

C. J. Harris Hospital Has Had Most Successful Year

1259 Patients Treated
During Year; Is Non-
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A statistical report for 1946 released by Mrs. Pat Carter, superintendent of the C. J. Harris hospital, shows that the hospital has enjoyed one of the most successful years since its founding in 1927. A total of 1259 patients were treated in 1946, 384 operations performed, and 274 babies delivered.

This twenty-five bed hospital, which is a non-profit institution, serves a large area, drawing patients from surrounding counties and adequately provides for the needs of this county.

Plans are now underway for enlargement of the hospital and it is hoped that work can be begun on the new wing additions and extensions in the early spring. These additions will increase the hospital by approximately fourteen beds, and will enable the hospital to render more service to a larger area. It will be financed in part by donations from the public it serves.

At the January meeting of the board of directors all officers were reelected and include the following: S. W. Enloe, chairman; J. B. Ensley, vice-chairman; W. E. Bird, secretary; E. L. McKee, treasurer, and Mrs. Pat Carter, superintendent. Other board members are M. D. Cowan, D. G. Bryson, Dan K. Moore, H. T. Hunter, Sol Schulman, Paul Ellis, W. T. Wise, R. U. Sutton, J. C. Cannon, Chester Scott, Paul Kirk, Harry Ferguson and T. N. Massie. It was voted at the meeting to ask Jennings A. Bryson to serve on the board, in the vacancy left by the late J. C. Allison.

Committees named for the year are: Executive, S. W. Enloe, E. L. McKee, J. B. Ensley, Dan K. Moore, Paul Ellis, M. D. Cowan, J. C. Cannon and Harry Ferguson; Purchasing, Paul Ellis, H. T. Hunter, W. T. Wise, J. C. Cannon, R. U. Sutton and T. N. Massie; House and Grounds, Paul Kirk, W. E. Bird, Dan K. Moore, Paul Ellis, W. T. Wise, Harry Ferguson, and T. N. Massie; Medical-Nursing, E. L. McKee, D. G. Bryson, J. B. Ensley, Chester Scott and Paul Kirk; Public Relations, H. T. Hunter, W. E. Bird, M. D. Cowan, W. T. Wise, Chester Scott, Paul Ellis and J. A. Bryson; Finance and Auditing, R. U. Sutton, Chester Scott, Sol Schulman, Paul Kirk and T. N. Massie.

Gen. MacArthur Will Be 67 Years Old Next Sunday

General Douglas MacArthur will observe his 67th birthday anniversary Sunday, January 26. The General bears his years well, considering the tremendous burden he has carried since the Japs first struck Pearl Harbor. General MacArthur directed the policies of the war against Japan which finally brought her to her knees, and is now leading that country from one of bondage under military rule into one of democracy and freedom.

Governor Calls All-Out Support Of Citizens In Polio Campaign

An appeal from Governor R. Gregg Cherry for all-out support of the current Infantile Paralysis Campaign, which closes January 31, has been received here.

"I am counting on every community in the State to do its share in raising adequate funds to continue the fight against this dread disease," the Governor said.

"It is an obligation which all men of goodwill will be glad to recognize. We must be prepared to meet the challenge of polio in the summer of 1947. We must have sufficient funds on hand to insure ourselves against another epidemic such as we have just experienced."

Governor Cherry said that "it is quite evident that comparatively few families can hope to meet the financial obligations involved (in treatment of infantile paralysis) without seriously jeopardizing their standard of living. And where that standard is already low,

DILLS REPORTS MANY CASES ARE HANDLED BY RED CROSS IN DEC.

A total of sixty-four cases were handled in the Jackson county chapter of the American Red Cross during the month of December, according to a report released by A. J. Dills, executive secretary of the chapter. Thirty-eight of these were new cases and the remaining twenty-six reopened services.

Services rendered included inquiries and messages, information, furlough and furlough extensions, health reports of servicemen's families, assistance with governments, financial assistance, vocational rehabilitation, assistance with claims for disability and death pensions and insurance, hospitalization and terminal leave pay.

SLIDE CAUSES 3-HOUR DELAY OF TRAIN NO. 18

Passenger train No. 18, bound from Murphy to Asheville, was delayed three hours and thirty minutes Monday morning due to a slide at the 78 mile post on Nantahala river which covered the track with dirt and rock. Section forces removed the obstruction. Other slides occurred at the West end of Cowee tunnel and on Balsam. These were removed without delaying the trains.

HEAVY RAINS FALL IN JACKSON COUNTY

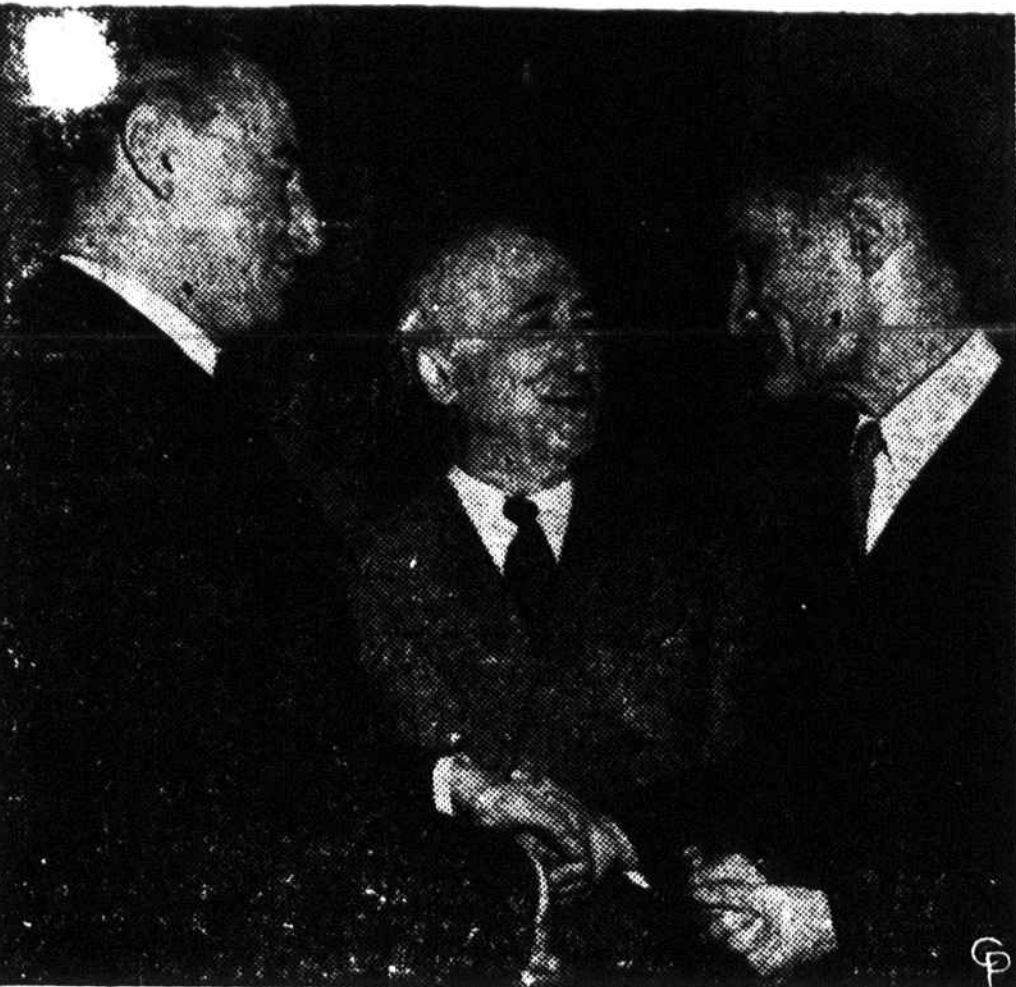
Jackson citizens heaved a sigh of relief Monday morning when the sun made its radiant appearance after a full week of cloudy weather accompanied by constant showers and a downpour of rain Sunday and Sunday night. Had the rain continued another 24 hours, the streams, already running bank-full, would have gone out in destructive flood waters.

Although the rain and accompanying mud were quite disagreeable, it came at a time when the ground had less water storage than any time during the past two-years. Much of what fell during the past week soaked deep into the earth and will no doubt keep the streams and springs flush during the coming spring and summer months.

All of the power dams of Western North Carolina had reached low stage and the run-off will help replenish them.

The heavy rainfall was general throughout Western North Carolina. Asheville reported 1.60 inches in the 24-hour period ending at 7:30 Monday morning swelling the Swannanoa and French Broad rivers out of banks in places. Both crested, however, before doing much damage. The high school at Marshall was forced to close as water filled the boiler and lunch rooms. The building there is located on an island in the French Broad river. Haywood county also reported rampaging rivers but no damage.

Envoys Bid Farewell To Byrnes



BRITAIN'S AMBASSADOR Lord Inverchapel (left) and French Ambassador Henri Bonnet (right) are shown as they bid goodbye to retiring Secretary of State James F. Byrnes at the Blair House. Official White House guest mansion Chiefs of more than 60 Embassies and Legations in Washington paid their respects to Byrnes. (International Soundphoto)

Marriages Show Slight Lead Over Divorce Cases

According to the records of the Register of Deeds and Clerk of Court of Jackson county some interesting facts were learned concerning marriages and divorces in the county during the year 1946. The Register's records show that 37 licenses to wed were issued, while the Clerk's records show that 33 divorces were granted.

While this record of divorces isn't one to be proud of, it is better than some Western North Carolina counties where the divorce rate was larger than the marriage rate.

Although these figures are official as far as the records go, there is probably some variation as often some of our young people go out of the county or state to wed, and some who sue for divorces get their decrees in courts out of the county. However, there probably isn't a big difference in percentage if the over-all county figures were available.

WILDLIFE OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED AT MEETING IN RALEIGH

Election of officers of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, for 1947 will take place at the annual business session of the organization, which will be held at Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh on January 28.

Each county, with one or more active clubs, will be entitled to one vote in the election, and on all business matters requiring a vote. The nine-man nominating committee will be composed of one delegate from each district to be appointed by President P. K. Graveley. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

The business session will follow a brilliant program on January 27 when Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson, president of the Wildlife Management Institute of Washington, D. C., will be the chief speaker.

W. C. Hennessee Attends Convention In Cincinnati

W. C. Hennessee, along with a number of other lumber producers from Asheville, Burnsville, Marion and Robbinsville, attended the Appalachian Lumber Manufacturers' convention in Cincinnati last Thursday and Friday. Labor relations, research and market conditions, as they will effect the lumber industry during the coming year, were the highlights on the program.

Governor Inaugurated For South Carolina

South Carolina held inaugural ceremonies Tuesday, January 21, for J. Strom Thurmond of Edgefield who begins his four-year term as Governor of the Palmetto state.

The former state circuit judge, soldier, school teacher, and agriculture student, a bachelor, was escorted from the mansion to the state house steps by a long military parade for the inauguration.

General Marshall Takes Oath In Washington, D. C.

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Fred M. Vinson administered the oath of office of Secretary of State to General George C. Marshall at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning in Washington, climaxing a long journey from China where he had spent 13 months on a mission as President Truman's personal representative in a futile attempt to make peace between Chinese Communists and Nationalists.

On his arrival at the capital Marshall told reporters in no uncertain terms that he was not interested in politics, and that he would not seek the office of President, neither would he be drafted as a candidate.

The 66-year old General succeeds James F. Byrnes, of Spartanburg, S. C., as Secretary Byrnes resigned after being advised by his physician that he must take a rest.

Cullowhee Senior Class Elects Officers For 1947

At a meeting of the senior class of the Cullowhee High school held this week the following were elected as officers of the class: Loyall Bryson, president; Nina Mitchell, vice-president; Billie Styles, secretary; Lowaine Mashburn, treasurer; and Jessie Ray Bryson, press reporter.

LEE-JACKSON DAY TO BE OBSERVED HERE

The annual Lee-Jackson Day program, sponsored each year by the B. H. Cathey chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will be held Friday afternoon at the Sylva Elementary school auditorium at 1:00 o'clock. Mrs. E. L. McKee will be the speaker. The High school glee club, under the direction of Miss Alice Weaver, will sing several suitable selections.

Polar Crash Victim



NAVY Aviation Radioman Wendell Keith Hendersin (above) was one of three Navy men killed when his Marine flying boat exploded above the eternal ice fringe of the South Pole. Hendersin is survived by his wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Hendersin of Wilton, Wisconsin. (International)

Mr. and Mrs. Velt Wilson left last week for Texas where they will spend a month's vacation.

Tompkins Introduces A Bill To Change Tax Collections, Salaries

SENIOR SCOUT TROOP TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE ON SATURDAY NIGHTS

In order to provide more wholesome recreation and entertainment for the young boys and girls of the community the Senior Scout Troop, under the leadership of Jake Bales and others who will direct the project, will hold open house for young people in the community building each Saturday night, beginning this week, from 7 to 10 o'clock. The community building has been made available for this purpose by the town authorities.

The entertainment will consist of games, folk dancing, and other forms of amusement.

Mr. Bales stated Monday that the social gathering for the young people will be of such a nature that no parent need be afraid to have their boys and girls attend. Parents of the scouts are especially invited to attend at their pleasure. All young people between the ages of 12 and 18, whether Scout members or not, are invited to take part.

DR. KILLIAN SPEAKS TO FRANKLIN P. T. A.

Dr. Carl Killian of Western Carolina Teachers College was the guest speaker at the January meeting of the Franklin Parent-Teacher Association, which was held in Franklin Monday night at 7:30 o'clock. Dr. Killian took the place of Mrs. E. L. McKee, who was scheduled to speak but was unable to fill the engagement. Dr. Killian's subject was "Laying a Firm Foundation for Education."

HAS OPERATION

Miss Helen Higdon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Higdon of Sylva, is making satisfactory improvement at Harris Community hospital where she is a patient following an appendectomy, Saturday morning.

FOREST P. GARDNER IS SPEAKER AT SCOUT COMMITTEE MEETING

Forest P. Gardner, chairman of the Hendersonville district of Boy Scouts, gave an inspiring address on the value of scouting at the Daniel Boone District committee meeting held Friday night at Jarrett Springs Hotel. Mr. Gardner emphasized the necessity of the men and women of the various communities being interested and willing to work toward the promotion of scouting.

Representatives from Macon, Swain, and Jackson counties were present at the meeting, at which time plans were made for the adult enrollment to be held the week of February 17th.

Reports of the district commissioner showed that most troops in this district are in an extremely healthy condition, and that prospects for 1947 scouting are excellent.

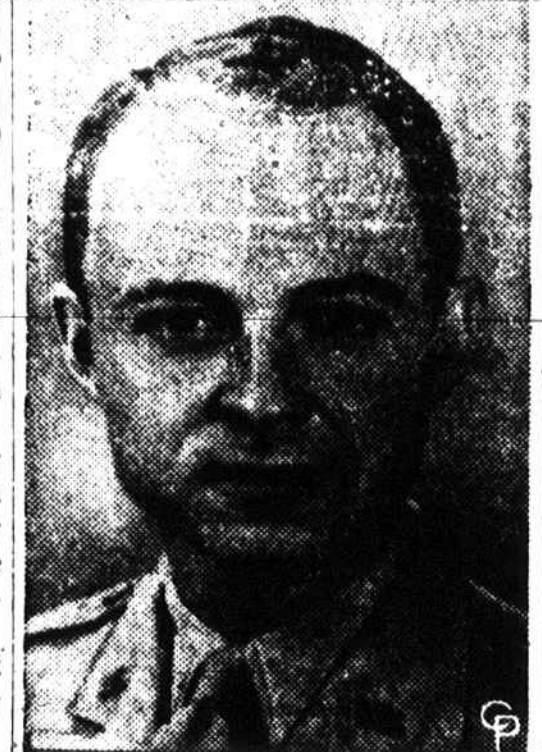
In the absence of the district chairman, W. C. Hennessee, vice-chairman John Archer of Franklin presided.

CAMP-FIRE GIRLS HAVE MEETING

Tuesday afternoon immediately after school the Camp-fire girls met at the graded school auditorium. After the president, Joyce Nicholson, had called the meeting to order, Mrs. Harry Ferguson talked to the girls.

Committees were appointed as follows: Social, Edith Moore, chairman, Jean Cogdill, Janis Holden, Ann Cathey, Shirley Hartmann; Program, Rachel Karp, chairman, Dot McCracken, Collene Holden, Jean Nicholson, Peggy Sue Middleton; Finance, Audrey Jane Jones, chairman, Patsy Buckley, Leah Sutton, Sara Sue Cagle, Linda Moody; Hostess, Nancy Hartmann, chairman, Bessta Bryson, Sarah Nell Candler, Patsy Wilson, Sheila Ann Kirshberg; Publicity, Gail Webber, chairman.

May Aid Marshall



COLONEL Frank McCarthy, 33, of Richmond, Va., who was assistant Secretary of State in charge of administrative affairs, may be again "drafted" for that post, to serve under Marshall McCarthy was on the staff of Gen. Marshall, when he was chief of staff. (International)

PLANE HUNT GETS UNDERWAY AGAIN

One army plane of the L-5-G type landed at the Sylva airport Wednesday at noon, and a second plane of the same type was expected to land Wednesday p. m. to take part in the continued search for the army plane, thought to have been lost over Rattlesnake Cove section of Jackson county January 1944 with three army men and one important civilian on board. The four men were lost with the plane.

Lt. Vincent J. Lynch and his pilot brought the first L-5-G plane to Sylva today from the Greenville Air Base. The search is in the direction of T. J. Hieatt. Ten men composing a ground crew have been quartered at Cataloochee Ranch in Haywood county for several days. They have been making ground surveys of the surrounding area. It is now believed by the army that the lost plane went down somewhere north of Cataloochee.

The army has been instructed to continue the search until the lost plane wreckage is found.

Jackson Ministers Attend School At Hendersonville

Among the Baptist ministers of Jackson county attending the six weeks preachers school, which is being held at Fruitland Institute in Hendersonville, are: Rev. S. T. McGinnis, Rev. Edgar Willix, pastor of the Tuckasee and East Sylva Baptist churches and Rev. Clarence Vance, Jackson county Baptist Missionary.

W. Newton Turner, instructor of Geology and Geography at Western Carolina Teachers College, who was a patient in C. J. Harris hospital for treatment, returned to his home Wednesday. His condition is much improved.

Asks Quick Hearing on Repeal Of GI Educational Limitations

WASHINGTON, D. C.—With the convening of the 80th Congress, The American Legion has opened its 1947 legislative campaign for the immediate repeal of the ceiling and time limitation on on-the-job training and for the cash redemption of terminal leave pay bonds of World War II veterans.

With these two American Legion-sponsored bills among the first to be thrown into the Congressional hopper, National Legislative Director John Thomas Taylor, predicts both will become laws.

The repeal bill was introduced in the House of Representatives by Representative Edith Nourse Rogers of Massachusetts. The bill, for the cash redemption of terminal leave pay bonds, was authored by Representative Dwight Rogers of Florida.

Director Taylor said The American Legion would press for immediate hearing on both of these measures, which represent the top

Duties Would Be Placed In Hands Of County Accountant

RALEIGH, Jan. 21 — Legislation to transfer collection of taxes from sheriff to county accountant and to fix the salaries of various Jackson county officials was sponsored in the lower house today by Representative Dan Tompkins of Jackson.

Representative Tompkins estimated the measure will save Jackson county annually about \$5,000 in collection of taxes and another \$400 in the compensation received by the register of deeds.

The bill was referred to the house committee on counties, cities and towns. Its complete text follows:

Section 1. The board of county commissioners of Jackson county is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed, not later than Oct. 1, 1947, to relieve the sheriff of Jackson county from the duties and responsibility of the collection of taxes, licenses, fees, penalties, and other revenues and to impose such duties and responsibilities upon the county accountant.

To Set Up Department

Sec. 2. On or before said first day of Oct., 1947, the county commissioners shall set up within the office of the county accountant a tax collecting department, and the said county accountant shall perform all the duties now required of the sheriff of the county in the collection of taxes and shall be vested with the same power and authority and subject to the same penalties and conditions as are now applicable to sheriffs in the collection of taxes, licenses, fees, penalties, and other revenues. The said county accountant, in addition to the duties herein imposed upon him to collect taxes, shall also perform all the duties in connection with the listing and the preparation of tax books, and set up a card or tax record of each taxpayer, all under the supervision of the finance commissioner. The said county accountant as tax collector shall give a tax collector's bond in the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the faithful performance of his duties as tax collector, the premium on said bond to be paid by the county.

Sec. 3. The former sheriff whose term of office expired on the first Monday of Dec., 1946, and to whom has been turned over for collection the 1946 taxes, shall retain the same and continue to collect said taxes on the terms and conditions fixed by the board of county commissioners and shall give such bond as may be required of him by said board. All 1947 and subsequent and prior years' taxes, except 1946, shall be collected by the county accountant as tax collector and all future payments of delinquent taxes on which foreclosure proceedings have been instituted in the office of the clerk of the superior court shall be made to the tax collector and the judgments taken shall be cancelled by the

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Scores Training Ceiling

"The imposition of a ceiling on the incomes of veterans engaged in the educational and job-training phases of the GI Bill of Rights and the limitation of a two-year period placed upon the job-training program are outright injustices to the men and women who fought in World War II," Taylor said. "That ceiling has been the cause of thousands of veterans' abandoning their promised educational opportunities. It is impossible for a veteran and family to live on \$200 a month in these times of inflated living costs."

Taylor said the bill paring down job training and educational opportunities, H. R. 879, was "shoved through" the closing sessions of the 79th Congress without "that first hearing or consultation with" the interested veterans' organizations.

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