

Plans Completed For Annual Achievement Day

State VFW Posts Will Seek New Members

Local Post Commander Sounds Unit Intentions

In Sylva the Herman and Frank Bailey Post No. 8060 is joining with the 131 other VFW posts in North Carolina in a drive to bring every eligible overseas veteran in the state into membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post Commander Joe Clyde Fisher, has announced.

"In North Carolina, the Veterans of Foreign Wars has expanded from a total of 55 posts and 4838 members on July 1, 1945, to a total of 132 posts and 17,460 members on August 15, 1946. The local post of the VFW hopes to keep pace with this tremendous growth in the state as a whole," Commander Fisher said.

"The North Carolina Department of VFW has enlarged its service to veterans through the operation of a full-time service office with a staff of four persons in the Regional Office of the Veterans Administration in Winston-Salem to file and expedite the handling of claims for all veterans whether members of a VFW post or not. In addition, the state department sponsors the sale of poppies in posts throughout the state with the proceeds being used for the relief of needy and disabled veterans and for the maintenance of the VFW home for widows and orphans of deceased members at Eaton Rapids, Michigan. This is the only home maintained by a veterans' organization for needy families of its deceased members.

"The veterans of World War II are not seeking and do not want handouts or favors," Commander Fisher declared, "but the men who won the war the hard way do demand and are entitled to an opportunity to resume their normal places in society in a status equal to that held at the time they entered the service and equal to those whom the civilian necessities of war required to remain in non-military capacities."

"This war's veterans are interested also in good government and the Veterans of Foreign Wars will take a non-partisan and non-political interest and activity to achieve the best government possible in the interest of all citizens," he concluded.

SLIGHTLY INJURED IN MISHAP WITH TRUCK

Ellis Frady, 14, bicyclist, was slightly injured last week on Main street when he attempted to dodge an oncoming vehicle while going around a grocery truck reportedly parked over half of the street.

Frady, seeing that he could not make it around the parked vehicle with safety, crashed into a door of the grocery trailer and hurt his head. He received first aid at the office of a local doctor.

American Legion Is Host To Veterans and Their Wives

Members of the William E. Dillard Post 104, American Legion, were hosts last Friday night, at their regular meeting, to all veterans and their ladies in the county, with a weiner roast at the Sylva Community house.

Following the supper, members and guests assembled in the club house for an address given by Dan Tompkins, who spoke on the history and future objectives of the Legion. Mr. Tompkins stated that all legislation beneficial to veterans had been supported by the Legion and that in many cases legislation had actually been written and pushed through passage by the Legion, both in the state and in the national congress.

T. Walter Ashe, service officer for the Legion, explained the procedure in filing application for terminal leave pay. He added that he

LOCAL FIRM FACES CHARGE UNDER OPA

The State OPA has filed suit for \$22,887.75 in treble damages and temporary injunction against the Allison Motor company for alleged overcharges in the sales of used cars.

State OPA Director T. S. Johnson said last week that the defendants will appear before Judge E. Y. Webb of Shelby tomorrow to show cause why the injunction should not be ordered to prohibit the firm from further sales in violation of price control orders.

The local firm is charged with the sale of 24 used cars for over \$7,000 in excess of OPA ceiling prices, with the failure to keep proper records, and with the failure to report all used-car sales to the Sylva price control board.

EMPLOYMENT OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

E. E. Bates, representative of the Unemployment Compensation commission in the district covering Jackson county, announced this week that UCC and USES representatives will not be at the courthouse on Monday, September 2, Labor day.

The next day for the filing of claims and allied matters will be on Thursday, September 5, Bates announced.

Blanks Available At Post Office

Terminal leave blanks, to be used for compensating the ex-service-men and women who were separated from service under honorable conditions for the furlough or leave time at the time of their separation, are now available at the post office in Sylva.

T. W. Ashe, American Legion service officer, will be at the court house in the county commissioner's office to assist in filling out leave blanks. The Bailey post of Veterans of Foreign Wars has announced that the information booth to be set up in the post office will be put in the commissioner's office instead. A representative of the VFW will be on hand there with Mr. Ashe to aid all veterans in regard to filling out the blanks.

It is announced that all claims must be supported by submitting discharge certificate for each separation under honorable conditions since September 8, 1939. These documents may be originals, photostatic copies, or copies certified to be true copies by State or local officers authorized to so certify.

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TRUMAN MEETS PRESS AT QUONSET



WAVING HIS HAT for the benefit of photographers, President Truman is pictured talking with reporters, after he landed from the Presidential yacht, the U. S. S. Williamsburg, at the Naval Air Station in Quonset Point, R. I. The yacht docked near the Essex type aircraft carrier Philippine Sea—partly shown at left. (International Soundphoto)

Bailey Bros. Show Has Three Herds Trained Elephants

Three herds of performing elephants will be among the attractions offered by the Bailey Brothers circus this Saturday at the Moody Bottom showgrounds at two and eight p. m. for one day only.

The big fellows, said to be the most intelligent of all animals, are a never-ending source of interest and amusement to circus fans, say circus men. Elephant men call them "rubber cows," yet the circus elephant performs a multitude of tasks around the circus, both menial and complex.

The circus elephant, always the center of attraction, are all trained and put through their routine by girls.

Many reportedly well known stars of the white tops are with the Bailey group this year, including Rudy Rudinoff, horse trainer, the Henderson Trio, the Hollywood Aerial Ballet with 24 girls in the air, Captain Engerer and his cageful of fury, La Bonde Troupe, liberty horses, trained ponies, dogs, and a small army of clowns.

Doors open at one and seven p. m., performance starting one hour later in each instance.

TO FINISH PLANS FOR SCHOOL BAND

A meeting will be held Monday evening at seven-thirty at the high school to complete plans for a music instructor, the procurement of band instruments and the formation of a band at the local high school, W. H. Crawford, Sylva High principal, announced yesterday.

At the meeting of interested citizens held last week, Mrs. Grover Wilkes presented plans for the procurement of an instructor and band instruments. The teachers college has offered to pay two-thirds of the instructor's salary, utilizing two-thirds of his teaching time, and the county has offered to pay the remaining one-third of his teaching time.

The William E. Dillard post of the American Legion will work on the project and investigate the possibilities of getting instruments and making plans for funds with which to purchase them. A committee composed of T. W. Ashe, R. O. Wilson and Venoy Reed will carry out the Legion's intentions in regard to the matter.

All interested citizens are invited to attend the meeting Monday.

Funeral Services Held For Shuler, Shot Last Week

Final rites were held last Sunday afternoon at Caney Fork for Cecil Shuler, 42, Sylva taxi driver who was shot through the back last Thursday afternoon.

Cecil Lovedahl of Cowarts is being held in the county jail in connection with the shooting.

Lovedahl, carrying a rifle, is reported to have stopped Shuler's cab last Thursday afternoon, emptied it of its passengers, climbed into the back seat, and directed Shuler to take him to Sylva. Lovedahl's rifle discharged—it is undetermined whether accidental or intentional—and the round passed through the back of the front seat into Shuler's back.

Lovedahl, an overseas veteran, was discharged under the army's Section VIII provision, a ruling providing for the discharge of those mentally unfit.

Shuler was making a routine trip over his mail route when the shooting occurred.

The Rev. Ransom Phillips officiated at the funeral, and burial followed in Balsam Grove cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, the former Miss Dorothy Parker; his father, James C. Shuler of Cowarts; one son, David; one daughter, Louise; one brother, Winton of Cowarts; two sisters, Mrs. Shirley Cook of Cedro Wooley, Wash., and Mrs. Johnny Mathis of Sylva.

Garrett funeral home of Waynesville was in charge of arrangements.

TWO JACKSON BOYS SELECTED TO ATTEND STATE FOREST CAMP

Jack Cope, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Cope of Cope Creek and Clifton Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Taylor of Speedwell left Sylva Sunday night to spend the week at Singletary Lake Camp, a forestry camp for farm boys located in the Bladen Lakes State Forest near Elizabeth town in Bladen County.

This is the first year of the forestry camp for farm boys and is limited to 50 boys. We are delighted that the State Forester and the Forester of the Extension Service selected two Jackson county boys in making a selection of 50 boys in the state to attend Singletary Lake Camp.

SOSSAMON'S... in Sylva

THREE CONCERTS TO BE PRESENTED HERE BY N. C. SYMPHONY

Performances Set For Between December And March At School

The North Carolina Symphony orchestra will give three concerts here in the near future, according to an announcement this week by Mrs. Grover Wilkes and Mrs. Paul Ellis, who have been soliciting funds to finance the presentations.

The orchestra will present three concerts, two for children, sometime between December and March at the Sylva Elementary school auditorium. More definite arrangements will be made when the orchestra makes up its budget and list of tours.

The move to bring to Sylva the North Carolina symphony, the only state supported symphony in the United States, originated at an address by Dr. Carl Swalin, orchestra director and head of the Department of Music at Chapel Hill, at a meeting of the local Rotary club last week.

Mesdames Wilkes and Ellis reported that the public response to the possibility of having the orchestra heard again in the county was overwhelming.

LOCAL STORES CLOSE ON LABOR DAY; TO STAY OPEN TUESDAYS

Boyd Sossamon, president of the Sylva Merchants association, announced this week that local stores will be closed on Labor day, September 2, and will begin remaining open all day every Tuesday.

This was decided at a meeting of the association Tuesday at the city hall. Stores plan to remain open all day Tuesday until some time next spring, when they will probably resume the summertime custom of closing one afternoon a week.

Lt. Col. And Mrs. Smathers Sail For Europe

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Ray K. Smathers sailed last Friday from New York on the U.S.S. Alexander for Europe. Colonel Smathers, after several months active duty in the European area, returned to the United States on a business trip and visited his mother and other relatives while here. He is now returning to duty on the European continent and his wife is accompanying him.

Mrs. Smathers is the former Miss Helen Warren of Sylva, sister of Mrs. Frank Clouse and Walter, Paul and Raleigh Warren.

HURRICANES PREPARE FOR TOUGH SEASON

Guy Sutton, new coach of Sylva High's Golden Hurricanes, said this week that he is putting his squad of thirty through exercises and getting ready. "We will probably hold our first scrimmage this Thursday," he disclosed.

Over half of the Hurricanemen are returnees from last year's season, and several are ex-service-men, Coach Sutton announced. "We have a good start for a basis in both line and backfield," he declared.

Sutton says that the team's two toughest games this year will be the battles with Waynesville and Canton, the Waynesville game coming up on schedule uncomfortably early.

John Crawford is assistant coach.

The coach said that all of the squad's home games but one will be held under lights. The exception is the Thanksgiving game on November 28 against Bryson City.

The schedule for the Hurricanes, with two dates still open, is as follows:

Sept. 13, Hayesville, here.
Sept. 20, Waynesville, there.
Sept. 27, Marshall, here.
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Event To Include Three Big Days, Featuring Exhibits Of 4-H Clubs, Home and Farm

BOARD MEET FRIDAY OF ATHLETIC CLUB

Interested citizens are invited to attend a meeting tomorrow night (Friday) at seven at the Sylva High School of the board of directors of the Smoky Mountains Athletic association, Roscoe Poteet, president of the board, disclosed this week.

New officers of the association will be elected to replace those now in office and whose terms expire August 31.

President Poteet declared that the organization has had a successful athletic season, especially in regard to high school sports. The association is in charge of sponsoring and arranging nearly all athletic contests in the county.

The members of the board of directors are as follows: Poteet, president; Grayson Cope, vice-president; Felix Picklesimer, secretary; John Henson, treasurer; Velt Wilson, W. T. Wise, and W. H. Crawford.

TESTS FOR VETERANS WILL BE GIVEN ON FRIDAY AT COLLEGE

Dr. Carl Killian of Western Carolina Teachers college announced yesterday that the college will give college level general educational development tests for veterans in the McKee building Friday morning at 8:30.

Veterans planning to take the tests are requested to bring their discharge papers with them.

Callowhee Cancels Waynesville Plans

Plans for an off-campus WCTC study center at Waynesville went awry and were completely cancelled last week.

The college had made arrangements in Waynesville for buildings and was setting plans for teachers and other details, but it was found upon preparing a contract with the State Steering committee and the Veterans Administration that the school could not meet all the requirements of the contract at this late date.

Dr. H. T. Hunter, president of the college, said that the numerous problems on the Callowhee campus due to school opening in the next few weeks would make it impossible to solve the problems confronting the Haywood project.

The shortage of teachers was given as another major reason why the contract conditions could not be met.

Thirty-Day Extension Posted On Sugar Ration Stamp 49

Jackson county housewives, in their eternal pilgrimage to sugar counters, may or may not be relieved to hear that the OPA has posted an extension on spare stamp 49 through September 30, instead of August 31, as originally scheduled.

The extension was granted, OPA in Washington said, because of local shortages which have prevented housewives in some areas from using the stamp. The agency said spare stamp 51 will be good for five pounds of sugar during the October-December quarter.

The sugar stamp announcements came as the administration's economic high command sought to reconcile the differences between OPA and the agriculture department on the level of ceilings to be reestablished on meat animals Thursday.

The agency announced that a

Exhibits To Be Shown On Dillsboro School Grounds Sept. 12, 13, 14

Farm men and women, and 4-H boys and girls of Jackson county are urged to participate in the Achievement Day exhibits to be held September 12, 13 and 14 on the grounds of the Dillsboro school.

Farm Agents, L. M. Snipes, and George Conrad, and Home Agents Miss Josephine Johnston, and Miss Helen Sossamon, together with the cooperation of Mrs. B. E. Gray, county chairman, have released the following premium lists for Jackson county Achievement Days:

The first day will be for the setting up and judging. The two following days will be devoted to observation by the general public. Especially are the farm men, Home Demonstration clubwomen and 4-Hers urged to set up their exhibits in the space set aside for them.

There must be entries by two persons for any specific item before a prize can be given. Competent judges from out of the county will make the selections of which products take the prizes.

There will be a merry-go-round and a Ferris wheel, half of the Home Demonstration clubs to be used on their county project.

The premium list for the women is as follows:

- Premium List**
- CLASS A—QUILTS**—1 cotton applique, .50; cotton patch work, .50; wool patch work, .50; silk patch work, .50; plect, .50; finest quilting by hand, .75; sweepstakes, \$5.00.
- CLASS B—SPREADS**—Tufted, .50; crocheted, .50; knitted, .50; coverlet, woven, .50; Afghan, knitted, .50; Afghan, crocheted, .50; counterpane, .50; sweepstakes, \$5.00.
- CLASS C—HANDWORK**—Crocheted luncheon set, 1.00; knitted luncheon set, 1.00; crocheted luncheon cloth, 1.00; embroidered luncheon cloth, 1.00; 1 pair embroidered pillow cases, 1.00; 1 pair pillow cases with crochet, 1.00; embroidered towel, .50; woven luncheon set, 1.00; woven handbag, .50; sweepstakes, \$5.00.
- CLASS D—PICKLES**—Cucumber, .25; bread and butter, .25; tomatoes, .25; peach, .25; pear, .25; chili sauce, .25; pepper relish, .25; mixed pickles, .25; chow chow, .25; Catsup, .25; sweepstakes, 1 glass coffee maker.
- CLASS E—JELLIES**—Apple, .25; grape, .25; plum, .25; blackberry, .25; crabapple, .25; sweepstakes, 1 glass coffee maker.
- CLASS F—PANTRY SUPPLIES**—Country butter, .25; 1 dozen eggs, .25; tea cakes, .25; Angel's Food cake, 1.00; Chocolate cake, 1.00.

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Sylva Lions To Be Guests At Waynesville Tonight

The local Lions club will be guests of the Lions club in Waynesville this evening at a supper.

Following the supper the softball teams of the two clubs will play a return game. The Waynesville club took the first match last week at 30 to 28.