

Millions Face Starvation In War-Wrecked Countries

Chamber of Commerce Sees Need For Clean-Up, Fix-Up Campaign Here

Citizens Are Urged To Co-operate In Making City More Beautiful

President Felix Picklesimer and the board of directors of the Sylva Chamber of Commerce have endorsed the Clean-up, Fix-up campaign for Sylva 100 per cent. The officials of the organization urge every citizen in the city to make a special effort to co-operate fully with the town officials by cleaning up their premises and having the trash out where the town trucks can get to it to haul it away. Also, by mending fences, out-buildings, and making other repairs that will add to the usefulness of the property and make it more attractive. Then after cleaning and mending up the place, a good coat of white paint will make the job complete.

From all indications this will be a banner tourist season when hundreds of visitors will be stopping and passing through the city. The only way we can be sure that they will remember having visited here, and will tell others about us, is to have a town that will be so attractive to them that they won't forget it.

Other communities in Western North Carolina are making preparations for the tourist. If Sylva is to reap the tourist dollars that will be available, we will have to prepare also. Clean-up, Fix-up and Paint-up, is one way we can get started toward that preparation.

Sylva Girl To Do Graduate Work At Peabody College

Miss Phyllis Dillard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Dillard of Addie, completed her four years college course at W.C.T.C. with the ending of the winter quarter, March 14, and will enter Peabody college in Nashville, Tenn., where she will do graduate work in physical education.

Miss Dillard has been very active and outstanding in college activities at Cullowhee. Among her honors are president of Alpha Phi Sigma, national honorary fraternity; Student senator, vice-president of Moore House Government, business manager of the Cata-mountain yearbook, Dean's list, Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges, Treasurer of Baptist Student Union and member of Marshall club.

For three years Miss Dillard has been a student instructor in the physical education department, teaching swimming and life saving classes.

T. N. Massie To Head Wild Life Group In Ninth District

T. N. Massie, local furniture dealer and sportsman of Sylva, was elected chairman of the ninth district, North Carolina Wild Life Federation, Inc., by representatives of the Federation at the 9th district meeting in Asheville Friday night. Ronald Everett, of Brevard, was elected vice-chairman and W. O. Soderquist, of Robbinsville, secretary-treasurer at the same meeting.

About 250 men from eight of the eleven counties in the district attended the meeting at which much enthusiasm was evidenced for the program as planned by the Federation.

The principal speaker for the occasion was Clarence L. Redings, of Forest City who spoke on "The Need of Better Game and Fish Management in North Carolina." Mr. Redings cited the rapid depletion of our game life and stressed the importance of immediate action on a long range program for bringing the game and fish back in numbers where this state can

FIRST PEACE TIME ARMY DAY WILL BE OBSERVED APRIL 6

Army Day origin: The Military Order of the World Wars, an organization of commissioned officers of World War I and II, originated, organized, and annually sponsored Army Day throughout the nation. The day, chosen because it marks our entry into World War I, was inaugurated in 1923 and was officially recognized by Congress on March 17, 1937, when the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives affixed their signatures to "Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 5-75th Congress, Providing Annually for Army Day."

Army Day has not been celebrated widely for the past five years for on April 6, 1942, the American soldier was fighting a losing battle on Bataan, and building bases in Iceland.

April 6, 1943—The American soldier was fighting in Africa and bombing Jap supply lines in Burma.

April 6, 1944—The American soldier was slogging through the Italian mud and about to establish a beachhead on New Guinea.

April 6, 1945—The American soldier was driving through Germany, a single month away from Victory, and pushing deeper into Okinawa.

In none of those years did the American soldier have time to pause in battle for observance of Army Day.

On April 6, 1946, he is to receive the plaudits of the nation on Army Day for the first time in five years.

World War II veteran joins his dad or uncle in the Army Day parade, as the nation honors the veterans of the past two years. Just as the world can never forget the sacrifices of those buddies who will never again march in such parades, so also will the nation always remember the contributions our soldiers have made toward a better world order.

In honoring the veteran, the nation this year will also honor the peacetime Army of the United States, whose mission is greater than ever before. Today—in the midst of peace so dearly won—honor is bestowed not only on those who wrested victory on the battle field, but also those who will preserve that peace.

J. M. Hawkins of Sandy Ridge is supervisor of the Dan River Soil Conservation District.

SUGGESTIONS FOR RECORDS OF WAR MEMORIAL BOOK

An important announcement was made in The Herald two weeks ago—an announcement stating that April 1 would be the deadline for sending in photographs and material for "Veterans War Record Book" for Jackson county. Because of the increased interest and enthusiasm by our friends and citizens we have been able to have the deadline extended for their benefit. We feel that this gesture to secure more photographs and more war records will be appreciated to the extent that a more complete and finer memorial book for the county will be forthcoming.

What would be a finer or more lasting contribution to the history of our county and to the record of its valorous men and women during this period of great crisis than such a book as this War Memorial Record? However, the worth of this timely contribution will be measured by its completeness as well as the courage and valor shown in the faces and war records of those men and women included within its pages. We must not and cannot fail to get each photograph and each record of each person who so valiantly served. This complete record will include those who are in service and those who have been discharged, died, killed, or missing in action, both men and women, with all races included. Not only will it be a source of pleasure to the veteran but a pride of his children in years to come. While there will be a thrill for those who make their contribution today, there will also be a regret for those who failed or delayed too long in making theirs.

In order to help our friends and veterans to get their material in without delay or confusion here are several suggestions: Bring both photograph and war record. If you do not have both, bring or mail whichever you have available. A blank space will be left at the side of the record for a later photograph to be pasted, if necessary. Likewise, the war record can be written in by the veteran later, if necessary. All photographs will be returned. Write in ink the name of the veteran and address on the back of the photograph. Photographs do not have to show veteran in uniform, although this is preferable.

You may submit as many photographs and records as desired without obligating yourself to purchase books; however, we would like to see the family of each veteran have this valuable record.

If you need additional records to fill out or mail overseas to be filled out by a veteran, you may obtain these at The Herald office. Your prompt attention to this will be appreciated. Please do not delay!

Rotary Club To Sponsor Easter Seal Sales

The Rotary club is sponsoring Easter Seal sales for the benefit of the crippled children of Jackson county and the state as a whole. A committee from the club was appointed to conduct the sales in the town and county between now and Easter. Fifty per cent of the money remains in the county for use by the crippled children's committee, and 50 per cent goes into the state fund for such work as research and aiding cripples and for the fight against polio.

DOBBS TO OPEN STUDIO MONDAY

Ralph Dobbs' Photo studio will open Monday in The Herald building on Main street, with Mr. Ralph Dobbs, experienced photographer and veteran of the Air Corps of World War II, in charge. Mr. Dobbs has equipped his studio with all new equipment and is prepared to do all kinds of photographic work.

Walters Is New Manager At Bower's

J. F. Walters, of Asheville, arrived last week to assume management of the Army store. He will replace Mr. Longmire who has been here for the past two months. Mr. Walters comes to the Sylva store with fourteen years experience in Bower's Department store work.

Scotts Creek G.A.s Have Meeting

The Intermediate G.A.s of the Scotts Creek Baptist church met at the home of Miss Lucille Thorpe Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. There were 12 members present. The meeting was opened and closed with prayer. Delicious refreshments were served.

Garden Fertilizers in Adequate Supply This Year

The eight counties represented at the meeting were: Jackson, Swain, Macon, Graham, Polk, Henderson, Transylvania and Buncombe.

MR. JOHN SUTTON HONORED ON 72ND ANNIVERSARY

Mr. John Sutton was honored with a birthday dinner and the presence of all his children and grand-children on his 72nd anniversary March 17, at the home of his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond U. Sutton.

This was the first time that all of Mr. Sutton's children had been together in 15 years, and it was a joyous occasion for them all.

Mr. Sutton makes his home with his son, Mr. Leon Sutton. He is quite active and in splendid health. There were 34 present for the celebration, including the following: Mrs. Charles Cathey, a daughter, her husband, their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Griffin, and small daughter, of Oak Ridge, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Sutton and children, of Fontana Dam; Mr. J. B. Sutton and family, Sylva; Mr. J. A. Sutton and family of Bryson City; Mr. Ralph Sutton and family, of Cullowhee; Mr. Leon Sutton and family, Sylva; 17 grandchildren and one great-grandchild, and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond U. Sutton and family.

ROTARIANS ELECT ENSOR PRESIDENT

At the annual election of officers for the new year held at the regular Tuesday night meeting the Sylva Rotarians elected Bill Ensor, of Cherokee, for president of the coming Rotary year which begins July 1. Others elected were: Dr. D. D. Hooper, vice-president; Raymond Sutton, secretary-treasurer; Stedman Mitchell, sergeant-at-arms. Directors elected were: Paul Ellis, Bill Fisher, Harold McGuire, Paul Kirk and Keith Hinds.

The club will have ladies' night at the April 2 meeting.

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United States Again Looked To For Grain and Fats As World Tries To Rebuild For Peace and Prosperity

DISTRICT FORESTER MAKES REPORT

Nine Western Counties Covered In Report Issued By Pettit

Forest fires in the western district of North Carolina burned over 18,062 acres of timber land during the last six months of 1945, causing much damage to merchantable timber and the young growth, not including damage to soil, wild life and other principal values of the forest, according to the semi-annual report just issued by Charles C. Pettit, district forester, of Sylva. The number of fires totaled 16.

The western district includes the counties of Cherokee, Graham, Jackson, Haywood, Macon, Swain and Transylvania, officially operated since July 1, 1945. This district co-operates with the division of forestry, North Carolina department of conservation and development in its work of forest fire control.

Of the total forest area, 903,108 acres, under protection, two per cent was burned. Most of the fires were caused by campers and hunters, and careless smokers. Campers and hunters were responsible for six, and careless smokers for five of the 16 fires; two were of incendiary origin and the trains were responsible for three.

With the coming of the spring season this should be a warning to campers, picnickers, fishermen and careless smokers who discard their cigarette, cigar or pipe ashes in the woods or grass.

In the fall three responsible persons were determined of the 16 fires. During the spring from January 1 to the present date there have already been a total of 57 fires and nine responsible persons have been determined and have had to pay suppression costs or have been fined for violation of forest fire laws.

During the fall of 1945, 147 burning permits were issued and to date, this spring, approximately 300 have been issued as are required by law between February 1 and June 1 and October 1 and November 30.

The number of fires occurring in District 9, according to counties, to date this spring are as follows: Cherokee, 18; Graham, 12; Haywood, 6; Jackson, 9; Macon, 1; Swain, 7; and Transylvania, 4.

Most owners of forest lands have been made more forestfire-conscious during the past few years by the increasing amount of forest products necessary to continue production of essential wartime materials, and now the need is just as great to have these materials for reconstruction and peace time building.

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PRICES WERE HIGH IN 1836 AS OLD BILL REVEALS

Mr. Raymond Sutton is in possession of an invoice written in long hand of August 21, 1836, to John Gibson, a distant relative of Mrs. Sutton, which notes the following items at prices: 2 sets wagon tyres, 414 lbs. at 8c, \$33.12; 187 lbs. bar iron at 7c, \$13.09; 2 bunches No. 8 yarn, \$4.50; 2 bunches No. 6 yarn, \$4.00; 2 handkerchiefs at 43c doz., 8c; 11 lbs. sugar, \$2.00; 8 lbs. coffee, \$2.00; 1 lb. pepper, 1 lb. ginger spice, 75c; 1 pr. shoes, \$2.00; 1 bolt sheeting at 33c yd., 25 yds., \$8.25; total bill was for \$70.58.

But there was no sales tax mentioned.

Sylva Scouts Rescue Pal From Drowning

Ben Sumner was saved from drowning in Glenville lake by the quick thinking and prompt action of two of his pals while on a camping trip last week end. Four Sylva boys were spending the week end at the camp of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones in the Hamburg section of the county. They included Walter Allison Jones, Jack Hennessy, Ben Sumner and Philip Jones. Young Sumner was playing at the lake's edge and slipped into deep water. The other boys, thinking he could swim, made no effort to help him until they realized that he was in trouble. Walter jumped in to help and was about to be dragged under by Ben when Jack came to the rescue and the two boys succeeded in getting Ben out before serious trouble happened. The training the boys received as Boy Scouts probably aided in saving Ben's life.

Ben now wants the others to volunteer to teach him to swim, as he certainly doesn't want another experience like this.

Velt's Cafe Having Tile Floor Laid

Velt's Cafe is closed for the first four days of this week because of improvements being made in the building. The most important part of these is a tile floor which is being laid by the Asheville Showcase company.

Mr. and Mrs. Velt Wilson, owners and managers of the cafe, have been in business in Sylva for about 15 years.

Chamber of Commerce Moves Office To Lloyd Hotel Bldg.

The office and information center for Jackson County Chamber of Commerce is now located in the District Forestry office in the Lloyd Hotel building on Main street. Miss Carolyn Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lewis, of Webster, has been employed as acting secretary of the organization.

The directors stated that the purpose of making the change in location is to better serve the tourists who will flock to Western North Carolina this summer and better serve the members of the organization and the citizens of the town and county.

Due to pressing work of her office, Mrs. John R. Jones, Sr., who has been doing the work of secretary of the organization, has found it necessary to give up the work which she carried on very capably and satisfactorily for the past few years.

The officials of the Chamber have asked that every person in Sylva and Jackson county who have rooms, cabins, apartments or

Jackson County USDA Council Making Plans For Our Part In Job

By M. L. SNIPES
County Agent

Jackson County USDA council met Friday afternoon, March 22, for the purpose of making plans to put the county "over the top" in carrying out the nation's policy to prevent widespread famine in the liberated countries of Europe. It is estimated that, even with the aid of wheat, fats and oils from America, more than 100,000,000 people in those countries will have to exist during the next 90 days on a diet far below a reasonable nutrition standard. The world faces the tremendous emergency of famine among 500,000,000 people due to war exhaustion of agriculture and drought. A great human cry has come to the people of America to save millions of people from starvation until next harvest.

Plans were worked out at the USDA council meeting to request each of the 5,000 families in Jackson county to save the equivalent of two loaves of bread per week and one and one-half pounds of fats and oils per month for the next three months. This would mean a saving in Jackson county alone of 516 bushels of wheat and three and three-fourths tons of fats and oils per month. A similar amount of wheat, fats and oils saved per family by the people in the 5,000 counties in the United States will mean that millions of people can live that would otherwise die of starvation.

The people of Jackson county have never failed to respond to worthwhile causes, and they will not fail to do their full share within the next 90 days by saving wheat products, fats and oils, in order that more of these foods may be made available immediately for shipment overseas to desperately hungry men, women and children. It is hoped that every family in Jackson county, when informed of the urgent need, will begin immediately to substitute other food for wheat products of all kinds, fats and oils. The people are requested by the USDA council to use less of wheat products, fats and oils, by using various substitutes and by the elimination of waste.

We people who live in Jackson county can save part of the wheat products, fats and oils ordinarily used and at the same time be well fed, healthy and happy. Corn bread, potatoes, vegetables of various kinds, eggs, etc., could be

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other tourist accommodations, list them with the office so that as visitors flock to town they can be taken care of. Anyone keeping folders or other information about their place are also requested to leave this material with the office so that the secretary will have all the information possible when these visitors ask for it.

The organization seeks the full co-operation of the citizens in order to function more fully for their benefit.

John R. Womack Goes With Veterans Bureau

John R. Womack, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Womack of Sylva, who saw thirty nine months service in the Signal Corps of the U. S. Army, twenty one months of this being in the Pacific area of war, and who recently was discharged with the rank of Sgt., has accepted a position with the Finance Department of the Veterans Bureau Regional Hq. and is now in Winston-Salem.