

## Jackson Sends Largest Number Yet Despatched To United States Army

Forty young men from Jackson County will leave at 8:45 tomorrow (Friday) morning, to begin their training in the United States Army. They will leave from the Community House by bus.

The men who will go in this consignment are James Lafayette Wall, Elmer Lafayette Franklin, Theodore Hensley, Eugene Rogers, Albert Jesse Stewart, David Isom Franks, Frank Ulas Harris, Marian Edgar Adams, Kenneth Bryson Reed, James Candier Frady, William Radford Guffey, John Wesley Bumgarner, James Bas Brown, Estes Webster, Thomas Newton Dills, Julius Oscar Watson, Willard Lawton Coggins, Vessie Cleveland Mathis, Joseph Way Mills, Oscar Wood, Vallie R. Shook, James Oliver Bumgarner, Lloyd Roscoe Messer, Laroy Mills, Will L. Stiwiner, Andrew Parker, Thomas Eugene Picklesimer, Chester Galloway, Conrad Carroll, Clarence Joe Jenkins, Hardy Arnold Miller, Volley Mitchell Shelton, John William Keener, Thomas Cordell Cabe, Clyde Jarvis Norman, Robert Clayton Hooper, William Osborne Wilson, Burger Goldman Ensley, Joseph Albert Shook, George Alfred Watson, Ulyses Nations.

Three other young men would have been in this contingent, but they had already enlisted as volunteers in the army and marine corps. They are Carlos Middleton, Woodrow Middleton, and Ralph Morgan.

Ulyses Nations, registered in Jackson County, his home; but has since been living in Washington State. He will go to the army from there.

## TYPIST EXAMINATION WILL BE HELD IN BRYSON CITY NEXT SATURDAY

A civil service examination for stenographer-typist, including both short hand and typing, will be held at the High School building in Bryson City, Saturday, March 21, at 9:30 A. M., war time. Typewriters will be furnished. Any persons wishing to take this examination is requested to report on time. The examination will consist solely on a dictation test at 80 words per minute in shorthand and transcription of notes on the typewriter. No person who can not take both shorthand and typing need apply.

## SUPERLATIVES NAMED FOR SENIOR CLASS AT WEBSTER HI SCHOOL

The senior class of Webster has elected the following superlatives:

Prettiest girl, Hazel Sutton; best looking boy, Walter Painter; most studious girl, Rita Cabe; most studious boy, Clarence Cagle; cutest girl, Robbie Sue Hooper; sweetest boy, Walter Painter; best personality girl, Etawa Cagle; best personality boy, Duane Lewis; best all round girl, Rita Cabe; best all round boy, Duane Lewis; class monkey girl, Nina Bumgarner; class monkey boy, James Payne; most optimistic girl, Mattie Lou Turpin; most optimistic boy, Carlin Cabe; most pessimistic girl, Janet Morgan; most pessimistic boy, James Payne; smartest girl, Rita Cabe; smartest boy, Clarence Cagle; most original girl, Mattie Lou Turpin; most original boy, William Ashe; wittiest girl, Nina Bumgarner; wittiest boy, Carlin Cabe; class actress, Nina Bumgarner; class actor, Bill Perkins; class flirt boy, Robert Buchanan; class flirt, girl, Hilda Barron; Romeo, Robert Buchanan; Juliet, Hazel Sutton; class sunshine, Robbie Sue Hooper; bookworm, Rita Cabe, and Bill Perkins.

Most religious girl, Susie Deitz; most religious boy, Clarence Cagle.

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## MRS. J. W. SMITH WRITES FROM BOMBAY, INDIA

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Z. Candler have received the following letter written by their daughter, Mrs. John Wilson Smith, from Bombay, India, on December 22. Mrs. Smith is now on her way to Sylva.

Mrs. Smith said in her letter: "Well, I suppose that this will be the last letter I shall write in the year 1941. But I have no regret, and when time and bells say goodbye to this year I will feel no regret then, for 1941 has been an unhappy year, full of tragedy and sorrow. Let us pray that the New Year will mark the beginning of the year that will bring an end to strife.

"We have written and mailed our Christmas letter long ago. I have also sent you another record. I find that both are on the boat that left last night. You may get them and you may not, for since we last wrote we are at war.

"It still seems unbelievable that my country—my people are at last fighting these little yellow men. It is hard to believe that these same little yellow men could be so daring. Well they asked for it and they are going to get it.

"Just two years ago today I landed at Hongkong. What a lovely place! What a beautiful place it was! Think how it must be now!

"I was there a few days and then the good ship President Harrison carried us to Singapore. I was sorry that she met a watery grave, though I certainly am not grieving too much for those communistic stewards on that ill fated ship. I suppose that they are now having a time trying to get their shoveling time straightened out with the old devil. At any rate there will be no walkouts down there. I feel like having a good laugh.

"Your cable, the one you sent after war was declared, was very cheering. I knew that it would come. On the same night that we heard the news of America's entry into the war, we were gathered at the club talking about it, some were wondering about public opinion over there. I made this remark: 'Well, if any one wants to know public opinion in America just give the cable lines time to get a cable from Sylva, North Carolina, U. S. A. to India and you will know, for I will wager that within thirty-six hours I will have a cable from my family.' And sure enough, here it came.

"Don't worry about us here. We are not afraid. I have been driving an ambulance for some weeks, and while I am not wearing my own country's uniform, I am wearing a British uniform, and wearing it proudly, for it represents to me the same ideals that my countrymen are and, I too, am willing to die for.

"It will be a terrible victory. So many will die but, as for me, it will be worth it to me to know that the heritage of my son will not be a world whose people are bound in slavery and trodden down by the ruthless heel of greed. So I am not afraid.

"Now, I will leave these sad and terrible thoughts and turn to more pleasant ones. The records you sent, I play them over and over again. How lovely they are and how lovely it is to have them! When I get lonely for you all I go straight away and play those precious records. You will never know how much pleasure each dear one of you has given us, especially you, Margaret, with your piano number. You have no idea how many people have listened to it more than once. And I was quite overcome about the bathroom. I have listened to it many times too, just to make sure. It is a good laugh for us when we are feeling blue.

"We ourselves are about to turn ours into an air raid shelter.

"It is two days before Christ-

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## Cowan Made License Agent For Explosives

New regulations prohibiting the sale of explosives except to licensed persons or agents, with stiff penalties for violations, have been announced by Roy M. Cowan, Clerk of the Superior Court.

The announcement was made as Mr. Cowan received notice of his appointment by the United States department of the Interior as explosives licensing agent for Jackson county.

The regulations, with the full force of law, also prohibit the sale to unlicensed persons of more than one ounce of any drug or other chemical which can be used in making explosives, he added.

The penalty, he was informed, is imprisonment, for not more than one year or a fine of not more than \$1,000, or both.

## MARRIED MEN MAY GET COMMISSIONS BY VOLUNTEERING

The War Department has announced that in the near future Selective Service registrants who have been deferred solely because of dependency will be given an opportunity to qualify as officer candidates by volunteering for induction through Selective Service. It was stated today by General J. Van B. Metts, State Director of Selective Service.

This policy will make it possible for registrants who have dependents to obtain commissions, if they can qualify themselves for commission, and thereby enable them to serve in the armed forces of the nation in this hour of grave emergency, and at the same time take care of their dependents, the Director stated.

Pending the formulation of procedure with respect to this matter, registrants desiring further information regarding their opportunity to volunteer for this purpose were advised by the Director to file their names and addresses with their local boards. Full information will be furnished them as soon as it is available.

## DRAMATICS CLASS AT SYLVA HIGH SCHOOL PRESENT PLAY TODAY

The Sylva High School dramatics club presented the three act comedy, "Cyclone Sally" at the school today, before students of the high school and elementary school.

The players were Kate Harris, Geneva Frady, Dorothy Sue Talent, Anne Soderquist, June Bess, Orville Coward, Reeves Kitchen, John Corbin and Billy Bird.

## FARM SECURITY FOR U. S. BONDS

Jackson County employees of Farm Security Administration are participating 100 per cent in the purchase of Defense Savings stamps and bonds, according to William G. Davis, County FSA Supervisor.

Davis said that a voluntary "Do Your Bit" organization has been set up in almost every FSA office throughout this 5-state regional and that by regular, systematic purchase of these savings a total of \$109,961 has been purchased in the region to date. Of this amount \$54,110 was purchased in January.

By states, bonds and stamps purchased by FSA employees to date are: Virginia, \$22,631; Tennessee, \$18,328; Kentucky, \$20,990; West Virginia, \$9,843; North Carolina, \$21,411; and Regional Office personnel, Raleigh, North Carolina, \$16,756.

Mrs. Mary Will Mitchell has volunteered her services as Group Agent in charge of Defense Savings for the FSA office here.

## REED LEAVES SCHOOL WORK FOR PASTORATE

The Catawba News-Enterprise is authority for the statement that Rev. W. C. Reed will leave school work to assume the pastorate of the First Baptist Church at Maiden, at the close of the present school term.

Mr. Reed, a native of Sylva township, former pastor of the Sylva Baptist church, a graduate of Western Carolina Teachers College, and formerly principal of the Sylva schools, has been principal of Ball's Creek school in Catawba county since 1935. Ball's Creek is one of the largest rural schools in the State. Mr. Reed was ordained to the ministry in 1923, and graduated at Wake Forest College in 1925.

In Catawba, he has served as principal of the county Schoolmasters club, president of the South Piedmont Principals Club, of which he is at present the secretary. He has been closely connected with the South Fork Baptist Association, and is at present the superintendent of the South Fork Baptist Sunday School convention, and is a member of the association's executive committee. The minister and his family, which includes his wife and two daughters, Marcella, 12, and Mary Nell, 9, will move to the Maiden Baptist parsonage soon after school closes at Ball's Creek. Their son, Olin, 22, is employed at Lumberton, and will soon join the armed forces of the United States.

In speaking of Mr. Reed and his work, the News-Enterprise said:

"The News-Enterprise extends congratulations to the community and the congregation of the First Baptist church of Maiden in calling Rev. W. C. Reed to become pastor of the Maiden church.

Coming to Catawba county seven years ago as principal of

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## CULLOWHEE STUDENT APPOINTED SECOND LIEUTENANT IN ARMY

Homer Claude Jamison, a senior at Western Carolina Teachers College, has just been notified of his appointment as Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery, by President Roosevelt.

Lieutenant Jamison hasn't yet been assigned to active duty, and will continue his studies at the college until such assignment is made. Lieutenant Jamison, whose home is at Marion, has been night clerk at Hotel Carolina in Sylva for the past two months.

## WEBSTER STUDENTS WIN IN CONTEST

Webster, (March 11) — Webster students entered the "Vital Regions of the World", scrap book contest which was sponsored by the Asheville Citizen. The Webster P. T. A. gave a prize of one dollar for the best scrap book and fifty cents to the two next best. Betty Davis, Libby Ann Cannon and C. J. Cowan took the prizes respectively.

Betty Davis won further recognition from the Asheville Citizen judges—the exact honor has not been named at present.

## SAW MONTEITH

Thomas A. (Bud) Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Hugh Rogers, of Cashier's Valley, has written his parents that he has seen Harold Monteith since the attack at Pearl Harbor, and has conversed with him. Young Monteith, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Monteith, of Glenville, was at one time reported as lost in action; but his parents were later notified that he was at his post of duty and well.

Young Rogers is in the United States Army, stationed at Schofield Barracks.

## Republicans Nominate Ferguson For Congress In Convention At Sylva

## HURRICANE OF SYLVA WINS AT HIGH TOURNEY

(By Orville Coward)

The Sylva High Hurricane won the annual Western Carolina Teachers College Invitation Basketball Tournament for High Schools, last week. A beautiful trophy was awarded the team from Sylva High, by Dr. Hunter, president of the college.

On Thursday afternoon, Sylva defeated Burnsville 39-20. Friday morning the Hurricane took Etowah for a ride, 18-23. On Friday night, the thriller of the entire tournament went to Sylva in the last seconds of play, when the Hurricane nosed out the Canton Bears, 30-31.

In the finals, on Saturday night, Sylva's Hurricane defeated Waynesville High 30-15. Many Sylva fans went to the Breese Gymnasium to witness the final victory that brought the trophy home to Sylva.

Immediately following this game the trophies were presented. The Bethel High girls won in the girls' division. J. C. Aiken and Clyde Rector were chosen all-tournament players, from Sylva. Harry Smith, another of Sylva's stars, was chosen to be the second team.

On Friday of this week, the boys will go to Canton to enter the Blue Ridge Conference tournament. They will meet Mars Hill high at 2:00 in the afternoon.

Up to now, the Hurricane has won 21 high school games this season, losing none.

## WEBSTER PTA HEARS COUNTY HOME AGENT

Webster (March 11) — The Parent - Teachers Association met Wednesday afternoon. The devotional was given by Rev. J. Brown. The members then voted to have the pre-school clinic at Webster High School this spring, date to be announced.

The P. T. A. president, Mrs. Ernest Lewis, was named as delegate to the state P. T. A. Convention which is to be held in Greensboro, April 5-9.

Miss Hannah Cowan, Mrs. Jim Clements and Mrs. D. D. Davis were selected as nominating committee for the incoming officers.

Miss Margaret Martin, home demonstration agent, gave an interesting and appropriate talk on "Are We Well Housed", in which she urged each family to do what it can with what it has to improve the morale of homes and community. She closed her talk by showing slides of North Carolina homes.

## JUST RECEIVED CHRISTMAS GIFT

Jack Dillard, 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Dillard, of Sylva, R. F. D. 1, who is in the United States Marine Corps, wishes to thank the people of Jackson County for the Christmas gifts he has recently received.

He left Portsmouth, Virginia, before Christmas, and arrived at his destination on February 22. He celebrated Christmas on February 23, almost 60 days late, and under a tropical sun.

Jack says he hopes and believes the American civilian population will back up the service men; and he is sure the Marines will live up to the American tradition of the marines, as shown by the defenders of Wake Island.

The Republicans of the Twelfth Congressional District, holding their convention in Sylva today, nominated Gola P. Ferguson, of Cullowhee for Congress. Mr. Ferguson, a native of Buncombe, lived for several years in Swain County before moving to Jackson. He represented Swain in the General Assembly of 1917, and later served as sheriff of that county.

George M. Pritchard of Asheville, a former member of congress from this district, delivered the keynote speech at the convention.

The convention was called to order by Irwin Monk, Asheville attorney, who is retiring chairman of the Republican executive committee of the district. Mr. Monk called E. P. Stillwell, Sylva attorney to the chair, and he presided over the convention. Halsey B. Levett was chairman of the resolutions committee; and Hugh Monteith, Sylva attorney, was chairman of the platform committee.

The convention named the following as the executive committee for the district: James J. Pace, Henderson, Hugh Monteith, Jackson, Lewis P. Hamlin, Transylvania, Ben H. Taylor, Buncombe, S. A. DeHart, Swain, I. H. Powell, Haywood, Clyde H. Jarrett, Cherokee, and Theodore Jenkins, Graham.

Following Mr. Ferguson's nomination, he made a short talk, in which he stated that he plans to make an active campaign through the district.

Mr. Pritchard stated in his keynote address that he was happy over the selection of Mr. Ferguson.

I have known Mr. Ferguson for many years", Mr. Pritchard stated, "and I have learned to respect him as a high-minded public spirited citizen of firm convictions. He has been very active in the interest of the party and is widely known among Republicans of the district who have great confidence in his ability and his candidacy.

"There is one thing upon which all good Americans are agreed: It is that the United States and her allies must and will win this world-wide war. There must not be any politics—Democratic or Republican—that would delay or hinder final victory which is certain to come. Unity and efficiency are the watchwords of all true American citizens today.

"The Republican party in the last war stood loyally behind the party in power. The Republican party, in this far more devastating conflict, solidly joined the Democrats in the national congress in supporting the declaration of war following Pearl Harbor.

A Dangerous Pastime  
"It is a dangerous pastime for the American people to indulge in reckless criticism of the congress. It is essentially the people's branch of the government. It is composed of their own frequently elected representatives. It is their safeguard against unwarranted encroachments upon their liberties, either by the executive on the one hand or the courts on the other.

"The suppression of the legislation body is always the first step toward the overthrow of popular government and the establishment of dictatorship. We must zealously guard and respect our legislative branch of government, but it was unseemly and out of place for members of the congress to vote themselves pensions in the midst of this great national crisis. The people were justly indignant and the public properly forced repeal of the act."

Mr. Pritchard said that the quality of statesmanship in the U. S. senate today is not as high as it was before senators were elected by popular vote. The comparison of senators of today with such men as Webster, Calhoun, Clay, and Vance is startling.

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