

## A. J. Dills Has Served Red Cross 24 Years

### Office Is Clearing House For Troubles Of Service Men And Distressed Citizens

Perhaps there's no man in Jackson county that knows more about the American Red Cross than A. J. Dills, executive secretary of the Jackson County chapter. That's because he's been doing this kind of work for the past twenty four years, ever since World War I. And he's done an excellent job of it too, the county has never failed in raising the quota assigned to them and the hundreds of service men that it has aided testify to the good job being done out there.

Primarily the Red Cross, during a national emergency, serves as an agency between home and the service man at camp or on the battle front. It is the lifeline between the man in his new life and that life he's left behind. Some of the services rendered is the assistance in getting allotments for families, aiding in getting furloughs for the army, navy, merchant marines, coast guard, marines and other branches of service, securing information required for hospitals for any person in service, and special history of service men which is required by the military.

Mr. Dill's office is a busy place. They come there confidently to ask if he can get a message through to a son, brother or husband, who hasn't written in a long time, the baby's sick at home, "Can you please arrange to get his daddy home," "the moneys run out on this furlough, Can I borrow some until I get back to camp" Mr. Dills listens patiently, already more than busy with his Red Cross plans or the telephone. If he can't do any more than just listen to and talk to them he does that and to a worried service man or an anxious parent, this alone can mean a lot.

During peace time the work of the Red Cross goes right on. Switching from war work they move in to meet any disaster that occurs and provide food, medicine and replacements. Jackson County in 1940 had an actual working example of the Red Cross. During the disastrous flood of those days the American Red Cross spent \$21,000 here helping the county get back on its feet.

Forty nine per cent of the money raised in these drives remain in the county for aid and fifty one per cent is given to run the national work.

During the past war the American Red Cross set up a station at every military camp. Ask any returned veteran, particularly those who spent long months in enemy prison camps, about the work of the Red Cross. They'll tell you that it meant the difference of life or slow starvation. They don't have to be contacted during these drives. They're right there with their contributions at the very beginning.

Mr. Dills estimated that he had driven an approximate 300 miles a month in his work. When asked about how many telegrams or phone calls he had sent, that had gone into such large numbers he had lost all count.

They're going to keep coming to that office for a long time yet for help and they're going to get it there, so when you are called on to raise the money for this organization, remember the scope of its work goes the world over and it takes cash to run it.

### Delegates Attending W. N. C. Conference

Rev. and Mrs. W. Q. Grigg and Mrs. H. R. Hastings left Tuesday morning for Charlotte where they will represent the Sylva societies of the Methodist church at the sixth annual meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference.

The Hawthorne Lane church will be host for the sessions which last through Thursday noon.

Speakers will include Bishop Clare Purcell of Charlotte.

## LUMBER COMPANY STARTING LARGE BUILDING HERE

Excavation having been completed a few weeks ago Sylva Coal and Lumber Company is now pouring foundation and basement walls for a large building 72 by 80 feet on the corner of Railroad Street and Allen Street, purchased recently next to Sylva Hotel. The building will have a basement and first floor, and will be of concrete, concrete block and brick construction. The owners, Messrs. Bill Wilson, Joe Popplewell and V. L. Cope, plan to rush construction as fast as materials are available, and when completed will be used as a general store for their building supply and hardware business.

This company recently constructed a large building on the same lot bordering Scotts Creek, facing Allen Street, which will house lumber and building materials.

### Lions Club Plans For Ladies Night

The Sylva Lions club will observe Ladies night at their next regular meeting which is scheduled to be held at the Sylva school cafeteria Wednesday night at 7 o'clock, March 27.

Plans are being made to secure one of the International directors as guest speaker for the evening.

At the last meeting of the Lions, a mock funeral was featured for the evenings entertainment, the editor of the *Lions Bulletin* having died, and no bulletin had been published for that week.

Following this, Dan Tompkins spoke on the program advocated by the American Legion for military training.

## Weaver Named Candidate For Congress At GOP Meeting In Brevard Saturday, March 9

### Number Of Idle On Strike Dwindle As Settlements Are Reached

As the week-end settlements of strikes in various parts of the country brought the end to work stoppage in many plants the number of idle workmen now out on strike has dropped to a new low since the walk-outs began to occur last winter.

The General Motors and General Electric settlement sent thousands of men back to the production lines, which will soon cause a flow of consumer goods to appear on the markets, thus easing the threat of inflation as the individual dollar finds an outlet for its pent-up spending energy.

Most of General Motors plants have re-opened, however a few remain strike-bound as local unions hold out for settlement of local differences.

### Maj. Nations To Serve Overseas

Major Oscar T. Nations, executive officer at Moore General hospital since February 19, 1944, has received an overseas assignment and will leave about the 25th of this month, according to a statement issued by Colonel Frank W. Wilson, commanding officer of the hospital.

Maj. Nations has been in the army since 1928, and previously served overseas in the China-Burma-India theater in 1943. Mrs. Nations and their three children plan to join the major in his overseas assignment after the current school year. The children are enrolled in David Millard Junior High school, and have made their home on the post at Moore General.

Major Nations is the son of Tom Nations and the late Mrs. Nations of Barkers Creek.

## STRESS EFFICIENCY AND QUALITY IN '46 4-H DAIRY PROGRAM

In converting to peacetime dairying, 4-H boys and girls are emphasizing efficiency and quality of milk production. This is reflected in the preliminary reports of members participating in the 1946 National 4-H Dairy Production Program.

Through the program, 4-H'ers receive not only valuable training and profitable experience, but an opportunity to win county, state, sectional and national recognition. They learn how to select foundation animals, develop a constructive breeding program to increase milk production, balance rations, provide adequate pasturage, and keep records. They also learn how Bang's disease, mastitis, grubs and parasites may be controlled.

Incentives to achieve outstanding records in 4-H dairy production are provided in the form of merit awards. These comprise medals to first and second place county winners, and \$25.00 U. S. Savings Bonds to eight state champions. Trips to the 25th Anniversary National 4-H Club Congress are also offered by Kraft Foods Company to 10 sectional winners, six of whom will be selected to receive the national award of a \$200.00 college scholarship.

This is the 10th consecutive year of the program, which is directed by the Federal and State Extension Services. County extension agents in North Carolina will furnish complete information.

### Prichard Smith Released From Navy

Prichard Smith has received his discharge from the navy after more than two years service. He held the rating of S. K. 2-c at the time was stationed in Norfolk, Va. arated from the service at Camp Shelton, Va.

He served aboard the USS Saturn for a year and the rest of the time was stationed in Norfolk, Va.

Mr. Smith has returned to his old job as State Patrolman. For the present time, he and Mrs. Smith and small daughter, Linda Kay will live in Sylva.

### Peppy Poster Contest To Close March 25

The poppy poster contest, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, in the various schools of the county, will close on next Monday, March 25, and all the posters entered in the contest must be in the office of the Board of Education of Jackson County, in Sylva on that date, officials of the auxiliary have stated. Officials of the Auxiliary have expressed gratification at the interest that has been shown in the schools of the county.

A prize of \$5 will be awarded to the best poster from the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades, and a similar prize will be given in the seventh, eighth, and ninth grade groups.

The winning posters will be forwarded to Raleigh for entry in the State contest.

### April 1 To 13 Is Clean-Up Period

Making Sylva a cleaner and more beautiful town, will contribute to our own health and happiness as well as to that of the large number of tourists who will stop in and pass through our town. For the purpose of working together in accomplishing this, the two weeks of April 1-13 have been designated as CLEAN-UP WEEKS. The streets will be cleaned and an effort made to keep them clean. All citizens are urged to clean up residential and business premises, also vacant lots.

For this campaign, the town has been divided into sections and a schedule is given in this week's Herald for picking up trash by the town truck on the days assigned to the various sections.

The whole-hearted cooperation of everyone is requested in this project to make Sylva more attractive.

H. GIBSON, Mayor.



**NORTH CAROLINIANS HONORED**—Pictured above are three prominent North Carolina residents who have been honored with national offices in veterans organizations. Halsey B. Leavitt (left), of Asheville, is commander-in-chief of the United Spanish War Veterans; Col. Edgar H. Bain of Goldsboro, is national chaplain of the Legion of Valor; and Mrs. Walter G. Craven of Charlotte is national president of the American Legion Auxiliary. Leavitt is an Asheville insurance broker; Bain is state director of North Carolina Committee-United States Brewers Foundation, and Mrs. Craven is active in club and political circles.

## BETA H. D. CLUB HAS JOINT MEETING WITH FARMERS IN AREA

### Watershed Committees Named At Meeting, Lee Bumgarner Chairman

The Beta Home Demonstration club met Wednesday, March 13, at the home of Mrs. E. L. Erwin. The members were taken by car to the Beta school lunch room for a joint meeting with the farmers for the purpose of electing a committee for the Beta Area Watershed, and for farm and home demonstration.

Mr. Snipes, Jackson county farm agent, gave an interesting talk and explanation of the meeting topic after which the following committee was elected: Lee Bumgarner, chairman; Ed Fisher, vice chairman; Mrs. Joe Davis, Sec.; Mrs. Mary Jones, and Dewey Ensley.

Miss Johnston, home demonstration agent, then took over the meeting to explain the Farm and Home Demonstration. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bumgarner were selected to put on a joint demonstration of their farm and home.

After the meeting adjourned the club members returned to the home of Mrs. Erwin for a discussion of the step-saving kitchen.

At the conclusion of the meeting the hostesses served delicious refreshments.

## J. D. MOORE BEGINS CONSTRUCTION OF BUSINESS BUILDING

Mr. J. D. Moore has started excavation for a building on his lot between the back street at rear of Belk's, Schulman's and others and Scotts Creek. A heavy rock retaining wall along the creek is now under construction and will be the back of the building, which is to be 40 x 100 feet. The building will be of concrete for the basement and block and brick veneer for the street level floor. When complete it will house a Firestone Rubber Store, Recapping shop and filling station. It will set 26 feet from the street to enable parking and servicing cars and trucks in front of the business and still be out of traffic.

Mr. Moore said that completion of the building depends on his success in securing materials.

### Mrs. Painter And Dills Return From Knoxville

Mrs. Lucille Painter and Anne Dills have returned from Knoxville, Tenn. where they went to buy Easter flowers and supplies for the Sylva Flower and Gift Shop.

## Smoky Mountain District Boy Scouts Has A Large Court Of Honor At Franklin

Seventy three boys received a total of ninety three awards at the Smoky Mountain District Court of Honor held in Franklin at the Methodist church, on Thursday, March 14.

Francis V. Smith, assistant scout executive, served as chairman of the program. Scout Frank Henry was clerk court. James Waldroup and Howard Baldwin advanced the colors and John Archer led in the pledge to the flag.

The Rev. E. A. Fitzgerald pronounced the invocation and group singing was led by Scout Burton Leach.

Jim L. Hauser conducted the Tenderfoot investiture. Those invested were Franklin, Troop 1, Bobby Myers, Jack F. Tilley, George R. Phillips, Bill Waldroup, Sylva, Troop 1, William H. Queen, Webster, Troop 4, Otho V. Cagle, Jr., Billy J. Cowan, Billy Mason, Franklin, Troop 6, John C. Wallace, William Dills, Thurman L. Blaine, Robert E. Green, Daniel F. Moore, Edward B. Waldrop, Turner H. Blaine, Charles E. Wallace, Cullowhee Troop 14, Barthell T. Bryson, Joseph E. Allen, George M. Bryson, Jesse R. Dills, Charles W. Ingram, Robert L. Brindle.

Thirty one boys were promoted to the rank of second class by Rev. W. J. Hunneycutt of Franklin.

Four scouts were promoted to the rank of first class by R. E. McKelvey of Franklin. Bergen Hall, Max D. Cruise of Franklin, Troop 1 and Charles Tolley and Zollie Fincannon of Sylva Troop 1.

Sixteen boys received thirty six merit badges from John D. Alsop of Franklin. They were John D. Alsop, Jim Waldroup, Charles Thomas, Charles Baldwin, Frank Henry, Burton Leach, Howard Baldwin, Stanley Sutton, Mack Monteith, Boyd Sutton, Charles Cagle, Benny Reece, Charles Cope, Zollie Fincannon, Phillip Jones, Charles Tolley.

## N.C. Symphony To Be At W.C.T.C. March 25

### GRIFFIN MIDDLETON ANNOUNCES RACE FOR SHERIFF

Charles Griffin Middleton announced his candidacy for Sheriff of Jackson county today. Mr. Middleton has been considering making the race for some time and his friends are delighted to see him get into the campaign.

Mr. Middleton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Middleton, is married and has three children. His parents make their home with him and his family at their home at Webster junction on Cullowhee road.

Mr. Middleton was reared in the upper end of Jackson county. He came to Sylva a good many years ago and operated Shell Service station for Cannon Bros. for seven years, then held the office of Chief Deputy of Jackson county for 12 months, after which he resigned to become Chief of Police of the Town of Sylva which he held for six years. He resigned as Chief of Police last summer to enter the mail service and is now Sylva Route 1 carrier.

### JACK REID ENTERS RACE FOR SHERIFF

Jack H. Reid, World War I veteran, and influential citizen of this county, has announced that he will enter the race for the nomination on the Democratic ticket for Sheriff of Jackson county. Mr. Reid served 11 months overseas in the first world war and received an honorable discharge. He served as superintendent of the State prison camp at Whittier for six years. He is now employed as shift foreman with Tennessee Eastman Corp., at Oak Ridge, Tenn.

### Will Render Two Programs In Hoey Auditorium, WCTC, Monday, Mar. 25th

For the first time in the history of Jackson county a symphony orchestra will be heard when the North Carolina Symphony orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Benjamin F. Swain, appears in two concerts on Monday afternoon and evening, March 25th in Hoey auditorium at Western Carolina Teachers College. The afternoon performance at 3 o'clock will be for all the school children in the county. Transportation will be furnished to take the children to Cullowhee.

The concert in the evening will begin at 7:30 o'clock and will be open for the college students and all adults. Both performances will be free.

## SOUTHERN REMOVES RESERVATION CAR RESTRICTIONS

The Southern Railway System has announced the removal, effective on March 15, of all restrictions on advance reservations of sleeping car and assigned-seat coach accommodations.

Lifting of restrictions on making advance reservations for railroad passenger accommodations was authorized by the Office of Defense Transportation which also removed all limitations placed during the war on passenger traffic operation, it was pointed out.

Special tours, group travel and special convention trains, so popular before the war, are again being handled, the Southern announced.

On March 15, the railway is also restoring sleeping car service between Washington, D. C., and Roanoke, Va., and between Knoxville and Nashville, Tenn. The Southern has already resumed sleeper service on runs between Greensboro, N. C., and Atlanta, Ga.; Charlotte, N. C., and Jacksonville, Fla.; Cincinnati, Ohio, and Asheville, N. C.; Louisville, Ky., and Asheville, N. C.; Knoxville and Memphis, Tenn.; Atlanta, Ga., and Memphis, Tenn.; Atlanta and Brunswick, Ga.; Atlanta, Ga., and Columbia, S. C.; Richmond, Va., and Charlotte, N. C.; Raleigh and Asheville, N. C.; Norfolk, Va., and Charlotte, N. C.; and between Chattanooga and Memphis, Tenn.

### Notice To Legionnaires And Auxiliary Members Of American Legion

Due to matters unforeseen, the American Legion Post in Hendersonville felt that they could not accommodate the 5th Division Oratorical contest and the Auxiliary meeting on March 29th and requested that Asheville take over, and we are happy to say that all arrangements have been completed to hold both meetings here on Saturday, March 30th, and the program is as follows:

Saturday, March 30th  
Legion Division Conference S & W Cafeteria—4 p. m.

Auxiliary Meeting (18th District, First Presbyterian Church, 26 Church St. (Just around the corner from the S & W Cafeteria)—4 p. m.

Dutch Supper, S & W Cafeteria, 56 Patton Ave.—6 p. m.  
Division Oratorical Contest, (Buncombe County Court House, 5th floor)—7:30 p. m.

There will be many prominent speakers at both meetings.

The committee for the Legion and Auxiliary extend to all a most cordial invitation to attend. Please get in touch with everybody who might be interested in coming, and if possible arrange to bring the parents of the contestants from your district. Let's give the youngsters what they deserve—a great welcome and a large audience to greet them.

The New York Cotton Exchange has declined an OPA request for increased margin requirements in cotton trading.