

Mrs. Dan Tompkins Heads Leg. Auxiliary

Mrs. Dan Tompkins was elected president of the newly organized American Legion Auxiliary to the local post at the initial meeting of the group held in the grand jury room of the Courthouse on last Friday evening.

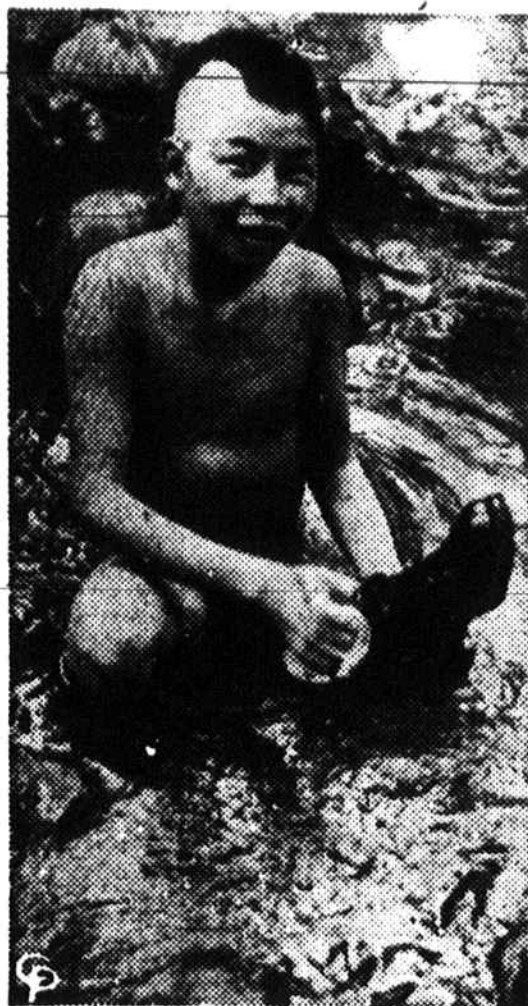
Others elected to serve with Mrs. Tompkins include: vice president, Mrs. Posey Cathey; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. O. E. Monteith; chaplain and historian, Mrs. Fred Williams; sergeant at arms, Mrs. John A. Parris.

Mrs. Walter Jones was named temporary chairman and presided over the meeting. During the evening application blanks were filled out for the members and various plans for perfection of the organization were discussed.

Announcement was made of the next meeting which will be held sometime in January.

Charter members of the Auxiliary include: Mrs. Dillard Coward, Mrs. G. K. Bess, Mrs. Darnce Talley, Mrs. Raymond Sutton, Mrs. Posey Cathey, Mrs. Fred Williams, Mrs. Dan Tompkins, Mrs. John A. Parris, Mrs. O. E. Monteith, Mrs. Walter Jones, Mrs. John Corbin, Mrs. Walter Ashe, Mrs. Joe Davis, Mrs. Ed Bryson, Mrs. B. B. Morgan, Mrs. Jessie Cordell and Mrs. Frank Jones.

Adopts U. S. Army



LEE CHOW, Chinese boy liberated from the Japs when U S forces took a Pacific island, has gratefully "adopted" the U S Army especially its (U) shoes, in which he wears about so proudly that he wears them even into his bath Signal Corps photo. (International)

Baptist Women Will Hold Two Special Services

Special services will be held at the Baptist church here tonight and also Thursday night, in observance of the annual Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions.

The women's organizations of the church will have charge of the programs, with the various circles taking part.

Rev. W. E. Pettit, pastor, is urging that all members of the Woman's Missionary Society and the Young Women's Auxiliary attend the special services both nights.

Bennie Reese Is Assistant Manager At Belk's Here

Bennie Reese, well known merchandising man, has just been named assistant manager of Belk's Department Store here, it was announced this week by Mr. Landis, manager.

Mr. Reese has been connected with Sylva department stores for the past seven years, and prior to that time he conducted special sales throughout Western North Carolina. He also assisted in opening several stores in this area.

Mr. Reese is well known throughout this entire section, having spent some 22 years in the merchandising field.

Thanksgiving Services Well Attended Here

Large congregations attended the sunrise services at the two Sylva churches here Thanksgiving morning.

It was one of the largest attendances remembered here in many years.

The day passed quietly, with most business places observing Sunday hours all day.

PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM TUBERCULOSIS



BUY and USE Christmas Seals

Jackson To Get 150 Cases Of Milk

Will Be Used In Lunchrooms of the County; Due To Arrive Soon.

Jackson county is scheduled to get 150 cases of evaporated milk allocated for free distribution in the school lunchrooms.

The shipment is due to arrive in Asheville soon. Each case contains 48 of the 14-ounce cans.

The milk is supplied through the Food Distribution Administration to schools in counties using the federal lunchroom program.

Local Cagers To Meet Bryson City Here Friday Night

Practice on the local basketball court is being held consistently, in preparation for the return game with Bryson City here Friday night at the local gym.

In the absence of a coach, the Sylva cagers are being coached by Wade Wilson, a high school boy.

The team made a fine showing in their opening game last Friday night when they met the strong Bryson City group. The close score of 21 to 18 was in favor of the Swain county cagers, but the game was exciting throughout, and never once did either team have the game "in the bag."

The probable starting line-up for Sylva here Friday night will include: Wilson and Ryan at guard; Bryson and Cooper as forwards, and Hughes at center.

Substitutes during the Bryson City game last week included: Madison, Henry and Keener.

Kent Coward Is Speaker At Lions Club Meeting Here

Kent Coward, local high school student, has a talent of being able to read the war news and remember what he reads. Furthermore, he is able to assemble the facts and relate them to others in the manner of a news commentator, although covering periods of months.

Young Coward entertained as well as enlightened the local Lions Club at their last meeting, by starting with General Rommel's retreat in North Africa, up to the present heavy bombing of Berlin.

Kent started this unusual hobby when as a newsboy he read enough of the headlines to sell his wares. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dillard M. Coward.

Lions To Sponsor Another Clinic On Blind Work

Plans are going forward for the defective eye-sight clinic to be held here in January. The clinic is sponsored by the Sylva Lions Club as their main project. Details of the clinic will be announced later.

The club lost three members to the armed forces recently, cutting their membership down to 44. Those entering service soon from the club include: Dexter Hooper and George Lee, to the navy, and Ralph Elkins, to the army.

Dr. Katherine Cox Honored By Medical Group To Do Research

The many friends of Dr. Katherine E. Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. A. Cox, of Cullowhee, will be pleased to know she has been made president of the Pan-American Association of Laboratory Directors and has recently attended very interesting meetings in New York.

She was selected as one to go to the Army Medical Center to do research work on tropical diseases, the only woman among 150 army doctors doing this work there.

For some years she has had charge of the Laboratory of Hygiene for the State of West Virginia.

Dr. Cox is a graduate of Vassar College, having majored in chemistry and bacteriology, has done graduate work at the University of Chicago, where she received her Ph. D. degree. She has served as assistant to Drs. Krumwide and Parks of New York City health department.

She has served as technician in the North Carolina hygienic laboratory at Raleigh. Served as research bacteriologist at the "Desert Sanatorium Research Institute" of the University of Arizona, at Tucson for three years. While at Tucson Dr. Cox collaborated with Dr. Donald Hill on the study of arthritis. Her article on this subject was published in a prominent American medical journal and has brought to her letters of recognition from medical authorities from all over the world.

To Remain Here



REV. W. E. PETTIT, pastor of the Sylva Baptist church, has turned down a call from a large Baptist church near Washington to become their pastor. He has been in Sylva exactly one year.

Rev. W. E. Pettit Turns Down Call To Large Church

Local Church Has Grown Membership During Past Year.

Rev. W. E. Pettit, pastor of the Sylva Baptist church, has turned down a call from one of the largest Baptist churches in the Washington area, and will remain here as pastor, he announced this week.

Rev. Mr. Pettit has had several opportunities during the past few months to go to larger churches, but he has decided against all of them, in order to carry on his work here.

The latest call came from the church in Balla Church, Va., just six miles from Washington. The church is much larger than the local church.

Rev. Mr. Pettit observed his first anniversary with the Sylva church here last Sunday. During the year, 47 additions have been made to the church. The contributions during the year showed a gain of \$9,000 over the previous year. The total for the year was \$12,600. A number of improvements have been made during the year, and new made to the church plant and new equipment added in several departments of the church and Sunday school.

The church now has 216 resident members. There are more than that on the church roll, but many are in the armed forces, or now at defense plants throughout the nation.

The church has a financial goal for the current year of \$16,400. Of this amount, \$10,000 has been earmarked for the building fund. With a third of the church year passed, the goal is being attained, it was said.

Mrs. George Crout and daughter, Nell, left Saturday for Tampa, Fla., where Mrs. Crout will accept a job with the Civil Service Commission.

Those making up the party included: Mr. Brookhyser, Walter Jones, Dexter Hooper, Garland Jones, Tom Arwood and Ray Cogdill.

Ariail Will Head Fourth War Loan Drive In January

Named By State Chairman To Continue Good Work In Directing Sales In Jackson.

R. L. Ariail was named campaign chairman of Jackson county for the Fourth War Loan Drive, which begins January 18th.

Mr. Ariail has served in that capacity since the sale of war bonds was started in the county, and under his direction Jackson county has met her quotas for every month and for the past three special drives.

The request that Mr. Ariail continue in the capacity as chairman, came from C. T. Leinbach, chairman of the North Carolina War Finance committee. In a wire to Mr. Ariail this week, Mr. Leinbach said in part:

"I am depending on you for your continued support as campaign chairman of Jackson County for the Fourth War Loan Drive, which starts January 18th. I know I can count on you for this most vital part of our war effort."

The sale of war bonds and stamps in Jackson continues to hold up, and the monthly quotas are being met, Mr. Ariail reported.

Allison Honored At Engineering School, At State

Robert E. Allison, was one of thirty-five outstanding seniors in the school of engineering at State College recently inducted into the order of St. Patrick, named for the legendary saint who, in chasing the snakes from Ireland, "invented the first worm drive" and thus became the patron of engineers the world over.

Mr. Allison is a student in the aeronautical school.

Mrs. Sam Deitz Buried Tuesday

Last rites were held Tuesday at the East Fork Baptist Church for Mrs. Annie Lee Deitz, 37, who passed away at Webster Saturday. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Thad Deitz and Rev. W. N. Cook.

The deceased was a member of the East Fork Baptist church, and a charter member of the missionary society there.

She is survived by her husband, Sam Deitz, Webster; her mother, Mrs. Will Morgan, also of Webster, and five sons: Paul Deitz, with the army in England; Walker Deitz, with the navy, stationed in California; Freeman Deitz, of Newport News, Billie and Morgan, Webster; three daughters, Emma Bell, Edith and Peggie Sue, all at home.

Burial was in the church cemetery. Moody Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Brookhyser Gets 125-Pound Bear

Six Sylva hunters staged a bear hunt in the Davidson River area of Pisgah National Forest last Tuesday, with O. E. Brookhyser, bringing back a 125-pound bear.

The bear was about 18 months old.

Post Office Has First Taste Of Christmas Mail

The Sylva Post Office is feeling Christmas business more every day, according to Chas. Price, postmaster.

Many people are mailing early, and getting their cards and packages out of the way.

With the shortage of manpower, there is only one sure way of getting mail to its destination this Christmas, and that is to mail it early, Mr. Price pointed out.

Condition Of Secretary Of C. of C. John R. Jones Remains Unchanged

The condition of John R. Jones, secretary of the Sylva Chamber of Commerce, who is confined to an Asheville hospital, is reported to be unchanged.

Son Of World War I Veteran Is Missing

Lt. Colonel at 24



LT. COL. FRANK A. HILL, 24, a fighter pilot with the U S Army Air Forces, rides on top of the auto taking him to reception given by his home town, Hillsdale, N. J. The young hero has been on 166 missions over Europe. He enlisted as a private in 1940. (International)

Robert Lewis Perkins, 17, Seaman First Class, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Perkins, of Dillsboro, is reported missing since September 25th, according to a message received from the Navy Department by his parents.

The message stated that he was missing following the collision of his ship with another, and that when further details were learned the family would be notified.

The last time the family heard from him was around Sept. 19, and his ship is supposed to have left this country around Sept. 22.

Seaman Perkins volunteered in the U. S. Navy while a student in the Webster school and entered the service on June 25, 1942. He took his boot training in Newport, R. I.

After completing his training he was given only one week-end leave at home before he was sent on sea duty. He was for a time in the North African waters and later in the Sicilian area.

His father, W. O. Perkins, local nurseman, is a veteran of World War One.

Seaman Perkins has a brother in the service, Aviation Cadet George B. Perkins, who is now stationed at Hemet, Calif. He volunteered in the service, enlisting in Asheville and from there was sent to Miami Beach, Fla., then to Millikin University, Decatur, Ill. From there he was sent to Santa Ana, Calif., and from the latter to his present post. He has recently spent a two weeks furlough with his parents, returning to his post on last Saturday. He entered the service shortly after his graduation from high school.

15 Boys Become 18 Years Of Age During November

Fifteen boys in Jackson County became 18 years of age during the month of November, according to the clerk of the Jackson County Draft Board.

The boys have registered with the local board and are now subject to call for active service in the armed forces. In the group were the following: Roy Blackburn, James Weldon Shuler, Thomas Bragg Cowan, Lyman Ashley Powell, Lee Roy Aiken, Leroy Jackson.

Henry Glenn Manous, John William Pierce, William Thomas Fisher, L. C. Hoxit, Joseph Russell Lambert, Claude Buchanan, Warren Harding Phillips, Ward Cleveland Rice and Roy Candler McClure.

Wallace Swann Is Now Manager Of Stovall's Cafe

Wallace Swann, well known local cafe man, has taken over the management and operation of Stovall's Cafe, succeeding Raymond Glenn, lessee.

Mr. Swann has been in the cafe business for the past 12 years. Ten of these he spent in Sylva, and the last two years he has been operating a large cafe in Waynesville. He moved to Sylva in 1929.

Mr. Swann plans to move his family here at an early date. Mr. Glenn did not announce his plans for the future, other than a well-earned rest of a few weeks, and then "in" something to help the war effort."

Mr. Swann said no changes would be made in the name or policy of the business at this time.

Edgar Thomas Turpin U. S. Navy, Here

Edgar Thomas Turpin, seaman second class, is spending a 14-day leave here with his mother, Mrs. Mamie Turpin. Seaman Turpin was inducted at Spartanburg and from there was sent to Bainbridge, Md., for his boot training. Prior to entering the U. S. Navy he was employed at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company.

Monteith Will Address Savannah PTA Thursday

The Parent Teacher Association of the Savannah school will observe Father's Night Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. The glee club will furnish music.

H. E. Monteith will be the speaker.