

## Hero Of Coral Sea Fight Returns For Visit To His Home At Dillsboro

Charles Osborne, home on furlough after participating in the Battle of the Coral Sea, and from the war cruises of the Lexington, was given a surprise picnic by a number of friends and neighbors at the home of his mother in Dillsboro, Sunday evening.

The Kincaids, the Cannons, the Masons, the Parks, the Barretts, and other friends of the young man and his family prepared a picnic lunch and proceeded to the Osborne home, where the dinner was spread on the lawn.

Charles enlisted in the Navy in August 1940. After receiving his training at Norfolk, he was assigned to the Lexington, America's great aircraft carrier, that was the thorn in the side of the Japanese from Pearl Harbor until the battle of the Coral Sea. Time and again, at least six times, the Japanese announced that the Lexington had been sunk; but it was not until the Coral Sea fight that the great ship went down.

Charles Osborne, in telling his friends about it, stated that the Lexington, hit by torpedoes and shells, was proceeding to port on an even keel, when great explosions in the gasoline tanks in her hold began. The commander realized that the ship must be abandoned, and the men who had weathered fight after fight with the Japanese, and who had shot down more than half a hundred Japanese planes that attacked her, took to the water. Charles stated that he remained in the water for about 20 minutes before he was picked up. Not a man who jumped from the Lexington into the water was lost, he stated.

Charles was a member of a gun crew on the Lexington; and hopes that a new Lexington will be commissioned and that he will be assigned to her.

Mrs. Myrtle Osborne, the widowed mother of Charles, has another son in the service. He is Joseph Osborne of the United States Marines. It so happened that both Charles and Joseph were at home on leave at the same time; but Joseph had to return to his post before the picnic dinner. Mrs. Osborne stated that she, of course worries about her sons; but that she is proud of them, and is glad that they are in the service of their country. "If they were not, and were unwilling to go to this war," Mrs. Osborne stated, "I would feel like hiding them in the cellar where nobody could see them."

## County's Youth To Register 30th

The youth of Jackson county, along with those of the rest of the nation, will register under the selective service act, on June 30, according to a statement issued by the Selective Service Board, in compliance with a proclamation issued by Governor Broughton.

The order for registration applies to all young men between the ages of 18 and 20, those who were born between January 1, 1922 and June 30, 1924.

Registration places in Jackson county will be:

Cashier's school, Glenville high school, Tuckasee school, John's Creek school, Cullowhee training school, Webster school, Savannah school, Sylva Local Board office, East Laporte school, Wolf Creek school, Sylva Paper board office, Armour Leather Company office, Barkers Creek school, Qualla school, Willets school, and Balsam school.

**PEACHES**  
Because of lack of interest in the recent referendum, the proposed peach marketing agreement in the Carolinas will not be put into effect by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

## On The Tar Heel Front In Washington

By ROBERT A. ERWIN And FRANCES MCKUSICK

Washington, June 24—Representative Zebulon Weaver, of Asheville, has taken issue again with Ralph K. Davies, Deputy Petroleum Coordinator, over the rationing of gasoline in the North Carolina section of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park, a condition that exists while the Tennessee park area remains free from rationing. Mr. Davies thus far has refused to do anything about the situation.

In a follow-up letter to Mr. Davies requesting another conference on the subject, Congressman Weaver stated that East Tennessee gets some of its petroleum supplies by the Plantation Pipeline as well as by overland transportation rather than pipeline.

"My information is that Western North Carolina, including the counties in the western part of the State from Asheville to Murphy, have ample resources from which supplies may be had, if permitted to use them," Mr. Weaver said.

"Your letter in no particular reaches the specific matter which I undertook to bring to your attention. As I pointed out in my letter to Secretary Ickes, to which you reply, as an illustration, the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is situated one half in North Carolina and one half within Tennessee. The Tennessee side of the park can now secure an unlimited gasoline supply, while on the North Carolina side we are denied this privilege. Such places as Waynesville, Sylva, Cherokee, Bryson City and Murphy, which are contiguous to the park, and to Tennessee, are in a very desperate situation.

"Naturally, Western North Carolina has looked forward to the benefits to be obtained from the National Park. Under the present setup, these benefits are now entirely turned over to East Tennessee. The towns which I have mentioned and others are as great a distance from the Atlantic Coast as Knoxville and East Tennessee towns. In fact, Murphy and some others are further west than Knoxville. They can obtain ample supplies of gas without resorting to deliveries from the terminal of the Plantation Pipeline at Greensboro, North Carolina—I would be glad to have a further conference with you about it as the situation is one which demands further consideration.

For the first time in the history of the United States, a group of Capitol employees "walked out" on their job, when the part-time colored waiters in the House Restaurant left Congressmen high and dry during their lunch hour one day last week.

Some of the members sat for 20 minutes complaining of the poor service while the strike was on, before they realized what had happened. All of them, however, were pretty good natured about it.

Among members of the Tar Heel delegation, most of whom are lawyers, a general discussion took place on whether the strike was legal. No decision was handed down, however, as the members couldn't decide on a Judge to umpire the case.

Representative Harold D. Cooley, of the Fourth District, says you can't strike against Uncle Sam. Representative John H. Folger, Fifth District, says a person does lots of things he allegedly "can't" do, and besides, does that bring on the food, when the waiters have already gone?

"Guess the problem is too much for me," laughed Representative Zebulon Weaver, member of the House's legal group—the Judiciary committee. "They quit working, and we can't argue them back by saying they're breaking a law. I'll settle the question by going to a drug store for my sandwich."

The whole thing is, the waiters want as much pay as the Senate waiters. As this column

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## "KEEP 'EM ROLLING"



Keeping old tires rolling—from consumers to rubber reclaiming centers to aid America's production program—are (left to right) pretty Peggy Hawkins, Janet Rowe and Peggy Kraft who have formed a committee to put over Atlantic City's salvage drive. They were caught by the cameraman on the celebrated Wooden Way where the dimout provides an intriguing background for the 1942 version of hoop-rolling.

## C. O. CHOSEN AS BEST COLLEGE CITIZEN AT WESTERN CAROLINA

Western Carolina Teachers College at Cullowhee chose Kimrey Perkins, a conscientious objector, as the best college citizen of the year, just closed. Students reported this to be the case to The Journal, and it appears that the student body nominated two young men. Then the faculty nominated two. From the four, a committee selected Kimrey Perkins as the best college citizen in the senior class. Perkins, whose home is in Wayne county, is a Quaker, and it is likely that he will soon go to the C. O. Camp at Buck Creek, near Marion.

The students, by majority vote, nominated B. C. Moss, who is a Methodist minister in charge of the Webster circuit, and John Jordan. Jordan went directly from the college to enter the armed forces of the United States, we are informed.

Students with whom The Journal has talked were at a loss to understand why the committee overruled the majority vote of the student body and selected a man as "best citizen," who was registered, in time of great national peril, as a "conscientious objector."

They admitted that the system of "points" is the basis upon which the selection is made; but made the point that in a time like this in which we are living, "conscientious objection" should have been taken into consideration; and were somewhat baffled to find that a "conscientious objector" was chosen over their nominees, one of whom is a Methodist minister, and the other went directly to the armed forces, to defend his country.

## YOUTH CARAVAN AT METHODIST CHURCH

One of the most important phases of Methodist youth work is the summer Caravan. The Church is sending 85 Caravan groups to lead youth programs all over the nation this summer. The Caravan group for Western North Carolina this year is in Sylva, next week to be in West Asheville, and in other churches for the following seven weeks.

This unit is led by Mrs. Connie Cope of Morganton. Miss Jean Williams from Arkansas is recreation leader; Miss Lorena Avril from Nashville, Tennessee, leads worship programs; Mr. Clark Benson of Salisbury leads in World Friendship; and Mr. Ross Francisco of Bluefield, Va., leads projects in Community Service.

This is a wide-awake, interesting, wholesome band of leaders. The Sylva young people are enjoying under their leadership an extensive and helpful chain of activities including worship, work, study, projects, picnicing, camping, to be closed with a formal banquet and final service of dedication on Friday evening.

## USO DRIVE TO RAISE \$1000 IS WAGED HERE

With S. W. Enloe as chairman, the United Service Organization drive to raise Jackson county's quota of \$1,000 is now being carried to the people. The drive will close on July 4, Mr. Enloe stated.

Chairman Enloe has had turned in to him only \$380 of the necessary \$1,000. Of this \$36 and a few cents came from the colored people of the county, who raised this amount as receipts from a ball game. Mr. Enloe urged that all the people contribute liberally to this cause, which cares for the needs of the men in the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps.

## Cowan Rites Held In Church At Webster

Funeral services for R. B. Cowan, 72 year old citizen of Webster, were conducted at the Webster Baptist church yesterday morning at 10:30 by Rev. W. N. Cook, the pastor and Rev. Thad F. Deitz.

Mr. Cowan, a member of one of Jackson county's prominent families, died at his home near Webster, at 5 o'clock Monday evening, following an attack of pneumonia. For many years Mr. Cowan had been a deacon, treasurer, and clerk of the Webster Baptist church, in whose affairs he devoted much time.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Charlotte Cowan, by three brothers, Hamilton, Ransom and James Cowan, all of Webster; two sisters, Mrs. James Ashe, Webster, and Mrs. Cora Davis, of Enka, and by a large number of other relatives.

Interment was in the Stillwell cemetery near Webster. Active pall bearers were nephews of Mr. Cowan. They were: Bill, David, Dan, Roy, and Claude Cowan, and Charles McConnell.

## WHITTIER P. O. IS MOVED TO JACKSON

The Whittier post office, which has been located on the Swain county side of the river ever since the town was established, has recently moved to the Jackson county part of the town, and is now located in the new rock building on the main highway. The owner of the building is John Revis.

Whittier post office, though heretofore located in Swain, serves a large part of Jackson county, not only the Jackson county citizens who are also citizens of Whittier, but also those on the rural route through Qualla and part of Barker's Creek townships.

First woman prison superintendent in North Carolina history is Mrs. C. D. Strickland who assumed the head of woman's prison, Raleigh, this year.

## Volunteer Assistance Is Asked By Ration Board For July 9 Through 22

## Rubber Drive In Jackson Is Getting Scrap

That the drive for the salvaging of rubber in this county is getting results, was pointed out today by G. R. Lackey, chairman of the Jackson County Salvage Committee and W. R. Enloe, chairman of the petroleum industries committee.

It is estimated that approximately 15 tons of scrap rubber have been delivered to the filling stations of the county; but it is believed that there is a great deal more reposing in the rubbish heaps, the streams, the garages, barns, cribs, attics, and at various places in the county. It is pointed out that scrap rubber is wanted in any quantity, regardless of the age of the rubber. No article of rubber is too large and none too small to add to the general total that President Roosevelt has called upon the people to bring out of hiding. Rubber caps, gloves, water bottles, hose, bands, shoes, coats, tubes, any and everything that is made of rubber is wanted, and is badly needed in America's war effort.

The filling station man will pay 1 cent a pound for all the rubber that is delivered to him. If, however, the people wish to donate the rubber, the 1 cent a pound will be divided equally between the United Service Organizations, the American Red Cross, the Army Relief and the Navy Relief.

The following filling stations have agreed to accept the rubber scrap, according to Mr. Lackey: Cope's Service, Sylva; Bob Jacobs, Dillsboro; Wike and Parker, East Laporte; Kenny Service Station, Balsam; Calvin Wilson, Gay; John Revis, Whittier; Albert Patton, Whittier; Ernest Lewis, Sylva; Cogdill Service, Sylva; J. C. Passmore, Cashier's; N. Higdon, Gay; John Rogers, Cashier's; Vas Moore, Cashier's; Eugene Lanning, Tuckasee; Ralph Dills, Sylva; Luther Hoyle, Whittier; Kelly Hall, Green's Creek; R. G. Parker, Tuckasee; Shell Central Station, Sylva; L. A. Buchanan, Cullowhee; Lon Reynolds, Glenville; Shell Service Station, Cashier's; Jack Hall, Green's Creek; Chas. Evans, Sylva; Wallace Auto Parts, Sylva; Hooper Service, Sylva; Bill Greenarch, Sylva; W. O. Robinson, Willets; Roy Blanton, Addie; Melvin Reagan, Whittier; J. O. Fisher, Whittier.

Mr. Enloe and Mr. Lackey urge all the people of the county to get in the scrap, to scrap the Jap with scrap; to bring in the rubber to the nearest filling station.

## EXAMINATION FOR POST MASTER AT CASHIER'S TO BE HELD

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an open competitive examination for the office of post master at Cashier's, to be held at Sylva. The office pays \$1100 a year.

In order to be eligible for the examination, an applicant must be a citizen of the United States, must have actually resided within the delivery of the post office for which the examination is held, or within the city or town where such office is situated, for at least one year immediately preceding the date fixed for the close of receipt of applications, must be in good physical condition, and within the prescribed age limits. The competition is open to both men and women.

The Civil Service Commission will certify the names of the highest three qualified eligibles to the Postmaster General who shall thereupon submit the name of the eligible selected to the

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The Jackson County Rationing Board is calling for volunteers to assist in handling the gasoline rationing applicants, at the office of the board from July 9 through July 22. Mr. W. R. Enloe, chairman of the rationing board stated that, since all persons will be given only A cards at the regular registration, and all who require more gasoline than is provided by that classification, must appear at the rationing board and present applications for additional gasoline, it will be utterly impossible to take care of the applicants with the clerical and administrative force that is allowed.

He asks that business and professional men, men who know the people hereabouts, volunteer their services at once. Thus, he stated, the working hours of these volunteers can be arranged so that there will be sufficient help on hand at all hours to handle the situation, and at the same time work no undue hardship upon the individual volunteers. Such help will be absolutely essential, Mr. Enloe stated.

The permanent gasoline registration will be held in the school houses on Thursday, July 9, Friday, July 10, and Saturday, July 11. This work will be done as a patriotic, free service, by the school teachers, as has been the case in previous rationing registrations. If, at the time of the registration, the user of gasoline states that his needs are more than are allowed under the "A" card, the teachers have no authority to grant more than the "A" card allowance. The registrant will be furnished an application blank, and he must fill it out and make his application for additional gasoline, to the rationing board. The permanent gasoline rationing will become effective July 22. In the meantime, card holders will be granted additional gasoline, to take them through the week, using the War Bond Seal on the card for that purpose. The following allowances will be granted by use of the war bond seal: "A" cards, 3 gallons; B-1 cards, 4 gallons; B-2 cards, 5 gallons; B-3 cards, 6 gallons.

Every person who applies for gasoline rationing must present his automobile registration cards at the time of application at the school house. No cards or ration books can be granted unless the registration card for the vehicle is presented. It is pointed out that bills of sale and other evidences of ownership are not sufficient.

## Typhoid Clinics For The County

The county health department is sponsoring a series of typhoid vaccination clinics throughout the county, according to announcement made by Mrs. Earl Padgett, county health nurse.

Parents are also urged to bring their children for any other vaccinations that they should have, at this time, Mrs. Padgett stated.

The clinics are to be held on the following dates: June 30, and July 7, and 14; Dix Creek school, 9:30 a. m.; Dillsboro school, 11 a. m.; Green's Creek school, 1 p. m.; Savannah school, 2:30 p. m.; Gay post office, 4 p. m.

July 2, 9, and 16: Tuckasee school, 9:30 a. m.; Lon Reynolds' store, Glenville, 11 a. m.; Cashier's school lunch room, 1 p. m. July 3, 10, and 17: Barker's Creek school, 9:30 a. m.; Willet school, 11 a. m.; Qualla school, 1 p. m.

## PATROL

Volunteer pilots and planes of the Civil Air Patrol will aid forest protection agencies this year in the war time fight against forest fires, says the U. S. Forest Service.