

## County Election Board Calls For Vote On Beer and Wine

### Higdon Elected Chairman of Jackson AAA Committee At Annual Convention Dec. 3

#### County Committees Named For Townships On December Second

The Jackson county AAA Convention was held in the AAA office in Sylva on December 3 with fifteen delegates present who elected the county committee to serve Jackson county during 1948. The AAA committee elected includes: D. C. Higdon, of Sylva, chairman; Blaine Nicholson, of Cowarts, vice chairman; C. P. Shelton, of Whittier, regular member; J. Lyman Stewart, of Norton, first alternate; Carl Higdon, of Gay, second alternate.

The newly elected committee elected Mrs. Ellen N. Corbin as chief clerk and secretary, and Miss Agnes A. Wilson, treasurer of the association.

#### COMMUNITY COMMITTEES

Community committees elected on December 2nd in the fifteen communities of the county are as follows:

Barkers Creek — J. T. Jones, Arthur Brooks, Frank C. Greene, G. L. Jones and John O. Bumgarner.

Qualla — W. T. Gass, Frank Kinsland, Fred Ferguson, Robert Varner, and Hayes Reagan.

Caney Fork — Wayne Lovedahl, Bass Hooper, Vernon Massingale, C. H. Wood, and Davis Hooper.

River — Fred Smith, J. C. Millsaps, Albert Jackson, D. Denton and Roy Tritt.

Canada — Mitchell Melton, M. L. Galloway, Lewey Broom, Vess Harris, G. C. Wood.

Cullowhee — John Phillips, Robert Shelton, Clinton Hooper, Frank Bryson, Zemie Dills.

Sylva — T. C. Bryson, Sr., Lee Bumgarner, F. E. Parker, Walter Cope and Thomas R. Hooper.

Dillsboro — Boyd Brown, J. C. Patterson, E. B. Monteth, Frank Jacobs, and Lewis Cochran.

Webster — Frank Cole, W. T. Ashe, Charley Frizzell, Paul Cowan and George Rogers.

Scotts Creek — L. M. Crisp, J. D. Mills, B. N. Hoyle, J. M. Blanton, and A. L. Keener.

Savannah — Frank Hyatt, Zeb McLain, Homer Jones, Ferry Buchanan and Joe Bishop.

Greens Creek — J. B. Wetmore, Gold Green, Dearnle Ashe, Howell Green and Felix Hall.

Hamburg — J. L. Cooper, John D. Davis, Fred A. Bryson, Frank D. Bryson, and M. V. Breedlove.

Mountain — W. C. Moody, W. A. Crawford, A. C. Edwards, Ernest Bumgarner, and Orville Henderson.

### Sylva Women Sing In Asheville Concert

Miss Alice Weaver, Mrs. Paul Ellis, Mrs. Robert Allison and Mrs. B. E. Gray were in Asheville Sunday for the singing of "The Messiah" at the Baptist church. Miss Weaver, Mrs. Ellis and Mrs. Allison took part in the concert and Mrs. Gray went over to hear it. The crowd which filled the church to overflowing, was very enthusiastic over the beautiful rendition of this composition.

### Committee Appointed To Serve Cullowhee Veterans Farmers Training Program

Mr. W. T. Brown, director of the Cullowhee Veteran Farmers Training program has named C. A. Hoyle, principal of Cullowhee High school, Blaine Nicholson, of Cowarts, and R. M. Bryson of Cullowhee as a committee to assist in this work.

The purpose of the committee is to assist in an advisory capacity. A meeting was held Saturday, December 6, at which time the committee helped to select new trainees to begin the program January 1. Those selected were notified and interviewed by the committee and given instructions on the regula-

### CARRINGER SINGS WITH INTERRACIAL SINGERS AND IS CHURCH SOLOIST

Walter Carringer of Murphy, a student at Columbia University, New York City, is doing some extra curricular singing while attending college. He is soloist for the John Hall Memorial Presbyterian church at the Sunday morning services. He will sing there in the Christmas program on the 21st, prior to coming home for the Christmas holidays, to visit his mother, Mrs. Ruth Carringer.

Carringer also is a member of the New York Interracial Singers with whom he has appeared in concerts three times since going to New York. The singers were scheduled to give a concert at Town Hall last Thursday. On October 19 the group sang at the Freedom House dinner honoring Secretary of State George C. Marshall; on Nov. 15, with the New Rochelle Symphony Orchestra, and on Nov. 26, at Carnegie Hall.

Prior to entering Columbia Mr. Carringer was a voice student of Mrs. Charles G. Gulley of the music department of Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee.

### Jackson Bank Official Returns From Hospital

Friends of R. L. Ariail, Executive vice president, of the Jackson County Bank and the Highland's Bank, will be glad to know that he has recovered sufficiently to return to his home and office. Mr. Ariail spent almost three weeks in Mission hospital in Asheville for treatment. He returned to Sylva last Thursday, and stated that he is feeling much better and expects to be back at his desk regularly in the near future.

### Baptist Sunday School Convention To Meet Sunday At 2:30 P. M.

The Tuckasee Baptist Sunday School Convention will hold its December meeting Sunday the 14th at Jarrett Memorial church in Dillsboro, beginning at 2:30 in the afternoon.

The program is as follows: 2:30 Song and devotional. 2:45 Secretary's report. 2:55 Some Problems of our Sunday school by Rev. Gordon Scruggs, pastor of the Lovedale church. 3:30 Adjourn.

All Sunday schools in the Association are urged to send delegates to this convention.

### Baptist Choir To Present "The Choir Of Bethlehem"

The Choir of the Sylva Baptist Church will render the beautiful Christmas Cantata, "The Choir of Bethlehem" by Noel Benson, on Sunday, Dec. 21, at 7:30 P. M. A very kind invitation is extended to all to come with us.

### SAINTA TO MAKE HIS ANNUAL VISIT TO DILLSBORO ON 19TH

Will Arrive At 4:30 P. M. With Pack Of Gifts For Children Of District

All children, even to the tiniest, of the Dillsboro School district are invited to be at the vacant lot opposite Jarrett Springs hotel and Allison Brothers Service Station at 4:30 p. m. December 19 to meet Old Santa Claus when he is scheduled to make his visit with his pack filled with gifts and goodies for the children. A community Christmas tree will be decorated for the occasion.

The Sylva high school band, under the direction of Mr. Beacham, will herald Santa's arrival. He is happy that his good friends of the community have made it possible for him to come to Dillsboro.

The public is cordially invited to come and join in singing Christmas carols and enjoy the pleasure with the children.

### Chamber of Commerce Elects Directors For Coming Year

A return of the ballots mailed to members of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce for the election of a new board of Directors for 1948 resulted in the following men being elected: W. C. Hennessee, Woody Hampton, Boyd Sossamon, Ralph Sutton, Rudy Hardy, Dexter Hooper, Grayson Cope, W. J. Fisher and Frank Hall.

The ballots were tabulated on December 3. The new officers will take over on January 2, 1948 at a joint meeting with the old board.

### CRAWFORD TELLS PTA MEMBERS OF LUNCHROOM NEEDS

Elementary Building In Dangerous Condition, State Inspector Says

The Sylva Parent Teacher association had its first evening meeting on Tuesday evening in the elementary school auditorium with Mrs. W. L. Jones presiding. These evening meetings are held at stated intervals to give the fathers a chance to come and take part in the parent teacher work. A large number of both fathers and mothers as well as the teachers and other interested persons were present.

During the business hour Mr. Crawford, principal of the high school, told of the critical situation now being faced by the lunch room. Many who have been receiving free lunches and need this one not nourishing meal each day, have been cut off and the list is going to have to be cut again unless some provision can be made to take care of this emergency.

Mr. W. V. Cope, principal of the elementary school reported on the inspection of the building by a state inspector two weeks ago. He says that the building is a very dangerous trap for children to go to school in. The citizens of Sylva and Jackson county must in the near future provide some way for new buildings at Sylva and other places where they are badly needed.

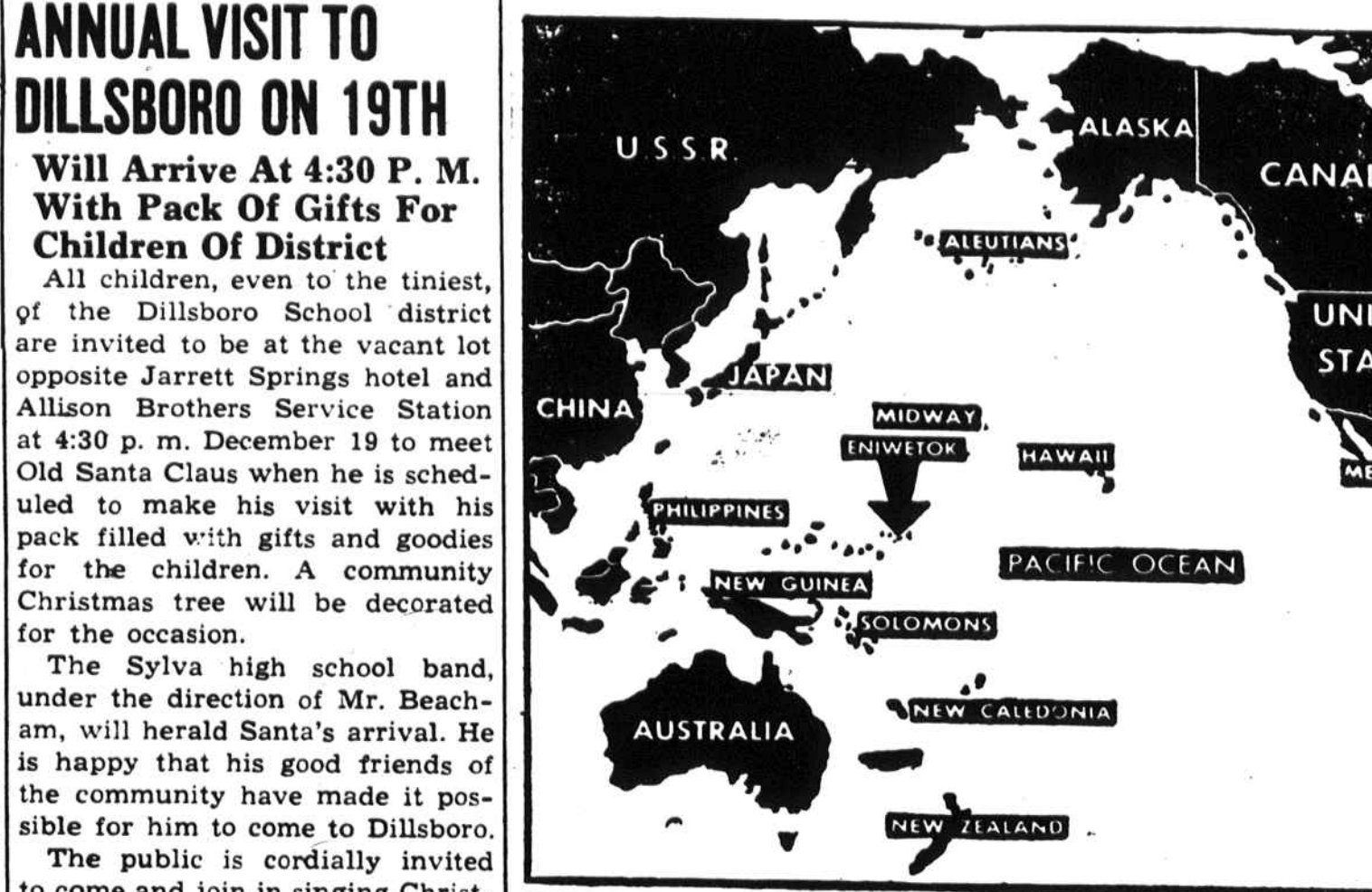
Mr. Beacham and a part of the band and several girls from the glee club presented a musical program of Christmas songs. Mr. Beacham sang by request, "Gesù Bambino".

The meeting was then turned over to Mrs. Ferguson, cub scout chairman, and Mr. Avery Means, scout executive, who had charge of the second phase of the meeting, that of perfecting the organization of the cub scout pack.

The last of six public deer hunts sponsored by the North Carolina Division of Forestry and Parks on the Bladen Lakes State Forest will be held on Tuesday, December 13.

BOSSAMON'S . . . The Gift Store

### SITE OF NEW ATOMIC BOMB BASE



THE UNITED STATES Atomic Energy Commission has announced construction of a secret "proving ground" for atomic weapons on the South Pacific Eniwetok Atoll. The island is shown in map above and closeup at left. It was chosen because it has only 145 inhabitants. Also, winds would carry radioactive particles toward open sea. Preparations are reported underway for explosion of "bigger" bombs. (International)

### SYLVA CUB PACK IS ORGANIZED AT PTA MEETING TUESDAY

With 20 Boys Joining Puts Daniel Boone Council In Lead

The organization of the first cub scout pack in Sylva was perfected Tuesday evening in the Sylva Elementary school auditorium and the four den chiefs selected from the junior scouts presented their respective packs, introduced them by name and had them to demonstrate some of the work they had to do before they could become Bobcats, the first rank in cub scouting. Other ranks to be worked for are Wolf, Bear, Lion and then become real scouts at the age of 12.

This meeting was held jointly with the regular monthly meeting of the Parent Teacher association, at the close of which the president, Mrs. W. L. Jones, presented Mrs. Harry Ferguson, chairman of the cub scout committee. After a few explanatory remarks she recognized each man and woman and the scouts who have accepted places of responsibility in connection with the cub scout work.

Britton Moore will serve as cub master and Thomas C. Wilson will be assistant. The Cub Committee is composed of Charlie Reed, Chairman, Lawrence Reed, Paul Kirk, Mrs. J. H. Gillis and Mrs. D. D. Hooper, Jr. The Den Dads and mothers are Mr. and Mrs. John W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Barton Cope and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kirk. The Den chiefs are scouts Dicky Barkeley, Lambert Hooper, Franklin Frick and Tommy Ferguson.

Avery Means, field executive of the Daniel Boone Council, was present and had charge of the remainder of the program. The charter was signed by the different officials and by the boys and has been sent to New York for ratification and will be returned to Sylva some time in January.

Mr. Means stated that by Sylva having 20 boys to join the cubs at this time again puts Daniel Boone council in the lead in the nation in increase in membership. This is the 18th year that this mountain district has had this honor.

The cub scout pack is sponsored by the Sylva Woman's club and their president, Miss Hicks Wilson, signed the charter for this group. The committee from the club, Mrs. Harry Ferguson, chairman, Mrs. C. E. Thompson and Mrs. W. L. Jones, deserve much credit for their work in getting the cub pack organized.

### FREEDOM TRAIN TO PASS NEAR SYLVA

People of Sylva and Jackson county will have first chance to visit the Freedom Train this week. The Train will be nearest when it exhibits in Greenville, S. C. Saturday, December 13.

The Freedom Train is a historical exhibition of documents, records, and pictographs portraying the founding and growth of our American democracy. This exhibit is a wonderful opportunity for our American youth to become acquainted with the great fundamental principles of freedom, democracy, social equality, and government. It is a proven fact that what one sees makes a greater impression than what one reads, therefore, this is a great opportunity to teach the public, the average American citizen, a far-reaching lesson in American history from the time of the early settlers to this present post-war era.

Following is the Train's partial schedule for the second quarter of its run: December 12, Spartanburg, S. C.; December 13, Greenville, S. C.; The Train is scheduled for Atlanta, Ga. January 2 and Chattanooga, Tenn. January 3, enroute to the West Coast. The Train's first appearance in California will be at San Diego, on February 22, George Washington's birthday.

On the Freedom Train's return trip from the West Coast, it will exhibit in Asheville on September 1, 1948, arriving from Knoxville, and departing for Danville, Virginia.

Presbyterian Have Family Night And Supper Meeting

Members of the Sylva Presbyterian church, their families, and invited friends met at the Community house last Friday evening for their first family night meeting since the organization recently began its regular activities. After having supper the group, seated in a large semicircle in front of a cherry fire in the large open fire place, sang Christmas songs. Miss Alice Weaver and Mr. N. R. Beacham directed the singing.

Those Wishing High School Annual Must Make It Known By 19

Professor W. H. Crawford, of Sylva High school, has announced that all persons wishing one of the 1947-48 high school annuals must let it be known by December 19, as orders close on this date in order that the publishers may reserve proper amount of cover stock for the Sylva annual.

### People Of County To Vote On Question In Special Election To Be Held On February 3

#### DRIVE ON FOR BAND FUND OF \$5,000.00 FOR UNIFORMS, ETC.

The annual drive for funds for Sylva high school band got off to a good start last Wednesday afternoon following a parade and concert by the band. Final plans for the drive were made at a meeting of the band committee held in the Allison building November 25, with Mrs. Grover Wilkes, chairman, presiding.

The committee seeks a fund of \$5,000.00 to carry on the work during the summer months and to buy uniforms and instruments. The committee feels that this fund will put the band well on its feet and that it will become self supporting in the future.

The committee reports splendid success so far but the goal has not been reached. Any person wishing to contribute to the fund can leave it with Mr. W. J. Fisher, treasurer, at Jackson County Bank.

The law giving the Board the right to call such an election is contained in the General Statutes of North Carolina for 1947, same being duly set forth and defined in Chapter 1084 thereof.

Jackson county has been one of the dry counties of the state, with sales of beer and wine prohibited until about a year ago when retailers, wishing to operate under existing state laws contested the county Board of Commissioners' refusal to issue license and won in the superior court. Since that time off-premises sale of beer in cases has been flourishing in small dives all over the county. It is for doing away with this kind of traffic that the people of the county have demanded the election.

### 800 HEAR KEMPS IN RECITAL AT WESTERN CAROLINA

About 800 students and guests attended a recital given by Mrs. John Kemps, soprano, of Enka, at Western Carolina Teachers college Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Kemps was accompanied by Mr. Robert A. Carroll, Asheville pianist.

Mrs. Kemps' program, heartily applauded by her audience, consisted of "Lieder" songs in German and French, as well as some American songs.

Mrs. Kemps was born and reared in Europe, where she received her vocal training. She studied with several famous teachers and did a considerable amount of concert and oratorio work. She was the first person to be invited to sing over Radio Helvernium, Holland's largest station.

She came to the United States in 1929. She now teaches voice production and Lieder singing to a limited number of pupils.

### Sgt. Buchanan Joined By Family In Korea

A Sylva man, T-Sgt. Delonas W. Buchanan, currently serving with the United States Army Forces in Korea, is a member of the 225th Auto Maintenance Company, 61st Group, as motor sergeant of the 87th Battalion motor pool, was joined recently by his wife and son.

T-Sgt. Buchanan has been in the Army since 1934, and previously served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater between the period of 1941-43, and the European Theater from 1943 to 1945. He arrived in Korea in November 1946.

### Sylva Band Plays At Savannah

Band director N. R. Beacham and the Sylva band were guests last Friday of the Savannah school. At 11 o'clock the band put

on a concert for the school. Then Mr. Beacham told something of each different instrument and of its work in the band. The Sylva group was served in the school cafeteria before returning to Sylva.

### Sylva Takes On Christmas Holiday Air As Lights Go On

With the turning on of the colored street lights this week Sylva has taken on a definite Christmas air, and the holiday spirit is becoming more noticeable each day with busy shoppers hustling from store to store picking out gifts for the entire family.

Sylva began lighting Main street with the colored lights and the big star in the cupola of the courthouse some years before the war, being one of the most attractively lighted towns in Western North Carolina. This custom was abandoned during the war in compliance with the order for conservation of power for war industries. After the war the lights were again turned on to the delight of all our citizens.

The lights zigzag back and forth across the street, with the parallel lines up the courthouse steps, climaxed with the big star at top of courthouse, make a beautiful sight and a definite impression on all visitors and strangers passing through Sylva early in the evening and night.

### Last Rites Held For Pfc. Coggins

Funeral rites for Pfc. Woodrow Coggins, whose body was returned from overseas, were held Friday afternoon, December 5, at 2:00 o'clock at the Double Springs Methodist Church, with the Rev. H. M. Moody and Rev. George Webb officiating.

Pfc. Coggins was born August 8, 1925, and entered the service December 15, 1943. He served about eleven months in the infantry and was killed in action in Germany on November 6, 1944, a short time after his arrival overseas. He was 19 at the time of his death.

Surviving him are the mother, Mrs. Ethel Coggins; three brothers, Vernon, Vaughn and Weaver Coggins of Erastus; five sisters, Mrs. Fred Bryson, Mrs. James Moss, Misses Brona Lee and Moqueta Coggins of Erastus and Miss Edna Coggins of Central, South Carolina.

Pallbearers were Henry A. Moody, Haven Bryson, Wood Franks, Raymond Coggins, Marvin Henson, and Lawton Coggins, cousins of Pfc. Coggins.

Interment was in Double Springs cemetery with the W. E. Dillard Post, American Legion in charge of the graveside rites. Final taps were played at the graveside rites.

### Committee Appointed To Serve Cullowhee Veterans Farmers Training Program

At this time it was brought out that each trainee must spend his full time on the farm, must have complete control of the operation of the farm, and the farm must be of such size and quality that the veteran can make a reasonable living under normal conditions upon the completion of his training program.

Each man will be signed up for four years training if he has that much entitlement. A veteran is allowed two years training for one year's service with a maximum of four years.