

## BOND SALES ARE LAGGING IN JACKSON

### Jennings Bryson Heads Lions Of This District

Popular Sylva Civic Leader Elected Head Of District At Recent Meeting.

Jennings A. Bryson, Jackson county auditor and past president of the Sylva Lions Club was elected district governor of District 31A of Lions International at the State Convention held in Charlotte last week. This is the first time that any Lion living west of Asheville has been elected to this office and the members of the Sylva Club are elated that this honor should be bestowed on one of their members.

District 31A includes the 30 western counties of North Carolina, in which there are 1415 members. Lions International now has clubs in 14 counties and the total International membership is more than 175,000.

Lion Bryson has been a member of the Sylva club since May 26, 1939, and has done more work for the cause of Lionism than any other member of the club. He is a past president of the club and has held the position of Zone Chairman and deputy district governor. He is the holder of a Grand Master Key which is only presented to those members who have brought into their club 50 new members. Only 52 other men in all of Lions International hold this key.

Lion Bryson will head the delegation from this district attending Lions International Convention in Chicago the first of August.

The Sylva club will observe Ladies Night at the meeting tonight, at which time officers for next year will be installed by Governor Bryson. B. E. Harris is the retiring president and Almey Bryson is the incoming president.

### Jackson Gifts Feeding Hungry War-Torn Greece

A fantastic rise in prices of foodstuffs and clothing, ranging up to almost 1,000 times pre-war figures in some instances, has been one of the tragic results of the Axis occupation of Greece, R. U. Sutton, said yesterday.

The Greek War Relief Association, one of the participating agencies in Jackson county and the United War Fund of North Carolina, has reported a letter from a Greek refugee which illustrates vividly the great difficulties of even bare existence in Greece today, Mr. Sutton declared.

According to figures quoted in the refugee's letter, milk costs 666 times its pre-war price; the price of meat has gone up 800 times, butter 920 times, rice 120 times, eggs 500 times, and shoes 929 times.

Between September, 1940 — the Fall prior to the Axis occupation — and September, 1943, the price of one pound of butter rose from 87 cents to \$325.

One egg costs \$20 in Greece today compared to four cents before the war; one cucumber \$30 against three cents; one pair of shoes \$3,250 compared to \$3.50, and a summer suit \$7,500 compared to \$20 before the occupation.

This almost unbelievable inflation, Sutton pointed out, means that when the ordinary items of food and clothing needed can be found, prices are so prohibitive as to be completely out of reach of the average Greek family. And, he added, most consumer goods are extremely scarce even at high prices, and starvation as well as inflation stalks the country.

According to the Greek War Relief Association, which uses funds allocated it by the United War Fund of North Carolina to send supplies to Greece on Swedish mercy ships, the economic chaos in this European country has been brought about largely by the issuance of tremendous amounts of currency to meet demands of the Germans for occupation costs and by other disorganization of public finances as a result of the invasion. Athanesis J. Sbarounis, director-general of the ministry of finance in Athens, who escaped to London last Fall, says that the sum of 2,000,000 million drachmas has been extracted from Greece by Nazi authorities for occupation costs. These payments have been met by the issuance of more and more notes, leading the nation to inflation.

### District Governor



JENNINGS A. BRYSON was elected district governor of Lions International at the state convention held last week. Mr. Jennings is the first Lion west of Asheville to hold this position.

### Otis Q. Cole Is Missing After Ship Goes Down

Webster Boy, Reported Missing Since November 27, Was Aboard Ship.

Otis Q. Cole, son of Mrs. Texas Cole of Webster, was reported in a casualty list Tuesday, June 14th, to have been lost in the sinking of an Allied ship as a result of enemy action in the North Atlantic, according to a message received by his mother. He was reported missing November 27, 1943.

### Jackson Man Killed In Wash.

Word has been received by W. B. Styles of Sylva, of the fatal shooting of his son, Carl M. Styles and his wife, in Washington, D. C. No particulars of the shooting have been learned, the bodies were being held at a funeral home in Silver Springs, Md.

The body of Carl Styles will be sent to Sylva for burial.

### Singing Group To Meet Sunday P. M.

The singing convention at the Gay school house will be held on the fourth Sunday in this month, June 25. There will be special singers and everyone is cordially invited. The convention will start at 2:30 p. m.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Captain and Mrs. H. A. Tidmarsh announce the birth of a daughter, Christie, at the Harris Community Hospital on June 17. Mrs. Tidmarsh is the former Miss Marjorie Miller, of Junction City, Kansas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Miller.

Captain Tidmarsh is the son of Mrs. A. H. Carter and the late Dr. Tidmarsh. He is now serving with the U. S. Army somewhere in the Pacific theatre of war.

### ON FURLOUGH

Pvt. J. B. Stiwinter is spending a 15-day furlough with his wife and two children and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Stiwinter of Erastus. He was inducted in January, 1944 at Camp Croft, and received further training at Fort McClellan, Ala. He will report to Fort Meade, Md. for further orders.

Before entering the service Pvt. Stiwinter was a farmer.

### HERE FROM MICHIGAN

Mr. and Mrs. William Curtis left Saturday after spending a few days here with his father, E. O. Curtis, and sister, Mrs. J. E. Buckner. They will visit in Cincinnati before returning to their home in Grand Rapids, Mich.

### Last Rites Held Friday Afternoon For R. R. Fisher

Civic and Religious Leader Of Jackson, Was Merchant In County 40 Years.

R. R. Fisher, who for more than 40 years was a merchant and civic leader in Jackson county, was laid to rest Friday, June 16th, in the old Scotts Creek cemetery by the side of his beloved wife, Lillie Smith Fisher, whom he outlived a little more than a year. Funeral services were conducted at the Beta Baptist church by the Rev. B. S. Hensley, pastor, assisted by the Rev. Thad Deitz, Rev. W. M. Cook and Rev. Ben Coleman Fisher, grandson.

Active pallbearers were: Fisher Sprinkle and Robert Wilburn Fisher, grandsons, Jimmy Morris, John Parris and Lee Bryson. Honorary pallbearers were deacons of the church. Flower girls were: Betty McClure, Sara Sue Jones, Betty Parris, Florence Lettrel, Mrs. Don Cogdill and Mrs. Henry Miller.

Mr. Fisher was an active member of the Beta church up to the time of his death having been a deacon for many years. In addition to this, Mr. Fisher was instrumental in organizing the Tuckasegee Baptist Sunday School Association. He also served for many years on the Jackson County Board of Education.

Mr. Fisher was known throughout the county for his charitable deeds and love of people. He will be greatly missed by his many friends and acquaintances.

He is survived by six children, Mrs. Carrie Bell Jones of Asheville, Mrs. Herman Bolen of Canton, Ben Fisher of Fontana, Alden Fisher of Addie, Paul Fisher of Addie and Robert Fisher of Asheville; and by eight grandchildren and one great grandchild. The grandchildren are: Fisher Sprinkle of Waynesville, Anne Fisher of Asheville, Allen Bergen, Lawrence and Sara Belle Fisher of Addie, Rev. Ben Coleman Fisher of Nashville, N. C., Robert Wilburn Fisher of Columbia, S. C., and Marion Fisher of Washington, D. C.

Out of town people attending the funeral of Mr. Fisher were: Bruce Fisher of Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller and father, Jim Miller, of Waynesville, Rev. Ben Coleman Fisher and family of Nashville, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Fisher of Columbia, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. Fisher Sprinkle of Waynesville, Mrs. Dolph Patterson of Bryson City, Mrs. John York of Canton and Mr. Crumley of Canton.

### ON VISIT HERE

Cpl. Harry Merck, of Gainesville, Ga., has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Curtiss Garrison. This is his first visit to his sister since he entered the U. S. Army four years ago. During this time he has served in New Mexico, Mississippi and Tennessee as a member of a quartermaster company and will return to duty after a 15-day furlough with his sister and mother, Mrs. C. C. Merck, in Gainesville, Ga.

### HOLDING REVIVAL

Rev. W. N. Cook, of Webster, left Saturday for Morganton, where he will spend a week assisting Dr. F. A. Bowers in a revival meeting.

### Missing In Action



S/SGT. JUNNY O. JACKSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jackson, of East LaPorte, has been missing in action over Germany since May 28th, according to word received by his parents.

### Jackson Agricultural Authorities Heard At Work Study Meeting

#### Given Citation



RUSSELL HAMILTON, missing since January, has been awarded a presidential citation for bravery.

### Russell Hamilton Given Air Medal By The President

Cullowhee Man, Missing In Action Since January.

Russell Hamilton, aviation machinist's mate, second class, USN, listed as missing in action January 2, 1944, of Cullowhee, has been awarded the Air Medal by the President of the United States for "valorous conduct and unswerving devotion to duty" while engaged in a counter-attack with the enemy in the South Atlantic area.

The citation accompanying the Air Medal award reads: "For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as Plane Captain of a Navy Bombing Plane against an enemy blockade runner in the South Atlantic Area. When his plane, engaged in a carrier sweep, was summoned to the vicinity of a sighted enemy blockade runner and was hit almost instantly by a barrage of anti-aircraft fire from the waiting hostile vessel, Hamilton performed his duties throughout a vigorous counter attack with calm courage and efficiency until the arrival of a relief plane. Although on the return course, his plane and all hands plunged into the sea because of damage to the engine suffered in the fierce encounter, the valorous conduct and unswerving devotion to duty displayed by Hamilton throughout this hazardous engagement contributed to the destruction of a valuable enemy ship."

Hamilton, the son of Roy Wayne Hamilton of Cullowhee, enlisted in the Navy in June, 1941.

### Lt. Col. Brady Back In States

Lt. Col. Henry Brady, after spending more than a year with the 14th Air Force in China, has returned to the states. He spent some time visiting in both Atlanta and Columbia, S. C. He and Mrs. Brady, the former Miss Betty Bain, who has spent much time in Sylva with her grandmother, Mrs. J. W. Keener, are spending several days in New York before Col Brady reports to Atlantic City, N. J. for further assignment.

### VISIT NAVY MAN

Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Coward, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Dillard and Kent Coward were in Johnson City Sunday to visit Orville, son of Mr. and Mrs. Coward, who is very ill in a hospital there. Orville has been stationed at Milledge College, Tenn., where he has been taking V-12 U. S. Navy training when he was suddenly stricken with rheumatic fever. As soon as he has improved sufficiently he will be sent to a Southern California hospital where he will receive further treatment.

All of Orville's friends will be glad to know that he is making some improvement.

Cullowhee. — Addressing the work study conference now being held at Western Carolina Teachers College on Wednesday morning were five representatives from various agricultural, forestry, and farm agencies who had been invited by the director, Dr. Paul Irvine, to discuss with members opportunities through which classroom teachers may cooperate more adequately with agencies which are improving farm life.

John F. Corbin, vocational agricultural teacher of Sylva high school, speaking first, discussed the role of the vocational agriculture teacher in determining needs for his community as the kinds of farms and practices used, getting acquainted with students and parents through churches and social activities, setting up a program of work, gathering materials for instructional purposes, assembling tools and supplies for making simple farm equipment and home furnishings, working out problems of marketing, buying and grading, and orientation and guiding young people in the classroom, shop, clubs and home through a four-year course that will make them resourceful citizens.

J. Ray Orr, assistant county agent in forestry for Jackson county, tracing the history of forestry in this country from the seventeenth century, told how the first forestry school in America was established at Biltmore. He discussed specific problems of forestry in Jackson county where the average of 2,565 farms is one of fifty-eight acres and on which the relative wooded area is forty-one acres. He pointed out that rudimentary knowledge of forestry will enable farmers to harvest valuable crops of timber every few years. One acre of land in trees properly cared for will yield as much or more than any other acre in the farmer's place, he declared.

Mr. Orr then discussed the importance for forest products in war. Over 1,200 uses for wood have already found their place in the service of the army and navy. As an example, he stated that it takes 250,000 broad feet of edged grain Douglas fir to put a landing strip on one aircraft carrier.

W. T. Brown, Jr., supervisor of the Farm Security Administration for this section, discussed the work that is being done by this agency to lift the standard of living for low income groups. He outlined the program as it operates locally through a special committee in obtaining supervised credit for tools, stock and special loans. Both credit and teaching, Mr. Brown pointed out, combined and coordinated into a specific program for each individual farm, are necessary to obtain the maximum from the families resources. Credit extending through FSA loans gives the family the tools it needs to do

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### Gets Purple Heart

MRS. BERRY GAITHER has received word that her brother, Pfc. Winston Cabe, wounded in action in the Pacific area, has been awarded a Purple Heart. He enlisted in the Marines in October, 1942, and took training at New River and Camp Pendleton, Calif. He left for overseas duty about the middle of January. He has another brother, Pfc. Carlin Cabe, also in the Marines.

### Heads Bond Drive



R. L. ARIAIL, permanent war finance chairman of Jackson county, asks for undivided cooperation, and renewed activity in bond purchases in order that this county can reach the quota of \$264,000.

### Canning Sugar Certificates Are Available

Jackson county citizens who failed to register and get certificates for canning sugar can make application at the rationing board on Saturdays and Tuesdays, according to Leonard Allen, clerk of the board. The new registration starts July first.

Extra sugar is also available to those who have used their first allotment of sugar, it was said, when sufficient proof is given that the original allotment has been used.

### Jack Cordell Is Now Overseas

Pvt. Jack Cordell has arrived safely overseas according to the word received by his wife, the former Hazel Cooper of Whittier.

He entered the army last September and was inducted at Camp Croft, S. C., and took further training at Fort Jackson. He graduated from Field Artillery Unit at Fort Bragg in March, 1944. He spent a seven day furlough with his wife and baby daughter before going to Fort Meade, Md.

Prior to entering the service he was employed by The Asheville Construction Company.

### Catholic Evidence Guild To Give Talks On Religious Subjects

The Catholic Evidence Guild of Rosary College, River Forest, Ill., will again deliver open air addresses in Sylva during the week beginning Monday, June 26 and ending July 1.

The speakers will be three under graduate girl students of Rosary College. The meetings will be held each night from 7:45 to 8:45. Talks will be given on various religious subjects.

### Sales Last Week Reach Only Ten Percent Of Total

Chairman Ariail Urging More Bonds Bought During Coming Week To Reach Goals.

The sale of war bonds for the first week were disappointing in Jackson county, according to R. L. Ariail, county chairman yesterday, who reported that the total sales for the first week was \$28,431.25, or just a little over ten per cent of the \$264,000 quota.

In view of the slow sales, elaborate plans are being made to stage Jackson county's biggest war time rally on Friday, June 30th, with a movie premier at eight o'clock at the Ritz Theatre, where admission to see the actual filming of the Battle of Russia will be by purchase of war bonds only.

Other details of the rally are being worked out by a special committee in session here the first of the week.

Qualla township led all Jackson townships in the purchase of bonds, having purchased \$10,950 the first week, which represents nearly 50 per cent of the township's quota, which is \$23,850. Qualla sold more than a third of all bonds bought in the county last week.

Reports from the 15 townships will be given next week, Mr. Ariail said, when he hopes a complete report of an encouraging nature can be published.

At least three township rallies have been planned for this week, according to Mr. Ariail.

A patriotic bond rally will be held in the Wilmont Baptist church, at Wilmont, at eight o'clock Wednesday evening, June 21. Hugh Monteith, attorney of Sylva and co-chairman of the 5th War Loan Drive, will be the principal speaker of the evening. Every citizen in the Wilmont section is invited and urged to be present at this patriotic meeting.

A community patriotic meeting will be held in the Barkers Creek school house at Barkers Creek, at eight o'clock on Saturday evening, June 24th. E. P. Stillwell, Sylva attorney, will be the principal speaker of the evening. Every person in the Barkers Creek section is invited and urged to be present. Kelly Bradley will preside.

A bond rally has been planned and will be held in the Glenville high school building at Glenville, at eight-thirty on Tuesday, June 27th. The meeting is being sponsored by the leading citizens of Hamburg Township and every person in Hamburg is urged to be present. E. P. Stillwell will be the principal speaker of the evening. Also, it is hoped that Sgt. Burner V. Reynolds will make a short talk during the meeting. Sgt. Reynolds is at home on leave from overseas service.

### RETURNS HOME

Mrs. Willie Sellers and children, Gary and Jay Nell, have returned from Hattiesburg, Miss., where they have visited her husband for three weeks. Pvt. Sellers, who is stationed at Camp Shelby, has been with an Infantry Division there since Dec. 22, 1943. He was inducted at Camp Croft, S. C., November 23, 1943.

### War Bond Quotas and Chairmen Of All Townships In Jackson County For Drive

The quota is put on a per capita basis and represents \$13.63 for every man, woman and child in Jackson county, based on a population of 19,366 as shown by 1940 census.

The quotas assigned to the fifteen townships in Jackson county have been put on a \$10 per capita basis, excepting Sylva township, which has been put on a per capita basis of \$28.23. The name of the chairman, population, and quota for each of the fifteen townships in Jackson county is given below as follows:

Township and Chairman	Pop.	Per Cap.	Quota
Barkers Creek, Kelly Bradley	1,099	\$10.00	\$10,990.00
Canada, John Coward	977	10.00	9,770.00
Caney Fork, Blaine Nicholson	894	10.00	8,940.00
Cashiers, W. S. Alexander	797	10.00	7,970.00
Cullowhee, H. E. Battle	1,603	10.00	16,030.00
Dillsboro, J. C. Cannon	1,077	10.00	10,770.00
Greens Creek, R. S. Cowan	625	10.00	6,250.00
Hamburg, H. H. Bryson	1,379	10.00	13,790.00
Mountain, Mrs. Pearl Stewart	460	10.00	4,600.00
Qualla, T. T. Varner	2,385	10.00	23,850.00
River, Charlie Stewart	979	10.00	9,790.00
Savannah, N. Higdon	838	10.00	8,380.00
Scotts Creek, W. H. Snyder	1,439	10.00	14,390.00
Webster, Mrs. D. D. Davis	906	10.00	9,060.00
Sylva, T. N. Massie	3,858	28.23	108,870.00

The committee who worked out the above figures felt that it was entirely fair to all the townships. Sylva was given a larger proportionate quota than any of the other townships.