

## Odell S. Dillard Dies; Former Superintendent Of Schools In County

O. S. Dillard, principal of Candler school district for the past seven years and a well known Western North Carolina educator, died in an Asheville hospital tonight of a stomach ailment. He had been ill for some time and had been a patient at the hospital for two weeks. He was 50 years old.

He served as president of the western district, North Carolina Education Association, in 1938-39. He had spent all his adult life as an educator.

T. C. Roberson, county superintendent of public instruction, announced tonight that all schools in the Candler school district will be closed out of respect to Mr. Dillard. All other county schools will close at 2 o'clock on Friday.

Mr. Dillard was born at Willits in Jackson county October 24, 1891, the twelfth child in a family of thirteen children. He attended a one-teacher school for four or five months each year until he had completed the grammar grades.

As soon as his age permitted he entered the high school department of Cullowhee Normal and Industrial school, now Western Carolina Teachers College, walking seven miles to school on Monday and walking home again on Friday. During the week he did most of his cooking and during the summers worked on the farm and in lumber camps to get money to buy books and clothes for another term.

Before he was 18 years old he passed the state examination for a teacher's first grade certificate and started teaching in a one-room school far back in the mountains of Jackson county. His salary was \$32.32 per month. Mr. Dillard taught and attended school until he graduated from Cullowhee and then obtained a principal's certificate. His first job as principal was at Sylva high school in 1915. Later he was principal at Flat Rock in Henderson county.

He was elected superintendent of schools of Jackson county in 1920, remaining there five years. During that time he mapped out a county-wide plan for school consolidation. The Sylva high school was built during the five years as was the school later used as the training school for Western Carolina Teachers College. He introduced the first bus transportation for school children in Jackson county, one of the first in the western part of the state.

Elected as superintendent of Madison county schools in 1925 Mr. Dillard worked out a county-wide plan for that county, and saw the construction of the Marshall, Beech Glenn and Hot Springs schools in the county. During his administration plans were made for the consolidation of Spring Creek, White Rock and Ebb's Chapel schools.

Mr. Dillard went to Buncombe county as principal of Leicester high school in 1927 and was there six years before going to Marshall as principal of Marshall high school. In 1935 he was elected principal of Candler high school.

During the first World War he served as a Red Cross chairman, food administrator and Liberty bond chairman. He was especially interested in welfare and social work and helped organize the Hominy Valley Social Service committee, of which he was president three years. He was a member of Hominy Baptist church, Candler, and taught the Men's Bible class in the Sunday school.

Mr. Dillard was first married to Miss Betty Henson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Henson, and they had one child, Olin S. Dillard, Jr. Mrs. Dillard's death occurred in July, 1919.

Surviving are the widow, the former Miss Annie Patton, of Flat Rock; a son, Olin S. Dillard, Jr.; two daughters, Caroline and Jane; five brothers, Price and

## JUDSON DILLS' BODY IS FOUND HUNG IN WOODS

The body of Judson Dills, 48-year old veteran of the World War, was found hanging on a tree, on the mountain above the home of the late S. W. Henson, on Wayhutta, at ten o'clock this morning. Mr. Dills had been missing for eleven days, and a searching party was organized to search for him. Members of the party found his body hanging from the tree by a seagrass string.

Mr. Dills was a bachelor and lived with relatives at Cullowhee, on Wayhutta, or on Caney Fork, as suited his fancy. It was for this reason that he was not missed earlier. His relatives at Cullowhee, where he was last seen, presumed that he was at the home of other relatives.

Roy Dills, a cousin of the deceased, discovered the body of his cousin, it is stated, and he and other members of the searching party went to the place.

Officers were notified and coroner C. W. Dills empaneled a jury, which returned a verdict of suicide.

Funeral arrangements have not been made.

## FORMER JACKSON WOMAN PASSES AWAY IN WASHINGTON

Relatives here have received information of the death in Sedro-Wolley, Washington, of Mrs. Myrtle Snyder Herbert. Mrs. Herbert, a native of this county, went to Washington 32 years ago. She is survived by a 19 year old son, a student in college at Seattle; by two sisters, Mrs. Lula Dills, of Beta, and Mrs. Flora Franklin, of Sedro-Wolley; and by five brothers, Rev. George C. Snyder, and Robert Snyder, of this county; Ferry Snyder, East Flat Rock, and John B. Snyder, Cornelia, Georgia.

## CHORAL CLUB IS HEARD SUNDAY

A large crowd assembled in the Methodist church Sunday afternoon to hear the Sylva Choral Club in the Easter Cantata, "Light From The Tomb", by Ira B. Wilson.

The rendition was well received by the assembly, in the club's first public appearance. For the past several weeks the club has been practicing on the cantata, under direction of Mrs. Charles Guiley, and Mrs. Grover Wilkes as assistant director and accompanist.

Soloists were Mrs. Louis Hair, Miss Margaret Candler, and Mrs. Dan Tompkins. Mrs. Paul Ellis and Mr. Dick Wilson took the duet parts of the cantata.

## Dies In Washington

Mr. T. E. Beasley of White's Creek, Tenn., died last Thursday, April 2. Burial was in Franklin, Tennessee. Mr. Beasley is well known in Webster, where he and Mrs. Beasley have visited their daughter, Mrs. Bannister Madison.

Emory Dillard of Willits, Garland Dillard, teacher at Dillingham, Cleveland Dillard of Cullowhee, and Napoleon Dillard of Rabun Gap, Ga., and a sister Mrs. Marie Almon, of West Asheville.

Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Dunn-Groce, are incomplete.

## LARGE CROWD SEES SOLDIERS LEAVE FOR CAMP

A large crowd of men and women was present this morning at the Community House to see thirty-seven young men leave for Fort Bragg. Of this number, Ernest Burch, Elcie Lovedahl, Ralph John Connor, Thomas Marion Wright, George Eugene Monteith, and Franklin Taylor Fowler were volunteers. The other thirty-one were selectees. They were, John Clayton Pressley, Martin Patrick Boderick, Dewey Clarence Henson, Ben Lee Long, Garland Wickle, Relis Brooks, John Gossett Farley, Walter Austin Cogdill, Daniel Clifton Franks, Bill Wright, Alvin Asbury Cogdill, William Lenoir Enloe, Woodrow Wilson Smathers, William Fain Taylor, Homer McMahan, John Talmadge Wood, Thurman Estes Lawes, Harley Haywood Palmer, Ernest Troy Bryson, James Paul Swayngim, Jack Shepherd, Edward Thomas Pitts, James Loyd Rogers, Clifton Weaver Buchanan, Columbus Allison Crisp, James Frank Cowan, Thomas Weaver Nation, Cadeskey Catol-sker (Cherokee Indian), John Arthur Echols, Enloe Frizzell and James O'Dell Brooks.

Doughnuts, coffee, chocolate bars and cigarettes were served the boys by representatives of B. H. Cathey Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy. A new testament was presented to each man by the Sylva Methodist church. Small gifts of toilet articles, such as not issued by the Army were given each one by William E. Dillard Post, American Legion; and postal cards for the boys to write home on were given them by the Parent-Teachers Association of the Savannah school.

Just before the buses left the community house, a group of women sang patriotic songs.

Although the news just received from Bataan cast a gloom over the crowd that gathered for the farewell, there was no note other than of cheer and determination; and the buses pulled out with the men calling out to their friends with wise-cracks about "I'll see you in Tokyo", and similar expressions.

The crowd was the largest that has yet gathered for the farewell to the men leaving for service, and people were present from nearly every township in the county.

## PRODUCTION CREDIT WILL HOLD MEETINGS

To further acquaint the farmers of Jackson County with the methods by which they can finance their farm operations, the Asheville Production Credit Association, cooperating with your County Farm Agent, will hold meetings on Tuesday, April 14, at the following places in Jackson County, and at the times indicated:

Sylva High School, 1:45 P. M.; Cullowhee High School, 10:00 A. M.; Savannah High School, 7:00 P. M.

Interesting moving pictures will be shown at each of these meetings.

## B. S. U. ELECTS ITS OFFICERS FOR YEAR

Cullowhee (Special) The Baptist Student Union, at Western Carolina Teachers College has elected for the coming year the following new officers: Lucille Meredith, of Guilford, president; Doris Gibbs, of Swiss, first vice-president; Bob Reese of Black Mountain, second vice-president; Genevieve Tate, of Grover, corresponding secretary; Wanda Lee Hicks of Bryson City, secretary; Roselle Ayers of Robbinsville, treasurer; Dorothy Jeane Ensley of Bryson City, reporter; Henry Galloway of Qualla, community representative; Gaynelle Sparks of Belmont, pianist; and Pauline Baldwin of Asheville, director of the Baptist Training Union.

## Canada's Fighters Learn Trades



In Hamilton, Ontario, the Canadian Active Army maintains a technical trade school where 2000 bright, young soldiers at a time are given their final grooming in the trades at which they must be experts in this age of mechanical warfare. They run the gamut of instruction from carpentry to electrical engineering, and when they have passed their examinations at the end of the grueling course they are sent overseas almost immediately to join the 110,000 Canadians now on active service abroad. The photograph shows two members of the Tank Corps, wearing their distinguishing berets, working on a special cutaway model of a tank engine at the school in Hamilton.

## Red Cross To Begin Class In Home Nursing

Quarters have been secured for J. T. Gobble in the Sylva Collegiate Institute Buildings for a Home Nursing Class, which will begin next Monday afternoon at two o'clock, under the auspices of the Jackson County chapter, American Red Cross, according to announcement made by Mrs. Earl Padgett, county health nurse.

Mrs. J. R. McCracken, of Waynesville, will teach the classes, which will continue for twelve weeks, meeting at the same hour each week, and including a two hour session each Monday.

## CULLOWHEE CLUBS SPONSOR PROJECTS

Cullowhee, April 7 (Special) Dean Colvard of the Agricultural Experiment Station at Swannanoa will inaugurate a community civic betterment program at Cullowhee, Friday evening, April 10. This program, which is being sponsored jointly by the Cullowhee Men's Club and the Cullowhee Woman's Club, consists of three projects—victory gardens, home betterment, and campus-community highway beautification.

According to H. P. Smith of the History department at W. C. T. C., chairman of the planning committee of the Men's Club and Mrs. W. A. Ashbrook, chairman of the committee of the Woman's Club, the purpose of this program is to make a definite contribution to the war effort and to further community spirit.

Plans were completed Monday night providing for awards to the winners in various projects in victory gardens and home betterment contests. In carrying out the highway beautification program, property owners will be asked to plant shrubs and trees on their property along the highway from the Wilke bridge through Western Carolina Teachers College Campus and Cullowhee. The Men's Club plans to build stone columns at each entrance to the Cullowhee community from the new route 107, and to cooperate with the business men of the village in developing parking space and landscaping the business district.

The Woman's Club will sponsor the home betterment project and men Men's Club will sponsor the victory gardens and the highway improvements.

## WEBSTER HAS FINAL PTA MEET FOR THIS YEAR

Webster, April 9—At the final meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association for the school year, Mrs. Ernest Lewis, president, presided. The association heard a short talk by the county superintendent on "Vocational Education."

Miss Edna Allen led the devotional after which the officers for 1942-43 were elected as follows:

President, Mrs. John Morris; Vice-president, Mrs. Fred McKee; Secretary, Mrs. Bill Lewis; Treasurer, Mrs. L. H. Cannon.

It was announced that the Webster pre-school clinic will be held April 16, beginning at ten o'clock (E. W. T.) in the Webster High School elementary department.

## BAPTIST MINISTERS TO HAVE QUARTERLY MEET IN MURPHY

The Baptist ministers of Western North Carolina will hold their quarterly meeting in Murphy next Monday, April 13, in the First Baptist church, of which Rev. A. B. Cash is the pastor.

These quarterly fellowship meetings grew out of the initiative and planning of Rev. H. M. Hocutt, when he was the pastor of the Sylva church. The two extreme western associations of the State were taken into the conference last year. Rev. Mr. Hocutt was the first president. Last year Rev. W. H. Covert served in that capacity; and at present Rev. B. S. Hensley is president, and Rev. E. F. Baker of Andrews is secretary.

At these meetings some vital subject or church problem is discussed. At the Murphy meeting the discussion will be about "Worship."

It will be discussed as follows: "The Meaning of Worship" by W. H. Covert of Bryson City; "The Gods We Worship and the God We Worship" by H. K. Masteller of Canton; "The Place of Worship" by C. F. Rogers of Franklin. These discussions will be in the morning session. Edgar Willix of Andrews will conduct the morning Devotion, and the Rev. L. C. Cutts of Copperhill, Tenn., will bring the In-

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## Registration Of Men Forty-Five To Sixty-Four To Be Held On April 27

## RATION BOARD REPORTS MARCH TIRES ISSUED

The Jackson County Rationing Board, with a quota of six passenger car tires, 5 passenger car tubes, 42 truck tires, and 18 retreads, reports that there were 73 applications received during the month. Three applications were disapproved, one for failure to establish classification, and two for other reasons.

During the last week in March one passenger car tire was issued to Western Carolina Telephone Company, of Sylva.

New truck and bus tires were issued as follows:

D. H. Queen, Whittier, 1 tire and 1 tube; A. L. Harris, Argua, 4 tires, 4 tubes; George Massie, Sylva, 1 tire; J. A. Mehaffey, Balsam, 2 tires; S. G. Queen, Cowarts, 1 tire; J. M. Connor, Tuckaseegee, 2 tubes; George Stewart, Norton, 2 tires; Elsie Buchanan, Green's Creek, 1 tire; Robert Cabe, Gay, 2 tires.

Retreads in the truck and bus class were issued to Claude Buchanan, Green's Creek, John B. Deitz, Green's Creek, and J. M. Tucker, Cullowhee, for two tires each.

The quota for April is 8 new passenger tires, 32 retreads, and 20 tubes; 36 new truck tires, 32 retreads, and 34 tubes.

During the first week in April, Elsie Buchanan was issued 6 truck tires; and J. E. Cabe, 3.

William G. Davis was allowed 1 new passenger car tire; Dr. A. A. Nichols, two; and Moody Funeral Home, 2 tires and two tubes.

For retreads in the truck class, Furman Woods was allowed 2; C. S. Smith, 3, and the Light Department of Western Carolina Teachers College, 2.

Recaps for passenger cars were allocated to C. H. Kirkman, Jr., 1; O. L. Copé, 2; William Brown, 1; William G. Davis, 2; and Margaret Martin, 2.

## SCHOOL LUNCH IS DRAMATIZED

"School Days" a special radio dramatization of the community school lunch program was given over WPTF, Raleigh, at 1:15 P. M. today. The program was sponsored by the North Carolina USDA War Board and the Agricultural Marketing Administration.

Taking part on the program were four members of the Hugh Morson High School Radio Club of Raleigh, under the direction of Miss Lucy Gilmore, Faculty Sponsor for the club.

"The School Lunch Program in Raleigh and North Carolina is an outstanding success, because of the splendid cooperation of the Agricultural Marketing Administration in receiving from the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, local school officials and local sponsors", Gideon L. Bateman, Agricultural Marketing Administration Representative, North Carolina USDA War Board, Raleigh, stated.

"During the month of February, for example, school lunches were served to 221,252 undernourished North Carolina school children in 2,902 schools. We hope to materially increase this figure before the end of this school year and we hope to reach the majority of the States' needy children when school opens this fall."

This special dramatization was the first of its kind in the state using school children to explain lunch program benefits.

The fourth registration of male citizens of the United States will be held on April 27 and includes men from forty-five to sixty-four. The call issued by the local Selective Service Board follows:

"The Fourth Registration of male citizens of the United States of America, by order of the President, and applying to those of the ages of forty-five to sixty-four years, will be held on Monday, April 27, 1942, from 7:00 A. M. to 9:00 P. M., E. W. T.

The Jackson County Selective Service Board No. 1, encharged with this work, is asking for the same fine co-operation in the coming Fourth Registration as was received in the Third and previous Registrations; and that all those persons who assisted in the Third Registration report at once at the Selective Service Office in Sylva and acknowledge their willingness and availability to assist the Board in the Registration of April 27th.

We urge that all persons to whom the foregoing request may apply report immediately, as we must effect an organization quickly. A meeting for the purpose of completing our organization will be held in the office of the Selective Service Board in Sylva at 11:00 A. M., E. W. T., Tuesday, April 21, 1942.

All registration places within this Board's jurisdiction are to be the same as those used for the Third Registration.

Jackson County Selective Service Board No. 1.  
J. C. ALLISON, Chairman.  
LEWIS BUMGARDNER, Sec."

## DAIRY FARMERS PLAN NOW FOR NEXT WINTER

If normal rainfall occurs this summer, dairy farmers of North Carolina will produce the extra 79 million pounds of milk asked of them in the "Food-for-Freedom" program, says F. R. Farnham, Extension dairyman of N. C. State College. He predicts that a better feeding program, a pasture improvement program based on applications of lime and phosphate, and an increased number of milk cows will enable the milk goals to be met.

"However," he added, "if we are to follow through with a continued increase of dairy production, it is of the utmost importance that farmers plan now to grow those crops that will furnish feed for cows next winter. The dairy herd must be adequately fed after the fall frosts kill the grass in pastures."

Farnham says that every farmer who plans to milk five or more cows will need an acre or more of good silage corn. Each cow will need at least three tons of silage to carry her through next winter, when the feed ration includes, also, a good quality of legume hay and a liberal grain ration.

"Silage is a cheap source of succulent roughage," the Extension dairyman said. "A yield of from 10 to 12 tons of silage corn per acre is quite common in this state. There is probably no other crop that will produce more digestible nutrients than an acre of corn yielding 10 or more tons of silage per acre."

Farnham reports that milk production is being increased rapidly all over the State, especially in the Piedmont and Western North Carolina. He says that milk receipts at the Shelby receiving station of one of the large dairy manufacturing plants showed an increase of 68 percent in one week, over the corresponding period of 1941.

For Defense buy U. S. Bonds and Stamps.