

The Jackson County Journal

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

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\$1.50 A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN JACKSON COUNTY

Robert Gray Hampton Dies In Plane Crash At Post In California

Relatives here have been notified that Lieutenant Robert Gray Hampton was killed in San Francisco when his plane, which he was attempting to land, came in contact with a high tension wire and crashed, Monday night.

Lieutenant Hampton was the first alumnus of Western Carolina Teachers College to make the supreme sacrifice in the present war, and the first from this county to perish in the air corps. He was born in Sylva 25 years ago, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Taylor Hampton. At the time of his birth, his father was principal of the public school in Sylva.

In September, 1941, Lieutenant Hampton entered the army air corps and began his training at Brooks Field, Texas. Later he was transferred to Randolph Field, and then to Mission Field, where he was commissioned a First Lieutenant, early in April. At that time he was chosen as the "typical flying cadet," and his picture was sent out to the daily papers and magazines throughout the country. Immediately after he was commissioned as a Lieutenant-Pilot, he was transferred to the Pacific Coast.

Lieutenant Hampton's parents have been living in Detroit for several years, having moved there from Greenville, where Mr. Hampton was principal of the Greenville High School. Lieutenant Hampton was reared in this county, and considered this his home. He spent much time at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. W. D. Wike, at Cullowhee, and was educated in the public school there, and at Western Carolina Teachers College, from which institution he was graduated in 1940.

All of Lieutenant Hampton's people for generations were Jackson county people. His mother was, before her marriage, Miss Ida Jones, of Sylva, a sister of John R. Jones, Walter L. Jones and Garland Jones, all of Sylva. Lieutenant Hampton is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. G. Taylor Hampton, of Detroit, Mich.; two brothers, Captain Taylor McLain Hampton, who is stationed on the west coast of the United States, and Mr. Conley Hampton, of Detroit; three sisters, Misses Phyllis, Jean, and Elizabeth Ann Hampton, all of Detroit; his grandmother, Mrs. W. D. Wike, of Cullowhee, and by other relatives.

MRS. FANCHER PASSES IN NEWPORT, TENN.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Fisher have returned from Newport, Tennessee, where they were called last week by the illness of Mrs. Fisher's mother, Mrs. H. A. Fancher. Mrs. Fancher, who had been seriously ill for a number of months, passed away on last Saturday, and funeral services and interment were held on Monday afternoon.

ADDIE CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED

The new Buff Creek Baptist church, at Addie, will be dedicated on Sunday, May 31. At the same time the service will be in the nature of a homecoming for the old members of the church. An interesting program has been arranged.

SALVAGE

A total of 618,600 pounds of salvage materials has been collected from Ashe County farms and placed in war channels since December 1, reports Farm Agent R. H. Crouse.

INOCULATION

Results of Johnston County demonstrations would indicate that it pays to inoculate soybeans when planted even though the crop has been grown on the land before.

Funeral Services Held On Friday For J. L. Jones

Funeral services were conducted last Friday afternoon at Buff Creek Baptist church, by Rev. Robert Parris and Rev. Thad F. Deitz, for John L. Jones, prominent citizen of that community, who died at his home near Addie, Thursday, at the age of 74 years.

Mr. Jones, a member of a prominent Jackson county family, was born and reared in this county and spent his entire life here. He was a good farmer, a good citizen, and a good neighbor, who had a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Jones is survived by his widow; six sons, Lon, Richard, Jay, Charles, Roy and Francis Jones; by two daughters, Mrs. Harley Shular and Mrs. Buford Parris, and a large number of other relatives.

North Carolina Climate Suitable For Dairying

An answer to critics who claim that North Carolina conditions are not adapted to profitable dairy farming is made by Dr. A. O. Shaw, head of the State College Animal Industry Department. He and Dr. W. J. Peterson, new head of the recently created division of Nutrition, Physiology and Genetics at State College, have summarized a report by the U. S. Department of Agriculture to conclusively prove that North Carolina climate is well suited to milk production.

Dr. Shaw says that weather conditions and feed supply are generally assumed to be responsible for the slump in milk production which occurs in the summer, when the weather is hot and pastures "dry up." Some people have contended that North Carolina's high summer temperatures are not suited to profitable dairying.

To counteract this belief, Dr. Shaw and Dr. Peterson point to records assembled by the U. S. Department of Agriculture from 12 States, to show the average slump in summer milk production in various sections of the United States.

The lowest drop in production occurred in California—7.5 per cent; the next lowest at the Beltsville Experiment Station of the USDA where the cows are barn-fed—10.4 per cent; third lowest slump was in Colorado—10.9 per cent; and the fourth lowest was in North Carolina—13.7 per cent.

Dr. Shaw said that the percentage of slump in milk production in other states from which records were obtained was as follows: New Hampshire, 16.0 per cent; Virginia, 22.1; Wisconsin, 22.2; Ohio, 23.8; Washington, 23.9; Maryland, 24.2; Iowa, 24.3; Minnesota, 24.8; and New York, 25.5.

"You will note," the State College man said, "that North Carolina's slump in milk production is much less than in many of the northern dairy states, indicating that our climate is very suitable for milk production."

MRS. ETTA DAVIS IN ASHEVILLE HOSPITAL

Mrs. Etta Davis entered a hospital in Asheville this morning for observation and an operation. Mrs. Davis, whose home is in Webster, is the widow of the late J. W. Davis. She went to Asheville earlier in the week for diagnosis, and an operation was advised.

CONSTRUCTION

Despite the high cost and scarcity of materials, many needed farm buildings are being constructed in Sampson County this year, reports J. P. Stovall, assistant farm agent.

29 To Finish At Cullowhee High School

With Charles Bird as valedictorian, and Doris Long, salutatorian, the high school division of Cullowhee Training school will award diplomas to twenty-nine young men and young women, at the graduating exercises on Monday evening.

The members of the class are: Mildred Frankie Ashe, Charles W. Bird, Sallie Jane Bishop, Carroll Bryson Brown, John Davis Buchanan, James LaFayette Cole, Mary Evangeline Cooper, Cecil Crawford, George N. Crawford, Jr., Lola Edith Hamilton, Hazel Lola Haskett, Robert Lee Haskett, Eugene Hooper, Thomas Leon Hooper, Frances Lee Ingram, Doris Long, Roy Derwood Middleton, Frances Loquitta Mills, Doris Pauline Mitchell, Clifford Dee Moses, Evelyn Alyce Moss, Leah Iona Nicholson, Lewis Lee Parker, Theodore Phillip Parker, Clifton Harold Smith, Mary Sue Stephens, Marie Sutton, Robert Lewis Waters, and Florence Agnes Wike.

The commencement exercises will begin on Saturday afternoon when Rev. James A. Herring, pastor of the Cullowhee Baptist church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon, following the invocation by Rev. McMurray S. Richey, pastor of the Cullowhee Methodist church.

The exercises on Monday will begin at 8:30, when Miss Jane Bishop, class president, will deliver the address of welcome. The diplomas will be delivered by A. C. Hoyle, principal of the school.

Gifts to each member of the class, who is a son or daughter of one of his former students, will be made by Prof. Robert L. Madison.

Last Rites Held For Mrs. Parker

Funeral services for Mrs. Martha Parker, 90, who died Thursday night after a long illness were held Saturday morning at Balsam Grove Baptist church. Officiating were the Rev. Ransom Phillips, the Rev. Dilard Wood, and the Rev. W. N. Cook.

Mrs. Parker made her home with her son, Lem Parker, on the Cullowhee road, near Webster. Surviving are five children: Lem Parker, Mrs. Mauda Wood, of Cowarts, and Mrs. Ethel Cagle, Mrs. Julia Mathis, and Mrs. Elva Wood, all of Washington state.

Also surviving are three brothers and three sisters, John Parker, of Wolf Mountain; Houston and Will Parker, of Brevard; Mrs. Ellen McCall, of Lake Toxaway; Mrs. Laura McCall, of Pelzer, S. C., and Mrs. Malinda Bell, of Asheville; 36 grandchildren, a large number of great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

Farmers Asked To Share Machinery With Others

Most farm machinery wears out from misuse, abuse or lack of use, says D. S. Weaver, agricultural engineer of the State College Extension Service. He suggests that war-time shortages of farm machines offers the owner of a combine, hay baler, corn picker, peanut harvester or tractor the opportunity to get the maximum value out of a piece of machinery by doing custom work.

"Share your farm machinery with others," Weaver suggests. "Custom work has several advantages, and of course, some disadvantages. The chief advantages are that more working hours can be obtained from the investment in equipment. The operator of a custom machine is usually better qualified to run his particular equipment, and do a better job with it, than are a large number of individual operators who do not have occasion to use their machines many days in a year."

The farm engineer says that relatively few machines wear out from actual use.

DR. BRINKLEY DIES IN TEXAS MONDAY NIGHT

Dr. John R. Brinkley, internationally known gland specialist, died in a hospital in San Antonio, Texas, Monday night, according to information received by friends here. He had been in ill health for several months, and an operation for the removal of one of his legs was performed, some time ago, in an effort to prevent the spread of a blood clot, and thus save his life.

Dr. Brinkley's career was colorful and attracted wide attention. He was born and reared in this county and was educated in the school of the famous Professor A. M. Dawson. He took up telegraphy in his spare time, at the railway station in Sylva, while he was carrying the mail from Sylva to Tuckasee on horseback. Learning the Morse code, he secured a position with the railway company, and served in several different places in Western North Carolina. Later he took up the study of medicine, and began his practice at Tuckasee.

Leaving here, people in this county next heard of him as the owner and operator of a hospital at Milford, Kansas, and as a specialist in gland operations. The American Medical Society attacked him, and the Kansas City Star took up the cudgels. Dr. Brinkley entered suit against the Star for damages in the sum of a million dollars. In the meantime, he entered the race for governor of Kansas, running as an independent candidate against Harry Woodring, later Secretary of War, and Alfred M. Landon, later Republican candidate for the presidency. Dr. Brinkley came into the race after the tickets were printed, and with the voters writing his name in on the ticket, came near to defeating both the celebrities, who were Democratic and Republican candidates respectively. He made a personal and radio campaign that aroused "Bleeding Kansas" as it had not been aroused since the days of "Sockless" Jerry Simpson.

The Federal Communications Commission began to put the screws on the doctor, and he finally removed his hospital to Del Rio, Texas, and set up his broadcasting station across the border in Mexico, where the United States authorities could have no control over it, and the voice of the doctor was heard again by thousands of his listeners in this country and abroad.

Continuing his hospital and ranch at Del Rio, and his broadcasting station, all of which attracted such wide attention that the Saturday Evening Post sent one of its crack writers down to tell the Brinkley story, he established another hospital at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Returning to Jackson county to make his summer home here, Dr. Brinkley bought the old Jack Wike property and improved it. Here he spent a great deal of time. He bought almost the entire Platt Balsam range, or Scott's Creek Balsams from the Davis estate in Baltimore, and invested in other property in Jackson county.

Renewing old acquaintance in the county of his nativity and young manhood, Dr. Brinkley soon began telling the world about this region. For many months there was scarcely a broadcast from the Brinkley station that did not mention Jackson county and the attractions here for tourists and investors.

EZELL IN ARMY

Friends here of Earl H. Ezell will be interested to learn that he is now in the United States Army, and is located at Miami Beach, Florida. Mr. Ezell graduated from Sylva Collegiate Institute, and was connected with The Journal for several years, before going to Newport, News, Va.

POLLEN

Scientists have found a way to increase honey production by feeding bees soybean flour.

Otis R. Lail Joins Naval Air Corps

Friends here will be interested in the clipping from the Raleigh Times, which we are reprinting, since the young man was reared in Sylva, and at Cullowhee.

Otis Reahl Lail Jr., of 2725 Fairview Extension, Raleigh, has enlisted for Naval Aviation training, joining the increasing ranks of young Americans signing up to man the nation's powerful warplanes of attack.

Lail, 20-year old son of Otis R. Lail, Sr., was enlisted May 23, at the Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board in Atlanta, for the Navy's V-5 program of officer pilot instruction now open to high school graduates who are single, 18 to 27, physically fit and mentally alert. He is a graduate of Christ School, Arden, North Carolina.

Along with hundreds of other young men who have enlisted for this training, Lail will soon be ordered to begin his preliminary instruction at one of the Navy's new indoctrination centers at the University of Georgia and be further instructed at one of the Naval Reserve Aviation Bases. Successful cadets will then be transferred to one of the three great Naval Air Stations at Pensacola, Fla., Jacksonville, Fla., and Corpus Christi, Tex., for advanced training. Completion of this advanced training qualifies them for the "Navy Wings of Gold" and commissions as Ensigns in the U. S. Naval Reserve or Second Lieutenants in the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve.

Farmers Will Receive Wheat Marketing Cards

North Carolina wheat producers soon will receive marketing quota cards for selling their 1942 crop, it was announced today by E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive assistant at N. C. State College.

AAA offices in wheat producing counties have received instructions for distributing cards to those growers who have complied with provisions of the marketing quota law and these cards should be in the hands of farmers within a few days, he said.

Marketing provisions this year remain substantially the same as last year. Wheat producers may market without penalty the actual or normal yield from their allotted acreage. Excess wheat, unless stored under bond, is subject to a penalty of 57 cents per bushel, which is one-half of the national average loan rate, as provided by law. Marketing quotas were approved by the nation's wheat farmers in a referendum held May 2.

As a move to conserve tires and gasoline, farmers this year will be permitted to obtain their marketing cards by air mail, Mr. Floyd pointed out. Instructions have been sent to county AAA offices, and forms for this procedure will be forwarded to wheat producers.

In view of the large surplus of wheat on hand, Mr. Floyd said both farm and elevator storage will be available to producers of the state this year. Details of the storage plan now are being worked out, and will be announced at an early date.

Wheat produced under provisions of the AAA program may be stored in government-approved warehouses or farm storage bins and the producer is eligible for a loan of \$1.37 per bushel for No. 2 wheat. Lower rates will prevail for corresponding lower grades. North Carolina's loan rate is higher than the national average, Mr. Floyd said, because of a freight differential. The loans are available through December 31, 1942, and will mature on demand, but not later than April 30, 1943.

FOOD-SAVING

Farm housewives are being urged by home economists to store, dry, brine and freeze garden products whenever possible, due to the shortage of canning equipment.

Three Men Sentenced To One And Five Years In Forest Fire Cases

Officers Elected By Lion's Club For Next Year

Officers for the ensuing year were elected by the Sylva Lion's Club at the regular weekly meeting, held last night at Jarrett Springs Hotel. They include: President, Algie Wilson; first vice-president, Woody Hampton; second vice-president, Everett Harris; third vice-president, Al-linley Bryson; Tall Twister, William Cope; secretary-treasurer, Frank Crawford; assistant secretary, William G. Davis; assistant treasurer, Oscar E. Brook-hyser; Lion Tamer, Joe Clyde Fisher; directors, W. T. Wise, Leonard Holden, J. P. Stovall, Joe Popplewell.

These newly-elected officers will be installed in their respective positions on July tenth, at which time Ladies' Night will also be observed.

LIEUTENANT CARPER LANDS IN IRELAND

Mrs. W. D. Wike, of Cullowhee, has received a cablegram from her son-in-law, Lieutenant John H. Carper, stating that he has landed safely in North Ireland, with a contingent of troops sent over in a recent convoy.

Lieutenant Carper is a well known Methodist minister of the Western North Carolina Conference, and volunteered his services as a chaplain in the army, several months ago.

Webb Home Is Destroyed By Fire

Arthur Webb, who lives on the farm of Thomas A. Cox at Cullowhee, awoke yesterday morning to find himself almost suffocated with smoke. He took one small boy who was sleeping in the bed with him to the outside of the house and then returned, aroused his wife, and the two of them picked up a quilt upon which three little girls were sleeping and carried them to safety.

The contents of the house were a total loss, and the Webb family escaped barefoot and in their night clothing, saving nothing.

Farm People Affected Vitrally By Inflation

Farm people who study President Roosevelt's seven-point program to control the cost of living will recognize in it an attempt to prevent the disastrous results which followed the upward spiraling of prices during the first World War, says Dean I. O. Schaub, director of the State College Extension Service. "Every person who farmed from 1918 through the early 1920's will want to avoid inflation of prices, land values, and other things that led to mortgages which scores of farmers have never been able to lift," the agricultural leader declared.

Dean Schaub said that President Roosevelt's program is designed, not only to control the cost of living, but to: (1) Prevent a few from getting rich at the expense of many; (2) make it possible for the poor and rich to share alike in the products available; (3) help prevent a serious depression after the war, such as paralyzed America after World War I; (4) maintain, insofar as possible, desirable social and economic conditions for our soldiers and sailors to return to after winning the fight for America's freedom; and (5) cause much of the war debt to be paid as we go.

The Extension director listed eight reasons why farmers dread inflation. First, he said, inflation creates a feeling of prosper-

Three of four men charged with setting fire to the Nantahala National Forest in Graham County were convicted in U. S. Federal Court in Bryson City, Tuesday afternoon.

Judge E. Yates Webb, of Shelby, sentenced James Henry Martin, 18, to serve 5 years and gave Knox Hilton, 20, and Hugh Plott, 35, a year and a day each. William A. Barnes, 19, was found not guilty. All four were Georgia men working at Fontana Dam.

Testimony given by Federal witnesses disclosed the fires definitely interfered with the prosecution of the War and disclosed that the acts of the incendiarists were of considerably more serious proportions than at first determined. As a result of transmission lines burned down by the fires set by the Georgia men, power was turned off in Robinsville, Tipton, Andrews, and the Blue Ridge Coop. In addition, two defense projects were brought to a halt for seven hours. A \$4,000 transformer was destroyed. It is estimated over a half million feet of green merchantable timber was destroyed with untold damage to young timber growth, and wild life.

Over 150 men were diverted from other profitable work to subdue the fires set by the Georgia culprits. An expenditure in excess of \$1,500 was caused through the hire of labor.

The case was very ably prosecuted by U. S. District Attorney Theron L. Caudle and Asst. U. S. Attorney Worth E. McKinney, of Asheville. Attorneys appearing for the defendants were McKinley Edwards and Baxter C. Jones, of Bryson City, Colonel Haralson, and Mr. Forester, of Hix-wasse, Georgia.

Barnes, Plott and Martin had been held in the Bryson City jail since April 17. Knox Hilton remained on the dodge until the day of the trial.

Graham County residents have been considerably incensed over the damages done to the timberlands of their county by the Georgia men. Law enforcement officials within Graham County have vigorously prosecuted all forest fire cases brought before them. FBI agents were largely responsible for the apprehension of the incendiarists.

Other forest fire cases handled during the two-day session of Federal Court at Bryson City were Roy Bowman, Jackson County, setting fire on Indian lands, and not getting a permit, fined \$50, and Mose Walkingstick, Swain County, setting fire on Indian lands, fined \$25. These cases were brought up by Mr. Carlson, Forest Supervisor of the Cherokee Indian Reservation. The cases were prosecuted by U. S. District Attorney Theron E. Caudle and Asst. U. S. Attorney Worth E. McKinney.

HERBERT GIBSON, JR. GOES TO BALTIMORE

H. Gibson, Jr., has accepted a position with the Martin Aircraft Corporation, and left Sylva on Tuesday to begin his new work. Mrs. Gibson and Herbert III, will remain in Sylva for a short time before joining Mr. Gibson in Baltimore.

Miss Edna Allen, who has been teaching business education in the Webster High school, will take Mr. Gibson's place at the Mead Corporation office in Sylva.

FLOYD CARDEN GOES TO PANAMA CANAL

Pvt. Floyd E. Carden, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Carden, of Sylva, who was inducted into the service on January 14, has been transferred from the Jackson Air Base, at Jackson, Miss., to the Panama Canal Zone, according to a message received by his parents.

Private Carden is in the Signal Corps.

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