 3 P. M.

Friday—Cashier's Home Demonstration Club at school lunch room, 3 P. M.

Saturday—Office.

Monday, March 9—Sylva Home Demonstration Club with Mrs. Wilma Jones, 3 P. M.

QUALLA 4-H CLUB HAS MONTHLY MEETING

(By Jack Alley)
The Qualla 4-H Club met at Qualla school, at 10 o'clock on the morning of February 18, with forty-seven members present, and three visitors, making a total attendance of 50.

Assistant County Agent C. H. Kirkman, Jr., gave a talk on growing a garden, and Miss Margaret Martin, Home Agent, talked on making note books with the 4-H projects.

The criticism was given by Virginia Mae Ward. We are trying to make the best better so the criticism was shorter than usual.

The following program was presented:
Song, America.
The Defense of America, Jack Alley.

The Garden, by Ruth Hyatt.
"Garden Sass" by club girls.
Points on growing a Garden, by Mr. Kirkman.

Washington, by Oleta Howell and Faye Hudson.
Song, The Star Spangled Banner.

TOURIST YEAR EXPECTED TO BE GOOD IN AREA

A good tourist season in 1942 is predicted for the mountain area of North Carolina by economists and observers. There are several unfavorable factors, but more that will be conducive to good tourist business, it is stated.

It is also believed that there will be a reversion to the old-time summer boarder class of tourist business that has been largely superceded by the real tourist who is here tonight and gone tomorrow, with another of his species to take his place.

There will not be so much travel from place to place throughout the tourist regions as has been the case in recent years. This will be true because of the rubber shortage and in order to conserve gasoline.

But, as was the case before the advent of the automobile, it is believed that many people from the lowlands will come to the mountains, locate for the entire summer and spend the season at one place. The head of the family thus located, will return to his work, and make as frequent week end visits to them as he finds possible, probably coming by bus.

The travel through the Great Smoky Mountains National Park will probably show a sharp decline; but that will not mean that the tourists are not in the mountain area. Many people who have been spending their vacations on the coast, fishing and bathing, will this year avail themselves of the facilities of the mountain streams and lakes.

People from this part of the United States who have been making trips to the west, to Mexico, or to New England, will this year conserve their rubber by spending their vacations in the mountains.

It is pointed out here that if we had horses for hire in large numbers on this side of the Great Smokies, many thousands of people would this year really see the park, riding through it at their leisure and enjoying the vastness of this wilderness, instead of following the customary drive to Newfound Gap or out to Forney Ridge.

All the evidence seems to add up to a big summer boarder season for the mountains, and a sharp decline in the conventional tourists.

MAGAZINE WILL BE PUT ON PAID BASIS STARTING MAY 1942

Increasing cost of production and the growing demand for the publication "North Carolina Wildlife Conservation", official organ of the Division of Game and Inland Fisheries of the Department of Conservation and Development have made it necessary to place the circulation on a paid basis, Hinton James, State Game and Inland Fisheries Commissioner, announced today.

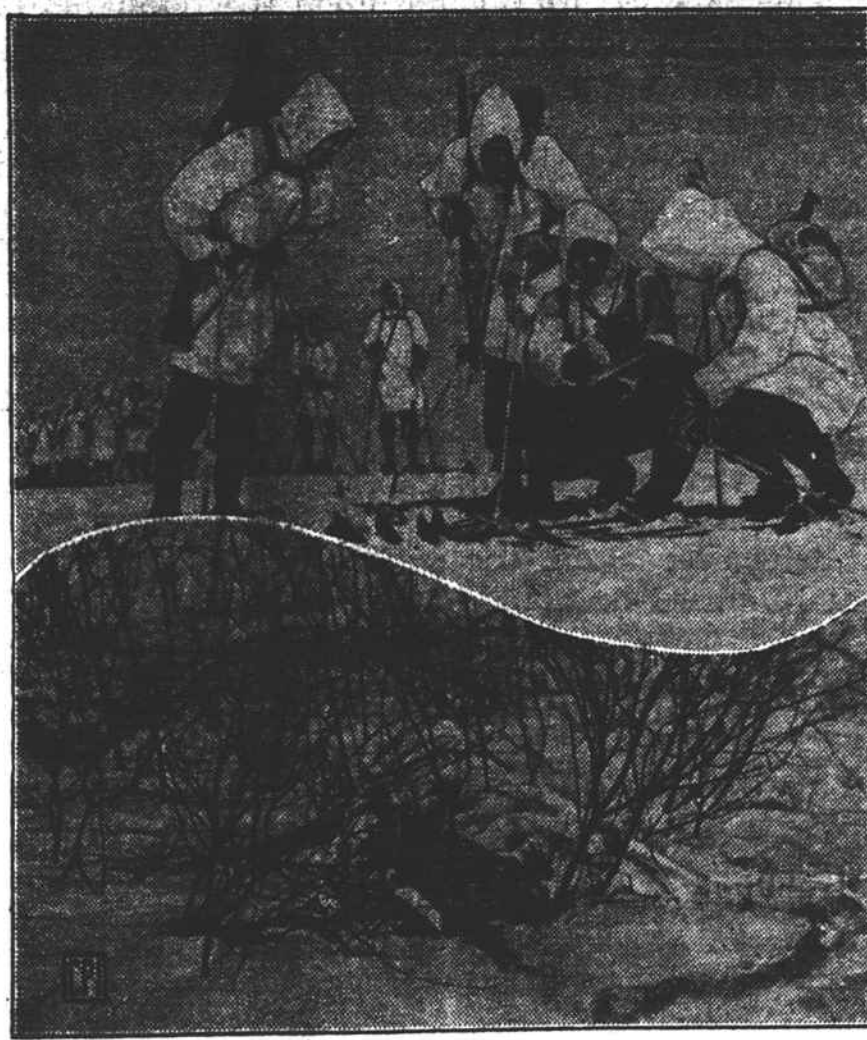
Starting in 1937, the demand for the publication has grown to such an extent as to give it a present circulation of about 9,000 monthly.

Mr. James, in announcing the change in policy, said the growing circulation is putting a constantly heavier drain on the State Game funds, which he believes should be met partly through a small subscription fee of 25c annually from those receiving the magazine. This charge, which goes into effect with the May, 1942 issue, he explained, will defray only about one-half of the cost of printing and mailing.

GOES TO MARINES

Ralph Kelly Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Morgan, recently enlisted in the United States Marines, and left on Wednesday to begin his training at Paris Island, S. C.

SNOWBIRDS OF CANADA



Passed by Censor FROM the young men who used to spend their winter weekends skiing on the snow-covered hills of Canada, the Dominion has created a body of ski troops who are second to none. Long experience in this popular sport made it easy for these men to adapt themselves to the conversion of skiing from a pastime to the sterner purposes of war. Already they have proved their value in Iceland and many thousands of them are ready to demonstrate their merits in other theatres of war if necessary. The photographs show a platoon of ski troops on manoeuvres and a sniper who would be very difficult to spot.

MISS PATTON ASKED TO SERVE AT THE 1942 ARTS CONVENTION

Cullowhee (Special) — Miss Helen Patton, of the division of art at Western Carolina Teachers College, has just been asked to serve on the membership committee for the 1942 convention of the Southeastern Arts Convention.

The convention, of which Mrs. Mary Leath Stewart of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina is chairman, will be held at the O. Henry hotel in Greensboro on March 5, 6, and 7. The association is composed of members who teach art in public schools and colleges in the Southeastern States and of any other people who are interested in art.

According to a program received here, a varied and inspiring program of exhibits, addresses, and discussions have been planned for the convention by Dr. Gregory D. Ivey, head of the art department of the Woman's college of the University of North Carolina.

Annual Meet Of Farmers To Be Saturday, 7

The annual meeting of the Jackson County stockholders of the Farmers Federation will be held at the Sylva Federation warehouse on Saturday, March 7, at 2 P. M.

Music will be furnished by the Farmers Federation String Band and refreshments of hot coffee and doughnuts will be served. James G. K. McClure, president of the Federation, will speak briefly and report on the year's business, and there will be short talks by other officers of the Federation.

THOMAS APPOINTED AVIATION CADET

Fred Lowell Thomas of Sylva, is among 386 men just appointed as Aviation Cadets in the United States Naval Reserve, and began training February 19 for appointment as an ensign in the Naval Reserve.

The new cadets have completed preliminary elimination flight training, and are now engaged in the advanced course at naval flight training centers throughout the country.

SOAP

The average American uses 22 pounds of soap annually.

Civic Club And Schools Will Hold Institute On International Subject

SOLE SURVIVOR OF SOUTHS ARMY IS 99 ON MONDAY

Elbert Watson, Jackson county's sole surviving Confederate Veteran, will be 99 years of age, on Monday, March 2.

Born in this county on March 2, 1843, Mr. Watson has spent nearly all his life here. His home is in Hamburg township, on the new highway near the waters of Glenville Lake. Of all the number of brave men who went from this county in the 60's to defend the State against the encroachments of the federal government, Elbert Watson alone remains. He saw service with the armies of Lee in Old Virginia, and was wounded at Petersburg.

Returning to his home following the surrender at Appomattox, Mr. Watson made his home at Glenville and became active in the affairs of the community and the county. For years he operated his farm and an inn at Glenville. After the death of his first wife, he left Jackson county for a short time and made his home at Burnsville with his son, Hon. Franklin Watson; but soon returned to his home county, where he now lives.

His faculties are unimpaired, except for a slight deafness, and he can remember much of the early history of the county and its people, as well as first hand information regarding the operations of the Confederate armies in Virginia.

DILLSBORO SCHOOL COLLECTS SCRAP

The children and teachers of the Dillsboro Elementary school collected scrap paper and metal amounting to \$6.80. The money was turned over to the Red Cross of Jackson County. Every student took part in the campaign, and were supported wholeheartedly by the citizens of Dillsboro.

LITTLE GIRL'S DEATH IS SHOCK TO COMMUNITY

The community of Sylva was shocked at the death, after a brief illness, on Saturday night, of little Polly Painter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Painter. The little girl, a student in the second grade at Sylva school, was particularly well known and loved by the people, because of her bright and smiling face. She was at school Friday, and Saturday night death came to her.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. G. C. Teague, Rev. R. G. Tuttle, Rev. H. M. Hocutt, and Rev. W. C. Reed, at the Baptist church, Monday afternoon. Interment was in Keener cemetery.

The little girl is survived by her parents, and her older sister, Peggy Painter.

Pall bearers were Frank Bailey Jr., Harry Allison, Burrell Henson, and Ralph Henson.

DR. WELLS TO CLOSE OFFICE WEDNESDAY

Next Tuesday will be the last day that Dr. M. E. Wells, chiropractor, will have his Sylva office open until the end of the war, he announced today. Dr. Wells who is a member of the Reserve Corps, has been called to active duty with the armed forces, he stated.

The Sylva Rotary Club, with the assistance of the Lion's Club, Western Carolina Teachers College and the Cherokee Indian Reservation, is sponsoring an Institute of International Understanding. Consisting of a series of four meetings, the Institute will present outstanding authorities in certain fields of international affairs. Following the formal address will be forum periods in which members of the audience may ask questions of the speakers.

According to Superintendent Clyde Blair, of the Indian Reservation, who is president of the Sylva Rotary Club, the purpose of the Institute is to give the citizens of the community a clearer understanding of international affairs. Informed and world-traveled speakers will discuss some of the outstanding problems confronting the world today, and the relation of these problems to our individual lives.

The Institute is a study course in world affairs for the young people of the community as well as for adults, and in addition to the public forums in the evenings, the speakers will bring inspiring messages to the high schools of Sylva, Cullowhee, and Cherokee.

The Institute will be conducted each Friday for four consecutive weeks, beginning Friday, February 27. One speaker will come each week. Taking part in the Institute program will be Dr. Allen D. Albert, of Illinois, past president of Rotary International, and assistant to the president for the Chicago Century of Progress; Wayne Hanson, a native of Indiana, world traveler, who has already participated in nearly a hundred Institutes sponsored by Rotary International and Rotary Clubs; F. Wilhelm Sollmann, member of the German delegation to the peace conference at Versailles, member of the German Parliament during the Republic; Man-oah Leide-Tedesco widely known artist and lecturer. All of these men have traveled extensively and have long been students of international affairs.

Dr. Allen D. Albert will open the series of Institute programs at Sylva, speaking in the auditorium of the Graded School, on Friday, February 27, at 8:00 P. M. He will address the Sylva and Webster High School students at 2:30 P. M.

District Governor H. T. Hunter states that the Rotarians and Lions and their guests will have tickets to the lecture given in the Institutes; but that the public is cordially invited. "In fact," stated Governor Hunter, "the Rotarians and Lions are giving service to the schools and citizens of the county."

WESLEY CLUB MEETS AT CULLOWHEE

Cullowhee (Special) — The Wesley Club, religious organization at Western Carolina Teachers College, met Monday evening in the student union building with Miss Dorothy Thompson, president, presiding. Meeting with the Wesley Club, serving refreshments, and assisting with the program were the members of the Women's Society of Christian Service.

The program for the evening included: "Prelude", a piano solo, by Anne Bird; hymn, "In Christ There Is No East or West" by entire group; scripture reading by Edna Roberts; prayer by Martha Perkins, and a vocal solo by Essie Mae Hall. The main talk entitled "Mormon Religion" was made by Kathryn Darby. An outstanding feature of the program was the showing of a koda chrome film strip "In the Top of the Mountains", showing illustrations of the Mormon country. This feature shown by Miss Anne Hammond was secured through the Guidance Clinic of the college.