

## Sylva Boy Scout Troop Divided Into Two Age Group Units

McGuire And Barkley Elected Superintendents, Committees Appointed

In an effort to separate age groups and to provide for a larger membership of younger boys Sylva Scout Troop one has been divided into two units. Troop one will consist of the younger boys and a Senior troop has been set up for the older members.

At a meeting on Friday night, March 29th committeemen were appointed and a Scoutmaster and Assistant leader were elected. Dr. Harold McGuire was named Scoutmaster and James Cunningham and Ray Jones as assistant leaders. The committeemen to serve this unit are: H. Gibson, chairman; Paul Kirk, secretary-treasurer; T. N. Massie and Harry Ferguson. The Senior group is sponsored by the Sylva Rotary club. The activities of this group of boys will center around more mature projects, the committee said.

Twenty boys have registered for Troop one for the year 1946-47 with Dennis Barkley as Scoutmaster and Claude Campbell assistant. The committee is composed of W. C. Hennessee, chairman; B. E. Harris, vice-chairman; Alliney Bryson, secretary; O. E. Brookhysier, Treasurer, and Frank Crawford, Willie Monteith, Grayson Cope, Edwin Allison, Felix Picklesimer, Sam Cannon, Jr., and John F. Corbin, committeeman. This group is sponsored by the Sylva Lions Club.

At the meeting on the 29th it was decided that the monthly troop committee meetings will be held the first Monday in each month.

The next Court of Honor is scheduled to meet Tuesday, April 11 at 7:30 p. m. at the Sylva Methodist church.

## Last Rites Held For Hugo Stein

Funeral services were held for Hugo Stein, 70, who died at his home Monday night following a lengthy illness, at the Sylva Methodist church Tuesday afternoon. The Rev. W. Q. Grigg conducted the services and burial followed in the Keener cemetery.

Mr. Stein was born near Frankfurt, Germany and was married to the former Miss Dora Lance of Buncombe county. For many years he has owned and operated a monumental service in Sylva.

Pallbearers were Kenyon Moody, Grady Henson, Ray Cogdill, Homer Davis, Bill Fisher and Dick Wilson.

Honorary pallbearers were H. R. Green, A. A. Nichols, Cole Cagle, Hugh Monteith, Earl Padgett, A. S. Nichols, Lewis Cannon and Frank Fricks, Don Cowan, Charlie Price, Sam Cogdill, Ed Grindstaff and Bennie Reece.

Surviving are the widow and six daughters, Mrs. R. T. Queen of San Diego, Calif., Mrs. J. D. Parker of Advance, Mrs. C. C. Denny of Nashville, Tenn., Mrs. H. M. Myatt of Purvis, Miss. Mrs. Beatrice Stevens of Boca Grande, Fla., and Mrs. James T. Bales of Sylva.

## BRYSON ENTERS RACE FOR BOARD CHAIRMAN

Jennings A. Bryson has announced that he will make the race for nomination for Commissioner of Finance of Jackson county, the office now held by T. Walter Ashe. Mr. Ashe will not seek reelection.

Mr. Bryson is now county auditor and is familiar with the affairs of the county. He is an active worker in the Baptist church and former District Governor of the Lions Club.

## E. H. Stillwell To Speak At P. T. A. Meeting

The Sylva Parent Teachers Association will meet Tuesday afternoon, April 9 in the auditorium of the Sylva elementary school at 3 o'clock.

Professor E. H. Stillwell of Cullowhee will be the speaker for the afternoon.

## SYLVA CHAPTER GRANTED CHARTER BY NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION

WASHINGTON, April 1—A rifle club for junior shooters in Sylva has been granted a charter by the National Rifle Association, guiding body for the rifle and pistol fraternity in the United States. Membership is open to boys and girls under 18 years of age.

Instructions will be in the hands of J. B. Young, who will lead the youngsters through the various phases of target shooting under the official rules of the National Rifle Association. All of the shooting will be "small bore" or .22 caliber, one of the most accurate types of rifles.

President of the new club is Claude Campbell. Two of the major purposes of the group, according to Instructor Young, are to give boys and girls instruction in the fundamentals of rifle shooting and to train them how to handle firearms safely.

Other club officers are Dennis E. Barkley, Jr., vice-president; James B. Cunningham, executive officer; Charles Stillwell, secretary; Philip Jones, treasurer. Competitions in target shooting are expected to be held at a later date.

## KIRK-DAVIS AUTO FIRM MOVES INTO MODERN NEW HOME

Paul Kirk and Homer Davis of the firm of Kirk-Davis Chevrolet Company have announced the removal of their business from the old stand on Main street to their modern new home on Highway 107 East of Mead Corporation. The change was made over the week-end.

Messrs. Kirk and Davis began breaking ground early in the winter for their new building and after much delay due to material shortages, the weather and other things, they have almost completed the new plant, which is far enough along to do business in.

When completed the plant will be one of the most modern in Western North Carolina. Designed for light and convenience and constructed of steel, brick and tile it makes an imposing appearance. The front part of the building, housing offices, show rooms and storage, is two stories of cream brick and sits well back from the street allowing ample room for their customers to park off the main line of traffic. The large repair department is one story with high ceiling and open glass sides affording the maximum of natural light. Modern heating equipment is being installed with showers and dressing rooms for employees of both shop and office.

They extend an invitation to the citizens of Jackson county to visit their new home.

## "Surplus" Buyers Urged To Check On Prices

RALEIGH, April 2.—Buyers of surplus war goods for resale were urged today to check with the district OPA officials in Raleigh for the specific dollar-and-cent ceiling prices on these items.

Resale ceiling prices at all levels of trade have already been set by OPA on approximately 500 different war surplus commodities according to T. S. Johnson, State OPA Director.

With the heavy flow to the market of many surplus commodities made scarce by war, OPA's establishment of definite ceiling prices on each item makes it easier for both wholesaler and retailer, Johnson explained.

Consumers may readily ascertain the proper price of these commodities since OPA requires all surplus materials to be preticketed at the retail level, he said.

## PLANS FOR SAVING FOOD DISCUSSED AT USDA MEETING HERE

Dr. Hunter And Mrs. McKee Head List Of Speakers Monday Night

A group of Sylva people met at the courthouse Monday night and heard talks on food conservation by Dr. H. T. Hunter, President of Western Carolina Teachers College, Mrs. E. L. McKee, County Agent M. L. Snipes, John Corbin, Mr. Phillips, of Cullowhee, Rev. R. Q. Grigg and Rev. W. N. Cook.

The meeting was in charge of D. C. Higdon, chairman of Jackson county AAA committee, and had as its purpose to arouse interest among Jackson county citizens in the National plan for saving grains and fat for shipment to the devastated countries of the world where millions of people are on the verge of starvation.

It has been estimated that if each of the 5,000 families of Jackson county would save the equivalent of two loaves of bread per week and a pound and a half of fat per month, along with the other 5,000 counties of the nation, sufficient food could be shipped to the various countries to save these people until their harvest comes in three to four months from now.

America, with its plenty, has a moral obligation in the effort to save the lives of these starving people. It has been said that we won the war with our gun but that the peace will be won with food. The truth of that statement is brought home to us more and more each day. If we, as Americans, sit back, eat, drink and be merry, while the rest of the world is hungry we can not expect much consideration when we try to talk about a world of peace and happiness among nations.

Before the development of the atomic bomb American was the most powerful military nation on earth, but after its development we weakened ourselves. Our two great oceans are no longer barriers to an enemy that might wish to destroy us. As Mrs. McKee commented in her talk, "the smallest nation with a bushel of these little bombs could wipe America out in little time." Unless Americans do a little sacrificing in this hour of world food crisis we may expect trouble in the future.

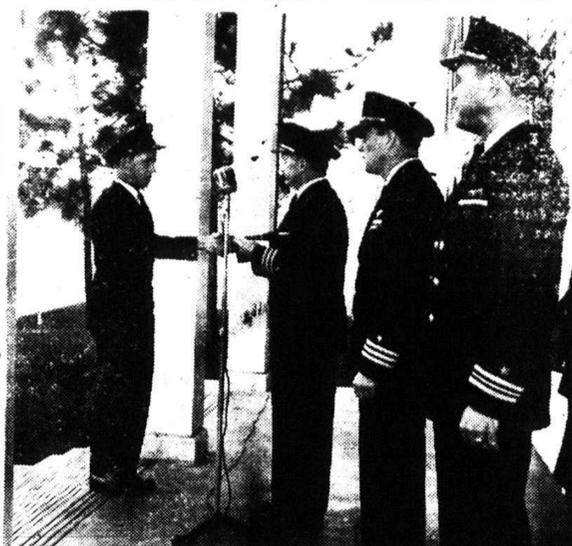
In an effort to get the program before the people of the entire county the schools, the churches, clubs and groups are urged to explain the need for saving food now, and how it can be done.

People will not be asked to gather up food and bring it in as they did in the clothing drive, but are urged to eat less wheat and corn products and use less fats so that the supply will be available for the government to buy and ship overseas.

## Applications Being Received For Job In Veterans Administration

Applications will be received by the Andrews office of the Veterans Administration for a secretarial position beginning from this date and continuing for ten days. All those interested please call at the nearest postoffice and secure an application blank (U. S. Standard Form 57), fill out, and either mail or bring to the Civil Service Representative at the Andrews post office. These applications will then be given consideration by the Contact Representative in charge of the Andrews office of the Veterans Administration and applicants will be notified when to call by this office for a personal interview.

## McCLAIN COMMENDED BY PACIFIC FLEET COMMANDER



The last act of Commander H. S. Bonney, Jr., before relinquishing his command as Commander in Chief of the U. S. Pacific Fleet was to present a commendation to John E. McLain, CMM, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. N. McLain of Sylva. This presentation was made March 18, 1946, before all hands at parade and just prior to the change of command ceremonies.

The following is the Citation awarded to Chief McLain:

The Commander in Chief, United States Pacific Fleet, takes pleasure in commending

John Eagleston McLain  
Chief Machinist's Mate  
United States Navy

for service as set forth in the following citation:

"For meritorious service in connection with operations against the enemy serving as Chief Machinist's Mate of the amidships repair party of a United States Destroyer under heavy aerial attack by enemy forces on April 12, 1945, in the vicinity of Okinawa. After his ship was damaged by the explosion of an enemy plane and its bomb above the forward fire room he directed the securing of the fire room from the topside, then entered forward engine room and aided in removing a man overcome by gas. He directed shifting of feed water from the forward fire room by means of hoses avoiding any possibility of shortage of feed water in the after

boilers which enabled the ship to reach port for repairs. His conduct, alertness and professional skill contributed materially to the success of this operation and were at all times in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

"C. W. NIMITZ,  
Fleet Admiral, U. S. Navy."  
Chief McLain, after graduating from Sylva High school, served 2 1-2 years in the U. S. Army. In June, 1940, he enlisted in the U. S. Navy and completed a course of instruction at the Naval Diesel school, San Diego, Cal., graduating in the upper half of his class. He received the advanced rating of Machinist's Mate 2-c in February, 1943, for meritorious conduct in action.

Chief McLain has participated in fifteen engagements beginning Dec. 7, 1941, with the attack on Pearl Harbor and through the final stages in the Pacific area until Japan surrendered.

He is authorized to wear Commendation Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, American Defense Ribbon with bronze star, American Ace Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with three silver stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two bronze stars and the Navy Good Conduct Ribbon.

Chief McLain is now spending a 15-day leave with his parents, and will go to Camden, N. J., for further duty.

## DR. T. D. SLAGLE OPENS OFFICES HERE

Doctor T. D. Slagle, who has recently been released from the Navy with the rank of Commander after five years service has located in Sylva and will practice medicine and surgery in this county. He is in the offices formerly used by the late Doctor C. Z. Candler.

Doctor Slagle, a native of Macon County, is the son of Mrs. J. H. Slagle of Franklin and the late Mr. Slagle. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and the School of Medicine of Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. Dr. Slagle is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

While Doctor Slagle was Director of the Presbyterian Hospital in San Juan, Puerto Rico he was called to active duty by the Navy in 1941. He served with the Naval Air Station at San Juan as surgeon for twenty months and was then transferred to an A. P. A. where he was senior medical officer for twenty three months.

Called back to the United States he served for awhile as surgeon at the Navy Pre-flight school Dispensary in Chapel Hill and was then sent to Fleet Hospital 116 at Okinawa where he remained until the close of the war.

Immediately following the outbreak of the war, Mrs. Slagle and two children were evacuated and have made their home in Chapel Hill while Doctor Slagle was in service.

Dr. and Mrs. Slagle will make their home in Dillsboro. Mrs. Slagle and children will join him in the immediate future.

## CARL BUCHANAN TO HANDLE HUDSON CARS

Carl Buchanan, owner and manager of Buchanan Electric Company has announced the agency for the sales and service of the Hudson automobile. His firm will be known as Buchanan's Auto and Electric Company and will be located in the building he now occupies as the electric company and will include the part occupied by Kirk-Davis Chevrolet Company. Mr. Buchanan stated that the building will be remodeled and made ready for the general repair of all makes of cars about May 1st. He expects new models of the Hudson in the near future.

## REPUBLICANS TO HOLD COUNTY CONVENTION

J. R. Long, chairman of the Republican Executive Committee, has issued a call for a county-wide Republican convention to be held in the courthouse on Friday, April 12 at 2:30 p. m.

The convention will be addressed by the Republican candidate for congress, Hon. Guy Weaver, of Asheville. All citizens of Jackson county are invited to hear Judge Weaver.

## APRIL 1-13 IS CLEAN UP WEEK IN SYLVA

April 1-13 has been proclaimed Clean-Up week in Sylva, in order to beautify and make more attractive our town. Effort has been made by the town and county officials to arrange a schedule of the trucks for the individual convenience. Please have your trash ready for them to pick up.

## Rat Extermination Campaign To Be Conducted From April 1 To 13

### KAISER-FRAZER AUTOMOBILE AGENCY OPENS IN SYLVA

Lewis W. Bumgarner Is Manager of Sylva Jackson Motor Co., Incorporated

Mr. Lewis M. Bumgarner has announced the opening of the Sylva Jackson Motor Company, Inc., as a new automobile agency for sales and service of the new Kaiser and Frazer automobiles.

The new firm will have its garage and sales room in the building now occupied by the Trailway Bus terminal whose lease expires July 1st. The firm is now using the basement of this building until the bus company vacates the main floor.

Mr. Bumgarner stated that they will begin to receive the new cars within a very short time and that they are now booking orders for these cars.

The production schedule for the Kaiser-Frazer company is: April 100 cars, May 500, June 2,600, July 8,000, August 15,000, Sept. 25,000, and a monthly pace of 33,000 starting October. Kaiser-Frazer manufacture their own steel and were the first to come to an agreement with the steel workers.

### JACKSON 4-H CLUB MEMBERS PLANNING CABIN AT CAMP

Jackson County 4-H Club boys and girls are making plans to build a cabin on the new 4-H Club camp grounds near Waynesville. The land acquired for the new 4-H Club Camp is joining the North Carolina Experiment Station property located just out of Waynesville and will replace the camp taken over early in the war by Moore General Hospital.

This 4-H Club Camp will be available to the 4-H Club members in Western North Carolina and will have adequate facilities to take care of the needs of the boys and girls attending the 4-H Club Camp. Plans worked out call for assembly hall, an auditorium, dining room and kitchen, bath house, craft shops, swimming pool, staff cottages and infirmary, and cabins.

The boys and girls are fortunate in having a new 4-H Club camp located in this area and should be encouraged in every way possible in their endeavor to build a Jackson County 4-H Club Cabin.

The Beta 4-H Club girls are making a wool Afghan for the Red Cross as their club project.

The Savannah 4-H Club hit upon the idea of selling seeds to raise money for the club. Some of this money will be used for some kind of recreation for the club, but most of it will go toward the County fund for the district 4-H Club Camp which will be in Haywood County.

All of the 40 4-H girls of the Savannah 4-H club were present in March.

Hattieleen Frizzell is carrying on her 4-H activities outside of an organized 4-H Club under leadership of Mrs. Johnny Watson, Neighborhood 4-H leader, and the Home Agent. Hattieleen was an active member of the Beta club while in school there.

### Sylva Stores To Close At 6 O'clock On Saturdays

Beginning with Saturday, April 6, all stores will be closed at six o'clock instead of seven o'clock as has been in the past. The new hour was set at a meeting of the Sylva Merchants Association, which was held two weeks ago. It was also agreed at this meeting that beginning in May, the stores would have a half day closing period on each Tuesday throughout the summer months.

### Chamber Of Commerce Sponsoring Campaign, Citizens Urged to Cooperate

The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring with the aid of the Town of Sylva, Merchants Association, Rotary Club, and Lions Club, a rat killing campaign during the first half of the second week of the month, April 9 and 10.

The rat campaign will be conducted under the direction and supervision of County Agent M. L. Snipes, and District Health Department, and all people living within the city limits are urged to cooperate with the crews putting out the bait in every way possible.

Rats are extremely destructive to property as well as carriers of diseases of various kinds. During the food and feed shortage especially, every reasonable effort should be exerted towards the elimination of waste and the maintenance of a high standard of health in the community.

Bait mixtures to be used in this rat killing campaign are harmless to cats, dogs and chickens but very effective in killing rats. The people are requested to report all dead rats found on their premises to Miss Carolyn Lewis, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

### SOYBEAN CEILINGS SAME FOR 46, SAYS OPA DIRECTOR

RALEIGH, April 2.—Proposed ceiling prices for the 1946 crop of soybeans are the same as those now in effect for the 1945 crop, Theodore S. Johnson, OPA District Director said today.

Since the law requires that growers be given notice of proposed maximum prices 15 days ahead of crop planting, Mr. Johnson said, the following prices to the producer are proposed for raw and unprocessed soybeans:

Maximum price per bushel of 60 pounds for U. S. Grade No. 2 classes I (yellow) and II (green), \$2.10; U. S. No. 2, classes III (brown), IV (black) and V (mixed), \$1.90.

Johnson pointed out that these proposed prices do not apply to sales of soybeans for use as seed for 1947 planting nor to sales for use in making products for human consumption that do not involve oil extraction.

### Jackson People Injured In Car Wreck

Four people are in the hospital as a result of a serious auto mishap on Highway 19 early Sunday morning. Those injured are Miss Becky Ann Wilson, daughter of Mrs. T. O. Wilson, Kit Zachary, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Zachary of East La Porte, Tommy Davis, employee at Davis Jewelers and Father A. F. Rorhbacher, of Waynesville, N. C.

The young people from Sylva had left early Sunday morning for Oak Ridge, Tenn. and Father Rorhbacher was returning from an early Mass in Bryson City when the two cars met in a head on collision six and a half miles below Sylva. Both cars, a 1941 Chevrolet and a 1940 Buick were completely demolished. Cause for the accident is said to have been the dense fog at that hour in the morning.

Occupants in the cars were brought to the C. J. Harris Community Hospital where they were treated for their injuries which are listed as Miss Wilson, severe face and leg lacerations, Tommy Davis, lacerations, Kit Zachary, lacerations and possible chest injuries and Father Rorhbacher, lacerations.

Farm incomes are showing some decline but thus far this is due principally to the small cotton crop.