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N.C. Wildlife Federation Holds First Annual State Meet

T. N. Massie Named Vice Chairman Of District Nine

Greensboro, Jan. 26—Delegates to the first annual meeting of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, incorporated, at Sedgwick, near Greensboro, on January 23 and 24, went home determined to intensify the drive for members and to educate the public generally about the federation's objectives.

P. K. Gravelly, Rocky Mount tobaccoist, was elected president, succeeding Col. Frank L. Page Greensboro, who was made honorary president and elected a director for life.

The three new vice-presidents are Wayne Bramlette, Asheville; A. C. Davis, Greensboro, and S. B. Coley, Raleigh. The Constitution was amended to provide for three instead of two vice presidents, representing the mountain, central and coastal areas of the state.

E. J. Stoker, Greensboro, was re-elected secretary-treasurer, and Ross O. Stevens, Raleigh, executive director, was re-named with recommendation that his salary be increased.

The delegates re-affirmed the federation's objective—separation of the division of game and inland fisheries from the state department of conservation and development. It was unanimously agreed that in order to make a successful fight in the 1947 general assembly for separation, the federation's membership must be built up and the citizens of the state fully informed of their big stake in the program for better management of the wildlife resources.

Game and fish programs in Pennsylvania and Michigan are the patterns on which the North Carolina federation has based its objectives. Seth Gordon, executive director of the Pennsylvania game commission, and Fred A. Westerman, in charge of the fish program in Michigan, spoke to the annual meeting on their respective plans.

Both Gordon and Westerman (Continued on page 7)

WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS HOLD FIRST ANNUAL MEET IN CHAPEL HILL

Herald Is Member Of Exclusive Group Of N. C. Weeklies

Meeting in conjunction with the North Carolina Newspaper Institute in Chapel Hill and Duke University last week, the North Carolina Weekly Newspaper Association held its first annual session Friday afternoon at the Carolina Inn.

Officers were elected and by-laws and constitution adopted. Curtis W. Russ, of Waynesville was elected president of the association.

The new group which was organized a year ago last November has a membership of 51 weekly newspapers, almost a third of the entire number of weeklies in the state.

The purpose of the organization is a "planned systematic program of improvement of the member papers, including circulation, business practices, reportorial and editorial contents, and typographical appearance."

The National Audit Bureau of Circulation now shows that North Carolina is tied for second place in the total number of weekly members in that organization for the entire country. North Carolina has a higher percentage of A. B. C. weeklies and semi-weeklies than any other state.

The Sylva Herald is a member of the Audit Bureau of Circulation.

Emory Olin Ensley, S 2-c To Receive Discharge

Emory Olin Ensley, seaman, first class, Sylva, N. C., is being discharged after honorable service in the Navy, at the personnel separation center in Little Creek, Va.

Jackson, 5 Other Counties Will Receive \$36,800 From Forest

The Nantahala National forest has announced that the six counties in which the forest lies participate in a fund of \$36,800.78 as their share of the gross receipts of the forest for the fiscal year of 1945.

The fund, which represents 25 per cent of the gross receipts of the Nantahala forest, is prorated to the counties on the basis of acreage lying within the forest.

The counties participating in this fund are: Jackson, Swain, Macon, Cherokee, Clay, and Graham.

Payment has been made by the U. S. treasury to the state treasurer of North Carolina for distribution to the counties.

An additional 10 per cent of the gross receipts — \$14,720.31 — is available to the U. S. Forest service for the construction and maintenance of roads and trails on the national forests within the state.

Practically all of the income on the Nantahala forest was from the sale of timber stumpage, it was explained. Other sources of revenue were from grazing, mining and other land use permits.

The sale of timber involved was cut between July 1, 1944 and June 30, 1945 and was virtually all earmarked for use in the prosecution of the war. In addition, the cutting of this timber stumpage provided employment to many people, and raw material for the local wood using industries, officials pointed out.

Sylva Elementary School Makes Donation To Polio Campaign

Mr. W. V. Cope, principal of the Sylva Elementary school has informed the Herald that the school has again gone over the top in its donation to another of the many worthwhile causes that it has been called upon to contribute to in the past few months.

This time it was the Polio campaign. The school gave \$104. All of this amount was raised through voluntary gifts by the students and teachers, and represents more than 10% of Jackson County's quota.

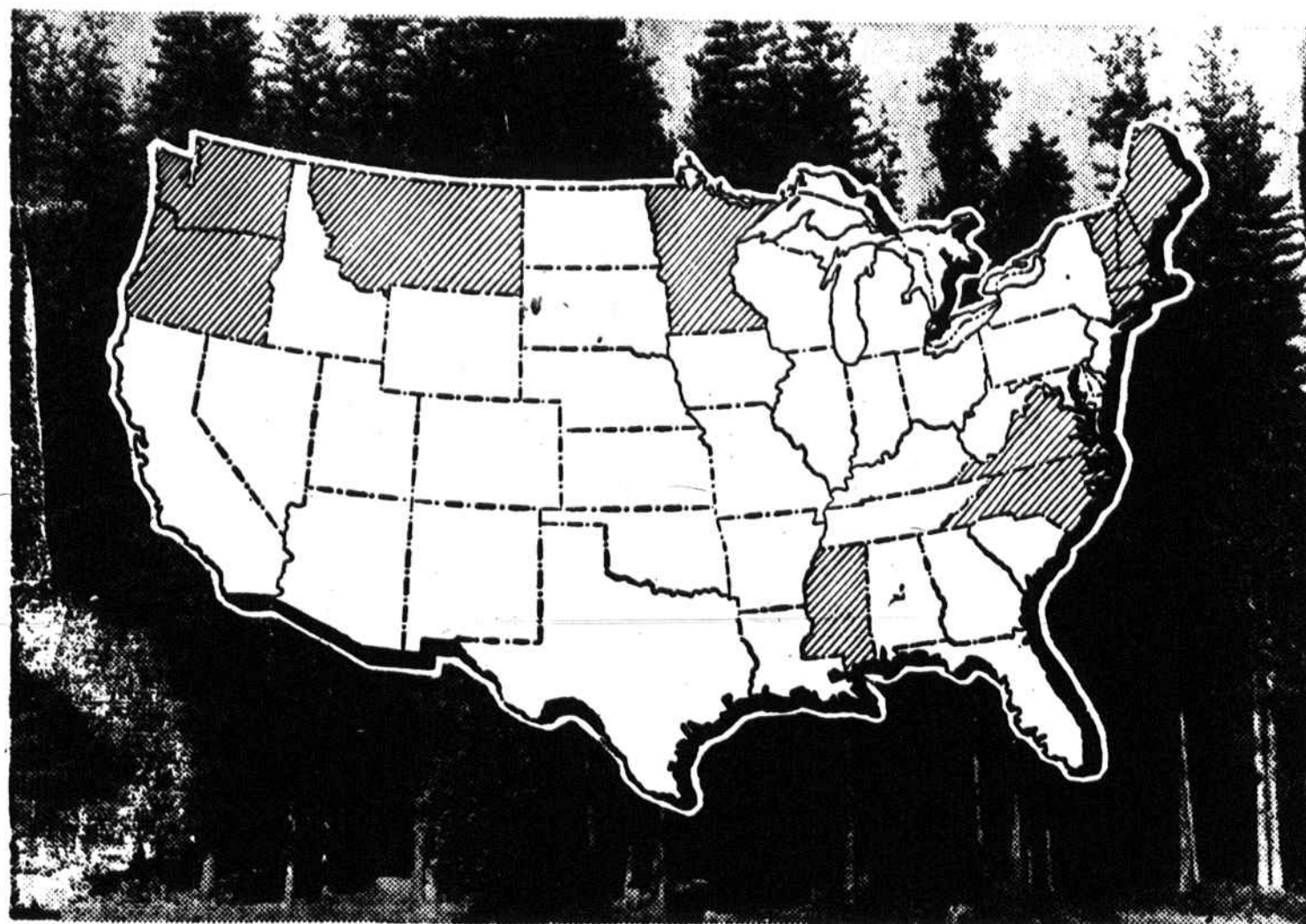
Mrs. Norton's second grade led with \$22.48, but each room made a liberal contribution to this worthy cause.

Mr. Cope and his corps of teachers deserve much credit for the splendid work being done by them. Among other drives to which the school has contributed are the Red Cross, the Junior Red Cross, the Tubercular Seals, and the United War Fund.

Mrs. M. W. Whitmire Critically Ill Following Major Operation

Mrs. A. D. Parker has received a message that her sister, Mrs. M. W. Whitmire, (the former Miss Mattie Mae Shelton) of Midland, Texas, is critically ill, following a major operation in San Angelo, Texas.

KEEP OUR AMERICA GREEN



Keeping America green is an industrial and civic objective that is sweeping through the forest states of the nation. Thirteen states are now enlisted in a "keep green" movement, designed to keep fire out of the woods and off the ranges. Ten of these states joined the program during 1945 and eight more are expected to initiate similar plans early in 1946.

Starting in Washington state a few years ago under the slogan "Keep Washington Green", the program is based upon recognition that fire is forest enemy No. 1, and that the chief cause of forest fires is man's carelessness. A quarter of them are started by careless cigarette smokers alone. Today, Oregon, Montana, Minnesota, Virginia, North Carolina, Mississippi, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island have similar programs in effect, enlisting the joint efforts of state forestry departments, industry, farmers, labor, women's clubs and other civic groups who understand the fact that efforts of owners of forest lands to produce trees for future supplies can be nullified by fire.

Methods For Better Forest Practices And Forest Protection Discussed At Forestry Meet in Raleigh Last Week

JACKSON DRAFT OFFICIALS ARE RECOGNIZED

Orie E. Monteith and Lewis Cannon went to Asheville Friday, January 25th to be present at a ceremony in the Buncombe county courthouse at which time they were presented medals for their service in connection with the draft board.

Gov. R. Gregg Cherry and Brigadier General J. Van B. Metts presented the awards to those men who have served on various draft boards for two years or more. The draft officials in this, as in other counties, have served without pay for more than two years.

A third member of the board, John Morris, who has also served for more than two years was unable to be at the ceremony, due to illness.

Fred Wendt Passes In Veterans Hospital

Fred Wendt, a veteran of the first World War died Monday afternoon at a veterans hospital in Atlanta, Ga., according to news received here.

Mr. Wendt, a native of Alabama, resided in Cullowhee a number of years and was employed by the TVA as an engineer. He recently moved to Commerce, Ga.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Clara McGuire Wendt of Cullowhee, and three small children, Johannah, Nancy and Fred Walker.

Methodist Church To Honor Returning Veterans

Members of the Methodist church will honor returning service men of the congregation on Friday night, Feb. 1st at 7 o'clock in the Allison building with a supper.

Each serviceman may bring one guest and members of the church will pay \$1.00 for their plate. Please notify the committee in charge if you will be there.

More farm fruits are in prospect for civilians in 1946 than in 1945 and canned fruits will be much more plentiful.

Local Men Attend Two-Day Meeting Of N. C. Forestry Association

Mr. Charles E. Pettit, district forester of the Sylva office, Mr. Mack Ashe, Jackson county forest and game warden, Mr. A. H. Weidlich, manager of the Log Cabin Association in Jackson county, and Mr. Raymond Sutton, of the wood division of the Mead Corporation, attended the two-day meeting of the North Carolina Forestry Association held in Raleigh last Thursday and Friday. They also attended a meeting and banquet of the Society of American Forestry Association held Friday night.

The most important points discussed at the Forestry meeting were better forest practices as to cutting and harvesting the mature timber, development of new stands of timber and means for a more adequate fire protection program.

At the banquet Friday night the group heard Mr. Eshmyer, etomologist for TVA, discuss the fish and game situation of the state in relation to the forest. Mr. Eshmyer pointed out that fish and game propagation and protection is so closely related to forest conditions that the two are inseparable. He said that North Carolina cannot (Continued from page 6)

MRS. IDA COTTER



Mrs. Ida Cotter, 87, who died at her home in Cullowhee, Jan. 19th following a long illness. Funeral services were held in the Cullowhee Methodist church where she was a member.

POLIO DANCE HELD TUESDAY EVENING

With Mull, Swann and Robinson furnishing the music and Glen McHan of Waynesville calling the square dance held at the community house Tuesday evening to raise funds for the Polio drive was a huge success.

A large crowd from Sylva and neighboring towns attended and the committee in charge, composed of Mrs. W. L. Jones and Mrs. J. A. Parris, report that they cleared a nice amount which will greatly help toward raising Jackson county's quota.

Bass And Shad Placed In Glenville And Other Lakes In WNC

Three truck loads of Bass and Shad have been placed in Glenville, Fontana and Santeetlah Lakes in a re-stocking program being carried out by the Wildlife club of Jackson county in cooperation with TVA.

Mr. T. N. Massie made two trips to Norris Lake with his truck and the State Fish Hatchery at Balsam sent one truck which brought the fish to the lakes week before last.

One load of bass and shad were placed in Glenville. The bass being 6 to 19 inches and the shad, a food fish for the bass, 10 to 12 inches.

The Wildlife clubs of the Western counties are making a determined effort to see that the lakes and streams of Western North Carolina are stocked with game fish in order to make Western North Carolina a real fisherman's paradise.

U. S. E. S. Offices To Be Closed All Day Saturday

Mr. C. E. Thompson of the U. S. E. S. office in Sylva has announced that beginning Monday, January 28th the office will be operated on a five day week schedule. It will be closed all day Saturday.

Persons reporting to the office on Saturday will please report the following Monday, February 4th. Anyone wishing service in this office may call Monday through Friday.

Records Show Average FSA Borrower Has Net Income Of Over \$1200

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO ELECT NEW OFFICIALS

It has been announced that ballots will be cast for the election of officers for the Chamber of Commerce February 11th through February 16th. Those candidates listed are: Joe Popperwell, W. T. Wise, F. H. McNeely, Everett Harris, Felix Picklesimer, W. H. Crawford, Cole Cannon, J. A. Gray, Roy Reed, H. J. Landis, Homer Davis, Crawford Shelton, Harold McGuire, Jeff Hedden, Dr. Ashbrook, Roscoe Poteet, Mach Ashe and Harry Ferguson.

Nine of these eighteen candidates will be elected to serve for the coming year. There will be ballots and boxes provided at each business house in the town and the public is urged to cast their votes on the days named.

Former Jackson Resident Passes In California

Mrs. Lora Wilson Savoie, former Jackson county resident recently passed away at her home in Redlands, Cal., where she had made her home for the past 22 years. Mrs. Savoie was a native of the Speedwell section of Jackson county, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William M. Wilson. She was first married to Zeb Rhea of this county. In 1903, with her family, she went to Oklahoma, later going to California, where she spent the remainder of her life.

She is survived by several children living in California, one brother, S. E. Wilson, of Speedwell; one sister, Mrs. Beulah Bryson of Florida.

She was an aunt of Mrs. R. U. Sutton and Roy Dills of Sylva.

Sunbaths have been found to be greatly beneficial to the health and growth of calves, according to specialists of the State College Extension Service.

Jurors Drawn For February Term Jackson Superior Court

At their meeting on the first Monday in January the Board of Commissioners drew names of Jackson county citizens to serve on the jury of the February term of Jackson County Superior court which will convene Monday, February 18, with Judge Wilson Warlick, presiding. John M. Queen, of Waynesville, will represent the state.

The jury list is as follows: Ben Hooper, Cullowhee; Norman Nicholson, Wolf Mtn.; D. A. Phillips, Cowarts; R. L. Knight, Cullowhee; Tom King, Barkers Creek; J. J. Cowan, Cullowhee; Zeb Jones, Cashiers; Mitchell Melton, Argua; Roy Dalton, Sylva; F. L. Ward, Barkers Creek; Jim L. Price, Cullowhee; Roger Coward, Webster; Bill Stephens, Cullowhee; Rufus Watson, Cullowhee; Ernest Penland, Webster; Hal Green, Greens Creek; Carl Buchanan, Sylva; John Sheppard, Sylva; Blaine Nicholson, Cowarts; Frank Crawford, Sylva, R. F. D.; Ira Jones, Barkers Creek; Don Dills, Cullowhee; Grady Cline, Speedwell; V. V. Ensey, Webster; Charles Snider, Dillsboro; Ulius Coggins, Erastus; Frank Fricks, Sylva; Luther Wike, East La Porte; R. E. Dills, Sylva; John M. Wike, East La Porte; J. H. Cline, Cullowhee; Bob Powell, Tuckasee; Lee Estes, Greens Creek; Merritt Hooper, Cullowhee; T. C. Bryson, Jr., Sylva; C. M. Martin, Qualla; Oscar Ensey, Cullowhee; Miller Hall, Qualla; David Worley, Qualla; Frank Higdon, Gay; Harley Lewis, Webster; Frank Hall, Qualla.

She died at the home of her daughter, Miss Lessie Watson of Norton on Jan. 19th at the age of 95.

In addition to her daughter she is survived by two sons, M. R. of Six Mile, S. C., and Grover Watson of Norton, seven grandchildren, three great grandchildren, one half brother, Jack Stewart of Norton, three half sisters, Mrs. Sallie Moore of Franklin, Mrs. Etie Reed of Cashiers and Mrs. Ida Ashe of Sedro Woolly, Wash.

"Aunt Jane" as she was affectionately known to her friends and relatives was a devoted and active Christian. She professed faith in Christ at the age of 11 and joined the Hamburg Baptist church at Glenville 84 years ago. She moved her letter to the Yellow Mountain Baptist church 6 years ago.

"Aunt Jane" lived to see four wars and told of burning pine knots for light to spin and card at night and of the deer that roamed the Hamburg Mountain. She was a resident of Hamburg her entire life.

Sandhills peach growers are moving to protect themselves against losses to worms this year.