



The Jackson County Journal



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High School Victory Corps Is Outlined

The High School Victory Corps, to be organized in the western counties in the immediate future, was explained by S. Maion Justice, Ralph J. Andrews, and Charles Spencer, of the State Department of Education, at a meeting of superintendents and principals from Jackson, Swain, and Macon counties, at the Sylva school, Monday afternoon.

The Victory Corps is sponsored by the Army, Navy, U. S. Office of Education, and the Manpower Commission, and its program is a balanced one, worked out by military and civil authorities to prepare high school boys and girls to fit themselves into their proper places in the war program of the State and nation.

The speakers pointed out that the high schools constitute the only source from which manpower can be drawn, and that proper training during high school days will save much time after the students have completed their high school work. The girls must be prepared to occupy many positions that are normally filled by men, and their training is as important as that of the boys.

The Victory Corps Manual, they stated, says that there is a war to be won. Schools are not to be torn up, but changes will have to be effected to make their efforts conform to war needs. One of the principal objectives of the corps is to assist students to identify their abilities and orient themselves in their studies and activities to conform to their special talents.

The eight principal points of the program begin with guidance of the pupil into the present work he should be doing. The foundation for this guidance should be laid in the elementary school. Then, in their order come, Wartime Citizenship, physical fitness (to be attained by detection and correction), military drill, base training in mathematics and physics, pre-flight training in aeronautics, pre-induction training for critical occupations, and community service.

Physical fitness, it was emphasized, is considered of more importance than military drill, since the army can drill men who are in good physical condition. 30 to 40 per cent of the high school boys will be needed in the air corps, it was stated. The air corps wants men from 17 to 27 years of age; and members of the corps will be taught from a State-adopted book on aeronautics.

There will be twenty-nine pre-induction courses in radio, mechanics, and training for various branches of the army and navy, and civilian war work.

Community service of the Victory Corps will include scrap collection, bonds and stamps sales, Red Cross work, and other activities.

Members of the corps will wear uniform caps of olive drab, and special insignia, and must take special courses, participate in the physically fit program, and take part in the community service work of the corps.

In addition to the general work of the corps, students in the last two years of high school will enter one of five special divisions, which are, air service, land service, sea service, and community service, and will take courses that have been outlined by the State department as being of special benefit in training for specialized work.

Supt. A. C. Moses of Jackson county schools presided at the meeting and presented the representatives of the State department.

There was a display of books and pamphlets bearing on the Victory Corps.

The San Diego, Calif., Junior Chamber of Commerce, in a campaign to take two out of every three cars off the streets by promoting car sharing, came out with the slogan, "A rider per tire."

Bobby Hall Is In College "Who's Who"

Robert Cromwell Hall, son of Mrs. David M. Hall and the late David M. Hall, of Sylva, who is a member of the Junior Class at Western Carolina Teachers College, is among those students who will be listed in the 1942-43 issue of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, the publishers have notified The Journal. The book will be released in January or February.

This publication is published through the cooperation of 600 American universities and colleges. It is the only means of national recognition of graduates which is devoid of politics, fees, or dues. Several students from accredited colleges are selected each year, by an unprejudiced committee, for their biographies to appear in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. These books are placed in the hands of hundreds of companies and others who annually recruit outstanding students for employment.

The purpose of Who's Who is to serve as an incentive for students to get the most out of their college careers; as a means for compensation for what they have already done; as a recommendation to the business world and as a standard of measurement for students.

Miss Lucile Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Reed, of Sylva was listed in Who's Who last year, and is automatically listed again this year, since she is still a student at the college.

Mr. Hall is President of the Marshal's Club, President of the Junior Class, and a member of the Western Carolina Players. He was also president of his class during his first year in college. He takes an active part in extra-curricula activities on the campus at Western Carolina.

Mr. Hall graduated from Sylva High school in the class of 1940, and during his high school career, was president of the junior class and vice-president of the senior class. He won the Business Education medal during his senior year for outstanding work in this field.

Ernest McCracken Gets Promotion To Washington Job

The following, taken from the Waynesville Mountaineer, will be of interest to a number of readers of The Journal. Mr. McCracken is a grandson of Mrs. W. A. Henson and the late Sheriff Henson, and a nephew of Mrs. A. J. Dills, of Sylva.

"Ernest C. McCracken, who has been with the U. S. Employment Service since 1937, and has been with the Bureau of Employment Security, in Washington, D. C., for the past nine months, has recently been named chief of the planning division. The appointment was made by the assistant director of the U. S. Employment Service, of Raleigh.

"Mr. McCracken, native of this section and son of Mr. Albert J. McCracken, was senior interviewer in the Waynesville and Marion offices for about sixteen months. He also served a short time as assistant manager of the Asheville office and as manager of the Lenoir office for eighteen months.

"He was transferred to the central office, Raleigh, two years ago as junior personnel training supervisor, then was training technician and later served as field supervisor, until his transfer to Washington. While he has been in Washington he has been assistant regional representative and also served as acting director of the West Virginia employment service for two months.

"Mr. McCracken is a graduate of Western Carolina Teachers College, and served as school principal in Waynesville for two years."

A Week Of The War

The OWI announced that the U. S. in the year of 1942 will have produced approximately 49,000 planes, 32,000 tanks and self-propelled artillery, 17,000 anti-aircraft guns larger than 20mm., 8,200,000 tons of merchant shipping, thousands of anti-aircraft machine guns and thousands of scout cars and half-and-full-track carriers. Munitions and war construction were "above the most optimistic estimate of our production possibilities a year ago, and food production—a large proportion of which was meat, milk, eggs and soy beans—was 12 per cent above the previous year.

Expenditures for the year for munitions and war construction will total \$47,000,000,000. In the first 10 months of 1942, more than \$13,000,000,000 were collected in taxes and more than \$33,000,000,000 through the sale of bonds and other government obligations. Approximately 17,500,000 people are now employed in war work—compared to 7,000,000 a year ago—but in 1943 an additional 5,000,000 will be needed for war work and for the armed forces. By March 15, 1942, the cost of living had risen 15 per cent over the end of 1939, but price regulation, instituted in April, held down the increases in those prices subject to control to 6-10 of one per cent as of October 15.

REPORT ON PEARL HARBOR

The Navy department announced that all of the eight battleships in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, were hit, seven of them temporarily disabled and one, the Arizona, permanently and totally lost. Those reported damaged had returned to the fleet, while others critically damaged are being repaired and will soon be ready for battle action. Of the 202 U. S. naval aircraft based at Pearl Harbor, 150 were permanently or temporarily disabled. Army planes destroyed 97. As a result of the Japanese attack 2,343 officers and enlisted men of the U. S. services were killed, 1,272 wounded, and 960 are still reported as missing.

The Navy estimates that 105 enemy planes took part in the attack, and that the enemy lost 28 aircraft and 3 submarines of 45 tons each.

THE WAR FRONT

Navy Secretary Knox told a press conference that Japanese troops on Guadalcanal may be running short of supplies. The enemy's attempt to land supplies and reinforcements on the night of November 30 was a complete failure, he said. At that time a U. S. naval task force intercepted and engaged Japanese troop transports and vessels and sank nine ships—two large destroyers or cruisers, four destroyers, two troop transports and one cargo ship—at a loss of only one U. S. cruiser. The enemy will —Continued on Page Three

Sylva School Sells \$340.00 In War Stamps

Mr. Frank M. Crawford, who is director of the sales of war bonds and stamps in the Sylva Elementary school, has reported that the school, or rather the teachers and pupils in the school, have bought \$340 in the bonds and stamps during the past month.

OILS

Cottonseed and peanut oil production for 1942-43 may be smaller than was anticipated earlier, but the soybean crush now seems likely to be larger according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Through new steel alloy processes, Army Ordnance saved enough nickel to supply the needs of 46,000 heavy tanks and 17,000 75 mm. howitzers.

Club Honors Mrs. Morris At Last Meeting

The Twentieth Century Club, meeting Thursday afternoon with Mrs. David M. Hall as hostess, voted to establish a student loan fund at Western Carolina Teachers College, in memory of Mrs. John H. Morris. The fund to be named for Mrs. Morris, will provide for a loan of \$25 a quarter for a worthy student at Western Carolina. The loan is to be made without interest, and is to be payable two years after graduation.

Mrs. E. L. McKee led a beautiful memorial service for Mrs. Morris; and an honored guest of the club, was Mrs. Eugenia Allison, of Webster, mother of Mrs. Morris.

A Christmas program about Christmas in the countries of the United Nations and Christmas in Bethlehem, now and then, was presented by Mrs. Dan Tompkins, who was introduced by Mrs. Dan Allison, the program chairman. A number of the Christmas carols were sung, with Mrs. Paul Ellis, a guest of the club, at the piano.

Mrs. Hall's home was decorated with Christmas greens, and candles, and a lovely nativity scene was prominent on a table in the living room. Following the program and business, the members of the club and guests were invited into the dining room, where delightful refreshments, carrying out the Christmas motif were served. Mrs. Dan Moore poured tea from the table, which had an attractive centerpiece of Santa Claus and his reindeer.

Sam C. Allison Is Promoted To Captaincy

Mr. and Mrs. Cary Allison recently received notice that their son, Samuel C. Allison, has been promoted to the rank of captain, in the Medical detachment at Camp Forrest, Tenn. Captain Allison was moved from Fort Benning, Ga., to the Tennessee Camp sometime ago.

Captain Allison advanced to his present rank the "hard way," having worked himself up from a private. He has seen almost 15 years of service in the Medical Detachment without missing a day from duty except when on regular furlough.

At Camp Forrest, Captain Allison has charge of the distribution of approximately \$500,000 worth of medical supplies each month to troops throughout middle Tennessee. Captain Allison is married and has three children, two sons and a daughter. Captain Allison has many friends and relatives in Sylva.

ERRONEOUS REPORTS ARE HEARD ABOUT MEAT-SHARING PLAN

Farmers do not need permits to butcher their hogs or other meat animals, Dean I. O. Schaub, director of State College Extension Service, emphatically emphasized in correcting erroneous reports about the Share-The-Meat program. Neither do farmers have to have their hogs weighed before killing them, he declared.

"There is much mischief-making and gossip going on regarding the Share-the-Meat program," Dean Schaub declared. "Reports from a number of counties indicate that many people believe they will need a permit before they can kill any animal. Also they have heard reports that these permits cost from \$3.00 to \$5.00 or more. "Such reports are entirely erroneous," he asserted, "and everything possible should be done to stop such rumors. There is a possibility that such reports are being circulated deliberately."

The Extension director said

QUALLA

(By Mrs. J. K. Terrell)

Surely the people who dwell "In the land of the free and the home of the brave" will exclaim with the Journal Editorials of December 3rd, "Yes, thanks be to God!"

Since the unfavorable weather and the going away of so many of our young folks there has been a considerable falling off in Sunday School and church attendance. Well, as the Wise Men of old followed the Star that led to their Redeemer, so we, also, may follow this Star of hope for better, brighter days ahead.

Qualla boys leaving over last week end, for the U. S. Army at Fort Bragg, were: Thomas Keen of Bump, Tenn. and ...

Mr. H. G. Ferguson was a guest at Mr. D. M. Shuler's, Sunday.

Mr. D. K. Battle visited at Mr. Horace Howell's, last week.

Mrs. D. M. Shuler called on Mrs. J. L. Siltton, Monday.

The Qualla Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. Norma Hyatt, Tuesday. In connection with the business session, they gave a housekeeping shower for Mrs. Willard Kitchen.

Mrs. D. C. Hughes and Mrs. Burton Bumgarner spent the week end with their parents. Mr and Mrs. J. E. Battle, and with their brother, Jake Battle, who was going away.

Mr. Albert Patton has joined the U. S. Navy.

Mr. Richard Crisp, who has been employed in defense work for several months, is spending awhile at home.

Funeral Rites Of Mrs Dillard Held Sunday

Funeral services for Mrs. Dora Holland Dillard, relict of the late John Dillard, were conducted last Sunday afternoon at East Sylva Baptist church by Rev. R. F. Layberry, Rev. F. Deitz and Rev. Ernest Jamison. Interment was in the Dillard family cemetery.

Mrs. Dillard, who died Friday night at the home of her son, Lee Dillard, was a lifelong resident of Sylva township, and reared a large family here. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Alex Stevens, of Biltmore, Mrs. Ellis Beasley, Sylva, and Mrs. Frank Swanger, Hazelwood; by seven sons, Furman Dillard, David H. Dillard, A. M. Dillard, Love Dillard, Morgan Dillard, Ralph Dillard, and Lee Dillard, all of Sylva; by fifty-seven grand children, 9 great-grand children, two sisters, Mrs. Ransom Wiggins and Mrs. Kelly Sharpe, of Glenville, and one brother, Thomas Holland, of Dreta, Louisiana.

At the request of their mother, her seven sons were her pallbearers.

that the Share-the-Meat program is a voluntary one at the present time, and while farmers will be asked to limit their consumption to an allowance set up for the country as a whole, Dean Schaub says he doubts if any restriction on consumption will affect the supply of meat for farmers on the basis of average yearly consumption.

"Comparatively few of our farmers average more than the consumption allotment requested of all the people", he added.

The State College leader said that the only restriction on farm slaughter of hogs, cattle, calves, sheep and lambs is where a farmer has been butchering and delivering animals for others. In this case the farmer is restricted to no more than the same amount of meat he slaughtered and delivered to others in the corresponding quarter of 1941.

Committees Appointed For Webster P.T.A.

Webster Parent Teacher Association met Tuesday afternoon, with Mrs. Fred McKee presiding. A Christmas program was presented. Special music was rendered by the high school chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Pearl Madison. A play, "Mother's Christmas" was given by a group of tenth grade pupils. The Reverend B. C. Moss gave a very informative talk on the topic "Meeting the Spiritual and Social Needs of Our Youth."

presented the needs of youth or age as follows: "To understand himself or herself; to understand the world in which we live; and to satisfy the hunger for something to which we can pledge allegiance." He also stated that "parents and teachers can, if careful, guide ambitious boys and girls into channels of construction."

Mrs. McKee appointed Mrs. Lewis Cannon, Mr. J. E. Brown, Mrs. R. P. Buchanan and Mrs. Claude Cowan to arrange for presents to be sent to the armed forces from Webster P. T. A. this Christmas. The second year home economics girls will make candy for the boxes to be sent.

Miss Mary B. Simmons has announced that the adult class in "Clothing Conservation" and "Nutrition", which was scheduled for the East Fork Community has been postponed until after the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Ruth Everett gave a very beneficial and educational talk to the Webster High School Students explaining the new program of 1. price control; 2. rationing and 3. rental control. She stressed that each pupil acquaint himself or herself with this program by every possible means. She concluded her talk with this statement: "Know the new program and stand by the government because your government is yourself."

Seal Sales Progress Under Leadership Of Mrs. J. H. Gillis

Mrs. J. H. Gillis, chairman of the Tuberculosis Christmas seal sale sponsored by the Sylva Parent Teachers Association, has announced that the drive is progressing satisfactorily, but wishes again to urge the purchase of seals by everyone, in order that the drive may be a complete success.

Mrs. Gillis states that ninety-five cents out of every Seal Sale dollar stays within the State to aid in the prevention and cure of tuberculosis. Five cents supports services of the National Tuberculosis Association.

Under present war conditions it is of greatest importance that the spread of the disease be prevented. Over crowded conditions in defense areas encourage the spread of tuberculosis and calls for readjustment of national, state, and local tuberculosis programs.

To quote Sir William Osler, teachers of modern medicine: "The battle against tuberculosis is not a doctor's battle."

Rationing Board Has New Hours

Because of the added load of office work caused by the registration for "T" gasoline ration and the fuel oil registration, it will be necessary for the Jackson County Rationing Board office to be closed at 3:00 P. M. each day.

The new office hours will be from 8:30 A. M. to 12:30 P. M., and from 1:30 to 3:00 P. M., except Saturdays, when the office will close at 12:30 P. M.

The Athens, W. Va., jail, vacant for a year, was scrapped and yielded 30 tons of steel.

Officers Were Inducted Here Last Monday

Monday, December 7 was inauguration day in Jackson county, and old officers succeeding themselves were sworn in, and new ones took the oath of office for the first time.

The new officers, sworn in for four year terms were J. C. Passmore, of Cashiers Valley and Ed Fisher of Sylva, as county commissioners, and Ed Brown, of Tuckaseegee, as county surveyor. Passmore and Fisher succeeded Cleve Fisher of Hamburg and R. C. Howell of Qualla as members of the Board of County commissioners; and Mr. Brown succeeds Lyman Stewart, as county surveyor.

Sheriff Leonard Holden, Clerk of the Superior Court Roy M. Cowan, Register of Deeds Glenn Hughes, Coroner C. W. Dills, and Commissioner of Finance T. Walter Ashe, all took the oath of office and began serving second terms of four years.

Sunday School Meet Held At Scott's Creek

The Tuckaseegee Baptist Sunday School Convention was held at Scott's Creek church, at Edta, Sunday afternoon, December 13.

The following program was prepared by the program committee, and W. G. Womack, Secretary and Treasurer.

The meeting will be opened at 2 o'clock in the afternoon with congregational singing, led by E. E. Fisher, choir director of Scott's Creek church.

Devotions, conducted by Mrs. Frank Barron.

Special music by Reed quartet of Scott's Creek church.

Address by J. F. Corbin, of Sylva church.

Special music, Reed quartet.

A ten minutes summary of the next quarter's studies, by Jennings A. Bryson.

Announcements, and remarks by the president.

Minutes and roll call of the Sunday Schools.

Report of committees and election of officers for the year 1943.

Congregational singing led by E. E. Fisher.

Prayer and adjournment.

Cowan Circle Chooses Officers For Coming Year

The Annie Cowan Circle of the Methodist Womens Society of Christian Service, meeting last Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Phillip Stovall, elected Mrs. Stovall as circle leader, Mrs. H. Gibson as vice leader, Mrs. M. Buchanan, Jr., as secretary, and Mrs. Dan Allison, treasurer.

Mrs. Robert G. Tuttle directed a Christmas pageant, with Mrs. Dan Moore, Mrs. J. H. Gillis, Mrs. John Wilson, Mrs. A. D. Barker and Mrs. Dan Allison participating. Mrs. D. M. Hall was soloist for the pageant with Mrs. Paul Ellis as accompanist.

Mrs. Sutton, assisted by Mrs. H. Gibson, served a delightful salad and ice course.

FROZEN

Uncle Sam has adopted a new policy of buying quick frozen vegetables for his army, thus saving hundreds of tons of tin and steel for war production and giving the armed forces better food.

TEA

When tea joins coffee on the list of scarcities, Americans may brew themselves a tasty cup from persimmon leaves, a concoction which nutritionists describe as being high in Vitamin C.