

## Peace Finds Jackson Entering New Industrial Era

### Test Farm Demonstration Program In Jackson County Proving Great Benefit In Soil Building

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After the TVA had built several dams in the Tennessee Valley to help control the water in this area, they were suddenly confronted with the problem of soil erosion and all the dams filling up. In order to prevent this, they set up a test demonstration program for the farmers in this valley. In this way they could test the different kinds of the fertilizers and see which was the best for use on the different farms. They agreed to furnish the farmers with four different kinds of phosphate which are triple super, calcium meta, potassium meta, and fused rock phosphate to be used on pasture land and legumes crops where lime had been used. From the experiment station it has been proven that phosphate is worth much more where it is applied on land that has been limed, for the lime makes the full amount of phosphate available, but if the phosphate is applied on land that has no lime only a part of the plant food in the phosphate is available to the crop.

In Jackson County this program started in 1935 with only a few farmers participating. This group of farmers were set up as Unit demonstration farmers and were required to keep records so at the end of five years records would show if they had made progress by having materials furnished. When the records were checked later they revealed that the grazing capacity of their pastures had been increased from 40 to 50 percent, crop yields from 25 to 40 percent, and erosion had been checked. As these farms had been on the program longer the percent runs even more than it did over a five year period.

This program worked so well that certain communities were established as area demonstration where as many as 75 percent of the people would participate. The first area to be established was the Johns Creek Community, which has made considerable progress under this program. Then the Savannah area was organized and the people of this community took great interest in this program and made many improvements in the home as well as on the farm.

Then in 1943 two more areas were organized, the Speedwell area and the Beta area, which added about 90 more families to the demonstration program of Jackson County; the progress being made by the ones on the program were seen by other farmers and they became very much interested in getting on the demonstration program. By request coming in to the County Agent's office for more of these areas to be established three were organized in 1944, the East Fork Area, Qualla area, and the Pine Creek area which added 100 people to the program bringing the total to 96 Unit farmers and 310 area farmers.

In 1944 the 406 families on the demonstration program used 320,000 pounds of triple super and calcium meta phosphate, which was used on pastures and legume crops; in addition to this 101,600 pounds of ammonium nitrate was used on row crops.

**Pfc. Mont B. Allison Returns From European Theatre**  
Pfc. Mont B. Allison, son of Mrs. Cora Allison, of Greens Creek currently is stationed at the Redistation Station at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., where he will spend two weeks before reporting to his new assignment in the United States.

### S. 1-c Fred Stephens Members of Tug USS ATA

IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC—Fred Stephens seaman, first class, USNR, East LaPorte, N. C., is a member of the seagoing tug USS ATA 208 which traveled thousands of miles in towing, salvage and rescue operations in the Pacific. The vessel hauled gigantic tonnages of equipment to forward areas. Once she towed a 13,000-ton cement drydock 950 miles in record time, after relieving a much larger ship which developed engine trouble. The drydock was used to repair damage combat ships, which otherwise would have been forced to sail to a rear area base.

Better use of land and farm mechanization can help reduce production costs on many crops, according to the experts.

Catch forest fires when they are young and treat them rough, say Extension foresters of State College.

### Jackson's Forests Return Huge Sums Thru Raw Products or Sylva's Plants

#### County's Annual Payroll Greatly Increased By Lumber, Pulp And Acidwood

About one-half of the payroll of Jackson county comes from its forests. This includes logging operations, cutting, hauling, saw milling and pulp and acid wood industries. Mead and Armour are the largest users of the forest products and have the biggest payrolls of any manufacturer in the county. Hennessie & Welch produce much lumber from their mill and small mills throughout the county produce considerable amount.

The forests of the county not only bring much wealth to the people here through the timber itself, but the county is a paradise for hunters and fishermen. Without our water reservoir, which is the forests, our fishing would be a thing of the past. Without forests one game, animal, and birds would have no home.

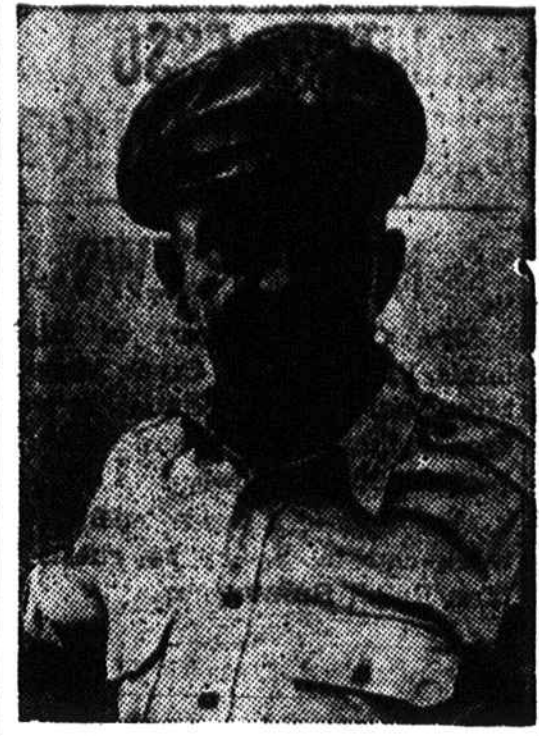
Fires are considered, by all, to be our forest's greatest enemy. To control fires means, forests, forests means game and a place where man can have recreation.

### J. P. STOVALL TO OPEN BUILDING SUPPLY BUSINESS HERE AROUND OCTOBER FIRST

A new building supply firm will open in Sylva around October 1st, according to an announcement the first of this week by Mr. J. P. Stovall. Mr. Stovall has broken on his property in what is known as "Moody Bottom" just above Standard and Pure Oil Storage tanks on the Asheville highway for buildings to house his new business which will be known as Southern Lumber Company. He stated that he expects to have the business ready to open around October 1st.

Mr. Stovall has been in the lumber business in Georgia for the past two years. He owns considerable property in Sylva, the Stovall Cafe, among his holdings. Mr. Stovall stated that he plans to begin manufacturing of cement building block in the near future and will turn them out in mass production. In addition to this he will do mill work and turn out specification orders for all types of building construction. A number of skilled men will be employed to carry on the mill and block operations. Mr. Stovall sees a bright future for Sylva and Jackson county and his coming back home to establish this type of business is based on that fact.

### Has Occupied Tokyo



Lt. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger, commanding general of the U. S. 8th army, who has been designated to occupy the Tokyo area. He has long been considered the most experienced jungle and Jap fighter in the Allied armies—and marked as a Jap hater.

### Jackson County War Price And Rationing Board To Be Closed On Saturday

Effective Sept. 1 the Jackson County War Price and Rationing Board will be closed every Saturday. On other days the office is open from 8:30 to 3:00 P. M., Monday through Friday.

### Funeral Services Held For Mrs. Oliver

Funeral services were held for Mrs. W. H. Oliver, 63, who died suddenly Wed. at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. K. Hinds, of Cullowhee at the Sylva Methodist Church Friday, Sept. 7, at 11 o'clock with the Revs. McMurray S. Richey, Cullowhee, Robert Tuttle, Sylva, and Rufus A. Morgan, Franklin officiating.

Mrs. Oliver, whose husband preceded her in death less than a year ago, had been making her home at Cullowhee for some time. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Leon Sutton of Sylva, Mrs. Elwood Horne of Durham, and Mrs. A. K. Hinds of Cullowhee, one sister, Mrs. O. N. Sigmon, of Winston-Salem, and the following brothers: Ed, Charles and Carl Fisher of Sylva; three grandchildren, Linda and Billy Sutton of Sylva, and Edith Irene Hinds of Cullowhee.

Active pallbearers were: Ralph Sutton, John Worth McDevitt, Dave Cagle, T. N. Massie, Jennings L. Bryson and C. F. Dodson. Honorary pallbearers were: Dr. D. D. Hooper, Dr. A. A. Nichols, Dr. A. S. Nichols, Dr. Grover Wilkes, M. D. Cowan, Charlie Allison, Walter Jones, Rev. Thad F. Deitz, Raymond Sutton, E. L. McKee, Dr. W. P. McGuire, Dean W. E. Bird, Dr. H. T. Hunter, Dr. H. P. Smith, F. H. Brown, Dan Allison, Hugh Monteith Dan G. Bryson, Thad Bryson, George Snyder, J. C. Allison A. C. Moses, W. T. Wise, and Paul Ellis.

Mrs. Oliver was buried in the Keener cemetery at Sylva.

### Pfc. Lewis Beavers Killed In Motor Accident

Pfc. Lewis Bud Beavers was killed in a vehicle accident in Germany, Aug. 27, 1945, according to a message received by his wife, the former Miss Hazel Chester of Sylva.

Pfc. Beavers had been in combat thorough Belgium, Holland, France and Germany.

He is survived by his wife, one three-year-old daughter, Andrea and his mother, all of Waynesville; one brother, Mack Beaver, of Sylva and one sister, Mrs. Frank Baker, of Charlotte.

### PTA Holds Initial Meeting

Mrs. J. H. Gillis, president, presided over the initial meeting of the Sylva Parent Teachers Association held at the Elementary school building, Sept. 11.

The Campfire girls, a new organization sponsored by the Sylva Woman's Club, gave a short program and the devotional was given by Mrs. R. U. Sutton.

A report of the meeting of the executive meeting held in August was made and Mrs. Gillis gave a short review of her trip to the PTA Institute held in Greensboro last year.

Mr. W. H. Crawford and Mr. W. V. Cope spoke briefly before the members of the organization. It was agreed that members of the PTA feed the Lions club thru-out the coming year.

### Quick Ending Of Meat Rationing Predicted By OPA

OPA Chief Chester Bowles and acting Secretary of Agriculture J. B. Hutson state that meat rationing would be ended as soon as possible, possibly by October 1, and that the points on cheese would and that the points on cheese would be taken off. The ration on shoes is expected to be lifted by October 1st or Nov. 1st.

Due to a continued shortage on sugar, fats and oils it is not expected that these items be taken off of the list before next year.

However rationing of other items may not continue beyond the first of the coming year. Ration controls over automobiles and tires are slated to go before the end of the year. OPA controls over prices in rents will be continued for some time.

### Sylva Fire Department Has Grown From Bucket Brigade To Best Volunteer Department In WNC With Good Equipment

The first bucket brigade of the Fire Department of Sylva was organized in 1908 with A. J. Dills as chief.

Ladders were placed at three places in town, at C. M. Wells barn, at the Sylva Depot, and one on College Hill.

In 1914 one six inch main was laid from the tank on Tannery Hill. This main extended to Lloyd Hotel with one hydrant at that point. A four inch main branched off to the depot. At this time we used pistols and church bells for fire alarms. The town then bought 500 feet of two and one half inch hose and used a small 2 wheel hand reel. The fire alarm then was a one line telephone from lower entrance of Sylva Supply building to boiler room at the Tannery. The alarm was turned in by calling fireman at the Tannery who in turn gave signals as follows: for fire in town used long blast and short blast of whistle repeating for several times. The signal for the Tannery was continuous short blast of whistle.

In 1916 we purchased 1000 feet two and one half inch hose and a larger hose reel with extension ladders and top of hose reel. This reel pulled by hand.

The Sylva Fire Department joined the North Carolina Firemans Association on December 21, 1927. The department then had one Graham truck with two chemical tank holders, hose, axe, coats, boots and etc. In 1939 this equipment was mounted on a new Chevrolet chassis about the same time a small Chevrolet was bought from the town of Waynesville and a year later a ford chassis with a mercury motor equipped with a 500 gallon pump, ladders, hose, small extinguishers, all wire cutters, new coats, and hats and a number of other things.

Since 1942 the department has kept their equipment up to date and has the name of being one of the best volunteer fire departments in Western North Carolina.

### REUNION OF NORTON FAMILY SET FOR SUNDAY, SEPT. 16

The Norton reunion will be held Sunday, Sept. 16, at the Lower Grave cemetery in Whiteside Cove, it was announced today by Mrs. F. H. Brown. All relatives and friends are invited to attend and bring with them a picnic basket.

### FSA Offices To Be Closed On Saturdays

Official notice has just been received that the FSA office will not be open on Saturday effective immediately. Office hours from Monday through Friday will be from 8:30 A. M. to 5:30 P. M. with the lunch hour from 12 o'clock until one o'clock.

Any one desiring to contact the FSA Supervisor personally must come to the office on Friday morning.

### Wide Range of Natural Resources, Location, Climate and Good Labor Places Jackson on Preferred List for Plants

#### New Developments Taking Place In County At This Time

Jackson county began to emerge from a strictly agricultural county to that of industry and agriculture combined at the time Armour Leather Company erected their extract plant here. From this enterprise the Sylva Paper Board Company, now the Sylva Division of the Mead Corporation, was formed and has become the county's largest industrial plant. During this time numerous smaller industrial enterprises have sprung up over the county to make it one of the most progressive counties of Western North Carolina.

#### For many years lumber operations have been carried on over the county giving employment to hundreds of men in the woods and at the mills. The coming of the Paper Board company gave impetus to the wood business. Timber unsuitable for saw mill use, was either used for fire wood or went to waste. Now much of this timber is converted into pulpwood which finds a ready cash market at the local mill.

The small wood working plants at Dillboro and at other locations in the county turn out considerable furniture and novelties of various kinds from which the income swells the total of the county's industrial payrolls and receipts from the finished products.

Jackson's future for more manufacturing plants is very bright at this time. With the wide range of natural resources, of timber, minerals and agricultural products and with a sturdy stock of pure Anglo Saxon American labor, both skilled and unskilled, industry seeking new locations will find all that is desired in the county. The county tax rate is not as high as in some sections and this is another inducement to industry to locate here. Good roads and the Southern Railway gives the manufacturer an easy outlet for transporting his products.

The county's newest industry in the mineral field is that of Interstate Feldspar Corporation which has just begun operation of grinding this mineral for shipment to the glass making industries in Ohio and other states. Prospects are bright for a glass manufacturing plant to be located in the county. As these developments make progress they draw allied industries around them which marks the beginning of a greater industrial era in Jackson county.

Jackson county Chamber of Commerce receives inquiries regularly from plants in the North and other sections who wish to move South. The chamber sends out the information requested and in that way opens up possibilities of some of these plants locating here.

All this, coupled with the intensive agricultural program now in progress in the county, places Jackson among the leading counties of the state.

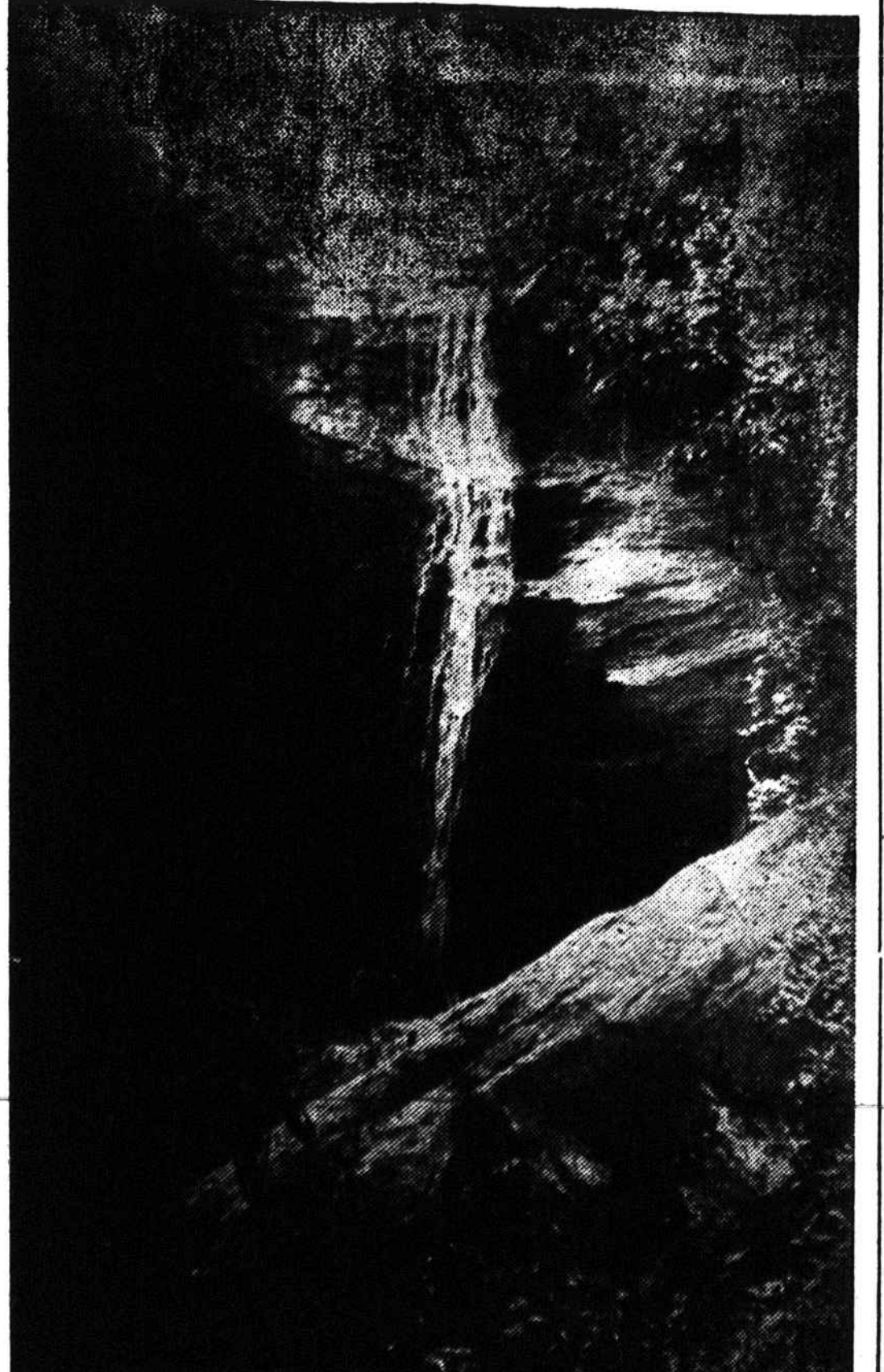
The messages carried by our industrial plants in this issue of The Herald is evidence of Jackson's progress along industrial lines.

### Mr. and Mrs. Ferry Middleton Notified Of Sons Liberation

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Middleton have been notified through the American Red Cross that their son, Pvt. Talmadge Middleton, who has been a prisoner of the Japanese Government since the fall of Corregidor has been liberated.

### Pvt. Middleton volunteered for service before the draft law became effective and trained at Fort Belvoir, Va. Being an experienced engineer he was sent to Manila in August, 1941, to help build an airport north of that city. After Pearl Harbor he was in active combat, taking part in both the battle of Bataan and Corregidor, where he was captured. His parents had no communication from him for over a year and only very few times since.

### Nature's Ruggedness at Our Door



Dille Falls, a beautiful waterfall within the city limits of Sylva, is 249 feet high. It is located on the Falls property and is enjoyed by many visitors.