

Plans Made For Clothing Collection

Returning Veterans Seeking Jobs Thru Employment Offices

RALEIGH, Jan. 21—Indicative of the speed with which the armed forces are being demobilized is the fact that almost half, 47.7 per cent, of the visits in which services were rendered in December in local offices of the United States Employment Service, were made by veterans, approximately 99 per cent of them of World War II.

Robert M. du Bruyne, acting director of the USES, reports that 116,838 visits were made to local USES offices in December, about an average month for 1945. Of these visits, additional services were rendered in 109,605 cases, and 52,326 of these cases were those of veterans, a veteran increase from a proportion of about one out of ten in the early months of last year.

This does not mean that 52,000 different veterans visited the local offices in December, for many of them return for further information or help and those drawing servicemen's readjustment allowances visit the offices each week to renew their claims, Mr. du Bruyne explains.

However, this report shows that almost half of the activities of the personnel of local offices are connected with war veterans and their problems, and the proportion will increase as more veterans return home. That is why so much stress is being placed in local offices on handling the problems of returning veterans, Mr. du Bruyne said.

That also explains in part, why there has been a decline in referrals to jobs since the war ended in August. The referrals to jobs in December numbered only 13,809, which is much less than half the average number referred in the first eight months, war months, of the year.

Local USES offices verified non-agricultural placements of 6,194 workers in local jobs and 132 in jobs outside their home areas in December.

Job openings registered by employers with local offices declined in December, from 28,993 at the beginning to 23,828 at the end of the month, Mr. du Bruyne reports. At the same time an average of about 6,000 workers were drawing State unemployment benefits and approximately another 6,000 veterans were drawing servicemen's readjustment allowances, each week in December.

Army Creates Twosome Of Depot Men

The story of two incidental army careers came to light this week in the persons of Pfc. Joe T. Evans and Thomas R. Hyatt, both members of Company K, headquarters Battalion, at Camp Pickett, Va.

Inducted at Ft. Bragg, N. C. on July 25, 1945, the two men were strangers to one another. But not for long. Six days later they were transferred to Camp Wheeler, Ga., for basic training. Upon their arrival, they were assigned to A-10-3 and both landed in the same platoon.

After completing their basic, they were both put on the same shipment order with the same number of days delay enroute. Arriving at Camp Pickett on the same day, they thought that the team of Evans and Hyatt was surely due to break up this time. However, fate found them both assigned to K Company, who in turn, assigned them to the same barracks, same cadre room.

On January 1, they were both promoted to Pfc. on the same order. They both work in the Company orderly room, doing what we don't know. We were afraid to ask for fear it might be different things. And to top it off, they both live in North Carolina.

Pfc. Evans is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Evans of Sylva and Pfc. Hyatt is a Canton boy.

Recent Changes Made In Faculty At Sylva School

Three changes have recently been made in the teaching personnel at the Sylva school. Miss Alice Dills Weaver is taking the place vacated by Mrs. Edwin Knight, who resigned when her husband returned from overseas duty; Mrs. Mark Osborn of Cullowhee is replacing Mrs. Anne Bird Engman, who also resigned when her husband was discharged, and Kenneth Terrell who is substituting for M. B. Madison who has accepted a position in the Belmont school.

WATAUGA DAIRYING, LAMBS HIT UPGRADE

Watauga County farmers in 1945 sold milk for an aggregate of \$100,000 more than in 1944 and marketed 2,426 lambs of which more than 44 per cent graded "choice," it was reported by County Agent H. M. Hamilton, of Boone.

Hamilton said that last year dairy farmers in the county had made "more progress than in any previous year" and attributed the increased milk sales to improved pastures and an increase in the number of farmers who turned to dairying. Principal outlet for milk is the Coble Receiving Station. One hundred and fifty three more farmers sold milk last year than in 1944.

Dairy herds are getting better housing and care than ever before and are furnishing a regular monthly income to a big block of the Watauga farm element, Hamilton added, indicating that the erection of many new silos, the production of high-quality legume hay and the establishment of grade A dairies also had contributed to the upswing in the milk business.

Of the total number of animals marketed through the county's lamb pool, 1,076 were "choice," 778 were "good," 414 were "medium" and only 6.4 per cent were graded below medium. Phosphates and other Extension service practices improved pastures and in turn produced choice meat for which higher prices were received, Hamilton said.

WCTC Provides Two Beds At Moore General

According to Mrs. W. A. Ashbrook, secretary to president H. T. Hunter of Western Carolina Teachers College, word has been received that stamps and bonds purchased by the faculty and students of the college have provided for the maintenance of two hospital beds at Moore General Hospital. Upkeep for a hospital bed for one year is approximately \$3,000. Mrs. Ashbrook has received duplicate copies of the placards to be placed at the foot of each of these two beds indicating that Western Carolina Teachers College has provided them.

J. B. Parker, Charles McMahan Buy Lease On Stovall's Cafe

J. B. Parker and Charles McMahan of Sylva recently purchased the lease on Stovall's cafe from Tilgham Bass and Shelton Bradsher. They assumed management this past week.

The new owners are veterans of the past war, Parker having been in the army for thirty four months and McMahan in service for the past four years. Each have twenty months overseas duty to their credit.

The new management announces that there will be no changes in the personnel or in the policy of the cafe.

GOVERNMENT MAY TAKE OVER STRIKE BOUND MEAT PLANTS

Washington has indicated that the Government would seize the strike-bound meat packing plants and White House sources indicated that the order would go out today.

This action to end an already widely-felt meat scarcity, will be taken, the White House spokesman said, despite lack of assurance that the CIO meat packers will go back to work for the government. AFL meat workers have promised to do so.

WSSF Representative Visits Campus

Miss Judith Austin, representative of the World Student Service Fund, is here on the campus of Western Carolina Teachers College this week. Miss Austin, a graduate of the University of Vermont and an official in the Richmond office of the WSSF, is at Cullowhee primarily to assist student leaders under O. R. McDonald, student body president, to raise funds for needy young people overseas. This is Miss Austin's second visit to Western Carolina Teachers College. Last year she helped in raising \$175.00 on this campus for the WSSF.

DRIVE FOR USED CLOTHING NOW ON

Ann Albright, dean of women at Western Carolina Teachers College here, has announced the opening of a campaign to secure used clothing to be shipped to the unfortunate people overseas. Solicitation of articles in under the supervision of the different dormitory presidents. Last year Western Carolina made a sizeable contribution to this worthy cause.

Attends General Patton's Funeral



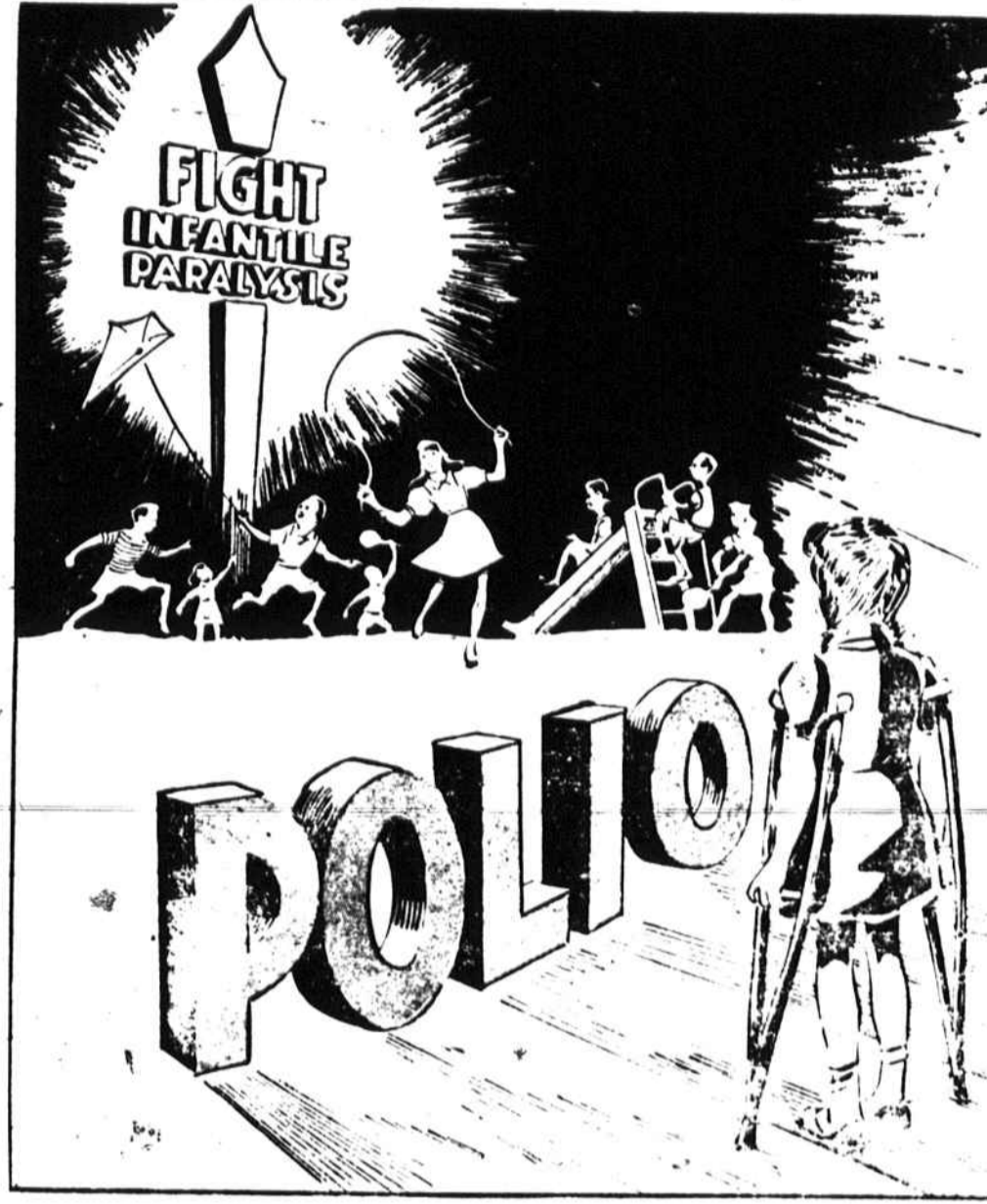
Pfc. James L. Harris who is serving with an M. P. Bn. stationed in Bad Tolz, Germany was one of the fifteen men chosen to attend General Patton's funeral in Luxembourg. They made the 500 mile trip in General Truscott's train and also ate in his dining car. He was serving with Patton's Third army when Germany fell and had been an honor guard for General Patton on a few other occasions.

Pfc. Harris entered service Nov. 17, 1944 and received his training at Camp Wheeler, Ga. and was then transferred to Fort Meade, Md. and from there sent overseas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Harris of Sylva and the husband of Mrs. Betty Price Harris of Cullowhee.

Lt. William N. Turner To Receive Discharge

NAVAL STAGING CENTER, PEARL HARBOR, T. H.—Lt. William N. Turner, of Cullowhee, N. C., is getting ready to rejoin the ranks of civilians, together with thousands of others going through this Naval demobilization center headed for the States.

At this staging center, the prospective discharges are grouped according to what separation center they will report to for their final papers. They are placed aboard cargo ships headed for the States as soon as shipping space is available.



SAM J. ERVIN IS NEW CONGRESSMAN FROM 10TH DIST.

Sam J. Ervin, Jr. of Morganton was elected Tuesday to complete the unexpired term of his late brother, Joe W. Ervin, as representative of the 10th congressional district.

Ervin is a former superior court judge and his name was the only one on the ballot and had no opposition. He had been nominated by the Democrats for the remainder of his brother's term. The Republicans did not offer a candidate.

Joe Ervin, well-known freshman congressman, was found dead in his gas-filled kitchen of his Washington home on Christmas day.

Jackson County Promised Six Car Loads Of Coal

In response to a phone call to M. L. Burtless, distribution manager of this area, from Mayor H. Gibson and County Commissioner Chairman, T. Walter Ashe, the dealers in Jackson county have been assured of six car loads of run of the mine coal. Action was taken at the request of several citizens of the town and when Mayor Gibson explained the critical fuel situation, these six cars were transferred to this area.

New Building For Lumber Firm Nears Completion Here

W. O. W. To Have Special Meeting For Returning Veteran Members

The Sylva Woodmen of The World will hold a special meeting on Monday night, February 4, for the members of the organization who have been in service and who have now returned home. The nature of the meeting and program was not disclosed but officials stated that it would be of great benefit to these returning veteran members.

The lodge continues to gain new members with 65 new ones to come in right soon, it was said. The membership is now around 200.

Attend District Meeting Of American Red Cross

Mesdames John Parris, Harry Ferguson, W. O. Soderquist and Mr. A. J. Dills were in Asheville Monday attending the District Meeting and Luncheon of the American Red Cross held at the George Vanderbilt Hotel.

Committeemen For Polio Drive Announced

Mrs. E. L. McKee, county chairman for the 1946 Infantile Paralysis Drive, has announced the appointment of the committeemen to serve with her this year.

A. C. Moses, county superintendent of schools, has been named on the school committee, Industry, Paul Ellis and W. T. Wise, Business men, Paul Kirk, H. G. Landis, and A. J. Dills, Governmental agencies, T. Walter Ashe and Carey Henson, Professional men, Dr. Hooper, Civic clubs, Ralph Sutton, F. M. Crawford, President's ball, Mrs. Walter Jones, Mrs. A. H. Carter and Mrs. John Paris, Dillsboro, Mrs. M. B. Cannon, Cullowhee, John Worth McDevitt, Theatre, Mrs. Frank Massie.

Jackson county's quota has been set at \$780.00.

The Cullowhee Parent-Teachers Association met Thursday afternoon in the cafeteria of the Training School of Western Carolina Teachers College, with Mrs. Wiley Crawford as hostess. Miss Annie Knotts, supervising teacher of the first grade in the Training School, discussed Religion in the Life of the Young Child. Miss Leonora Smith, president of the group, presided over the meeting.

Ashe Names Committees, Sets Time and Selects Depots For Collection

Last Rites Conducted For Erastus Ensley

Funeral services for Mr. Erastus Ensley, 62, who died Sunday morning Jan. 13 at the home of his son, were held Tuesday afternoon at the Lovedale Baptist church with the Rev. F. P. Blankenship and Rev. B. S. Hensley officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Ensley is survived by his widow, the former Miss Rebecca Cope of Swain County, two sons, Roosevelt of Sylva and Dennis of the U. S. army; three daughters, Mrs. Grady Painter and Mrs. Harley Sellers of Sylva, Mrs. Max Snipes of Asheville; four brothers, Oscar and Elsie of Sylva, Henry of Balsam, Tolvin of Tenn. and ten grandchildren.

Garrett Funeral home was in charge of the arrangements.

NOW IS THE TIME TO WORK WITH ORCHARDS

Now, and for the next few weeks of Winter, is the time to prune, spray and thin orchards, according to Burke County Agent R. L. Sloan of Morganton who offers the following orchard suggestions for Western North Carolina farmers:

"Some pruning is helpful each year in shaping young trees and thinning crowded limbs on older trees. Spraying is also helpful in killing scale and other parasites on the bark. For small orchards, one can buy a ready-mixed lime-sulphur solution which mixes with water at the rate of one gallon of lime-sulphur to eight gallons of water. This spray is good for Winter apples, peaches and other fruits.

"Fertilizer or manure is needed by trees in late Winter. Nitrate of soda is one of the best fertilizers, though any such preparation will help. From two to five pounds of fertilizer per tree is usually applied. Brushy mountain orchards which formerly were productive every other year, now bear each year since regular fertilization has been made. Young trees also need cultivation. Digging or plowing around them will keep down grass and weeds.

"Some of the fruits best adapted to this section of the state are: Early Harvest, Yellow Transparent, Bonum, Golden Delicious, Stayman, and Winesap apples; Golden Jubilee, Belle of Georgia, Elberta, and Hale peaches; Concord, Niagara, Portland, Lutie, Caco, and Sheridan grapes; Early Richmond and Montgomery cherries. Now is a good time to plant."

Webster 4-H Club Has Meeting

The 4-H club of Webster school met last week in the ninth grade class room with thirty six members present. An interesting program was given on table manners with the following pupils participating. Harold Potts, Nola Higdon, Claudia Stanford, Clyde Bumgarner, Billy Joe Cowan and Alice Buchanan.

A delicious breakfast of ham, eggs, jelly and toast was served. Joyce Hooper and Jo Ann Davis were waitresses.

Nellie Morgan made a talk on things that should and should not be done at the table. Miss Johnston concluded the meeting by discussing more fully the importance of table manners.

Five Jackson Men Accepted By Army

The following men were accepted by the army during December. James Jesse Jones (V), William Perry Lark, Glenn Dale McCall, Allen Eugene Norman, and Wood-Higdon.

Cites Need Of Quick Action In Bringing Drive To A Close

The central committee of Jackson County's Victory Clothing drive met in the Herald office Monday afternoon and completed plans for conducting the drive in the county. The committee is composed of T. Walter Ashe, county chairman, Dilard Coward, John Corbin, of the Lions Club and J. A. Gray of the Rotary Club. Named to assist on this committee were, C. F. Dodson, Cullowhee, William Ensor, Cherokee, T. N. Massie, Sylva, and all the school teachers of the county. The Lions Club and Rotary Club are co-sponsors, and will assist in the drive.

The collection drive is to begin at once and to end Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Since the drive is late in getting started in the county, Chairman Ashe has urged the citizens to make their collection and bring the clothing to one of the clothing depots just as soon as possible in order that the drive may be completed on time.

The following places have been selected as collection centers where clothing can be deposited: Sylva Coal and Lumber Company, Sol Schulman's store, Sylva Supply Company store, Sylva Herald, county school houses, and Battle's Store at Cullowhee. When the drive is over the clothing will be brought to a central place and packed for shipment to the needy peoples of Europe, China, and other devastated places in the world.

All merchants having old stocks of clothing, shoes, etc. they wish to donate to the collection will please get these garments together in bundles or boxes at their stores and notify Mr. Ashe so that they can be collected when the drive is over.

Kind Of Clothing Wanted

The committee makes a special request for the following type of garments to be collected: coats, suits, trousers, skirts, dresses, shirts, sweaters, underwear, shoes (also galoshes, overshoes, rubbers), pajamas, night gowns, knitwear, blankets, bedding, piece goods, remnants, draperies, infants' clothing of all kinds.

The clothing given in this drive must be of serviceable type, that is not too worn or in bad condition otherwise. The items must be clean but not ironed. Dresses and this type should be washed and suits etc. cleaned. Uncleaned items can not be accepted for shipment as they will cause damage to those that have been cleaned.

Continuing Need
By Christmas approximately 25,000,000 children, men and women in the war-torn countries overseas had received clothing donated by the American people in the United Clothing drive of last year. But 25,000,000 is only a small percentage of the destitute, homeless, and looted people of Europe, the Philippines and the Far East.

Devastation and want in those countries are on so vast a scale as to be almost beyond comprehension. Millions there are even now inadequately clad for winter weather, for health and for self-respect. It is estimated that in China alone 200,000,000 people are in desperate need of clothing.

Among the threadbare millions, there are people of every age and from every walk of life. These people are not asking for us to give them Utopia—but only serviceable things like your old coat—the one with the frayed edges but a warm lining, or the baby blanket so long stored away.

Mehaffey Enlists In Regular Army

James A. Mehaffey, Jr., son of Mrs. Maude Mehaffey of Balsam enlisted in the regular army on January 11th.