

FOOTBALL FIELD TO BE DEDICATED TO MARK WATSON

Free Press--Torch of World Peace, Newspaper Theme

Herald Joins Press Of Nation In Observance of National Newspaper Week

The Sylva Herald joins the thousands of other newspapers throughout the United States this week in observance of the Sixth Annual National Newspaper Week. The theme of the papers for this special week is, "The Free Press—Torch of World Peace."

President Truman made the following statement in reference to National Newspaper Week: "National Newspaper Week has a deeper significance in this hour of victory than through the war years now happily ended. In this hour of exultation we should dedicate ourselves anew to the perpetuation of one of our cherished heritages—freedom of the press. It is with a sense of genuine pride that I can emphasize to all American editors and publishers and bring to attention of Americans everywhere one singular triumph of our war experience. That is, that the American free press through stress of the most horrible of all wars withstood subversive and open attack and operated under a voluntary code of censorship.

Ours then is the plain duty, as we face the grave days ahead, to work without ceasing to make a free press the true torch of world peace."

Paul A. Sutton With Initial Landing Force In Japan

According to news contained in a certificate award and sent to his parents, Pfc. Paul A. Sutton of the 4th Marine Corps, as a member of the Tokyo Bay Occupation Force (Task Force Thirty-One) participated in the initial landing and occupation of the Tokyo Bay Area and the capture of Hijms Nagato, which act symbolized the unconditional and complete surrender of the Japanese Navy.

Cullowhee Baptist Church Having Revival Services

The Cullowhee Baptist church is engaged in the fall series of revival meetings this week with Rev. Nance Starnes, pastor of the West Asheville Baptist church doing the preaching.

WOODMEN OF WORLD TO START HOLDING REGULAR MEETINGS

The Sylva Camp No. 560 of the Order of the Woodmen of the World have resumed their meetings since the close of the war and the lifting of restrictions. The first meeting was held Monday evening, Sept. 24, and will meet again Monday evening at 7:30 in the regular Woodmen hall.

This year the U. S. has one of the largest cabbage crops on record.



HERALD TO OBSERVE NATIONAL NEWSPAPER WEEK WITH OPEN HOUSE TO CITIZENS OF CO.

As a special feature of National Newspaper Week, October 1 to 8, The Sylva Herald is holding Open House Saturday afternoon, Oct. 6, from 3 to 5 o'clock that we may become better acquainted with our readers, advertisers and friends, and that you may learn more of the inside of the publishing and printing of your newspaper. During this hour you will

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD SAT. FOR MRS. JANIE B. COWAN

Funeral services for Mrs. Janie Bradley Cowan, 87, who died at the home of her son, Thad Cowan, at Greens Creek were held Saturday evening at the East Fork Church with the Rev. Ernest Jamison and Rev. Thad Deitz officiating.

Mrs. Cowan is the widow of the late Rev. R. D. Cowan and the last surviving child of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Bradley. She was a devoted member of the East Fork Baptist Church till the time of her death.

PRESIDENT URGES SUPPORT OF WAR RELIEF FUND DRIVE

President Truman on Sept. 17, in a statement on European relief, said: "This government has abundant evidence that the American people are aware of the suffering among our Allies. They have also made plain their determination that this country shall do its full part, along with other supplying nations, in helping restore health and strength to those who fought at our side both in Europe and the Far East. It is an American responsibility not only to our friends but to ourselves, to see that this job is done and done quickly."

Silver Star Awarded Posthumously To Mark Watson

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence T. Watson have received a letter from the War Department at Washington which reads as follows: "I have the honor to inform you that by direction of the President the Silver Star and the Bronze Medal have been posthumously awarded to your son, Staff Sergeant Roy G. Watson, Infantry. The citation reads as follows:

JACKSON SUPERIOR COURT WILL CONVEENE MONDAY MORNING

The October term of Jackson county superior court will convene Monday morning, October 8, with Judge J. A. Rousseau, of North Wilkesboro, presiding. John M. Queen, of Waynesville, will represent the State.

Mr. Roy Cowan, Clerk of Court, stated Monday that the criminal docket will be very light this term, with only 30 new cases of minor nature coming up for trial. He also stated that there are so few civil cases docketed for trial at this term that the court will hold a mixed term for only one week. The county has a two weeks court scheduled at this time, and jurors for the two weeks term has been drawn but the second week will not be needed.

Evangelist Smith Will Speak At Tuckaseegee Baptist Church Oct. 14

Rev. J. Harold Smith of Knoxville, Tenn., will be at the First Baptist church in Bryson City, Oct. 9-18 and on Sunday, Oct. 14, at 2:30 he will deliver a message at the Tuckaseegee Baptist Church.

MRS. A. L. LOWE DIES AT HER HOME MONDAY A. M.

Mrs. A. W. Lowe died at her home Monday morning at 7:50 at Cullowhee. Mrs. Lowe was 65 years old. Before her marriage she was Dora Bridges and a native of Jackson county. She was a member of Shoal Creek Baptist church at Qualla.

Lanning Is Awarded Purple Heart Medal

Pfc. Douglas F. (Buster) Lanning, husband of Mrs. Mary Lanning of Glensville, now at the naval hospital at Camp Lejeune, has been awarded the Purple Heart medal for wounds received in action on Iwo Jima Feb. 28.

PROMINENT JACKSON CITIZENS PASSES AT HIS WEBSTER HOME

George Cope, 70, Buried At Beta Wednesday

Funeral service for George Cope, 70, who died at his home at Webster Monday evening, were held at the Webster Baptist church Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, and burial was in the Beta cemetery at Beta. The Rev. W. N. Cook officiated.

Mr. Cope suffered a heart-attack two weeks ago and continued to weaken until his death followed Monday.

Active pallbearers were: Vernon Cope, Verlon Lee Cope, Grayson Cope, Fred Cope, and Dillard Cope. Honorary pallbearers were: Dr. W. A. Nichols, Dr. A. S. Nichols, Dr. G. C. Wilkes, Dr. W. P. McGuire, M. D. Cowan, J. T. Gribble, D. G. Bryson, W. E. Campbell, Don Frizzle and Miles Ward.

Mr. Cope retired a few months ago after selling his feed business at Sylva. Previously he had operated a lumber business at Murphy.

He was active in church and civic affairs being chairman of the board of deacons of the Webster Baptist church at the time of his death. He was also teacher of the Men's Bible class of the church and served on the executive board of the Tuckaseegee Baptist association.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Lela Rogers Cope; three sons, J. O. Cope of Newport, Tenn., Lieut. C. L. Cope of Quonset Point, R. I., and W. B. Cope of Sylva; one brother, J. W. Cope of Sylva, and three half-sisters, Mrs. George Mashburn of Bryson City, Mrs. Ross Enslley of Sylva, and Mrs. Oscar Enslley of Sylva.

Corn earworms have damaged soybeans in Hyde County from 10 to 50 per cent. Cryolite has given good control of defoliating insects and fair control of the earworm.

Final Campaign For Funds For United War Relief Agencies Starts Oct. 8th

National Goal, \$115,000,000 Jackson's Quota Is \$6,200

J. A. Bryson, chairman of the Jackson county United War Fund Drive, has announced that the final campaign for funds for this purpose will start Monday, Oct. 8, and will continue for two weeks, ending Oct. 20.

Mr. Bryson said that the National goal this year is \$115,000,000 with Jackson's quota remaining the same as last year \$6,200.00. Mr. Bryson has appointed county and community chairmen and workers and is urging them to be ready to start the drive on October 8 and to complete it just as quickly as possible.

Mr. Bryson stated in a meeting with his workers recently and in letters to his community workers that this was a patriotic, volunteer job and asked them to join him in undertaking to see that Jackson county does its part as usual, so that when the starved, naked, homeless despairing millions of the world lift up their heads with any say of "Thank God for America", each one of us can honestly say, "They mean me".

As in all previous drives during the war when money was being collected a large proportion of the funds will be allocated for the USO and the United Seaman Funds, as the activities of these two organizations will continue, as well as increase, for some time to come. It will require at least a year to move the millions of troops overseas and the slogan (Continued to page 8)

EXERCISES WILL PRECEED SYLVA-SPRUCE PINE FOOTBALL GAME FRIDAY EVENING

To Be Honored



Mark Watson Ideal Of Boys; Friend To Everyone In Community

Sylva High school football field, recently equipped with flood lights for night games, will be dedicated to the memory and honor of a former coach, Roy G. (Mark) Watson, who served as athletic coach of this school for four years, during which time he became the ideal of every boy, and the friend of everyone who knew and came in contact with him. Coach Watson gave up his teaching and coaching career in order to join the armed forces to fight for freedom and liberty, that our boys and girls might continue to enjoy free education and athletics, such as he loved to direct. Mark made the supreme sacrifice with his life, dying in action March 7, 1945, while fighting the enemy in Germany. Young Watson entered service December 12, 1943, and after training at Fort Bragg, Camp Phillips, Kansas, and Camp McCain, Miss., he went overseas in August 1944, and saw action in France, Belgium, and Germany before he was killed. He was awarded several medals and these are to be presented by an army officer from Atlanta to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Watson at the dedicatory service Friday evening.

Pfc. Nelson Tatham Receives Discharge

Pfc. Nelson D. Tatham arrived at his home in the Savannah section of Jackson county Sunday after receiving his discharge at Fort Bragg. After three years service in the European theater, a member of the 29th Infantry Division, he landed in New York Sept. 20.

Pfc. Tatham holds the Purple Heart, four Battle Stars and the Presidential Unit Citation. Before entering service he was employed by the Sylva Supply Hardware Co.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tatham, who have another son, Sgt. Corsey Tatham, in the armed forces, now stationed in Manila.

Upper Jackson Singing Convention To Meet

The Upper Jackson singing convention will be held Sunday, Oct. 14, with the Yellow Mountain Baptist church. This will be an all-day meeting with dinner on the grounds.

WILLIAM H. OXNER PASSES AT HOME IN QUALLA COMMUNITY

Funeral service were held Tuesday, September 25, at the Hyatt's Chapel Baptist church, for William H. Oxner, 84 who died at his home there Monday. Burial was in the Shoal Creek cemetery. Rev. O. J. Beck, of Balsam, and Rev. J. L. Hyatt, of Whittier, officiated.

Pallbearers were: George Troutman, Ellis Troutman, Luther Hoyle, Carl Stepp, Kelly Bridges and Taylor Bridges.

Honorary pallbearers were: Dr. A. S. Nichols, W. M. Quiet, J. R. Messer, J. K. Terrell, Jack Buchanan, R. C. Howell, Andrew Ward, W. H. Hoyle and Jim Sutton.

Future Farmers Hold 2nd Annual Fair at Cullowhee

The second annual fair will be held at Cullowhee Training School Friday, Oct. 5. The program for the day which will begin at 10 o'clock will include visitation to class room, addresses by speakers, lunch, inspection of displays, athletic contests and awarding of prizes.

The guest speakers will be Mrs. T. Allen Luther of Asheville, who is district president of the PTA, Mr. Dan Tompkins of Sylva, and Mr. Cyrus G. Phillips of Cullowhee, who is Agricultural Teacher at Cullowhee Training School.

District Director Will Speak At PTA Meeting

Mrs. Allen Luther, district president of the First district of the Parent Teacher Association, will be the guest speaker at the October meeting of the Sylva PTA group, which will be held Tuesday, Oct. 9, at 7:30 P. M.

Jackson Service Men Get Discharge

Three more Jackson County boys, who have terminated their services with some branch of the armed forces, are: John H. Clayton, Pharmacists Mate 2-c, Robert Ray Snyder, Machinists Mate, 1-c, and Captain Malcolm E. Brown.

Phar. Mate Clayton had served on foreign duty with the U. S. Navy for more than two years. He has been discharged and has returned to his home at Cullowhee.