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Right Here In Our County

As we pointed out last week in an editorial the sad story of the number of men rejected for service because of illiteracy, we also remind you that this month you may be given an opportunity right in your own community to do something about the matter—for the future.

These rejections should make us all realize that we have work at home and a responsibility. Maybe there is a little girl in your neighborhood, who needs a dress, to boost her morale, or maybe a boy who would go to school if someone was interested in him and showed that interest.

When Autumn Comes

From a survey made during the past week indications point to one of the best fall seasons ever enjoyed in this area. The summer season, which has far surpassed the expectations of the majority of local people, bids fair to continue even after frost has come.

We feel that this extension of the tourist season will not only affect this year, but the years to come. We have often made the statement that the majority of visitors left just on the eve of the most beautiful time of the year in the mountains.

We understand that the summer visitors come in the hot months to avoid the heat of their home towns, and that ere the autumn rolls around they can be comfortable at home, but even so, they miss something that we have to offer at its best.

We usually have a few nippy days and those not familiar with our climate are scared into thinking that winter is at hand, when in reality it is merely autumn announcing its arrival, so to speak.

When the leaves begin to turn in their glory of color, the weather seems to match them in a state of perfection. It is neither too hot nor too cold.

We feel that those who stay later this year will never go back soon again, for they will know first hand what we have to give them in the way of an autumn season, and that the late season this year will mean later seasons in the years to come.

Business Is Good

Two of the best and most accurate business barometers of a community is the business of the post office and railroad.

Last week The Herald carried a front page story citing that the volume of business done by the local railroad office was far ahead of last month, and last year at the same period.

This week the postmaster releases encouraging news from the Sylva post office that business there is breaking all records.

The fact that the same condition exists in a number of places catering to the general public, is ample proof that business is on the upgrade in Jackson County. Such business is on a solid foundation and does not represent a temporary spurt.

Every indication is that business will remain good in Jackson County.

Miracles In 36 Years

August, 1943, marks the 36th anniversary of the creation of the U. S. Air Forces. It was started with one officer and two men. The story of the progress which has been made since that date reads like a fairy story.

Today there are hundreds of thousands of trained men in our air corps, which is such a vital part of our defense. But to reach this high goal of efficiency many have made sacrifices along the way in their effort to perfect travel in the skies.

What has been accomplished in the field of aviation since the war clouds gathered over this country and since we actually got into the conflict sounds like a miracle, when one considers the number of men who have been trained and the number of planes that are being turned out.

The accomplishments of the past three years in aviation and in the immediate years to come will be reflected in that great era of peace to which we all look forward. Great changes will take place in travel, for aviation has come to stay.

In the meantime we pay tribute to this first line of defense, our air corps, that gives us protection on our shore lines and inspires us with a feeling that the enemy will never get very far into our country.

The Sylva Herald

The Sylva Herald is the name of a new paper launched the first week in August at the county seat of Jackson. W. Curtis Russ and Marion T. Bridges, who have achieved marked success in the publication of The Waynesville Mountaineer, are the co-owners and publishers of the new paper.

Newspaper friends and admirers of Messrs. Russ and Bridges are very much interested in their new venture and feel sure that to this, as well as their every undertaking, they will apply their usual energy and exceptional newspaper ability to make it the success that they and the people they serve will have every right to expect and deserve.

Congratulations To Our New Neighbor

The second issue of The Sylva Herald, published by W. C. Russ and M. T. Bridges of Waynesville, has just come from the press chocked full of news, features, editorials and advertising. The Times extends congratulations to the publishers and to the citizens of Jackson County in having a newspaper worthy of the progressive town and county it is serving.

High School Age Voters

"First in peaches, first in watermelons, first to give the vote to 18-year-olds." Georgia can add this boast to the inscription on its Great Seal if it wishes. The Cracker State is the first in the American Union to lower the voting age which has never before been altered anywhere in the United States since the days of the Colonies.

There is nothing sacred about 21 as the age of majority. It is fixed by common law for male maturity, but some States fix 18 as the age for women. Some States even say a minor has reached an age of sufficient discretion to select his own guardian at 14. And Mrs. Roosevelt says, "If they're old enough to fight, they're old enough to vote."

Georgia's 18-year-olds next year will have two opportunities to distinguish themselves: It is possible for them to be the first of their age to help elect an American President for a fourth term in office—or they could become pioneers in breaking away from the tradition that they must vote "the way granpappy did."

If there is any truth in the old saying that "Happy is the country without a history", then Sicily must be one of the most unhappy countries in the world.

ANOTHER STEPPE CHILD!



HERE and THERE

By HILDA WAY GWYN

We are so far removed in this section from the actual war activities that the crash of the army plane near the Haywood-Jackson county line last Friday afternoon brought a deeper realization of the toll of war to us...

A group of people in an evening's conversation can cover a lot of ground... from the settlement of world problems... the duration of the war... down to their favorite dessert...

We did not know that so many important dates in American history fell in the month of August until one of those people who have disgusting (and Envious) memories...

We overheard one soldier say to another one (riding behind them on a bus this week)...

From time immemorable men have poked fun at women and their fads and fancies... and changing styles in dressing...

Letters To The Editor: Editor The Herald, We are enjoying The Sylva Herald. We found the contents very interesting...

COLLEGE PRESIDENT LIKES HERALD: Editor The Herald, I have read the initial issue of The Sylva Herald with genuine interest...

THE OLD HOME TOWN: I SEE YOU LET THE GRASS GET PRETTY LONG BEFORE YOU MOWED IT THIS WEEK!



Inside WASHINGTON

Airplane Seen as Cause of Post-War Trade Expansion | Aviation Will Open Entire World to Alert Businessmen

WASHINGTON—Business men will "call a plane" as matter-of-fact as they summon a taxi today, if the entire aviation industry rallies after the war to utilize the economic potentialities of aircraft.

Already we can see what the airplane has meant in the conduct of this war, quite aside from its use in combat. Thanks to it, President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill have been able to meet frequently.

What these military and political leaders have done in war, our business leaders will be able to do in peace, at a cost in time and money so small it will revolutionize business.

This will become more apparent in the "mopping up" period right after the war. In the post-war world there will doubtless be areas that must be occupied or rebuilt.

Flying these converted instruments of destruction will be thousands of pilots who, unless jobs are made immediately available, would be unemployed.

American business men can expand their business to their heart's content. That opportunity in Costa Rica, that market in China, that plant in Iraq, which yesterday did not seem worth exploring, will become feasible investments.

Putnam's personal success demonstrates the vision and realism he advocates for the airplane industry.

This tall, gangling law student of Columbia walked down 57th street in New York one day 20 years ago... and came out 10 minutes later with a four-passenger Curtiss Robin.

Lately Putnam's vision has brought some definite figures in the field of cargo rates for airplanes... and they are startling.

He illustrates by a simple case, "If Chicago and Southern were able to obtain more airplanes today and the seats were removed and the planes devoted to carrying nothing but cargo, we could operate at about 35 cents a plane mile, direct air costs, and carry up to three tons of cargo, depending on the degree of single engine performance desired.

If we fail to remake the airplane into an instrument for peacetime utilization to the fullest, Putnam says, "God help us in the next war."

"From now on, time moves on wings, and it carries either death or a wider life for mankind!"

water mark and I am sure the citizens of Jackson County will respond with appreciation.

Enclosed is my check for a year's subscription, H. T. Hunter, President Western Carolina Teachers College.

A SWELL PAPER: Editor The Herald, Congratulations on The Sylva Herald. It is a swell newspaper.

FINE JOURNALISM: Editor The Herald, I have enjoyed reading the two issues of The Herald and I know your subscribers are going to receive a very splendid newspaper.

BEST WISHES: Editor The Sylva Herald, I extend to you my best wishes for the success of The Sylva Herald. I have every confidence that you will give the people of Jackson County a bright, newsy weekly.

BEARS ARE REAL PROBLEM FOR SHEEP RAISERS: Editor The Herald, Bear now constitute a far great

er hazard to sheep raising than dogs. They are also playing havoc with cattle as well as sheep.

I am selling my sheep this week. I have lost more than \$1,000 worth of sheep in the past four years, and have got to quit.

I plead with the State authorities and with the National Park officials to give us some aid and relief from the depredators.

Some of the landowners are now putting out poison for the bear, and are thereby risking poisoning all the wild life in the section.

These wild bear are never seen by Park visitors. They are of no use whatever, and are more dangerous than rattlesnakes.

Very sincerely yours, THOS. W. ALEXANDER

Every time you do an evil act the devil is standing by to give you an encore.

Correspondents Wanted In All Communities

Correspondents in every section of Jackson county are wanted to handle the news for their community.

This is a newspaper designed for the people of Jackson county, and all the news of the county is wanted for YOUR NEWSPAPER.

Those interested in their community being represented in the news columns of this newspaper each week, are invited to call by the office and get complete details, together with adequate stationery, and postage-paid envelopes.

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