

N. C. Forestry Association To Meet At Dillsboro

Farmers, Timber Operators To Have Field Day Program 21st

Farmers, timber operators, business men, and foresters will meet at the Log Cabin Association grounds, seven miles of Sylva, for a field day on September 21.

Visitors will assemble at the crossroad to the sawmill at 9:30 and divide into field parties to inspect forest plantings, forest cleaning, and improvement cuttings.

At 2 o'clock Chairman R. W. Graeber, extension forester from State College, will conduct a meeting with W. R. Hine of the U. S. Forest Service and W. K. Beichler, chief of the Forest Fire Control, as the feature speakers.

Dr. C. F. Korstian, president of the North Carolina Forestry Association, will present a "Timber Farms" certificate for meritorious service to the Log Cabin Association. A like certificate will also be presented to Ben H. Nicholson of Cowarts, a farmer of Jackson county, by Graeber. County Agent G. R. Lackey of Sylva will discuss the farming program on the lands of the Log Cabin Association.

At 3:30 a field trip will be made to the farming area between the gateway of the Association grounds and Barker's Creek Station.

LABOR MARKET IN N. C. REMAINS SAME FOR PAST TWO MONTHS

Raleigh, Sept. 12.—The War Manpower Commission's September 1 classification of labor market areas in North Carolina leaves the areas as they have been for two months, but it is indicated that the Wilmington area has so leveled off in employment status that it may be reduced from a Group I to a Group II area next month if the present trend continues. Dr. J. S. Dorton, State WMC director, states.

Wilmington and New Bern remain in Group I, areas of acute labor shortage, while Asheville, Charlotte, Elizabeth City and Winston-Salem-Greensboro, remain in Group II, areas of labor shortages or those approaching a balance in demand-supply. Burlington and Durham-Raleigh remain in Group III, areas in which a slight labor surplus may exist, while Rocky Mount-Wilson remain in Group IV, areas in which labor surpluses may exist.

In the entire nation, 68 areas were in Group I, 122 in Group II, 84 Group III, and 29 listed, along with all areas not otherwise listed, in Group IV.

NINE JAP SHIPS SUNK BY U. S. SUBMARINES

United States submarines have trimmed nine more ships, three of them fighting craft, from Japan's dwindling tonnage, the navy announced today.

The new tally brings the total of all types of Japanese ships sunk by U. S. submarines to 732, of which 61 are fighting ships and 671 cargo carriers and miscellaneous craft.

The text of navy communique No. 541 announcing the latest bag: "Pacific and Far East:

"1. U. S. submarines have reported the sinking of nine vessels, including three combatant ships, as a result of operations against the enemy in these waters, as follows:

"One destroyer; 1 escort vessel; 1 gunboat; 2 medium cargo vessels; 1 small cargo vessel, 1 medium cargo transport; 2 small tankers.

"2. These actions have not been announced in any previous navy department communique."

A McDowell county farmer applied excess lime and, after removing large crops of lespedeza and alfalfa without replacing the potash, can grow neither soybeans nor corn on the land.

Jesse Dunlap, Raeford Negro, says that the difference curing tobacco with a stoker and with wood is so great that it requires a lazy man to care for the stoker.

Super Salesman



HERE IS A FIGHTING Yank who has a good line of talk. Sgt. Alexander Balter, of Pittsburgh, Pa., convinced 400 Germans that they were surrounded on the outskirts of Brest, France. To his surprise, all surrendered. (International)

20th Century Club To Meet

With Mrs. Cathey
The Twentieth Century Club will meet with Mrs. Ben Cathey on Thursday, September 14.

Jackson County Schools To Open September 18

Jackson County Schools will open on Monday, September 18. The teachers will get their health certificates on Thursday, September 14, at the Jackson County Court House. Dr. Sisk will be there between 10 and 11 o'clock on that date. The teachers will start their work on Friday, Sept. 15, at their respective schools.

Pvt. Dallas P. Henry Returns To Stewart

Pvt. Dallas P. Henry leaves today to return to Camp Stewart, Ga., after spending two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Henry. He has been in service since February, 1943, being stationed at Camp Davis, N. C., and Camp Pendleton, Va., before going to Camp Stewart. He is with an anti-aircraft unit.

Sgt. Frank Freeze In Hospital At Camp Hulen, Texas

According to letters received by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Freeze, their son, Sgt. Frank Freeze, Jr., is making steady improvement in a hospital at Camp Hulen, Texas. About six weeks ago Frank received a hip injury while on maneuvers. He hopes to have the cast removed in the next few days and will probably get a furlough to spend some time at home.

Tuckasegee Baptist Church Has Built Parsonage

The Tuckasegee Baptist Church has recently completed the parsonage that they have built for their minister. They bought the property and members of the church supplied the carpenter and mason work for the house. It is a modern stone house, with all modern conveniences in an attractive setting of pine trees. The Rev. Edgar Willis of Andrews has been called and accepted the Tuckasegee church. He will be the first to live in the parsonage.

All of the members have helped with the building and ladies of the church served lunches to the workmen.

The supply of feed grains per animal unit for 1944-45, as indicated on August 1, will be about 9 per cent larger a year earlier, says BAE.

Bitterweed in pastures can be controlled if the plants are not allowed to produce seed. Often 3 mowings are required, the first about six inches from the ground with plants in bloom.

WINFRED HENSLEY KILLED IN ACTION

Mrs. Rachel Hensley of Dillsboro received word that her son, Winfred, had been killed in action on Aug. 15. Winfred was 25 years of age and had been in the army for three years. Mrs. Hensley has two more sons in service, Donald and Birdell Hensley. Mrs. Hensley said, "I am certainly proud of the three boys, although it grieves me so, to give up my oldest son, but he died in honor to his country."

Woodrow Dillard Is Visiting Parents After 26 Months In The Pacific Area Of Operations

Woodrow "Baer" Dillard S. 1-c is spending 20 days with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Dillard of Willets.

"Baer" entered service in January, 1942. He took his boot training at Norfolk, Va., and from there was assigned to a ship. He has been in the Pacific area for the past 26 months. He graduated in the class of 1932 at the Sylva Central High School, and attended Western Carolina Teacher's College. Before enlisting in the Navy he was employed in construction work in Virginia and Tennessee.

Rev. H. Grady Hardin Is Leading Revival Services At Sylva Methodist Church

The Rev. H. Grady Hardin arrived in Sylva Sunday, Sept. 10, and preached for the first time Sunday evening. The services will be held each evening at 8 o'clock through Friday, Sept. 15.

Pfc. Wroe H. Brown Is Patient In Hospital In England

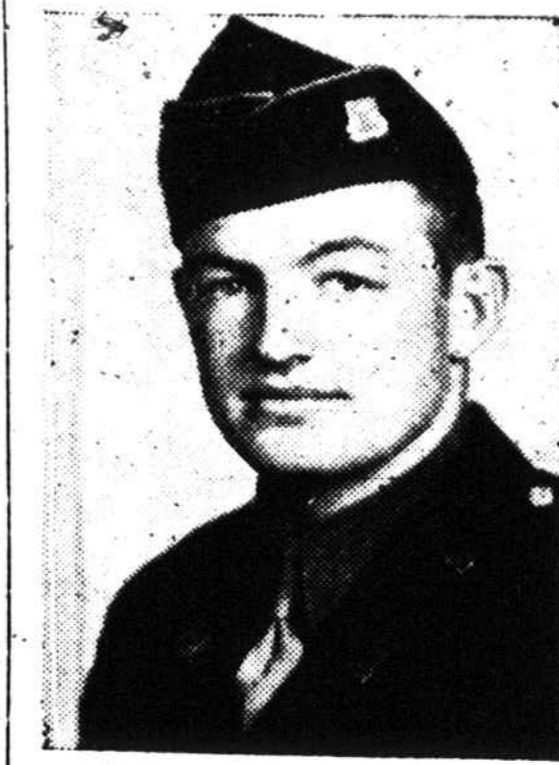


Pfc. Wroe H. Brown, son of Mr. Hershell Brown, of Barker's Creek is a patient in a hospital in England. He was wounded in action in France on July 22. His father has received word that his condition is very favorable and that he is recovering.

"Lost" Eight Months In Arctic

This is the story of the "forgotten convoy" revealed this week by the War Shipping Administration. In January, 1943, six U. S. merchant ships left New York harbor on the tough Murmansk run to deliver supplies to north Russia. Battered by air attack, the convoy arrived March 2. After the cargo was unloaded the crew settled down in a small Russia factory town to await formation of a return convoy. They waited for eight months—six months in the constant daylight of summer in the Arctic Circle. Seeking entertainment, the men found an interpreter and got him to arrange dates with Russian girls for the two dances held there each week. Later, some of the seamen, having learned a smattering of Russian, hitch-hiked around the country, some as far as 200 miles from port. In September the return convoy was made up, and the "forgotten convoy" sailed into New York harbor approximately one year from the day it had left.

Sgt. Clarence E. Fisher Killed In Action In France



Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fisher of Glenville have received a telegram from the Secretary of War stating that their son, Sgt. Clarence E. Fisher, was killed in action on the seventh day of August in France.

He entered service August 18, 1941, and has been overseas since February, 1944. He served with the Infantry and took part in the Invasion of France.

Mr. and Mrs. Fisher have another son in service, Pfc. James C. Fisher, who has been in service since April, 1943, and has been serving with a Hospital Corps in New Guinea since March, 1944.

S-SGT. HENSLEY KILLED IN ACTION IN FRANCE

Mrs. Luthenia Hensley has received word that her husband, S. Sgt. Winfred W. Hensley, was killed in action August 15 in France.

Sgt. Hensley entered the army in June, 1941, received his basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., and N. Camp Polk in Louisiana. He was sent overseas in April of this year. No details concerning his death have been received yet. He was with a Tank Bn. somewhere in France when his death was reported.

He is survived by his wife, the former Luthenia Cabe, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carrie Hensley of Dillsboro, several brothers and sisters. Two are in the armed forces. Sgt. Donald D. Hensley who is a paratrooper with an Airborne Division in the European theatre and Pvt. Birdell H. Monteith of the W. A. A. C. serving somewhere in the Pacific.

Brothers See Each Other For First Time In Two Years

Mr. and Mrs. Ad Keener of Willets received a letter recently from their son, Homer Hal Keener A. M. 2-c, of the Navy telling them that he had met his brother, Grover Lee Keener F. 1-c, somewhere in the Pacific area. It was the first time they had seen each other since January, 1942. They are both serving in the Navy. Homer has been across for 17 months.

Buchanan Reunion Postponed

The Buchanan reunion which was to be held on the first Sunday in October will be postponed this year due to the infantile paralysis epidemic.

Legion Will Honor Kin of Jackson Men

The American Legion will give gold stars to the next of kin of all boys who have been killed in action. Silver stars will be given to the nearest of kin of the boys who have been wounded in action. Before this can be done, the Legion will have to have the name and rank of these boys. If they have won any medals or citations they would like to know about this too. This information can be given to Mr. Walter Ashe at the courthouse, or you can turn in the information at The Herald office. Mr. Corbin, commander of the Sylva American Legion urges that everyone cooperate with the Legion in this matter.

GROUP WILL CONSIDER AGGRESSIVE FOREST POLICY IN MEETING AT JARRETT SPRINGS 20-21

Certificates Will Be Awarded Land Owners Who Practice Forestry Up-Keep

Jackson Man Suffers Injuries In Train Wreck
Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Stillwell of Webster report that their son, Carl E. Stillwell, is improving as much as could be expected in a hospital in Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. Stillwell, a native of Jackson county, has been employed as an engineer on the Santa Fe Railroad for the past sixteen years. He lives in Winslow, Arizona with his wife and 14 year old daughter.

On the night of July 3 he relieved another engineer at 11 o'clock at Winslow, traveled 75 miles when the track gave way resulting in a wreck of the engine and three passenger cars. Stillwell suffered a broken leg and hip, which had to heal before the leg could be put in a cast.

The cars were piled on top of each other so that it took 3 hours and 45 minutes to burn openings with an acetylene torch to release the 165 passengers.

Sgt. Thad J. Watson Missing In Action Over Czechoslovakia Since August 24th



Mrs. Thad J. Watson, Sr., has received word from War Dept. that her husband Sgt. Thad J. Watson, Sr., has been missing in action over Czechoslovakia since the 24th of Aug. Sgt. Watson had been stationed in Italy about three weeks when he was reported missing.

Sgt. Watson entered the service in September, 1943, and received his basic training at Keesler Field, Miss. He went to Gunners school at Tyndall Field, Fla., where he received his wings last March. He was then sent to Westover Field, Mass., where he was found eligible for further training, and was sent to Charleston Army Air Field, in Charleston, S. C. Sgt. Watson went into combat as assistant radio operator in the nose turret of a B-24.

Sgt. Watson and his wife, the former Miss Stella Martin of Rabun Gap, Ga., are both graduates of Glenville high school. Sgt. and Mrs. Watson made their home in Wilmington, until about a year before he went into service, and then they lived in Norton which was Sgt. Watson's home. He is the son of Mrs. Etha Watson of Norton. Mrs. Watson and small son will live at Rabun Gap, until Sgt. Watson returns.

Loosen Lid On Stove Rationing

The rationing of coal and wood stoves to consumers will end October 15, the War Production Board and OPA have announced, although rationing of oil and gas stoves will continue. Supplies of coal and wood stoves have grown sufficiently since nationwide rationing started in August, 1943, to make continued rationing unnecessary.

It's mighty easy to jump from scarcity to a surplus. The late sum-

mer onion crop is reported at 800 million pounds more than the record

Durham, N. C., Sept. 11.—A special meeting of the North Carolina Forestry Association will be held in Dillsboro on September 20-21 to consider the forest situation in this state and to recommend a forestry policy that will result in the adequate protection and wise use of the 18 million acres of forest resources in this state for the duration of the war and through the post-war period of reconversion and reconstruction.

Program for the meeting has just been released by Dr. C. F. Korstian, dean of the Duke University School of Forestry, president of the association.

At the opening session of the Dillsboro meeting the association's Committee on Forestry Policy will give its report, focusing attention on the outstanding needs of the forestry situation in this state. Prof. A. E. Wakarman, of the Duke forestry faculty, is chairman of the committee.

Another feature of the meeting will be the presentation of a limited number of certificates to landowners of the state who have been satisfactorily practicing forestry on their lands.

In addition to Dean Korstian, association president, other officers are: T. W. Earle, Plymouth, eastern district vice-president; Richard S. Tufts, Pinehurst, central district vice-president; H. C. Cline, Hickory, western district vice-president; Thoma W. Subiston, Carthage, secretary-treasurer; and the following members of the executive committee: Colin G. Spencer, chairman, Carthage; Paul G. Bahnon, Winston-Salem; Ray Bandy, Rocky Mount; Willard Berry, Durham; P. R. Camp, Franklin, Va.; Clyde Council, Washington; Frank W. Cox, Washington; W. J. Camtoft, Canton; B. Hampton Ellington, Fayetteville; B. B. Everett, Palmyra; T. M. Folger, Wilmington; L. R. Foreman, Elizabeth City; Charles A. Gillett, Norfolk, Va.

S. H. Hobbs, Chapel Hill; James G. K. McClure, Asheville; D. B. McCarty, Asheville; Thomas J. Pearsall, Battleboro; Mrs. P. R. Rankin, Mt. Gilead; Verne Rhoades, Asheville; John L. Skinner, Littleton; A. O. Weidelich, Lionel Weil, Goldsboro.

U. S. FIGHTERS KNOCK 175 NAZI PLANES OUT IN GREAT AIR DUEL

U. S. eighth air force fighters and heavy bombers trapped and beat the German air force yesterday, destroying 175 Nazi planes in one of the fiercest air battles ever fought over Europe.

It was the heaviest luftwaffe loss in more than a year and one which dug deeply into the air reserves which the enemy has been carefully holding back until now for the final battle of Germany.

Fighters Get Record Bag

Of the Germans destroyed, American fighters shot down 116, the greatest number ever shot down by fighters alone in a single day, while the heavy bombers knocked down another 17, and 42 were destroyed on their airdromes.

Indicating the extent of the opposition, 48 of the American heavy bombers and 29 fighters failed to return. The bomber losses were the heaviest since April 29 when 63 failed to come home from a raid on Berlin.

Early today the German radio said "enemy" planes were again over vast sections of the reich, indicating that the non-stop allied air offensive was continuing in its fifth day.

Tired returning fliers described yesterday's German aerial opposition as probably the heaviest offered in years.

En route to their targets at Merseburg, Litzendorf and Misburg they saw few German planes. But just before they reached Central Germany the enemy sprang up, often in formations of 150 or more, and bore in stubbornly over the targets and far along the route home.