

## Forrest Gardner To Speak At Scout District Meeting

1947 Committees To Be Appointed By Hennessee At Dillsboro Meeting

Jackson County Boy Scout leaders are making preparation for the annual organizational committee meeting to be held at Jarrett Springs hotel at Dillsboro on the evening of December 20 at which time Forrest Gardner, of Hendersonville, chairman of the Land of the Sky District of Boy Scouts, will be the principal speaker.

The annual dinner is held to formulate plans of work to be carried out during the coming year. The Rev. Rufus A. Morgan, retiring chairman of the district, will preside at the meeting Friday night, at which time the new chairman W. C. Hennessee, of this city, will make committee appointments for the year 1947. Mr. Morgan and Mr. Hennessee are both very active in Scout work and are making a real working team putting over the programs and stimulating the scout work throughout the year.

Committeemen from Macon, Swain and Jackson are expected to be present for the dinner meeting and will take part in planning for the new year.

It has been announced that the largest percentage gain in Scouting membership of any district in the Daniel Boone Council during 1946.

## Diplomas To Be Awarded Junior Rifle Club Members

Chick Young, instructor for the Sylva Boy Scout Junior Rifle club has announced that all members are asked to be present for a meeting on Tuesday night, December 31, at which time diplomas won this year will be issued.

This is also an organizational meeting for the coming year and parents of the members of this club are invited to attend the meeting.

Mr. Young stated that it is hoped an indoor rifle range will be made available for the club for the winter season.

## V.F.W. Post To Meet At Courthouse Friday Evening

Commander Joe Clyde Fisher has announced that the regular monthly meeting of the Frank and Herman Bailey post, Veterans of Foreign Wars will be held at the courthouse Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock.

The election of officers for the coming year will take place at this meeting and all members are urged to be present.

## Sylva Stores Will Close Two Days For Christmas

Boyd Sossamon, president of Sylva Merchants association has announced that the members have agreed to take two days for Christmas holidays, and that all business will be suspended on the 25th and 26th, reopening again on Friday the 27th. He also stated that the stores will remain open until seven o'clock each evening on Saturday of this week and Monday and Tuesday of next week, for the convenience of late shoppers.

## District Scout Court Of Honor Has Impressive Ceremony Here

The Smoky Mountain District, Daniel Boone Council, Boy Scout Court of Honor was held at the Sylva Methodist Church Thursday evening, December 12, at 7:30 o'clock. John F. Corbin, district advancement chairman, was in charge. Scout Charles Stillwell was Court clerk.

The Court opened with the advance of the colors. Tommy Ferguson and Dick Barkley were color bearers with Mack Monteith and Jimmy Parker color guards. Mack Monteith led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Rev. C. M. Warren, pastor of the Sylva Baptist Church, pronounced the invocation.

W. C. Wall, assistant scout executive of Asheville, conducted the Candlelight Tenderfoot Investiture ceremony. Bobby Robinson and



ONE OF THE victims of the Wincoff hotel fire in Atlanta, Ga., is W. F. Winecoff (above), builder of the hotel. Although he relinquished control of the property several years ago, Winecoff maintained a family apartment on the tenth floor. His son, W. S. Winecoff, Jr., identified the bodies of his mother and father, found on the floor of the apartment where they had been trapped by the raging flames. (International)

## Senator Bailey Dies In Raleigh

North Carolina's Senator Josiah William Bailey, 73, died at his home in Raleigh Sunday of a cerebral hemorrhage. Final rites were held in Raleigh at 3:30 Monday afternoon.

Senator Bailey had served in the United States Senate for 16 years and was being returned to returning to Washington in January to take up his duties with the new congress. He suffered a serious heart ailment eight months ago and had spent much time resting at his home since that time. His condition, however, had greatly improved until the sudden attack Sunday. His immediate family was at his bedside when the end came. Industrial, civic and political leaders of the state joined in paying

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## Sylva Firemen Attend Meeting In Salisbury

On invitation of Sherwood Brockwell, Secretary of N. C. Fire Chief's Association, five members of the Sylva Fire Department are attending a meeting in Salisbury today. A letter accompanying the invitation read as follows: Following the disastrous fire in a so-called fire-proof hotel in Atlanta, Ga.—this following similar fires in Chicago, Ill., and elsewhere—Chief Wm. H. Palmer, president of the North Carolina Fire Chief's Association, has called a meeting of the members of the North Carolina Firemen's Association at Fire department headquarters in Salisbury which will be held Thursday, December 19, at 10 a. m. to discuss matters pertaining thereto.

Sylva firemen going to Salisbury include W. B. Cope, chief; O. E.

## MRS. R. U. SUTTON HAS LEADING ARTICLE IN DEC. P.T.A. BULLETIN

Carrying out a Christmas motif, the December issue of the North Carolina Parent-Teacher Bulletin has just been released to over 1,000 members, according to Mrs. Dix Sarsfield, editor, of Asheville and Charlotte. The bulletin, fronted by an attractive Madonna scene, offers this month timely suggestions for Christmas gifts, holiday recreation for the family, Christmas recipes, lists of children's books, and individual greetings from the 20 board members.

A special feature of the Bulletin is the opening article entitled "Let Christmas Live In Our Homes by Making it a Happy Place," by Mrs. R. U. Sutton of this city. Mrs. Sutton, chairman of the education for homes and family life committee, is well-known in Parent-Teacher work throughout the state. In her article she offers pertinent remarks about drinks, cookies, and candy. The Bulletin also contains features by other outstanding Parent-Teacher leaders in the state.

## Farmers Of County To Hold Meeting At Courthouse Dec. 21st

Every farmer in Jackson county is urged to be present at a meeting of the recently organized Farmers' Cooperative to be held in the courthouse Saturday afternoon, December 21, at 1:00 o'clock.

There will be some very important discussions at this meeting concerning the future welfare of the farmers of Jackson county.

## COUNTY OFFICES WILL CLOSE FOR CHRISTMAS

Mr. J. A. Bryson, chairman of the county board of commissioners, has announced that all offices at the court house will have a recess from business during the Christmas season. The offices, including the county commissioners, the register of deeds, the clerk of court, the sheriff, the county superintendent, and the county farm agent, and the health service, will close at noon Tuesday and have Wednesday and Thursday off, returning to work Friday morning.

## MISS H. SOSSAMON IS NAMED HOME AGENT FOR JACKSON COUNTY

Miss Helen Sossamon, Home Demonstration agent for Jackson county, left Saturday for Concord, where she will spend her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Sossamon.

Miss Sossamon was appointed to her position last week, to fill the place vacated by Mrs. Marvin Starnes, the former Miss Josephine Johnston, who resigned at the time of her marriage.

Coming to Sylva last June, Miss Sossamon was Assistant Home Demonstration agent. She is a graduate of Appalachian State Teachers College and holds a degree in Home Economics.

## YOUTH HELD IN JAIL ON THEFT CHARGE

Conrad Buchanan, 20, of the Cullowhee section, is being held in the county jail in default of bond on a charge of theft. He was picked up on the streets Tuesday morning by Chief of Police Don Davis upon suspicion following the breaking and entering of the Sylva Feed store some time Monday night at which time \$35.00 was taken from the cash register. Entrance to the store was made by breaking a 10 x 12 inch window glass in the front door to the basement entrance. Buchanan at first denied any connection with the robbery but later admitted to Sheriff Middleton that he committed the robbery, but would not tell what became of the money, which has not been recovered. He told the sheriff that he broke into the store about 2 o'clock Tuesday morning.

She: "With the laundry situation what it is, I don't see how football players keep their uniforms clean."

Another Silly: "Say, haven't you ever heard of the scrub team?"

Brookhyser, F. H. Picklesimer, J. P. Stovall, and D. M. Tallent.

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# Jackson County Demonstration Farmers Are Now Drafting A Long-Time Program

## W.N.C. LEGISLATORS PLEDGE TO SUPPORT EXPANSION PROGRAM

State legislators of this area, together with U. S. representative Monroe M. Redden pledged themselves to a program of regional development at a meeting Monday night in Asheville. The program was outlined to them by the executive and projects committees of Western North Carolina Associated communities.

Eight of the 10 counties in the area were represented. Jackson's representative, Mr. Tompkins, was unable to attend.

Percy B. Ferebee of Andrews, WNCAC president, listed the eight projects which the organization already is at work on as:

1. Development of the North Carolina side of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.
2. Completion of sections of the Blue Ridge Parkway which would tie in with existing state roads and completed links.
3. Immediate construction of a road from Bryson City to Fontana to replace a state highway inundated by the lake.
4. Construction of a national park museum at Ravensford.
5. Making an industrial survey in Western North Carolina.
6. Development of hotels and eating facilities to further the tourist business.
7. Staging of a Western North Carolina pageant annually, similar to the Lost Colony production at Manteo.
8. Establishment of an Indian museum on the Cherokee reservation.

The meeting was held primarily to acquaint legislators and the 12th district congressman with the work and plans of WNCAC, and bring the lawmakers together prior to convening of the general assembly in Raleigh January 8.

## Christmas Issue Of Herald To Be Published Tuesday

Our Big Christmas issue of The Herald will come off the press next Tuesday afternoon, crammed full of Christmas features, and illustrations, local news happenings, and Season Greetings of our local business firms. The issue is being published early in order that our force may enjoy Christmas Day with their families or go visiting as the case may be.

The Herald has secured an unusually beautiful and timely Greeting advertisements service for the local firms this year. We urge each firm to place their copy with us just as early as possible in order that the copy may be handled to the best advantage and the Herald may come out as stated above.

Dr. E. J. Bryson of Liberty, S. C. has been spending a few days with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Carrie Bryson, at Cullowhee.



JACK HENNESSEE, 16 son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hennessee of Sylva, received the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Scouting at the Smoky Mountain District Court of Honor held at the Sylva Methodist church on Thursday evening, December 12.

## Survivor Of Atlanta Hotel Fire



AT A HOSPITAL in Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. Edith Burch, 20, who survived a ten-story fall in the tragic Wincoff Hotel fire, is shown being comforted by her husband. The newlywed couple were trapped in their tenth floor suite by flames which enveloped the 15-story hotel. Burch climbed down a "sheet rope" from the tenth to the seventh floor where he was rescued by firemen. Mrs. Burch, using the same method of escape, lost her hold and dropped to the hotel's marquee. (International)

## Umstead Named To Succeed Bailey

William B. Umstead, Durham attorney, and manager of Governor Cherry's campaign before he was elected, was named by Cherry Tuesday as successor to the late Senator Josiah W. Bailey, who died suddenly at his home in Raleigh last Sunday.

Governor Cherry, in announcing Umstead's appointment said, "I am confident that Mr. Umstead will make a worthy successor to Senator Bailey and will represent the state of North Carolina in keeping with the prestige and reputation of former senators from this state."

Umstead is a former congressman, having represented the state's sixth district for three terms, from 1933 to 1939 when he voluntarily left congress to return to his Durham law practice.

## Notice Issued To War Veterans Pertaining To Insurance Policies

A notice has been issued to all veterans who have dropped or let their insurance lapse, that they will have until January 1 to reinstate their National Service Life Insurance policy with only two payments to bring it up to date. After January 1 all back payments will have to be made.

For detailed information veterans are requested to see T. W. Ashe, local service officer, at the City Hall, or D. E. Sigmon, assistant State Service Officer, N. C. Veterans' Commission, who will be in Mr. Ashe's office each Wednesday from 9 until 12. Mr. Sigmon or Mr. Ashe will advise any questions pertaining to claims, pensions, compensation, job training, war surplus priorities for building loans, anything pertaining to the G. I. Bill of Rights, or problems concerning the widows of World War II veterans.

## Christmas Rush Is On At Post Office

Charlie Price, postmaster of the Sylva office, stated Wednesday that Christmas mail is hitting the usual stride at this season, with the peak expected to be reached the latter half of this week. The volume is running about the same as last year, he said, with the exception of less overseas mail, since most Jackson county men are now back in the States.

## FOREST FIRE SURVEY PLANNED FOR REGION

Jackson is one of the 15 counties in which a survey is being made to determine the requirements for adequate forest fire control.

F. H. Ledbetter of Buncombe county, former Farm Security administration forester, has been appointed to conduct the survey, which will require from four to six months to complete.

It is being made by the North Carolina Forest service, and is the

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## Stassen Is GOP Candidate For The Presidency

The first man to make a definite announcement that he would be a candidate for President on the Republican ticket is young, Harold E. Stassen, 39, former Governor of Minnesota and Navy veteran. Stassen made his announcement at a news conference in Washington Tuesday. Stassen said that his first interest would be to develop new labor legislation based on voluntary methods to prevent strikes but seeking to break up monopolies and deal with unions.

Hugh E. Monteith, Jr. will arrive Friday from Gardner Webb college to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Monteith.

## Jackson Countians Buy \$8,000 In U.S. Saving Bonds In Nov.

Mr. Ariail, County Chairman of the U. S. Savings Bonds Division for Jackson county, announced today that, according to information received from the U. S. Savings Bonds State Office in Greensboro, sales of U. S. Savings Bonds for the period November 1 through November 30, for Jackson county totaled \$8,771.75; broken down into the three available series the sales were E Bonds, \$8,643.75; F Bonds, \$74.00.

Sales of Savings Bonds for the entire state of North Carolina for the same period were: E Bonds \$4,514,268.75, F Bonds, \$389,295.50, G Bonds, \$1,764,500.00, total \$6,668,064.25.

Mr. Ariail urges Jackson county citizens to continue to invest in U. S. Savings Bonds and to make

## 1946 Reports Of Work Show Great Progress; To Extend Activities

Many farmers in the county are now cooperating with the Extension Service in a demonstration program of Farm Management to control erosion. These farmers are following a crop rotation by growing grasses and legumes for soil improvement. Phosphate is made available for these farms by the Tennessee Valley Authority which is used on these grasses, legumes, and pastures.

The results of this program have been so good as reported by the demonstration farmers that we have been working to extend this to other parts of the county.

Some time ago, the demonstration farm committee met here in Sylva and voted to start a long time Extension program in the fourteen communities in the county that are not now covered by Area Watershed demonstrations. To this end, M. L. Snipes, County Agent; G. G. Farthing, Assistant County Agent At Large, and G. W. Conrad, Assistant County Agent, have been conducting community meetings in these various communities for the past two weeks, in order to get this long-time Extension program started. The following are the committees that have been selected for these various communities. Each committee is composed of three people and of these three, one is designated as the Chairman, one as Representative to the County demonstration committee, and one as a regular member.

The communities and committees are as follows:

Cullowhee—Mr. Thomas Ledbetter, chairman and representative to County committee; Mrs. Frank Brown, member; Mr. John Stephens, member.

Sylva—Mrs. Fred McLain, chairman and representative to County committee; Mr. Lee Bumgarner, member; Mr. Dewey Ensley, member.

Glennville—Mr. Alton Holden, chairman; Mrs. Clayborn Bryson, representative to County committee; Mr. Fred Bryson, member.

East La Porte—Mr. Ed P. Wike, chairman; Mr. L. D. Moody, representative to County committee; Mrs. H. H. Wike, member.

Webster—Mr. Roy Cowan, chairman and representative to County committee; Mr. Frank Cole, member; Mrs. Tom Kelly, member.

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## Freight Increase Raises Price Of Limestone

D. C. Higdon, chairman of Jackson County AAA, announces that he has been informed by the State office, that effective December 15, 1946, the cost to farmers for limestone will be increased ten cents per ton. This is made necessary due to the freight increase which goes into effect on the first of January 1947. This increase in price makes the cost of lime delivered to farmers in Jackson county \$1.25 per ton after this date.

## Christmas Program Is Given At High School

A musical program was presented by members of the Sylva High school Glee club and the Band at the High school auditorium, December 12.

Christmas music featured the program and twelve members of the band, under the direction of George Luce, played two Christmas carols. This was the first time that the band had given a performance and they made a very creditable showing.