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Shoppers From Nearby Towns Coming to Sylva

Several Sylva merchants reported this week that Christmas shoppers from a wide area are coming here daily.

One merchant reported heavy sales to a group from Knoxville who had heard of the complete stocks here. Another said he had served customers from Waynesville, Franklin and Bryson City during the past few days.

Christmas business was brick here over the week-end.

"People are buying earlier this year, but we anticipate a large number of last minute shoppers as usual," one Sylva merchant said.

Several merchants have visited markets in the past few weeks and bought extra stocks to carry them through the holidays.

S. R. Fullbright Buried Friday At Cullowhee

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at two o'clock for Samuel Roscoe Fullbright, 64, who passed away early Wednesday morning at his home at Cullowhee.

Rev. Fred Forster of Drexel, and Rev. Cecil Heffner, of Winston-Salem, were in charge of the services. The services were held at the Cullowhee Baptist church, with interment in the Cullowhee cemetery.

Mr. Fullbright was taken ill suddenly and passed away within a few hours. He was a well known carpenter of this county.

He is survived by his widow, the former Miss Bertha Painter, and three daughters, Mrs. Geneva Styles, and Mrs. Frances Jones, of Cullowhee, and Mrs. Edith Hamilton, of Lenoir City, Tenn. Two brothers, John Fullbright, of Sylva and Byrd Fullbright, of Cullowhee.

Moody Funeral Home had charge of the funeral.

Jackson County Students Make Red Cross Items

Fifty traction splints have been made by boys in the manual training departments of Cullowhee Training school and Sylva high school for the Red Cross, it has been announced by Miss Cordelia Camp, Junior Red Cross chairman.

Children of the Cullowhee, Webster, Sylva and East La Porte schools have made a unit of Christmas decorations consisting of 1,300 pieces. Children of the Cullowhee school are making a wool afghan for a convalescent soldier.

Nine schools in the county contributing to the Junior Red Cross work have raised $9.93 in cash.

Methodists Plan To Enlarge Their Evening Services

Plans of the Methodist church are to stress the evening services during December, according to Rev. R. C. Tuttle, pastor.

The junior board of stewards will be sponsors of the services, and Miss Margaret Candler is training a junior choir to provide music for the night services.

Rev. Mr. Tuttle announced that beginning Sunday, the evening services will be held in the church auditorium instead of the Allison Building.

Methodist Group Held Meeting Here Saturday

A meeting of the Children's Workers of the Waynesville District and the ministers and their wives was held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. The morning meeting was devoted to the work of the children, they had a luncheon hour and the afternoon was devoted to the plans of the ministers.

There was a special meeting of the ministers' wives.

Lieut. Col. And Mrs. Smathers Visit Here

Lieut. Col. and Mrs. R. K. Smathers have been the guests of Mrs. Smathers' sister, Mrs. A. F. Clouse and other relatives here. Lieut. Col. Smathers has been stationed in Puerto Rico for two years, and Mrs. Smathers has been residing in Atlanta. Lieut. Col. Smathers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Smathers of Canton.

Local Gardener Has Watermelons

R. E. Blanton, of Dillsboro, Has Another Melon He Plans To Cut Christmas.

The family of R. E. Blanton had three-fourths of a home grown watermelon Sunday. The staff of The Herald had the remainder of the melon.

Mr. Blanton planted the melons late, in order to have them for "fall eating." He pulled them just before the first heavy freeze and stored them in cardboard boxes. On cold nights he kept them inside the house, while the remainder of the time he kept them on the porch.

He has one more melon which he hopes to serve on Christmas Day. He has already eaten the other three.

The melon was a little dry, and the meat was not as red ripe as the average. Other than that, it was everything that could be expected from a watermelon.

Mr. Blanton planted a real late summer garden to supplement his early spring garden. The dry weather caused most of his late garden to burn. He got several bushels of tomatoes just before frost.

With average seasons, Mr. Blanton believes that two gardens can be grown with success in this area.

Three Jackson Men Are Sent To Camp Wolters

Three Jackson county men have just reported at Camp Wolters, Texas, an infantry replacement training center, to begin training as infantrymen.

Pvt. James A. Nicholson, of Sylva, and Leroy Jenkins of Speedwell, have been assigned to a battalion stressing rifle.

Pvt. Bannister R. Middleton, son of Mrs. Dorcas Middleton, of Cullowhee, has been assigned to take special training in heavy weapons.

Well Known Lumberman Of This Section Dies

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. McKee and Mrs. Joseph Kee, attended the funeral of W. W. Croushorn, of Brevard, on Monday afternoon. The deceased was general manager and secretary-treasurer of the Carr Lumber Company for more than 30 years.

He passed away Saturday night in an Asheville hospital.

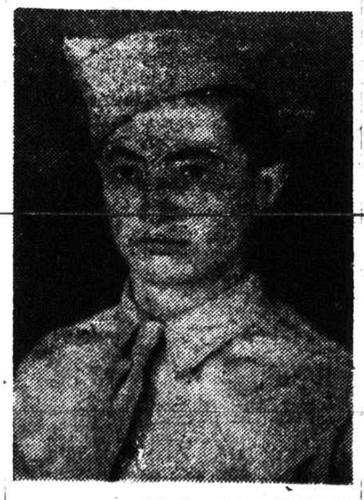
His firm had extensive lumbering operations throughout this area.

52,086 Have Lost Their License For Violating Highway Traffic Laws

The total revocations of drivers license hit more than 52,000 this week, as 105 for the week were added.

As in the past, about 99 per cent of the license revocations were due to motorists driving drunk.

In North Africa



JAMES JACKSON GREENE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Estes Greene, of Green's Creek, entered the service of his country one year ago this week. He is now stationed in North Africa, after having trained at Camp Phillips, Va., Fort George G. Meade, Md., and did considerable work on maneuvers in Tennessee. He went from here to Camp Croft. He attended Webster high school.

News Editor Of The Herald

MRS. HELEN ALLISON HOOPER assumed her duties this week as news editor, and assistant business manager of The Sylva Herald. Photo by Donnahoe's Studio.

Mrs. Hooper Is News Editor Of The Sylva Herald

The publishers of The Herald are today announcing the addition of Mrs. Helen Allison Hooper as a member of the staff. Mrs. Hooper will be news editor and assistant business manager of the paper. She assumed her duties this week.

Mrs. Hooper is a native of Sylva, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Claud Allison. She returned to Sylva in August when her husband, Lt. (jg) J. L. Hooper was transferred from the States to a Naval Air Station in the South Pacific area.

The new news editor of The Herald has had much experience in the business and professional world since her graduation from Woman's College of the University of North Carolina. For a while she was connected with a large tire company in Akron, Ohio, later with a detective agency, and before coming back to Sylva was with a physician. Besides gathering news, Mrs. Hooper will devote much of her time assisting in the advertising department of The Herald.

Captain Cooke Here On Brief Week-End Visit

Captain Dan B. Cooke left Sunday after spending a few days with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. N. Cooke, of Webster.

Captain Cooke was scheduled to report to Norfolk Monday and go on active sea duty.

He has been in service over a year, and prior to entering service was in the office of Ecusta Corporation. He is a graduate of Western Carolina Teachers College.

Lt. H. E. Bryson Promoted To Captain

Lt. Herbert E. Bryson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bryson, of Sylva, has recently been promoted to the rank of Captain. Capt. Bryson has been in service for the past two years and is now stationed at Elgin Field, Fla.

He formerly served for sometime at Headquarters of the Ordnance Department in Washington, D. C., and later at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala.

His wife, the former Miss Sue Allison and young son are here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Allison.

Smoky Mountains Hill-Billies To Give Program At Sylva School Tonight

The Smoky Mountains Hill-Billies will present a program at the Sylva Elementary school this evening at 7 o'clock. The entertainment is being sponsored by the Sylva-Beta Club and a nominal admission will be made.

Pfc. Lloyd B. Dillard Spends Furlough Here

Privace First Class Floyd B. Dillard spent a nine-day furlough recently with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Dillard. Pfc. Dillard entered the service in February of this year and was inducted at Fort Bragg, where he has since been stationed. He is attached to the Field Artillery Unit.

Office Manager Of The Herald

MRS JOHN H. WILSON has been office manager of The Sylva Herald for the past month. Photo by Donnahoe's Studio.

Mrs. Wilson Has Charge Of Two Departments

Mrs. John H. Wilson has been with The Herald for sometime, in the capacity as office manager. Mrs. Wilson is well known throughout Jackson county, and a prominent civic club worker and official. She is a former school teacher.

Mrs. Wilson will have charge of the circulation department of The Herald as well as the office supply department and stationery lines. She will also continue in the capacity of assisting in gathering local news for the paper.

Mrs. Wilson has had newspaper experience, and has done considerable reporting.

Sylva And Bryson City Split Twin Games Here

The Sylva high school cage team won over Bryson City high, 36 to 9 in a game played here last Friday night. In a second game the Bryson City all stars edged out a victory of 23 to 20 over the Sylva all stars by playing off a tie in an extra period.

Cooper and Hughes led the scoring for Sylva high with Cooper scoring 10 points and Hughes accounting for 9.

For the Bryson City all stars, Myers and Woodard were top scorers with 9 and 8 points respectively, while Fisher and R. Phillips each scored 8 points for the Sylva team.

Sylva high hopes to continue their winning streak when they meet Webster next Wednesday afternoon.

The line-up;

Pos	Bryson City (23)	Sylva (22)
F	Estes (2)	Cooper (10)
F	Robinson	Bryson (8)
C	Dugan (1)	Phillips (4)
G	Webb (2)	Hughes (9)
G	Marr	Wilson (5)

Subs—Bryson City, Gibson (2) Martin, Brannel, Crisp (2). Sylva, Henry, Buchanan.

The all star line-up:

Pos	Bryson City (23	Sylva (22)
F	Brown (2)	Cagle
F	Myers (9)	Fisher (8)
C	Mitchell (4)	B. Phillips (1)
G	Dean	R. Phillips (8)
G	Woodard (8)	Sumner

Subs — Bryson City, Malina. Sylva, Cole (5).

Webster P. T. A. Sends Books To Men In Service

The Webster Parent Teacher Association has mailed to Mrs. J. W. Burke, state Parent Teacher treasurer, twenty-five books given by Webster P. T. A. members and Webster pupils as Christmas gifts to the men in service. It is understood that Mrs. Burke is to forward these gifts to the men at Fort Bragg.

The committee responsible for collecting and buying these books was composed of Mrs. Bannister Madison, Mrs. Claud Cowan and Miss Sue Tatham.

$17 In Christmas Seals Bought At Webster School

Webster teachers and pupils have bought $17.00 worth of the Christmas Seals that are sold each year to aid in the national fight against tuberculosis.

Scout Officers Will Be Named Thursday Night

District Meeting Will Be Staged At Jarrett Springs Hotel Thursday At 7 P. M.

The district committee of the Smoky Mountain District of Boy Scouts will hold their annual meeting at Jarrett Springs Hotel, Dillsboro, Thursday evening, Dec. 9th at 7 p. m.

H. E. Monteith, district chairman, will preside. Along with several important matters to be discussed, officers for the new year will be elected. This district is composed of Swain, Macon and Jackson and has eight troops with 168 members. There are 57 adults doing scout work in the district. During the past year 110 boys advanced in rank in Scouting.

Funeral Held For Mrs. H. A. Reynolds At Glenville Tues.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the Glenville Wesleyan Methodist church for Mrs. H. A. Reynolds, who passed away at her home in Glenville Sunday night following a short illness.

The Rev. R. C. Kendricks was in charge. Interment was made at the church cemetery.

Mrs. Reynolds, the former Miss Ethel Moody, was the daughter of the late Francis and Mary Moody. She was an active member of the Glenville Methodist church. Mrs. Reynolds is survived by her husband, H. A. Reynolds, her daughters, Mrs. Bonnie Bryson and Miss Dolly Reynolds, both of Glenville; a son, Sgt. Buren Reynolds, with the army in Italy; one grandson; three sisters, Mrs. Ida Moss of Cullowhee, Mrs. Annie Hooper of Speedwell and Mrs. Ola Henson of Erastus; and three brothers, Eldon Moody of Sylva, Marion and Clifton Moody of Erastus.

Baptists Will Meet Sunday At Scotts Creek

The Tuckaseigee Baptist Sunday School Convention will convene with the Scotts Creek Baptist Sunday afternoon, Dec. 12th at 2:30.

Officers for the new year will be elected at this time. All the Sunday Schools are requested to send representatives.

"It is hoped that all superintendents in the county will be present for this meeting," Clarence Vance, president said yesterday.

Dr. H. T. Hunter of Cullowhee, will be the principal speaker.

A/S Willard G. Stallcup, Jr., of Wofford College, Spartanburg, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Stallcup and his wife, who was the former Miss Marie Edwards, who is now a teacher in the Swain county high school.

In South Pacific

PETTY OFFICER, 2C. REALIS D. SUTTON, of Dillsboro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Sutton, in in the Navy, now stationed at the Base Hospital, New Caledonia, in the South Pacific.

Seaman Sutton volunteered in the Navy a year ago this month, and served for six months on Guadalcanal before being sent to New Caledonia. He was inducted at Camp Peary, Va., and later went to Gulfport, Miss., and Port Hueneme, Calif.

Before entering the service, he owned and operated the Greystone Lodge at Dillsboro.

One Man Killed, And One Injured In Mica Mine Explosion Here

Men Were Drilling In Mine To Set Off Dynamite When Accident Took Place.

Hiram Ashe, 29, of Speedwell, was fatally injured and Lindon Cabe, 51, also of Speedwell, is in the local hospital in a serious condition as the result of an explosion Saturday morning at a mica mine near Speedwell.

Mr. Ashe was taken to the C. J. Harris Community Hospital here, but his condition was critical from the first and he died on Saturday night around 10 o'clock.

The men are said to have been in the process of drilling in preparation for placing dynamite charges for blasting at the time of the explosion. Officials were of the opinion that the men had struck a charge of dynamite that failed to go off in a previous charge.

The mine where the accident occurred near Speedwell is operated by Garrett Ruben.

Funeral services were conducted for Mr. Ashe on Monday afternoon at the Speedwell Baptist church with Rev. George Snyder officiating. Burial was in the cemetery nearby.

Mr. Ashe is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Ashe; his widow and four children, two of whom are five-month-old twin sons, all of Speedwell, and a number of brothers and sisters.

The Moody Funeral Home of Sylva was in charge of the arrangements.

Makes Good

JUNNY O. JACKSON, of East La Porte, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jackson, has just returned to his base in Salt Lake City, Utah, after spending his first furlough home since entering the Army Air Corps in February of this year. Sgt. Jackson worked on his parents' farm before entering service. He attended Cullowhee high school and made excellent records both at school and since entering the service. He has received training at bases in St. Augustine, Fla., Amarillo, Texas, Las Vegas, Nevada, and is now at Salt Lake City.

18,609 Persons Visited Park In Past November

Though approximately 18,609 persons visited the Park in November, this total was only 59 per cent as great as that for November, 1942. In spite of restrictions on travel, some 39 per cent of the visitors came from states other than Tennessee and North Carolina. The visitors came from 32 known different states.

Travel is estimated by comparison of actual travel counts made at certain periods of the month with actual travel counts made at the corresponding periods of the preceding year.

Through the three entrances, a total of 3,224 local vehicles, carrying 11,296 persons, visited the park, a decrease of 65 per cent under a year ago, and 2,290 foreign vehicles carrying 7,313 persons, visited the park, a decrease of 1 per cent under a year ago.

Capt. and Mrs. Tidmarsh Visit Former's Mother

Captain and Mrs. H. A. Tidmarsh were the guests over the week-end of the former's mother, Mrs. A. H. Carter. Capt. Tidmarsh was en route to Camp Croft, having recently been dismissed from a government hospital.

Capt. Tidmarsh, West Point graduate in the class of 1941, who is a parachute jumper, is recovering from a knee injury.

Singing Convention Group To Meet 19th

The newly organized Jackson County Singing Convention will hold their first convention at the Savannah school at two o'clock on Sunday, December 19, according to Robert M. Jones, president.

Mr. Jones announced that plans had been made to meet the third Sunday in every month. The place of meeting will be in different sections of the county.

The conventions will feature selections by choirs, quartetts and duets. All singers and persons interested in singing, are invited to attend.

J. B. Deitz is secretary of the convention.

John R. Jones Home From Asheville Hospital

John R. Jones, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, has recovered sufficiently from a recent serious illness to be brought to his home here. He has been at the Mission Hospital, in Asheville.

2 Traffic Deaths Here In October Swelled N. C. Total

Of the 82 persons killed in traffic accidents in North Carolina during October, two were from this county, it was reported this week by the Safety Division of the State Highway Department.

The rate for October of this year shows an increase of 20 per cent, the report shows.

Of the total killed in the state, 21 were pedestrians, 27 were killed by motor vehicles, 6 by train, 2 by bicycles, 2 from a fixed object, 13 ran off the roadway and 9 overturned on the roadway. Two of the number fell from vehicles and were killed.

Webster School Joins In Junior Red Cross Work

Webster school has met the requirements for 1943 membership in the Junior Red Cross, Miss Hannah Cowan, the school Red Cross chairman, has announced.

All elementary grades have joined as home rooms, and the high school has joined as one group.

A total of $21.89 has been subscribed in memberships. Part of this money has been sent to the national organization and the remainder has been kept by the school to spend on school Red Cross projects.

Carolina Players Sponsored By Local Club Women

The play, "The Great Big Doorstep," which is being presented by the Western Carolina Players from Western Carolina Teachers College, is to be presented Friday evening, the 10th instead of the original date, due to the illness of one of the leading characters.

The appearance of the players here is being sponsored by the members of the Twentieth Century Club. The performance will start promptly at 8 o'clock.

Miss Thelma Ashe Starts Monday To Work For Draft Board

Miss Thelma Ashe assumed her duties as assistant clerk to the Jackson county draft board on Monday morning. Miss Ashe returned over the week-end from Camp Patrick Henry, Va., where she has held a position for the past six months. She fills the position formerly held by Mrs. Edith Moody, who resigned.

Do Your Christmas Shopping And Mailing Early This Year