



AMERICA  
First, Last and  
Always

# THE SYLVA HERALD

The Herald is dedicated to progressive service to Jackson... A progressive, well balanced county.

VOL. XXII NO. 14

Sylva, N. C. Thursday, Sept. 4, 1947

\$2.00 A Year—5c Copy

## The Belgian Government Decorates Parris For His Services In Wartime

### Sylva Man Makes Outstanding Record In War Reporting

John A. Parris, Jr., Associated Press diplomatic correspondent of the United Nations, has received the Belgian award of Knight of the Order of Leopold II for services rendered to the European country during the past war.

Mr. Parris returned to New York Sunday after visiting his parents here.

The correspondent, who was stationed in London for five and a half years just prior to and during the war, was informed of the award, Belgium's highest for both military and civilian services, through the British Foreign office. Signed by R. Sumbar, the communication regarding the award was as follows:

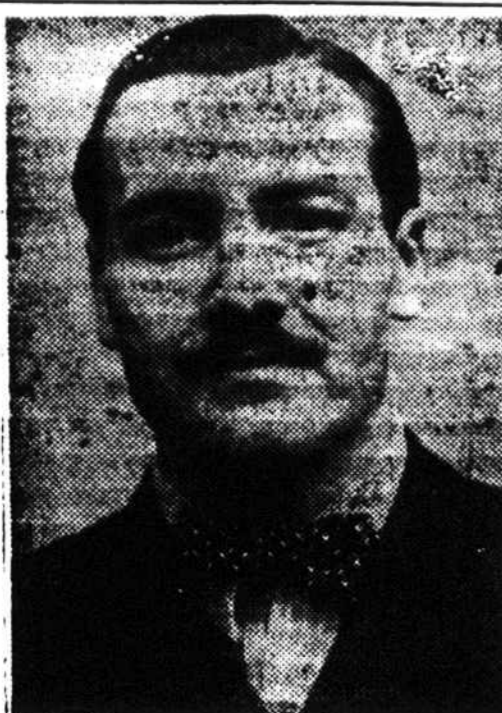
"I am directed by Mr. Secretary Bevin to transmit to you herewith the diploma relative to the award of Chevalier of the Order of Leopold II conferred upon you by His Royal Highness, the prince regent of Belgium, in recognition of services rendered during the war.

Insignia To Be Forwarded  
"The Belgian government have asked that you should be informed that the insignia will be forwarded when available.

"A notification of the grant of the king's unrestricted permission to wear this decoration will appear in the London Gazette of the first of August and no further formalities to enable you to wear it is necessary.

Mr. Parris, who worked with exiled governments during the war and was considered the foremost authority in his field on underground resistance movements, flew into Brussels with the Belgian government three days after that capital city was liberated. In the group were Foreign Minister Paul Henri Spaak, who has the same post now; Prime Minister Gerbrandy and Van Langenhove, a minister in the cabinet who is now chief Belgian delegate to the United Nations.

Only U. S. correspondent accredited.  
(Continued on page 8)



JOHN A. PARRIS, JR.

### FFA Boys Of Sylva Hi Attend Dairy Show

Mr. John F. Corbin, together with fifteen of his Future Farmers of America of Sylva High school attended the annual Junior Dairy Cattle show held Wednesday at the Haney Tobacco warehouse, Biltmore. FFA members attending with Mr. Corbin were: Tom Henry, James Lee Blanton, Max Blanton, Gene Cope, Emery Lee Dillard, Edward Ward, Darnell Ward, Doyle Gunter, Larry Gunter, Tom Mills, Bobby Beck, Allen Fisher, Jr., Donald Kinsland, James Turpin, and William Holden.

The show, of which this is the third annual event, is sponsored by the Asheville Merchants association to increase interest in raising better dairy cattle and to promote dairy cattle farming in this area.

## Dr. Hunter Announces New Faculty Members At W.C.T.C.

By James J. Booker

Cullowhee—Dr. H. T. Hunter, president of Western Carolina Teachers College, stated in an interview today that there would be an increase in the number of faculty members at WCTC beginning with the fall quarter on September 8. He said that the new employees would be required partly because of the prospective expansion program that will begin some time within the next two years.

The death of E. H. Stillwell created an opening for the head of the history and Social Science Department which will be filled by Dr. Rosser H. Taylor. The position is temporarily held by Dr. H. P. Smith. Dr. Taylor is a native of North Carolina and has acquired the Bachelor of Arts degree from Wake Forest College, Master of Arts degree from the University of North Carolina, and the Doctor of Philosophy degree from the university of Michigan. For a number of years he was head of the English department of Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina. He has taught during summer sessions at Wake Forest College, Wofford College, and the University of North Carolina. Numerous articles that he has written on history have been published in various magazines.

Dr. Agnes Stout, new associate professor of English, has headed the English Department at Peace College, Raleigh, for the past two years. She received her Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees from Woman's College, Greensboro, and her doctorate from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Prior to her work at Peace College, Dr. Stout taught at Queen's College, Charlotte, at Greensboro College, and at the University of Mississippi.

Mr. W. B. Harrill of Winston-Salem will become Professor of Secondary Education and Director of Public Relations. For the past two years he has been Senior Institutional Training Officer in North Carolina for the Veterans' Administration. Mr. Harrill received his Bachelor of Science degree at Wake Forest College, studied one year at Teachers College, Columbia Uni-

—Continued on page 8

## 254 JACKSON VETS CASH \$52,074.11 IN TERMINAL BONDS

When the Jackson County Bank opened for business Tuesday morning, following the Labor Day holiday, a long line of World War II vets were standing waiting to cash their terminal leave bonds which became eligible for payment in cash September 2, by a recent act of congress.

On Tuesday the bank officials report that 188 vets cashed bonds amounting to \$38,502.92 and on Wednesday 66 vets cashed bonds in the amount of \$13,571.19. The two days total was 254 bonds cashed, total amount \$52,074.11. The average bond was around \$200.

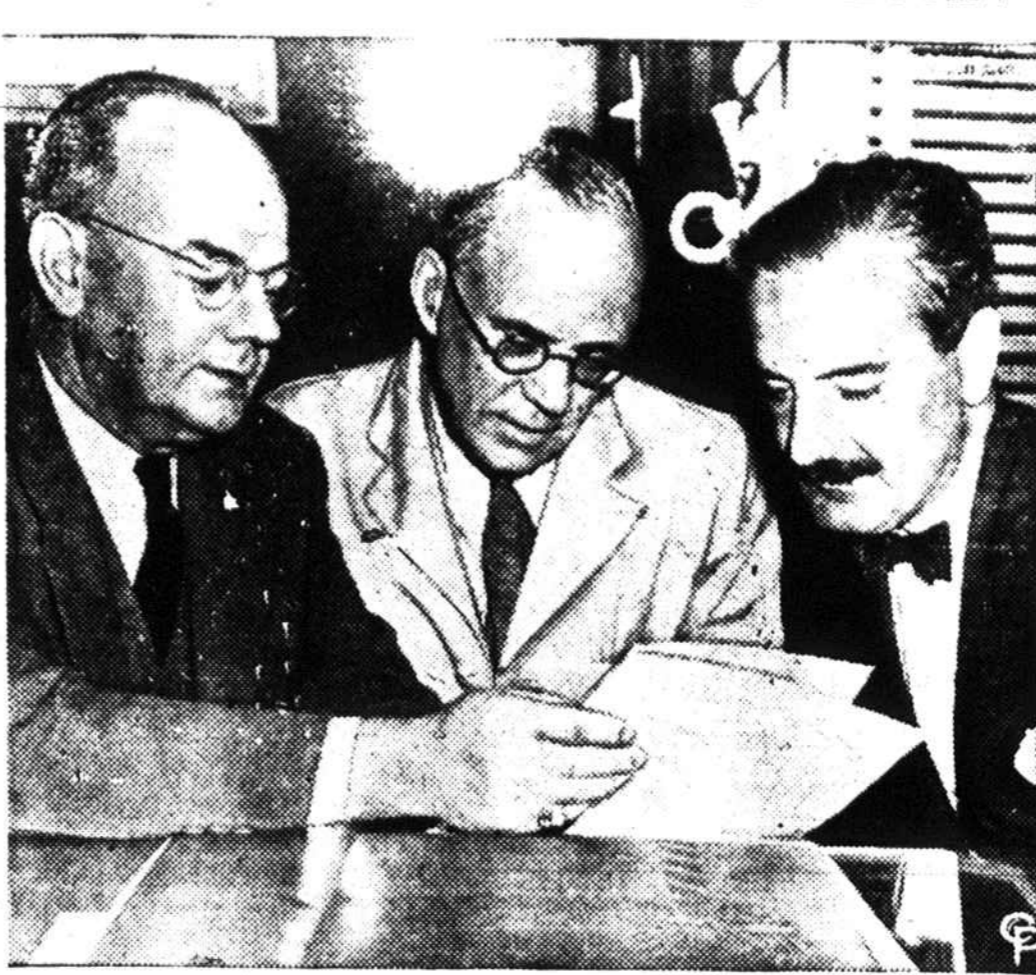
Bank officials advise the boys to leave their money in these bonds, which will draw 2 1/2 per cent, unless they are making other sound investments.

## CANTON PASTOR TO ASSIST IN REVIVAL AT METHODIST CHURCH

The revival meeting will begin at the Sylva Methodist Church on Sunday, Sept. 7, and continue throughout the week with services each night at 8 o'clock. Reverend Ralph Taylor, pastor of Central Methodist Church at Canton, will assist the pastor in these services. Rev. Taylor has had a great deal of experience in revival preaching and should be well received by the people of the community. Hymn singing will have a prominent place in the services, and special music and singing by the children will have a place. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

Production of late summer snap beans is now indicated at 840,000 bushels.

## OPEN TALKS ON BRITISH LOAN



MEMBERS OF THE FINANCIAL MISSION from Britain are shown as they met with U. S. Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder in Washington to discuss ways and means of relaxing terms of the \$3,750,000,000 loan to Britain. Pictured are (l. to r.): Treasury Secretary Snyder; Sir Wilfrid Eady, head of the British Mission and Sir Gordon Munro, United Kingdom Treasury delegate. (International Soundphoto)

## Jackson Jurors For October Term of Court Include Ladies

A number of women will be found sitting on the jury when the October term of Jackson Superior court convenes on Monday, October 13. This will be the first time women have been drawn for jury service in the county, according to John Henson, clerk of court. The five women's names who have been drawn are: Miss Dorothy Williams, Sylva; Mrs. Helen Stovall, Sylva; Mrs. Harry Ferguson, Sylva; Mrs. Lucy Tatham, Dillsboro; and Mrs. Chester Scott, Sylva. This is to be a two weeks' mixed term, with three of the women appearing in the list for the second week.

The Jackson county Jury Commission, composed of R. U. Sutton, Dillard Coward and H. H. Bryson, met Monday, September 1st and drew the following jury list:

### FIRST WEEK—

Shirley Ensley, Sylva; Jud Buchanan, Whittier; Lambert Melton, Whittier; Steve Queen, Cowarts; Walter Higdon, Gay; Henry Stewart, Cashiers; Cris Passmore, Cashiers; June A. Bryson, Sylva; R. L. Holden, Cullowhee; F. A. Bryson, Glenville; Oscar Higdon, Gay; G. E. Bumgarner, Sylva; Leslie Norton, Glenville; John Ward, Whittier; Walter Bumgarner, Sylva; Miss Dorothy Williams, Sylva; Freeman Buchanan, Gay, Charlie Allison, Greens Creek; Early Deitz, Greens Creek; Luther Stephens, Cowarts; J. B. Parris, Sylva, RFD; B. R. Leopard, Glenville; John W. Bryson, Sylva; Ralph Ashe, Argura; J. O. Parkes, Sylva; W. H. Conley, Sylva; Mrs. Helen Stovall, Sylva; T. E. Lusk, Glenville; Tom Fisher, Sylva RFD; Thad Reed, Sylva; William Brown, Dillsboro; W. R. Atchley, Whittier; Guy Bryson, Glenville; Arthur Jentry, Glenville; Berlin C. Buchanan, Greens Creek; Andy Edwards, Webster; John T. Jones, Balsam; Mrs. Harry Ferguson, Sylva; Joe W. Davis, Sylva; Grady Saunders, Whittier; R. C. Hunter, East LaPorte; J. D. Bently, Glenville.

### SECOND WEEK—

Mrs. Lucy Bell Tatham, Dillsboro; Sam R. Fisher, Glenville; Mrs. Chester Scott, Sylva; Lloyd Hooper, Tuckasegee; D. C. Picklesimer, Cashiers; John Wood, Tuckasegee; E. G. Lombard, Cashiers; M. D. Bradley, Cashiers; Boyd Martin, Cullowhee; Fred Beasley, Sylva; Walter Sutton, Whittier RFD; J. C. Patterson, Dillsboro; I. E. Franklin, Sylva; T. A. Dillard, Jr., Cashiers; Kim Nations, Whittier RFD; W. J. Queen, Wolf Mountain; Hamilton Bryson, Greens Creek; Bragg Allison, Greens Creek; J. T. Sheppard, Sylva; W. J. Galloway, Wolf Mountain; Fred Barnes, Sylva; G. C. Cope, Greens Creek; Lee Bumgarner, Sylva; and Sam Deitz, Webster.

All our friends to come and be with us, especially all former pastors and members of the church. "Come thou with us an dwe will do thee good."

SOSSAMON'S . . . IN SYLVA

## Farmers Co-oderative Buys Sylva Feed Store, A. L. Southard, Manager

### FOREST RANGERS HOLDING ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Sylva headquarters of D-9 of the North Carolina Forest Service are holding their annual training conference at Wilson Lick Ranger Station on Wayah Bald this week. Charles C. Pettit, Jr., District Forester, is in charge of training, assisted by Ranger Mack Ashe; Fire Wardens, Charles Evans, of Jackson, J. Fred Bryson, Macon, Ernest Burnett of Cherokee, and Wayne Ayers, Graham county.

Other county wardens attending are: Dover Dean, Swain; Eldridge Caldwell, Haywood; Frank Morgan, Transylvania, and Arthur Moore, of Clay. Several townmen and smokechasers, personnel of the Nantahala Forest, Smoky Mts. National Park, the TVA and N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission, are attending as guests.

The training conference began this morning and extends through Friday afternoon. The purpose of the meeting is to bring all personnel up to the latest developments and receive information on the training of fire fighting personnel.

### SUTTON RITES HELD SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Funeral services for Julius L. Sutton, 66, who died suddenly Friday evening while talking to friends on the roadside near his home, were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Dillsboro Baptist church. The Rev. B. S. Hensley, the Rev. C. C. Welch, the Rev. Harvey Stambery and the Rev. W. N. Cook officiated. Burial was in the Locust Field cemetery.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Wayne Cooper of West Asheville, Mrs. C. H. Green of Canton, and Mrs. Stanley Riddle of West Asheville; four sons, Ossie L. Sutton, chief of police of Morganton, Avery Sutton of Dillsboro, C. B. Sutton, of the U. S. army and Grover Sutton of Savannah, Ga.

Average planted to late summer cabbage is established to be 2,900 acres, or -5 percent less than the 3,400 acres in 1946 and 36 percent below the 1936-45 average.

## SYLVA VETS RETURN FROM CONVENTION

The four veterans from Sylva, who attended the 29th American Legion convention in New York last week, returned to Sylva Tuesday afternoon. They were: Dexter Hooper, D. M. Tallent, Joe C. Fisher, and Felix Picklesimer. W. T. Martin, of Bryson City, accompanied this group to New York and returned with them. He and Mr. Picklesimer were stationed in the Empire city with Naval post-office forces during the war.

The group attended church services at the Marble Collegiate church on 5th Avenue and 29th street Sunday morning and heard Rev. Dr. Frederick Brown Harris of the Fourth Methodist church, Washington, D. C., who was filling the pulpit for Dr. Norman Vincent Peal, who was away on vacation. After service a number of members of Marble Collegiate, along with some of the hostesses that helped entertain the service men during the war, got together at a dinner meeting and discussed the possibility of a home-coming to be held in New York during the month of May. No definite plans were made at this time.

The legionnaires report a wonderful time at the convention.

## Many Problems Face Park Development, Press Told

"The problem of expanding development of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is a much larger problem than most people realize," Charles E. Ray, chairman of the North Carolina National Park, Forest and Parkway Development commission told members of the Western North Carolina Press Association in Asheville Saturday night.

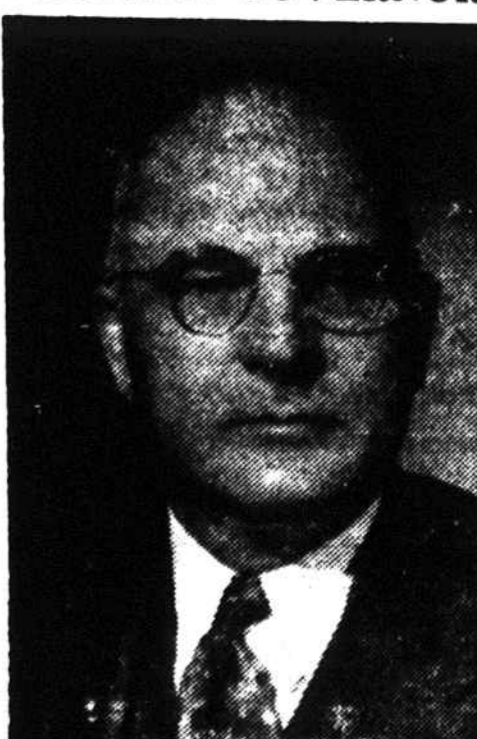
Mr. Ray, business man and civic leader of Waynesville, discussed the several agencies charged with the different phases of the park development program, and the vast amount of work necessary to get sufficient appropriations necessary to complete the project.

As a prelude to Mr. Ray's talk, Senator William Medford, author of the bill which was passed in the 1947 legislature, explained the purpose of the measure, and the mechanics of the commission.

Mr. Ray explained the increased interest in the National Forests in this section, and the many facilities that have been added for tourists within the forests. "The forests are now attracting almost as many people as the Park, which means we have two great assets in recreational areas within Western North Carolina," Mr. Ray explained.

The speaker touched briefly on the present status of the Blue Ridge Parkway, and the possibility for work being resumed within the near future on some sections.

### ROTARY GOVERNOR



MACON WILLIAMS, of Lenior governor of the 194th district of Rotary International, made his official visit to the Sylva club Tuesday evening. Governor Williams is visiting all the clubs in this area on this trip. The visiting official's address was on Rotary as a service club and the part the more than 300,000 members are playing in world affairs today. He was introduced by President Delos Hooper.

A boll weevil will lay on the average of 6.4 eggs per day. The maximum number that one will lay is 33.

### Stockholders To Benefit According To Amount of Purchase Made In Year

The Jackson County Farmers Cooperative, offspring of a similar state-wide organization, but an individual cooperative as far as the local stockholders are concerned, which began operation here about a year ago, has through its president, Stedman Mitchell, announced the purchase of the Sylva Feed store, located on Mill street in Sylva. The deal was completed as of September 1st, and the former owner, of the feed store, Mr. A. L. Southard, will be manager of the cooperative.

President Mitchell stated Tuesday that the cooperative will handle feeds, seeds, fertilizer, groceries, and other supplies for farmers. The profits of the cooperative, he said, would be paid to the stockholders at the end of the year, and the amount the individual stockholder will receive will be based on the volume of business he did with the organization.

The training conference began this morning and extends through Friday afternoon. The purpose of the meeting is to bring all personnel up to the latest developments and receive information on the training of fire fighting personnel.

Mr. Mitchell asked that stockholders buy at the price of the feed store so that they can be given credit for their purchase when division of profits are made. The board of directors of the cooperative are: Stedman Mitchell, chairman; Dennis Higdon, Robert Holden, Blaine Nicholson, Crawford Shelton, V. C. Buchanan, J. B. Coats, Walter Ashe, Lyman Stewart, Lee Bumgarner, and Ralph Hunter.

Mr. Hunter, Mr. Higdon and Mr. Shelton were the purchasing committee. This store is to be owned and operated by the Farmers of Jackson county, Mr. Mitchell stated. Any farmer interested in becoming a stockholder should see one of the board members or the manager.

### School Children Enjoy Traffic Safety Show

Several hundred Sylva school students and patrons of the school enjoyed the traffic safety show given by Officer Pressley, of the Charlotte police force, and his trained dogs. The Charlotte office gave two performances, one at 11 a. m. and another at 2 p. m. on Tuesday in the elementary building. The performance by the dogs was quite entertaining as well as containing a lesson in rules for safety in traffic. The show is sponsored in North Carolina by the N. C. State Automobile Club and does not cost anything in the schools in which it plays. Officer Pressley goes only where he is invited by the local police departments. He was invited to come to Sylva by Chief of Police Karl Warlick and the Lions Club.

Through the efforts of Officer Pressley thousands of school children have become members of Junior Safety leagues throughout the country, as he and his show receive many invitations from other states.

### HOSPITAL NEWS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dillard of Sylva a son on Sept. 2. A son was born on Aug. 31 to Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Miller of Cullowhee. On August 29 a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nave of Franklin. Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Johnson of Bryson City a son on September 3. Miss Ethel Howard of Bryson City is in for treatment. Mr. Buel Green of Alarka is doing nicely following an appendectomy. Mrs. Ruby Crisp of Almond, appendectomy patient. Billy DeHart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Coburn DeHart of Bryson City is in for treatment. Mrs. Mikael Strong has recently been employed by the hospital staff as floor supervisor. Miss Freda Fisher, after an absence of six weeks, is back on duty at the hospital as nurse's aide.

## Calendar of Events

- THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4—The Dillsboro Masonic lodge will meet in the Masonic hall, Dillsboro at 7:30 p. m. Ed Bumgarner, W.M.
- FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5—The regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held in the Chamber of Commerce office in Lloyd hotel at 7:30 p. m. Felix Picklesimer, president.
- MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8—The Wesleyan Service guild will meet with Mrs. Venoy Reed at 7 p. m. Mrs. Gudger Fortner, president.
- MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8—The Gay Nell Murray circle will meet with Mrs. Harry Ferguson at her home at 7:30 p. m.
- MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8—The Woodmen of the World will meet in the W.O.W. hall at 7:30 p. m. Jeff Hedden, council commander.
- TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9—The Sylva Rotary club will have its dinner meeting at 7 p. m. in Allison building. Dr. D.-D. Hooper, president.
- WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10—The Lions club will have its dinner meeting in the high school cafeteria at 7:30 p. m. T. Walter Ashe, president.
- WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10—Oce Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star will meet in the Masonic hall Dillsboro, at 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Harry Ferguson, W.M.
- WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10—The Annie Cowan circle will meet in Allison building at 3 p. m. Mrs. Dan Moore, chairman.
- WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10—The Woman's Missionary society of the Baptist church will meet with Mrs. W. E. Campbell at 3 p. m.
- THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11—The Twentieth Century club will have its first meeting of the fall at 3 p. m. The place will be announced later.