

No Infantile Paralysis Cases In Jackson County

THOSE ELIGIBLE FOR OLD-AGE AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS ARE URGED TO FILE CLAIM FOR PAYM'T

D. W. Lambers, manager of the Asheville office of the Social Security Board today called attention to the fact that there may be people in this section who are losing payments of Old-Age and Survivors Insurance because they have not filed claims for benefits. Some of them are young widows of insured workers; some are the children of deceased workers and some are aged men and women. The Social Security Act requires that a claim must be filed before benefits are paid.

Mr. Lambers explained that in addition to the monthly benefits, payable to the insured worker who retires at age 65, or after, the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance system provides monthly benefits for his wife, if she is 65 years or over and to his children under age 16 (18 if in school and unmarried). Monthly benefits are payable to the widow of an insured worker who dies, regardless of age, provided she has in her care, his children under 16 (18 if in school and unmarried). Old-Age and Survivors Insurance may be paid to an insured worker's widow, if she is 65 or more, or when she reaches age 65, (if she does not remarry). The field manager said that he sometimes finds a case where a widow received a lump-sum payment following the death of her husband three or four years ago, and although she has since reached age 65 she has not applied for the monthly benefits for which she is eligible.

More than \$16,000,000 a month in Old-Age and Survivors benefits were paid out during the year 1943, with 900,000 persons receiving benefits. An increase of 62 per cent over the previous year is shown in the number of widows' benefits paid in 1943.

Mr. Lambers stated that the Social Security Board stands ready to pay benefits to all those who qualify for payment, and anyone who has reason to believe that he or she is eligible for benefits should visit the nearest office of the Social Security Board. "No matter where you work or live, you're not very far from a Social Security Board field office or one of its part-time service points," he said.

LAST RITES FOR J. O. FISHER HELD AT SCOTTS CREEK

Funeral services for Mrs. J. O. Fisher of Whittier were held Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock on June 12, at the Scotts Creek Baptist church.

Rev. B. S. Hensley, pastor of Scotts Creek church, Rev. T. F. Dietz and Rev. C. C. Washam, of Andrews, conducted the service.

Pallbearers were Charlie Fisher, Frank Hall, Ed Fisher, W. J. Fisher, and Mr. Phillips, of Andrews.

Mrs. Fisher was the widow of the late Oscar Fisher, native of the Scotts Creek community of Jackson county.

She is survived by two sons, Pfc. James O. Fisher, and Capt. Carl Byrd, now stationed somewhere in England, and two sisters, Mrs. Della Love Phillips, of Andrews, and Mrs. Lexie Love Palmer, of Franklin.

MORE SWEET POTATOES THAN IRISH IN 1944

RALEIGH, July 17.—The Crop Reporting Service of the State Department of Agriculture estimates that the sweet potato yield in North Carolina this year will be larger than the commercial Irish potato crop. The forecast for sweet potatoes was set at 6,800,000 bushels as against 6,177,000 for Irish potatoes.

If prospects hold, North Carolina will rank second in 1944 in the production of sweet potatoes. Georgia is put in first place with 7,540,000 bushels.

The yield of sweets for the nation was placed at 66,393,000 bushels.

Mrs. Minsch Visits Jackson After 25 Years Absence

Mrs. Ethel Minsch of Phoenix, Arizona, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Cordelia Raines. This is Mrs. Minsch's first visit to Jackson county in twenty-five years. Mrs. Minsch is a native of this county.

Jap Prisoner From Jackson Writes Parents

EAST LA PORTE—Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Middleton of Tuckasee received a message July 10 from their son, Pvt. Talmage W. Middleton, 25, who has been held prisoner of war by the Japanese government since the fall of Bataan in May, 1942.

The message is on a postal card bearing no postmark or date, written from the Hoten Prisoner's of war camp, Hoten, Manchukuo. It is typewritten and bears the signature of Pvt. Middleton which the parents recognize as that of their son.

This is the first message from Pvt. Middleton since September, 1943. It reads in part: "Dear Dad and Mother have received mail from home. Was very happy to hear. Would like to be back and take up where I left off. Tell Beekie I still remember. I'll be seeing you. Love." He also mentions an uncle and other relatives.

Pvt. Middleton entered the army May 28, 1941, and was attached to an engineer's outfit which was sent to the Philippine Islands.

WHEAT CROP TOTALS 9,486,000 BUSHELS

Statistician with the State Department of Agriculture, reported that North Carolina's wheat production this year is 9,486,000 bushels, the largest wheat crop on record.

Parker attributed the record-breaking quantity of wheat to the unusually large acreage and the big yield per acre.

The acreage this season was 558,000 acres, the largest since 1919 when 621,000 acres were devoted to wheat. The yield per acre this year was 17 bushels compared with 12.5 bushels in 1943.

Iredell county led in production with approximately 450,000 bushels.

Clayton Returns To Duty



John H. Clayton, Painter 2-c, who has spent 18 months in the Caribbean area, recently had a thirty day leave, most of which he spent in Cullowhee with his mother, Mrs. John H. Clayton. He has now gone back to New York City for reassignment. Mr. Clayton, or Johnny as he is affectionately known to his friends, graduated from Cullowhee High School with the class of 1935, and until going into service two years ago he was a local painter.

When he was stationed at Trinidad Mrs. Roosevelt visited his station. Seeing him painting a ship, Mrs. Roosevelt complimented his work and asked him how he liked the Navy. He answered her in his good natured, witty way, "Well, to tell you the truth, I'm a civilian at heart." The First Lady replied, "Yes, I suspect a number of us are."

Seaman Joe Green Is Visiting Parents

Joe O. Green, H. A. 2-c of the US Navy is spending a ten day leave with his parents, Mr and Mrs. F. E. Green of Green's Creek. He is a graduate of the Webster High School. He volunteered for service May 2, 1944, and took his training at Camp Peary, Va., where he will return for further orders.

Fate Wall Wounded In Invasion Of France



Mrs. Fate Wall of 'Speedwell, who has two sons in the U. S. army, received word a few days ago that one son, Pvt. Fate Wall had been slightly wounded in action in France. Pvt. Wall was inducted into the army in March, 1942, at Fort Bragg, N. C. He also trained at Camp Claiborne, La. He landed in England in September, 1943 and went into France with the

Kenneth Wall In New Guinea Since June



Pvt. Kenneth Wall volunteered in July, 1941 and was inducted at Fort Pherson Ga. He was stationed at Barksdale Field, La., Kirkland Field, N. M., Seymour Johnson Field, N. C. and San Francisco, Calif., before going overseas. He landed in New Guinea in June 1944. He is with the Army Air Force.

Phillips Serving With Air Force In England

Sgt. Clark J. Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Luther Phillips of Cowarts, Jackson county, is now in England, where he is serving with the army air forces.

Sergeant Phillips entered service in November, 1942, and received training in Fresno, Calif. He later entered the army air forces' technical training school of aircraft instruments at Glendale, Calif., where he graduated. A graduate of Cullowhee high school, he was employed by the National Cash Register company, Asheville, before going into service.

Tuckasee Baptist To Hold Union Meeting

The Union meeting of the Tuckasee Baptist Association will convene with Greenville Baptist church Friday and Saturday, July 28 and 29. Edgar Bishop is moderator. It is urged that representatives from all churches be present as this is the time for election of officers for the ensuing year.

STATE MUSEUM GETS TWO EGGS IN ONE

RALEIGH, July 17.—An egg measuring eight inches in circumference was given the State Museum by Jack Lemmel, of Raleigh, Harry Davis, Museum director reported. Davis said the large egg contained a yolk and another egg of normal size. The hen which laid the egg weighed five pounds, according to Davis.

Five Point Program For Far East

Born and reared in China, and for twenty-one years a missionary of the Presbyterian Church in that country, Rev. George A. Hudson, author of this article speaks with authority about China and the Far East.

Prior to Pearl Harbor, Mr. Hudson was stationed at Kashing where, for one full year, he was the only American resident and the only Protestant missionary in the city. He was taken into custody by the Japanese military and was interned for seven months in a concentration camp across the river from Shankhai. On December 2, 1943, he arrived in the United States aboard the repatriation ship, Gripsholm.

Audiences throughout the country have been stirred by the gripping story of Mr. Hudson's experiences. With his keen knowledge of the Far Eastern situation, he outlines in this article the basis of a permanent peace in the Orient.—C. Darby Fulton.

On my return to the United States upon the repatriation vessel "Gripsholm" last December I was asked by American Government officials, "What do you consider to be the basis of a permanent peace in the

Far East?" I replied with a Five Point Program as follows:

I. THE UTTER DESTRUCTION OF JAPANESE MILITARISM

The destruction of Japanese militarism is the first step. I mean by that statement the putting down, and if necessary, the extermination of the Japanese military machine, the military government and the military caste of Japan, with safeguards that Japanese militarism shall not rise again. Such action is essential if there is to be any freedom or any decency of living in the Far East. Such action is necessary for our own security as well—"Pearl Harbor" is not forgotten.

After five years of residence in Japanese Occupied Territory of China, and after having witnessed the ruthlessness and brutality of Japanese conquest and rule, I am constrained to say without passion, but with entire conviction, that the Japanese military and the military government of Japan are not fit to rule. They are not fit to rule any people, not even their own people. They are BIGOTED, puffed up with pride, intoxicated with their possession of power. They are CRUEL as evidenced by their ruth-

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J. W. RHINEHART DIES AT WEBSTER

Funeral Services Were Conducted Wednesday At 2:30 O'Clock

WEBSTER—J. W. Rhinehart, 62, well-known Webster merchant, died at his home Tuesday morning following a brief illness. He had been in ill health for about two weeks, but his condition became suddenly critical shortly before his death Tuesday.

He had been in the mercantile business in Webster a number of years and was a member of the board of stewards of the Webster Methodist church.

Funeral services were held at the Webster Methodist church Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, the Rev. Ernest Fitzgerald and the Rev. W. N. Cook officiating. The body was taken to the church at 2 o'clock and remained there until the hour of the service.

Active pallbearers were Herbert Fotts, David Cagle Earl Cagle, General Sutton, James Mason and O. V. Cagle.

Flower girls were Rosella Monteith, Mildred Cagle, Mildred Potts, Frances Potts, Mrs. Bonnie Cagle, Dorothy Cagle, Hannah Cowan, Ida Ann Rhinehart and Myrtle Davis.

FINAL RITES FOR WILL HIGDON HELD TUESDAY AT ZION HILL CHURCH



Funeral rites for Will Higdon, 91, who died Monday, July 9, after a short illness, were held Thursday morning at ten o'clock, with the Rev. Ernest Jamison officiating. Interment was in Zion Hill Baptist Church cemetery.

Mr. Higdon is survived by six children, Anner Green, Ida McMahan and Fred Higdon of Gay, R. L. Higdon of Sylva, Etta Cope of Flats, N.C. and Jennie Cope of Hamilton, Wash., 40 grandchildren, 60 great grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Mr. Higdon was a temperate, honest and upright man, lived a clean life and had a host of friends who honored him.

BROUGHTON SAYS HE'S JUST RUNNING FOR FUN

North Carolina's Governor J. M. Broughton, stated in Chicago yesterday that he isn't running against anyone for the office of vice-president, "just running," he claims, "for the fun of it."

His name, however, will be placed in nomination by former Governor Clyde R. Hoey, and his floor manager is another former governor, O. Max Gardner.

In a two hour stop over in Washington Broughton told reporters that the "Deep South" would support Roosevelt for a fourth term no matter who was his running mate. He said that he feared, however, an unpopular vice-presidential candidate might hurt the Democratic ticket in such border states as Oklahoma, Kentucky, West Virginia, and Maryland, where he said a few thousand votes might swing the state.

REVIVAL SERVICES TO BE HELD AT WEBSTER

Revival services will begin at the Webster Baptist church Sunday, July 23. The pastor, Rev. Forest Blankenship, will be assisted by Rev. John Freeman, of Almond.

BOARD OF HEALTH ADOPTS MEASURES TO COMBAT SPREAD

Children Under 16 Required To Remain At Home, Not To Attend Public Gatherings

At a recent meeting of the Jackson County Board of Health, being aware that there are no cases of infantile-paralysis and hoping by these measures to prevent any cases, the following regulations were adopted: that all children under sixteen years of age be confined to their own premises until further notified, and that same be debarred from all public gatherings, as well as public streets, including theaters, churches, Sunday schools, recreational parks and all public assemblies. Further, that all persons knowing of children coming from infected counties be asked to report same to the County Health Office, so that quarantine can be put into effect immediately.

It was felt that the above regulations were necessary due to a wide spread epidemic of infantile paralysis throughout the State. All parents are asked to cooperate to the fullest with the Health Officers in preventing an epidemic in this county.

T. W. ASHE, Chairman
Jackson County Board of Health.

W. O. MONTEITH OF JACKSON IS TAKEN BY DEATH

Funeral services for Wilbur Oscar Monteith, 57, retired carpenter of the Cashiers Valley section of Jackson county, who died Thursday while visiting relatives in Greenville, S. C., were held Saturday at the Glenville Baptist church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Lawrence, Louis, Thomas and Laughton Monteith, Jeff Russell and Lyman Stuart.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Sarah Wilson Monteith, one son, Harold, in the navy in the Pacific theater; a daughter, Elise, of Cashiers; three brothers, Juney of Bowling Green, Fla., and Charles and Thomas of Glenville; and his mother, Mrs. Sarah Jamerson Monteith.

Garrett funeral home of Waynesville was in charge of arrangements.

JACKSON MEN TAKE PRE-INDUCTION PHYSICAL IN JULY

Jackson County Selective Service Board sent the following list of men to Camp Croft during this month for their pre-induction physical examination:

Nathan Carl Norris, Don Fisher, Jeff Davis Laws, Philip Kalonuheskie, Lee Albert Fox, Wilfred Pless Tucker, William Donald Bradley, James Carl Seago, Eldon Bartley Ashe, Lyle Galloway (V), Calvin Cucumer, Warren Columbus Evtitt, Melvin Melton, Charlie Nicholson Morgan, Jr., Hayes John Harrison Settlemyre, Roy Glenn Buchanan, Jr., Talmadge Richard Bryson, Dillard Cleveland Mathis, Louis Allen Woodward, S. T. Gentry, L. B. Ensley, William Alvin Morgan, Ulyess Robert Mathis, Frank Howard DeBusk, Raymond Earl Lusk, Scroop Coleman Al-lson, Harold Lloyd Wiseman, Harold Milton Kever (V).

Jefferson Standard Shows Gain First Half Of This Year

Mrs. John R. Jones, local representative for the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company, Greensboro, has received notice from her home office announcing a net gain of \$19,250,000 in life insurance in force during the first six months of the year to bring the company's total insurance in force to \$522,000,000.

New business paid for amounted to \$29,100,000 which was an increase of 14 per cent over the same period last year. The company's goal for 1944 is a net gain of \$33,000,000.