

Primary Election To Be Held In County May 30

The Democrats of the county will go to their polling places on Saturday of next week, May 30, to nominate their candidates for offices.

In the county many of the candidates are unopposed. Mrs. E. L. McKee has no opposition for State Senator. Dan Tompkins has no opposition for Representative. Roy Cowan is again the nominee for Clerk Superior Court, no one having filed to oppose him; and the same is true of Register of Deeds, Glenn Hughes.

For Sheriff, the present sheriff, Leonard Holden is opposed by Fred Sutton. For Commissioner of Finance, T. Walter Ashe, the present incumbent, John H. Morris, and Frank Hall, are all candidates for that post.

One of the present county commissioners, Cleve Fisher, of Big Ridge, is a candidate. The other member, R. C. Howell, of Qualla, chose not to run. J. Chris Passmore, of Cashier's, W. S. Fowler, of Hamburg, Ed Fisher, of Sylva, and Cleve Fisher, of Hamburg, are the candidates from whom the people will choose two county commissioners.

Every member of the present board of education is before the people for renomination. They are C. F. Smith, of Sylva, John H. Hooper, Sylva, John B. Deitz, of Savannah, D. H. Stephens, Caney Fork, and J. H. Middleton, River. Only two other candidates are in the field. They are J. H. Long, Mountain, and Mack Breedlove, of Cashier's.

Chief interest in district races is in the two candidates for solicitor, John M. Queen, the present solicitor, is opposed by Baxter C. Jones. Mr. Jones ran in opposition to Solicitor Queen in the last primary. Both men are well known throughout the district, and there is considerable interest in this race.

There is another race that is of importance to the State and to the nation. Senator J. W. Bailey is opposed for renomination by R. T. Fountain, of Rocky Mount. Senator Bailey, is recognized as one of the leaders in Congress. Mr. Fountain is a former Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina, and a veteran campaigner.

For congressman, Congressman Zebulon Weaver has no opposition. Many political observers believe that the vote in the primary will be unusually light, for the reason that the people are thinking more about the war than they are about politics; and for the additional reason that so many of the voters are out of the State, in the army, the navy, the marine corps, or away on war work, and cannot be reached.

All members of the armed forces who are qualified voters can cast absentee ballots, but the number of applications has been small up to the present.

Bobby Hall Named Junior Class Head

Cullowhee — Bobby Hall, a sophomore at Western Carolina Teachers College, has been elected to serve as president of the junior class of next year at Western Carolina Teachers College. Mr. Hall served as president of his freshman class last year. He is a member of the International Student Society, and is treasurer of the Marshall's club.

Paul Sutton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Sutton of Sylva, and a sophomore was elected to serve as vice-president of next year's junior class. Mr. Sutton was a graduate of Sylva High School in 1938, and entered college at Cullowhee in 1940, when he began his major in business education and minor in physical education. Since then he has been an active member of the Journalism and Business Education clubs. This year he held the office of sophomore senator and has served on the staff of the Western Carolinian.

MOUNTAIN BOY WAS IN THE AIR RAID ON TOKYO

Western North Carolina can usually be counted upon to be in on the big events of history, ever since the mountain men marched down to King's Mountain and stormed it, marking the turning point in the revolution.

All the world was electrified, and all of Japan scared out of its boots when American planes blasted a 40-mile path of fire and destruction through the industrial cities of Japan on April 18. And Western North Carolina was in on that feat, for Adam Ray Williams, 22-year old Morganton lad was in one of those planes that came from no one knows where to blast the industrial heart of the kingdom of the Mikado.

Williams, along with all the others in this raid, has been decorated for bravery.

1190 Gasoline Cards Issued

A total of 1190 gasoline ration cards have been issued to the people of this county, according to the office of the Rationing Board. Of these, 144 "X" cards, allowing unlimited purchases of gasoline were issued. There were 321 "B-3" cards, allowing the motorist 57 gallons of gasoline to June 30; 110 "B-2" cards, limiting the purchase of gas to 45 gallons for the period; 124 "B-1" cards, entitling the holder to 33 gallons; and 267 "A" cards, the holder of which can buy only 21 gallons.

It was pointed out that of the 144 "X" cards issued only eighty-two were for passenger cars. Seven of these cards were issued to taxicabs, three to ambulances and fifty-two to trucks.

Persons who hold "A" cards can use their gasoline for any purpose they please, as these are issued to pleasure automobiles. The holders of the other classes of cards have their classifications because they use their automobiles for business purposes that are essential, and they are not supposed to consume gasoline for any other purpose. Each holder of such a card pledges himself to keep the consumption of gasoline to the minimum of his actual needs.

McKee Head Of County Democrats

The Jackson County Democratic Convention, meeting last Friday afternoon, elected M. D. Cowan as chairman and Jennings Bryson as secretary of the convention. Practically every township in the county had representation at the convention.

H. T. Hunter, Dan Moore, Dan Tompkins, J. E. Brown and Mrs. E. L. McKee were elected as delegates to the State convention in Raleigh, and the convention stipulated that any other democrat in the county who can attend the State convention be admitted as a duly authorized delegate.

The County Executive Committee, meeting after the convention adjourned, elected E. L. McKee as county chairman, for the eighth consecutive term.

SERGEANT JONES IS IN AUSTRALIA

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Jones of Addie have received a cable from their son, Sergeant Harrison Lee Jones, stating that he has arrived safely in Australia, is having "a grand time," and to give his regards to everybody at home.

Dr. Chapman Goes To Army

Dr. W. K. Chapman, Sylva dental surgeon, who volunteered his services to the Surgeon General of the Army, several weeks ago, has been notified that he has been commissioned in the army, and will be ordered to report to Keesler Field, Biloxi, Mississippi on June 3.

Dr. Chapman has served as president of the Dental Society of the First North Carolina District, and has been active in the work of the State and American Dental Societies.

He has been interested in civic and church affairs, having served as a member of the Board of Stewards of the Methodist church for several years, and as president of the Sylva Rotary Club.

Dr. Chapman stated that he has approximately two weeks more of practice in Sylva before going to active duty in the army, and that he expects to return to Sylva and resume the practice of his profession here after the victory is won.

Mrs. Chapman and Miss Brent Chapman will remain in Sylva while Dr. Chapman is in the army.

Don't Need Social Security Number

Men should not apply for a social security account number card merely for the purpose of showing an account number on their occupational questionnaire stated Mr. D. W. Lambert, manager of the social security board in Asheville.

Social security account numbers should be obtained only when a person is going to work or has a job in employment which is covered by the Social Security Act. Farmers who are required by the Selective Service Board to fill in an occupational questionnaire do not need a social security account number card, according to Mr. Lambert.

The Social Security Board has been receiving applications for social security cards recently from those who have registered for the draft and who have received an occupational questionnaire from the Selective Service Board. There is a place on the questionnaire for the social security number, but this is intended only for those who have social security account number cards. If an individual filling in the questionnaire does not have a social security account number, he should simply write "none" in the space provided for his social security account number.

Those who have had social security account number cards and have lost them may secure a duplicate card free of charge at 203 Flatiron Building, Asheville, or at their nearest social security board field office.

Commerce Body Names Committees

The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, of which Dr. W. P. McGuire is the president, and John R. Jones, manager, announced the following committees, at a meeting of the Board of Directors held this week.

Finance: R. L. Atrial, R. C. Allison, Woody Hampton. Membership: T. M. Massie, S. C. Cogdill, H. E. Montelth. Merchants: Chester Scott, G. K. Bess, Karl Wallace.

Agriculture: G. R. Lackey, L. A. Ammon, A. J. Dills. Hospitality: Harry E. Ferguson, M. B. Cannon, Mrs. John A. Parris.

Education: H. T. Hunter, Keith Hinds, A. C. Moses. Religion: T. F. Deitz, MacMurray Richey, R. G. Tuttle, G. C. Teague.

Civic Betterment: M. D. Cowan, Mrs. D. M. Hall, Mrs. Harry Ferguson, Mrs. Phillip Stovall, Mrs. J. C. Cannon.

Highways and Transportation: W. R. Enloe, J. C. Cannon, T. W. Ashe.

On The Tar Heel Front In Washington

By ROBERT A. ERWIN And FRANCES MAKUSICK

Washington—For some reason or other, Congress has acquired the facility in recent months of keeping in hot water with John Q. Public. First it was the late lamented Congressional retirement or pension plan, which raised a nationwide storm of protest, and now it is gasoline rationing, with X cards good for unlimited gasoline for members of Congress.

Like the pension plan, there are two sides to every story, and undoubtedly some Congressmen do have need for larger than usual gasoline rations with which to conduct their official business. The people, however, are bitterly opposed to special favors for Representatives and Senators, and so, as this is written, the shooting is dying down after blasts fired at Congress from all over the country.

North Carolina's congressional delegation is rated one of the ablest in Congress and consists of men who never have made it a habit to seek special favors for themselves.

Representative John H. Folger of the Fifth District was quick to condemn X cards for Congressmen, and said he himself expected no favors and that he would neither seek nor accept the unlimited gasoline ration.

While Senator Josiah W. Bailey was absent in North Carolina, his wife went to the registration tables set up in the Capitol rotunda for members of Congress and their families and secured an A card, limiting the Bailey family automobile here to three gallons of gasoline a week until July 1 when the initial rationing period ends.

"Our daughters, Sally and Edith, can go to and from Western High School here on the bus," Mrs. Bailey said. "Sometimes it seems there really isn't a lot we women can do to help win the war, but certainly the saving of gasoline is one way in which we can do our bit."

A bill of tremendous interest to farmers which was reported out of the House Agricultural Committee this week was one providing a two year extension for the maximum 3 1/2 per cent interest rate on Federal Land Bank Loans.

Representative Harold D. Cooley, a member of that committee, hopes Congress will pass the measure without too much delay or debate.

"It seems as though money is plentiful enough at the present time for the Land Bank to be able to extend the time of these low interest loans, and thus help farmers get a breathing spell," the Congressman believes. He also said another advantage of the 3 1/2 per cent interest rate was that it brought down the interest charged by private corporations.

"In some places, this rate of interest has been entirely too high and unfair," Mr. Cooley said. He also remarked that twice before Congress had overridden the Presidential veto on similar bills. He does not know what Mr. Roosevelt's attitude on the measure will be this year, he said.

On the subject of gasoline rationing, just to show that we're broadminded, we'll say we think our own newspaper fraternity is behaving a bit unsportsmanlike in the attitude of the gas ration. The press all over the country, particularly in Washington, has criticized Congress and other public officials for taking advantage of the X card award. At the same time, many newspapermen all over the Eastern seaboard are applying for the X cards themselves. It's sort of a case of not letting your right hand know what your left hand is doing, we're athinkin'.

This week the Senate Judiciary Committee reported out the "Equal Rights for Women" amendment. If passed, this measure will grant the ladies all —Continued On Page 3

Parker Gets Prison Term

Hub Parker was sent to the federal prison for a term of seven years, by Judge Webb in the United States District Court at Asheville, after a jury had convicted him of starting forest fires near the Pisgah National Forest, at the time when forest fires raged in the woods along the Atlantic states, from Maine to Georgia, last month.

There was no intimation of sabotage in the Parker case, though there is in other cases of incendiarism in the Nantahala National Forest, that will be tried in Bryson City, next week.

Parker, who was born and reared here until a few years ago, now resides on the Haywood county side of the Balsam range.

Five From County Are On Dean's List

Cullowhee — Pauline Pressley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Pressley, of Speedwell, and a senior at Western Carolina Teachers College; Lucille Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Reed, Sylva and a junior at Western Carolina Teachers College; Ann Bird Engman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bird, of Cullowhee, and a sophomore at Western Carolina Teachers College; Ruth Eleanor Elliott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Elliott, and a senior at Western Carolina Teachers College; and Thelma Smith, of Cullowhee, and a senior at the college, were five of the twelve students who were selected on the Dean's list for the winter quarter at the college.

This special list which is decided upon by a group of faculty members is meant to encourage the development of all-round students who have met in full the following requirements: (1) A student becomes eligible for the Dean's list within the second quarter of his enrollment at Western Carolina Teachers College; (2) a student must have made the scholastic honor roll during the quarter for which the selection is made; (3) a student must be active in at least one extra-curricular activity; (4) a student must possess social adjustments, leadership, health, good personality, good attitude, and morality.

Meeting all qualifications for the Dean's list means carrying with it certain privileges which the faculty and administrative officers of the college grant to those named on the list.

Rotary Father-Son Banquet Is Held

The Sylva Rotary Club observed "Father and Son Night" at its first meeting to be held in its new meeting place, the Sylva Methodist Church educational annex. Formerly the club met at the Carolina Hotel.

All members of the club brought their sons, or, in case they had no sons or their sons were unable to attend, they brought some other boy.

The Rev. Robert G. Tuttle was in charge of the program. The speaker was the Rev. W. L. Hutchins, superintendent of the Methodist district of the Waynesville church. He spoke of the need for a closer relationship between father and son and of the importance of a good example being set by the father for the son. He said that in counting the resources of this nation it must not be forgotten that the boys and girls are the greatest resources.

Judge Allen Gwyn, who is presiding over the May term of Jackson county superior court, was a guest at the meeting.

MRS. ANDY QUEEN IS SERIOUSLY ILL AT HOME

Mrs. A. B. Queen, wife of the rural mail carrier for Sylva, Route 1, is seriously ill at her home near Sylva, following a stroke she suffered a few days ago.

Gas And Tire Shortage Affects Small Towns

By DAN TOMPKINS

The shortage of automobile tires and gasoline rationing are having an upsetting effect upon the business of the small towns. It may prove that the effect will be revolutionary.

Some observers are of the opinion that the people of Jackson county will have more money to spend this fall than they have had in a long time. Reasons assigned for this view are that prices of acid wood, farm products, and cattle are high, and the drain upon the finances of the people to meet partial payments upon automobiles, to purchase tires and gasoline and the like, has been lessened, thus causing money to accumulate in the homes of the people. Fact is, it has been the pastime of many amateur financiers and cracker box politicians, for several years, to blame any shortage of money upon the automobile. They have argued that many thousands of dollars leave the county each month to pay for automobiles; that many more thousands are spent for gasoline and tires; and that not one thing that goes into the making of an automobile is produced here. Dobbins and the steers used to eat the feeds produced upon the farms, but the gasoline and oils for the automobiles and trucks was all produced elsewhere; and these men have been arguing that the entire set-up was such as to drain the county of money month by month.

Now, we shall see, perhaps, how right they were in their contentions. At any rate, the present stipulation has injured many lines of business in the community. The newspapers were his first, when automobile, gasoline, radio, refrigeration, and tire advertising practically ceased, the first of the year. Then came the garages and the filling stations, to feel the pinch. Now, all lines of business are wondering just how they will all be affected. The coming of the wood trucks from upper Jackson county has hurt the town. There is no denying that. The shortage of rubber and gasoline brought about an order whereby the trucks from the southern end of the county come only to East LaPorte, where the wood is measured and paid for, and from where it will be shipped by rail to the mill at Sylva, when needed. That, automatically kept a lot of money from coming to town to be spent, each day.

More Sugar For Canning

The people of Western North Carolina, who are perhaps the greatest home canners in the country, will have sugar for that purpose, according to liberalized regulations promulgated yesterday by the Office of Price Administration.

The Jackson County Rationing Board is making plans for the registration of housewives for home canning, within the next few days.

Under a new regulation, home canners will be entitled to one pound of sugar for every four quarts of canned fruit, and an additional pound of sugar for each member of the family to make jams, jellies, preserves and fruit butters.

Previous regulations restricted each sugar ration cardholder to five pounds for home canning. If this amount has already been used in putting up early fruits and berries, it must be computed in any new canning allotment.

The liberalization was made, Price Administrator Leon Henderson said, to conserve fruit which might otherwise be wasted and to supplement commercially canned supplies, thereby reducing the burden on transportation facilities.

The much smaller allotment for jams and preserves was deliberately figured, OPA said, to encourage home canning instead of preserving, because the amount of sugar required per can of fruit is less in canning than in jam-making or preserves.

Henderson urged consumers to apply only for the minimum amount needed immediately.

"The present regulations place a great deal of responsibility upon individual citizens on whose integrity and good faith I am certain we can depend," he declared.

Guy Sutton's Condition Is Reported Improved

Friends of Mr. Guy Sutton, who has been seriously ill for several days, will be glad to learn that his condition is much improved.

4-H Canning Contest Awards Exceed \$6,000

4-H canning is a No. 1 war project this year promising to easily exceed last year's pack of 11,000,000 jars of all kinds of foods by 250,000 4-H girls. Such a total assures ample supplies for home use and the release of other essential foods required by the 15 million or more people among our allies and in the armed forces.

After it is over, just how will the readjustment come? That will require some fine thinking and planning.

The automobile factories have

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