

Jackson County Veterans Taking Advantage of G.I. Farm Training Program

Better Methods For Farm Operations Are Taught By John Corbin

Several veteran farmers are now taking advantage of the Veteran Farm Training program which is being conducted at the Agricultural Department of the Sylva High school, under the supervision of John F. Corbin, agriculture teacher. Classes are held each Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

In order to qualify and become eligible for this program, a veteran must show definite interest in farming; must either own or have access to a suitable farm for the entire training program and must agree to carry out and put into practice all recommendations offered by the supervisor. Veterans who fail to put into practice these recommendations or fail to devote their full time on the farm will be dropped from the training program immediately.

All trainees are required to attend and assist in the Tuesday and Thursday classes which are held in the Sylva High school Agriculture building.

This program has been active since early last fall and now has a membership of about eighteen farmers. Most of the veterans now enrolled either own or are in the process of buying their own farm. Those who have access to large farms are doing general farming, others on smaller farms are raising poultry as their project and one man is putting out an orchard.

Veterans, who intend to farm for a living and feel that they are qualified for the training program, should, for further information, contact Mr. Corbin, supervisor, or C. C. Deitz, assistant at the Sylva High school Agriculture Building, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons between one and four o'clock.

87 Acres Of Forest Land Burned In County

County Forest Warden Charles Evans reports that six forest fires occurred in Jackson county during the last half of 1946. These fires burned 87 acres of the 216,441 acres of non-federal land protected by the North Carolina Forest Service.

All six of these fires were caused by careless smokers. Although a large amount of brush was burned during the season, no fires were started from brush burners and no fires were deliberately set.

Statistics show that nine out of every ten forest fires can be prevented and the public is urged to do their part in fire prevention. Matches should be put out, and broken in half before throwing away; cigarette stubs and pipe ashes extinguished, and all fires put out or reported to the forest warden.

Fiber flax improvement work has brought out a new disease-resistant variety that is an outstanding yielder.

Better Understanding Among Nations Seen By John A. Parris

John A. Parris, Jr., international affairs expert of the Associated Press, predicted Saturday that 1947 is "the year of hope for the world."

Mr. Parris, whose familiar by-line has topped stories from Europe for the past five and a half years and more recently from the United Nations capital in New York, made this prediction in an interview here while spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Parris.

"For the first time since hostilities ceased," said Mr. Parris, "there is concrete hope for outlawing war. That hope is bolstered by an apparent increase in cooperative spirit between the Soviet Union and the western powers."

1946 Turning Point
He is of the opinion that 1946, despite its turbulent run in international and domestic issues and the new fears engendered by the atomic bomb, may well go down in history as possibly the turning point in man's search for peace.

GOES TO RALEIGH



DAN TOMPKINS left Sunday morning for Raleigh to prepare for the opening, yesterday, of the 1947 session of the General Assembly. Mr. Tompkins represents Jackson county in the lower house.

Tax List Takers Named, To Begin Work Monday

Mr. Jennings A. Bryson, tax supervisor for Jackson county has announced the names of the tax list takers for the various townships. They are as follows: Barkers Creek, Ben Jones; Canada, R. J. Shelton; Caney Fork, J. C. Shuler; Cashiers, Mrs. Hortense Bryson; Cullowhee, Earl Sutton; Dillsboro, Mrs. P. W. Kincaid; Greens Creek, G. L. Green; Mountain, Mrs. Pearl Stewart; Qualla, W. L. Enloe; River, Fred Smith; Savannah, Verlin C. Buchanan; Scotts Creek, Mrs. Allen Sutton; Sylva, to be named; Webster, Miss Myrtle Davis; Hamburg, Frank Bryson.

The list-takers met with Mr. Bryson on Tuesday of this week and received instructions and supplies. They will begin their work on next Monday, January 13.

All property owners and taxpayers in the county who owned any property on January 1st this year are required to list their property, and all male persons between the age of 21 and 50 are required to list their poll during this time.

Farmers are asked to be prepared to make their 1946 farm report at the time they list their taxes.

Dayton Rubber Five To Play Sylva V.F.W.

The Sylva V.F.W. basketball team will meet the Dayton Rubber combination on the local high school court Monday, January 13, at 8 o'clock.

The Dayton team had a grand record last year and played in the finals of the four-state tournament at Asheville.

There will be a preliminary game at 7:00 o'clock.

FUNERAL RITES FOR MRS. FRANK BROWN CONDUCTED TUESDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Frank G. Brown, 50, who died at the C. J. Harris Community hospital January 7, at 12:45, following an eleven-weeks illness, were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Sylva Methodist church. The Rev. W. Q. Grigg, pastor of the Methodist church, the Rev. C. M. Warren, pastor of the Sylva Baptist church and members of O.C.E. chapter 139 Order of the Eastern Star were in charge of the last rites. Burial followed in the Keener cemetery.

Active pallbearers were W. R. Kilpatrick, Ray Cogdill, Jake Bales, Woody Hampton, Willie Monteith of Sylva, and Loy D. Bryson of Maryville, Tenn.

Honorary pallbearers were Dr. Roy W. Kirchberg, Dr. Grover Wilkes, Dr. Fred Hooper, Dr. Wayne McGuire, D. M. Allison, Dan K. Moore, A. O. Allison, W. E. Campbell, J. A. Gray, George Painter, Hugh Monteith, Jennings Bryson, M. Y. Jarrett, and J. T. Gribble.

Mrs. Brown was born October 21, 1896 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. She was first married to Floyd Askey of Freeport, Ill. To this union were born two sons, Frank, deceased; C. R. Askey, of Tampa, Fla., and Mrs. Wenonah Henry of Detroit, Mich. She moved to Sylva from Florida 22 years ago and has been active in civic and church affairs during her residence here. Mrs. Brown was a member of the Methodist church, the Eastern Star, and during World War II, quite active in Red Cross work. She had been employed at the Park Lunch room for some time.

In 1942 she married Frank G. Brown of Cullowhee and they soon established their home in Sylva. Mr. Brown is manager of Allison Hardware Co. here.

Survivors include in addition to her husband and son and daughter, two grandchildren, Lynda and Sharon Henry of Detroit; two step-grandchildren, Buddy and Barbara Cunningham of Tampa, Fla.; a step-son, James E. Brown of Cullowhee; two step-daughters, Mrs. R. T. Abbott of Bryson City and Mrs. H. N. Wells of Murphy.

Out-of-town people attending the funeral were Loy D. Bryson, Maryville, Tenn.; Fred Henry of Detroit, Mich.; C. R. Askey, Tampa, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Brown and Mrs. Frank Rhinehart of Asheville, H. M. Lively of Black Mountain, and Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Abbott of Bryson City.

MRS. TIDMARSH AND DAUGHTERS JOIN MAJOR TIDMARSH

Mrs. Harold Tidmarsh and daughters, Christy and Patricia, left Fort Hamilton field, N. Y. Sunday morning at 10 a. m. on a C-47 and arrived in Frankfurt, Germany, Monday, between four and five o'clock, where they joined Major Tidmarsh, who is stationed at Deggendorf, Germany as Military commander of the military village.

Major Tidmarsh, after several months Pacific duty, was transferred to the European theatre last Spring.

"Aunt" Jane Coward Marks 96th Birthday

Relatives and friends of "Aunt" Sarah Jane Coward helped her celebrate her 96th birthday, Thursday, January 2, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arlessa Brown of Cowarts, where she makes her home.

She was before her marriage to the late J. B. Coward, the former Miss Sarah Jane Hooper.

Despite the fact that "Aunt" Jane has 13 grandchildren, six great grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren, she can boast yet of doing her own housework.

"I don't have to do the work," she remarked, "but I am well, strong, and enjoy working. I would feel lost without it."

"Aunt" Jane, who has been an active member of the Baptist church in the community where she has lived for the past 70 or more years, enjoys nothing better than an "old-fashioned" get-together of church going relatives and friends on Sunday, or when a series of revival meetings are being held in the community.

Forms For Farm Plans Now Ready For Farmers

Forms for 1947 Farm Plans have been received by the Jackson County Agricultural Conservation Association, and Mrs. Ellen N. Corbin, Secretary of the Jackson County AAA, asks that all farmers who have not done so will come by the office at their earliest convenience and fill out their 1947 Farm Plan. It is important that the farmers make application now for the lime, phosphate, and seeds that they will need this year so that the allocation for Jackson county may be determined.

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E. H. Stillwell Passes



Death Takes W.C.T.C. Faculty Head Wednesday A.M.

The faculty members and student body of Western Carolina Teachers College were saddened when they heard of the death of Professor Edgar H. Stillwell which occurred early Wednesday morning at Mission hospital in Asheville. Professor Stillwell entered the hospital for treatment last week and his death was quite unexpected. He became ill and quit his class room work about the first of December.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Cullowhee Baptist church. Interment will be in the church cemetery. Moody Funeral home will be in charge of arrangements.

Professor Stillwell was the oldest faculty member in line of service of Western Carolina Teachers College, having received his appointment in 1903. He had been head of the Social Science department since 1909. At the time of his death he held a Master's degree. He received his B. S. degree from George Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn., and his Master's degree from the University of Chicago. He took several summer courses at Duke University. Professor Stillwell was one of the best loved and most highly respected members of the faculty of the college.

Mr. Stillwell was born June 8, 1881 at Webster, the son of the late Joseph and Martha Stillwell.

He was chairman of the Board of Deacons and clerk of Cullowhee Baptist church. For a number of years Professor Stillwell was a teacher of the Sunday school class of college girls at the church.

Surviving are the widow, the former Miss Sallie Gertie Coward; four daughters, Miss Martha Lou Stillwell, of Cullowhee; Miss Carolyn Stillwell, who teaches in the Eastern part of the State; Mrs. Leonard Allen, of Boiling Springs; Mrs. Helen Kate Reeves, of Leicester; one son, David Siler Stillwell, of the law firm of Stillwell and Stillwell, of Sylva; also two brothers, Attorney Ephraim P. Stillwell, of Sylva; Iverson Stillwell, of Webster; two sisters, Mrs. W. M. Cook, of Webster, and Mrs. Sadie Sutton of Sylva. One grandson, Billy Reeves, also survives.

U.D.C. Will Meet Thursday Evening

The B. H. Cathey chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will meet Thursday evening at 7:30 in Allison building. All members are especially urged to be present as some important matters are to be decided at this time.

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BYRNES RESIGNS AS SECRETARY OF STATE, MARSHALL SUCCEEDS

General George C. Marshall was named this week by President Truman to succeed James F. Byrnes, whose resignation as secretary of state came a complete surprise to the general public.

Byrnes, who had been warned by doctors to slow down his activities, had first asked to be released from the top-ranking membership of the president's cabinet, last April, but had agreed to remain until the end of the peace conference. Again in December he had petitioned to be allowed to resign. The announcement of his release came from the White House at 7:15, approximately the same time his successor left China, where he has been on a presidential mission.

Marshall, Chief of Army Staff, during the war, had been picked to help untangle the affairs of war-torn China. His appointment to this diplomatic post followed the resignation of Ambassador Patrick Hurley.

Byrnes, whose resignation as secretary of state is effective January 10, concludes a long list of distinguished posts. He has served as senator, as a supreme court justice and as assistant president to the late Franklin D. Roosevelt in the role of war mobilizer.

Schedule Of Meetings Of Home Demonstration And 4-H Clubs

Miss Helen Sossamon, Home Demonstration agent for Jackson county, announces the following schedule of meetings for the Home demonstration and 4-H clubs for the month of January:

Jan. 8, Beta H. D. club; Jan. 9, Dillsboro H. D. club; Jan. 10, Webster H. D. club; Jan. 13, Balsam H. D. club; Jan. 13, Johns Creek 4-H club; Jan. 13, Tuckaseegee 4-H club; Jan. 14, Gay H. D. club; Jan. 14, Cashiers 4-H club; Jan. 14, Glenville 4-H club; Jan. 15, Johns Creek H. D. club; Jan. 15, Beta 4-H club; Jan. 15, Savannah 4-H club; Jan. 16, Loves Field H. D. club; Jan. 16, Wester 4-H club; Jan. 16, Cullowhee 4-H club; Jan. 17, Dressley Creek H. D. club; Jan. 17, Dillsboro 4-H club; Jan. 17, Qualla 4-H club; Jan. 20, Sylva H. D. club; Jan. 21, Qualla H. D. club; Jan. 22, Victory H. D. club; Jan. 23, Cullowhee H. D. club; Jan. 24, Cope Creek H. D. club; Jan. 27, Glenville H. D. club; Jan. 28, Cashiers H. D. club; Jan. 29, Cope Creek 4-H club.

CAPTAIN BUCHANAN SHOWS PICTURE OF THE WAR IN EUROPE

"The True Glory," the official movie of the European side of the war, was recently shown at Cullowhee, the Ritz theatre, and to members of the American Legion through the courtesy of Capt. John Buchanan of San Jacinta, Texas.

The film, which is a complete and continuous story of the European war from D-Day, June 6, 1944, until V-E Day, was made by war photographers of America, England, and France, and is pieced in by captured German films, giving the German side of the war. General Eisenhower acts as Master of Ceremonies throughout the film.

The movie, which has been issued to camps, is not available to the general public except under such conditions as shown in Sylva. Captain Buchanan, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Buchanan of Cullowhee, drove 500 miles from his camp at San Jacinta to San Antonio, Texas, in order to secure the film and bring it to Jackson county for a showing. He plans to return with the film in the early spring and afford the public another chance to see this authentic depiction of the war.

Sylva Students Attend W. C. T. C.

Among the Sylva young men and women, who have resumed their work at Western Carolina Teachers College after spending the holidays with their families, are Virginia Madison, Anne Warren, Anne Soderquist, Doris Glenda Bryson, Dorothy Sue Tallent, Bee Jane Harris, Jean Potent, and Love Louise Owens, Mrs. Mary M. Hardy, Lewis Wilson, Jimmy Keener, Walter Warren, Edward L. Cooke, Raymond Nicholson, J. C. Resor, and Cloeman Jones.

Sylva Flying Service Gets Two New Planes, Super Cruisers Now On Field

STATE SENATOR



SENATOR WILLIAM M. E. FORD, of Waynesville, who is representing this senatorial district with Verne Clement, of Brevard, in the General Assembly in Raleigh.

Mr. Medford is a Waynesville attorney and a leader in civic and religious activities of his county. A veteran of World War II, he has headed such organizations as Rotary, Red Cross, Boy Scouts, and numerous drives. He is an official of the Chamber of Commerce, and former Secretary of the Young Democratic Clubs of the State. He is chairman of the Finance committee of his church.

He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina.

Dan Cowan Takes Oath As Clerk Of Superior Court

Dan G. Cowan became Clerk of Superior Court for Jackson County on January 2, succeeding his brother, the late Roy M. Cowan. Mr. Cowan was appointed by Judge Felix E. Alley of Waynesville to fill out the unexpired term of his brother. The oath of office was administered by John Morris, Justice of the Peace of Sylva, on Thursday, January 2. Mr. Cowan began his new duties immediately.

Prior to this time Mr. Cowan was employed in the shipping department of the Mead Corporation, Sylva Division.

MASONS TO HOLD SPECIAL MEETING

The Dillsboro Masonic Lodge No. 459 A.F. & A. M. will hold a special communication at the lodge in Dillsboro tonight, Thursday, at 7:30 o'clock. All Master Masons are requested to be present.

So many North Carolina farm people are interested in new homes that it is difficult for State College Extension Service personnel to keep up with requests for house plans and other information.

Chamber of Commerce To Hold Banquet And Name Directors

Directors of the Sylva Chamber of Commerce launched plans at their regular monthly meeting, Friday night, for a banquet at a near future date and at which time directors for 1947 will be elected.

Felix Picklesimer, president of the organization, stated that three members will be elected from the incumbent group and six elected from a new group. The banquet and meeting, which date will be announced later, will be open to persons interested in the Chamber of Commerce.

The nine acting members, from which three will be elected, are Harry Ferguson, Dr. Harold McGuire, Roscoe Potet, Dr. W. A. Ashbrook, Mack Ashe, Roy Reed, Joe Poppewell, Everett Harris and Felix Picklesimer. The new proposed names, from which six will be elected, include Keith Hinds, John Worth McDevitt; J. A. Gray, W. C. Hennessee, Woody Hampton, Reg Enloe, Grayson Cope, Bill Williams.

Watson Plans Expansion At Air Port To Give Section Air Service

It was a perfect day last Friday for flying when we went out to the Sylva airport for a trial hop in the new Piper Super Cruiser, which was recently added to the service offered at the field.

On our way out to the field we picked up some of the enthusiasm for flying that is Johnnie's; we're speaking of Johnnie Watson, current owner and operator of the Sylva Flying Service. In the three miles to the airport, which is located on the Asheville highway, we did considerable hangar flying and, by the time we reached the field, knew who and what was the flying clientele of Jackson county.

After we visited the hangar, which houses four planes, a Piper cub belonging to John D. Broer of Argura, a Taylor Craft of Wm. B. Dillard, a Piper Cruiser and Piper Cub Trainer belonging to Johnnie, we were so air minded that nothing but a flight in the newest plane would do.

Rolling her out, we made ready for flight. It was like stepping into the interior of a comfortable car. Two seats behind and one in front with leather upholstery and a wide view in front and side. We taxied down the field along side the highway to the north end of the runway and stopped for a brief moment while Johnnie warmed up and explained the instruments on the front panel. A turn at the end of the field, no more bumps, and we were off. It was like silk, and suddenly Sylva was directly beneath us.

Heading west, a panorama of Webster, Dillsboro, Sylva and the countryside was beneath us. Eight minutes later a flash of river and we realized we were over the Little Tennessee just outside of Franklin. And then Franklin. Circling the town we suddenly lost the trail of the Franklin Highway and, spotting our shadow on the ground, we realized how rapidly we were traveling. (The plane cruises at 100 m.p.h.) The next thing Glenville dam and lake were just ahead. We could see the summer camps belonging to T. N. Massie and Harry Ferguson; another turn and we were at East La Porte, Cullowhee, and then back home. A drop in altitude, two circles around the mountain and then the home field. We glided in, bumped our way to the hangar, and realized the entire time taken was thirty-five minutes.

The Sylva airport, which was organized in 1940, has grown from one privately owned plane to a five plane airport. Besides the two Pipers Johnnie owns, he has an open cockpit Steerman. The field has a sod runway of 2700 feet and permits the landing of any single

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