

Happy New Year

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All Lines Business Made Progress In Jackson Co. During The Past Year

Several New Firms Open In Sylva; Much New Building

According to reports of the post office, bank, Southern Railway, and business firms of Sylva and Jackson county, 1946 was a good business year. The same is true for the nation as a whole according to economic experts of the country.

Mr. N. C. Price, Sylva postmaster, stated that over-all receipts for the year as compared with 1945, showed a slight decrease, but that local receipts show a substantial increase over the previous year. The over-all decrease was due, he said, to the huge decline in overseas mailing. Mr. Price predicts a healthy business year just ahead.

Since the volume of incoming and outgoing freight and express is one of the best indexes to the state of business conditions in a community this is another proof of good business here during the past year as Mr. Gibson, local agent, reports an increase in the Southern's receipts during 1946.

Every business contacted reported an increase in receipts for the year 1946 over the previous year. Despite shortages in building materials much building was completed during the year. Paul Kirk and Homer Davis completed their modern home for the sales and service of Chevrolet cars and trucks. Their sales on new cars and trucks has been controlled by the supply, but a large number of new car deliveries have been made, which is true with all the new car dealers of the city.

Woody Hampton and W. A. Reece completed and are now in their modern building which houses their offices, sales and show rooms and large repair department for Ford cars and trucks.

J. D. Moore completed the large building on Mill Street which now houses the Trailways bus terminal, his dry cleaning plant, recapping plant and filling station. Harrison Furniture and Salvage company is a new business opened this year in a new building completed early in the summer on Cullowhee road.

Two large buildings were completed by the Sylva Coal and Lumber Company, one houses the woodworking shop and the other, a brick and concrete block building, houses their large stock of hardware, paints and building materials and farm supplies.

Moody Funeral Home, one of the most modern in Western North Carolina, was completed and occupied early in the spring.

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J. C. Gibson's Funeral Held Wednesday

Funeral services for J. C. (Lump) Gibson were held Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Dix Creek Baptist church with the Rev. Ralph Bradley officiating. Interment was in the Dix Creek cemetery.

Mr. Gibson died Sunday evening following a stroke he suffered on Christmas day.

Surviving are four sons, Jesse and Dock of Barkers Creek, Frank of Dix Creek and Floyd of St. Mary's Idaho; six daughters, Mrs. Tom King, Mrs. Tom Elders, and Mrs. Jesse Farley of Barkers Creek, Mrs. C. D. Carnes, Dillsboro and Mrs. Luther Greem, St. Mary's Idaho; three brothers, Jim of Barkers Creek, Cole, Reidsville and John, St. Mary's Idaho; 43 grandchildren and 53 grandchildren.

Mr. Gibson was a native of Jackson county and had lived his entire life in the Dix Creek community where he was engaged in farming.

Redden Is Now In Washington For The Opening Of Congress

Representative Monroe Redden, and his secretary, C. E. Brown, of Haywood county, and private secretary, Miss Vera Orr, of Hendersonville, left last Friday for Washington to get ready for the opening of Congress on January third. Mr. Brown managed Mr. Redden's campaign in Haywood and Miss Orr has been Mr. Redden's secretary for the past 12 years.

Britton Moore Is New Commander of VFW Post 8060

Britton Moore was named Commander of the Frank and Herman Bailey Post 8060 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at the call meeting held by the organization Thursday night at the courthouse. He succeeds Joe Clyde Fisher who has held that office since the institution of the organization last August.

Other officers elected at the meeting were Vernon Painter, Senior vice-commander; Edward Baldridge, Junior vice-commander; W. Q. Grigg, Chaplain and Robert Phillips, Quartermaster and Adjutant.

The officers elected were sworn in and will preside at the next scheduled meeting.

American Legion Will Make Pilgrimage to France in '47

The American Legion will make another mass pilgrimage—its third—to France, the land of its birth, in 1947.

National Commander Paul H. Griffith announces the official acceptance by the American Legion of a formal invitation from President George Bidault of the French Republic to engage in a pilgrimage to France and to hold part of its 1947 national convention in Paris.

The American Legion held its 1927 national convention in Paris when more than 25,000 Legionnaires and their families crossed the Atlantic. The second pilgrimage was in 1937 when 5,000 American Legion members made the overseas journey.

Commander Griffith announced he would appoint immediately a special committee of 22 Legionnaires, to be headed by Paul Collins of Chicago, to "plan, conduct

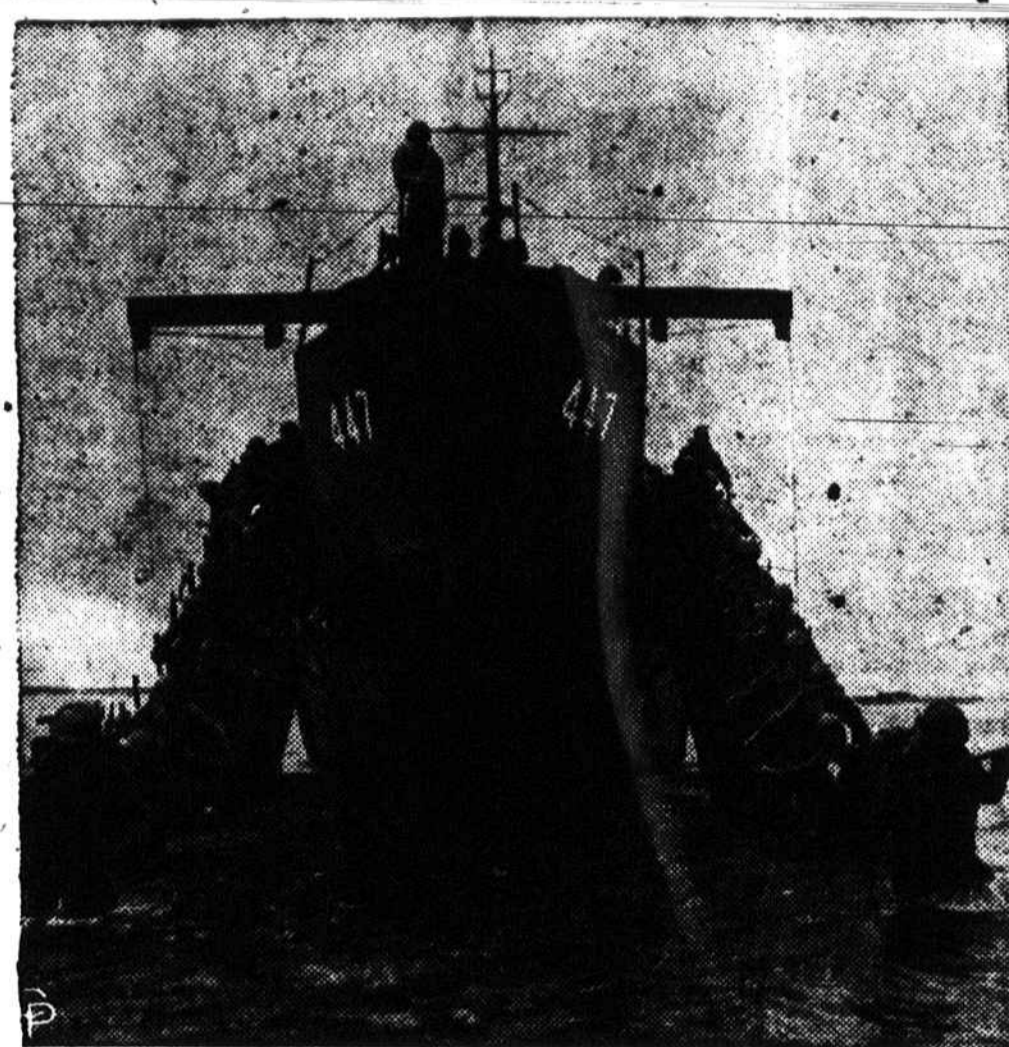
and manage" such a pilgrimage to France and convention in Paris.

Commander Griffith said that the principal sailings on the French pilgrimage would be from the port of New York and that other ports with proposals would receive fair consideration. Commander Griffith said that the place and date of the 1947 convention had not as yet been definitely decided upon and that pilgrimage bookings would be greatly influenced by these factors.

VFW Quint To Play Martel Mills Five Monday, Jan. 6

The Veterans of Foreign Wars basketball team will meet the strong Martel Mills quint of Asheville Monday, January 6, in the auditorium of the local high school. This is expected to be a good game as the Martel Mills team is undefeated so far this season.

Red Officers Order U. S. Ship From Dairen



AFTER receiving a "verbal ultimatum" from Russian military officials at Dairen, Manchuria (indicated on map), a U.S. Navy LCI of the type shown at left, pulled out of the port. Having spent more than an allotted 48 hours, the ship was given 20 minutes in which to leave or take the possible consequences which might be incurred. (International)

LOSS OF THEIR LEASE FORCES BOWERS TO CLOSE STORE HERE

After twelve years in business here the Bowers Bargain Built store is having to leave Sylva due to loss of their lease and the lack of another building in which to move. M. Johnson, general manager of the Bowers stores, with headquarters in Asheville, announced Tuesday of this week that the Sylva store will put on a sale, beginning the latter part of next week, during which time the entire stock will be sold at ridiculously low prices, giving the citizens of Jackson county an opportunity to buy goods that they need at these low prices rather than take the stock to another store out of town.

Mr. Johnson stated that he regrets to leave Sylva as the people of Jackson county have been generous in their patronage of the Bowers store. It is his plan, he stated, to open another, bigger and better store here when a building is available.

BAPTIST PASTORS OF WNC TO HOLD CONFERENCE IN CANTON

The Western North Carolina Baptist Pastors Conference will convene in the West Canton Baptist church at Canton at 10:30 a. m. Monday, January 6.

The theme for the year is "The New Testament Church," and the theme conference is "The Church in its Infancy."

The morning program will begin promptly at 10:30 with the devotion, Rev. Doyle Miller, of Waynesville.

10:50—Business and Introduction.
11:00—The Church in Prophecy, Rev. R. A. Kelly, of Canton.
11:25—The Purpose of the Church, Rev. Charles Parker, of Franklin.

11:50—Message, The Promise of Power, Rev. B. S. Hensley, Sylva.
12:30—Benediction and Lunch.

Afternoon Session
1:30—Devotion, W. L. Sorrells, Franklin.

1:45—Round Table Discussion, Revitalizing The Church, led by Earl Ogg, Andrews.

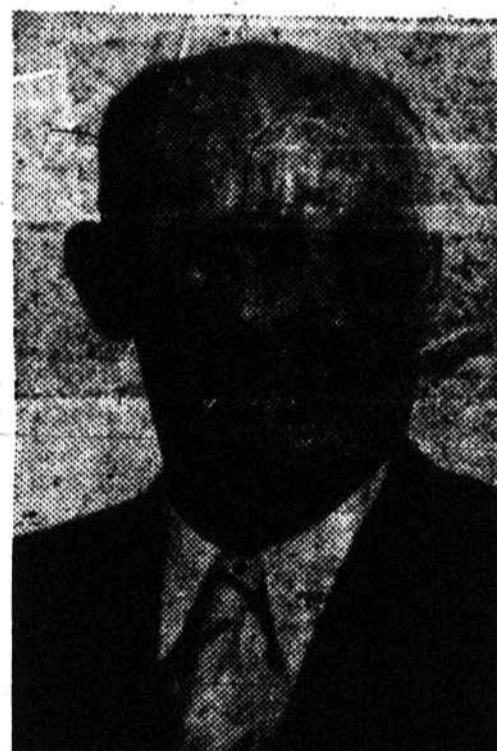
2:30—Special Music, Rev. Mark Osborne.

2:35—Message, Rev. Robert Tarter, Knoxville.

3:15—Adjourn.
All Baptist pastors of Jackson county plan to attend the conference.

Miss Alma Fisher of Andrews visited her sisters, Mrs. M. B. Cannon and Mrs. Ralph Tatham during the Christmas season.

Clerk Of Court Dies



ROY M. COWAN, Clerk of the Superior Court of Jackson County, died suddenly Sunday morning at his home at Webster. Funeral and burial services were held Tuesday afternoon.

Vandenberg Will Preside Over The New Congress

When the 80th Congress convenes Friday, January 3, both houses will be under Republican control due to gains made by the GOP in the November election. The majority party, has organized and nominated Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan to be president pro tempore, and elected the other officers who will steer the party's policies in the new congress.

Wallace R. White of Maine is to be the new majority leader.

Kenneth S. Wherry of Nebraska to continue as whip.

Eugene D. Millikin of Colorado to succeed Vandenberg as conference chairman.

Milton R. Young of North Dakota to be secretary of the conference.

The only one of these jobs requiring full senate action is the Vandenberg nomination.

Dills Baby Is First Child Of The New Year

The first baby born in Jackson county in 1947 is believed to be the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Dills of Barkers Creek, who arrived at 7:10 Wednesday morning. The baby had not been named when her arrival was reported. Dr. Grover Wilkes was the attending physician.

About two-thirds of the popcorn grown in the United States these days is produced from hybrid seed. Iowa is the leading popcorn state and Indiana is second.

Of 77,086 American nurses who served in World War II with the armed forces, 249 died in active service, 16 of them killed in action; 60 were wounded and 60 were taken prisoners.

P. A. DONNAHOE'S MOTHER PASSES AT ASHEVILLE HOME

Funeral services for Mrs. P. A. Donnahoe, Sr., 75, of Asheville were held Tuesday afternoon at the Central Methodist church at 3 o'clock with the Rev. Lee F. Tuttle officiating. Burial followed in the Lewis Memorial Park.

Mrs. Donnahoe, a resident of Asheville for more than 43 years, died Sunday morning in an Asheville hospital.

Sons served as pallbearers.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. E. G. McCue, of New York City; and Mrs. Robert C. Harper of Richmond, Va.; six sons, Claude E. Donnahoe, of Vacaville, Calif.; Dr. Roy B. Donnahoe, of Baltimore, Md.; M. Earle Donnahoe of St. Louis, Mo.; P. A. Donnahoe, Jr., of Sylva; Alan S. Donnahoe of Richmond, Va. and Dr. O. N. Donnahoe of Asheville; twelve grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

LYMAN BRYSON HURT WHEN LOCOMOTIVE STRIKES HIS TRUCK

Mr. Lyman Bryson, of Speedwell, was released from Harris hospital Tuesday morning after having been there for treatment since last Thursday when he was admitted following injuries received when the wood truck he was driving was hit by the locomotive of local freight train No. 67 at the crossing near Builders Supply & Lumber Company. Mr. Bryson received severe cuts about the face in the accident. The truck was damaged considerably. After having switched some cars on the yard the locomotive was backing up to hook to its train of freight cars and struck the truck as it started over the crossing. Witnesses to the accident stated that it appeared that Mr. Bryson was attracted by persons on the road whom he did not wish to hit and did not observe the approaching engine. The view of the track was unobstructed at this point, it was said.

Legion Dance Date Changed To Wednesday

Due to the conflict with the VFW basketball games, the square dances, sponsored by the William E. Dillard post 104 American Legion, will be changed from Tuesday night to Wednesday nights and will begin around 9 o'clock. The dances, which have been held for the past six months, are for the purpose of raising funds for the proposed American Legion Memorial Building.

Funeral For Roy Cowan Held Tuesday Afternoon At Webster M.E. Church

Mrs. Henson Dies Suddenly At Cullowhee

Funeral services will be conducted Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Cullowhee Methodist church for Mrs. P. C. Henson, 66, of Cullowhee, who died suddenly at her home Tuesday, December 31.

Mrs. Henson had arisen at her usual hour and sometime during the day had undressed and gone back to bed. Her daughter, Miss Louise Henson, found her mother dead when she returned from her work Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Henson was a native of the Whiteside Cove section of Jackson county. She was the former Miss Empress Lombard.

Surviving are one son, Alvin of Texas and three daughters, Mrs. Kathleen Friend and Misses Louise and Betty Henson of Cullowhee.

Dr. Slagle Returns For Short Visit

Dr. T. D. Slagle, who is taking a specialized graduate course in surgery at the Graduate School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, spent a few days in Dillsboro and Sylva this week.

Dr. Slagle, who will complete his course in May, will return to Philadelphia this week. Mrs. Slagle and children are making their home in Dillsboro while he is away.

Judge Alley To Name Successor To Roy Cowan

The office of Clerk of Court for Jackson County, left vacant upon the death of Roy M. Cowan, will probably be filled this week, those in political circles stated today. The appointment will come through Judge Felix E. Alley, resident judge of this judicial district, and he is expected to make the appointment today or tomorrow. Judge Alley is expected to appoint one of the later Clerk's brothers, either Dan G. or Claude J. Cowan, to fill the unexpired term which began on the first of this past December.

Veterans Administration is operating 24 former Army and Navy hospitals to meet the growing need for hospital space.

Holidays Are Celebrated In Quiet Manner In This County

The Christmas and New Year holidays were observed in a very quiet and peaceful manner by the citizens of Jackson county. The weather on Christmas Day was ideal which found many people on the highways for visits with friends and relatives far and near. Most of the churches of the county held Christmas services on or before Christmas Day, with treats for the little folk. The county schools had their Christmas programs early as schools closed the week before Christmas. Get-togethers and parties were enjoyed by the young people during the week.

Sheriff Middleton reported no serious law violations, and very little drinking during the holidays. All business suspended for two days in order to give their employees time to enjoy the holiday season. If New Year's day is any indi-

Clerk Of Court Died Suddenly Sunday Of Heart Attack

Funeral rites for Roy M. Cowan, 55, who died at his home at Webster early Sunday morning following a sudden heart attack, were held at the Webster Methodist church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Ernest Fitzgerald, pastor of the Webster church, and the Rev. W. N. Cook, Baptist minister, officiated. Burial was in the Stillwell cemetery. The body lay in state at the church from 1 until 2 o'clock.

Pallbearers were Jennings A. Bryson, T. Walter Ashe, Glenn Hughes, Griffin Middleton, Leonard Holden, Adam Moses, M. L. Snipes, and D. C. Higdon.

Mr. Cowan was one of Jackson county's outstanding citizens. He was a popular office holder, having been nominated for his third term as Clerk of Court without opposition in the Democratic primary and was elected in the November election. At the time of his death he had served just one month of his new term.

Honorary pallbearers were Fred Hooper, Dr. D. D. Hooper, Dr. Grover Wilkes, C. C. Buchanan, D. J. Moore, Dan Tompkins, Dan Allison, John Morris, E. P. Stillwell, Hugh Monteith, Ralph Hunter, Lem Moody, Raymond Sutton and M. D. Davis.

Mr. Cowan was the son of Mrs. Luthenia Wild Cowan, and the late W. L. Cowan. He was active in church work and community and county affairs.

Surviving are the mother; two sisters, Mrs. Lena Cowan Moody and Miss Helen Cowan, both of Webster; and three brothers, Paul E., Claude J., and Dan G. Cowan, all of Webster.

Leon Sutton Takes Position With Asheville Firm

Leon Sutton, who has been employed with the Allison Motor, Hardware and Auto Parts for the past four and a half years as head bookkeeper will leave January 15 for Asheville where he has accepted a similar position with the E. S. Street Co. He will be replaced at Allison's by C. B. Thompson, who for four years has been associated with Cannon Brothers Shell Products at Dillsboro.

Mrs. Sutton and children, Linda and Billy, will join Mr. Sutton in the spring and will make their home in Asheville.

Miss Juanita Lane of Durham is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Jones.

Asheville relatives who attended the Hunter-Enloe wedding were Mrs. Eugene Bearden, Mrs. Fred L. Seely, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes Bryson, Miss Laura Bryson and Walter Moore Bryson.