

THE SYLVA HERALD

Published By THE HERALD PUBLISHING COMPANY Sylva, North Carolina The County Seat of Jackson County J. A. GRAY and J. M. BIRD Publishers PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY

Entered at the post office at Sylva, N. C., as Second Class Mail Matter, as provided under the Act of March 3, 1879, November 20, 1914.

Table with 2 columns: Subscription Rates, Price. Rows include One Year, In Jackson County (\$2.00), Six Months, In Jackson County (1.25), One Year, Outside Jackson County (2.50), Six Months, Outside Jackson County (1.50).



CONGRATULATIONS, NEIGHBOR

We extend hearty congratulations to our neighbor across the Cowee, Mr. Weimar Jones, editor of the Franklin Press, on his award recently received for the best editorial for 1947 in a class of non-daily papers.

The people of Macon County are to be congratulated in that they have Mr. Jones as editor and publisher of their local newspaper. The Press is one of the best weekly newspapers of North Carolina and we are proud that it is located here in our beautiful hills.

BOY SCOUT WEEK

The Herald extends hearty congratulations and best wishes to the boy scouts of Sylva and vicinity on the occasion of their thirty-eighth anniversary in which they are joining with the 68,500 troops, including 2,120,000 boys of the world in special celebration February 6 through the 12th.

Fourteen million boys have become members of this fine organization since it was first established in 1910 and no doubt but what a great per cent of them made better men and citizens for having received this training.

All Sylva is proud of the 72 boys making up the membership of the cubs, Scouts and senior scouts of the Sylva troops. These boys and their leaders are carrying on a great work of building better citizens for tomorrow and, if they live up to and practice the things included in their theme for 1948, they will have made a great contribution to themselves and to their community and the world.

The theme for the year is: "The Scout Citizen at Work . . . in his home . . . in his community . . . in his nation . . . in his world."

We also highly commend the leaders of the various scout organizations for their unselfish giving of their time and energies. Theirs is a work whose worth cannot be estimated. They are helping to mold character. What finer contribution can one make than that of helping mold the conduct and ambitions of the boys of today for the men of Tomorrow!

NOT A BRIGHT PICTURE

The students of Western Carolina Teachers College and members of the Sylva Rotary Club have been privileged to sit in on some splendid addresses during the past few days in which many interesting topics have been presented. The speaker on these occasions has been Dr. James B. Ficklen, Presbyterian minister of Charlotte. In his talk before the Rotary club members Tuesday night Dr. Ficklen chose for his topic, "One More River to Cross," and told how we sometimes attempt to cross this riven on inadequate bridges.

During his discussion he referred occasionally to his experiences in Europe, while a Chaplain in General Patton's Third Army, to illustrate a point. We sometimes have to cross a river on a bridge that is not adequate. But we HAVE to cross, adequate bridge or not, in the best way we can. Life is like that," said Dr. Ficklen.

"With the coming of atomic energy," declared Mr. Ficklen, "we are on the verge of the most wonderful world we could dream of, or of complete annihilation. The people of the world must choose

INSIDE WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON—Henry A. Wallace's decision to run for president on an independent "peace" ticket not only threatens President Truman's chances but the chances of two GOP presidential possibilities.

The two are Gov. Tom Dewey of New York and Gen. Dwight Eisenhower.

Veteran political observers believe that Dewey supporters will desert to Ohio's Senator Robert A. Taft in the belief that Taft, with the Democratic vote split, can win the election.

These erstwhile Dewey supporters had felt that only the New York governor could muster enough votes to beat a solid Democratic front, although privately they preferred Taft.

In the case of Eisenhower, the belief prevails that to some extent the general would be open to attacks that a vote for a military man in the White House might play into Wallace's hands and be interpreted as a vote toward war.

Wallace's candidacy seems certain to split the New York state vote wide open and hand the 47 electoral votes to the Republican nominee.

The late President Roosevelt carried New York in 1940 and 1944 on the strength of some 400,000 American Labor party votes and those of other independents who now probably will support Wallace.

California, with a split Democratic party, also appears certain to fall to the Republicans.

BIRD WITHOUT WINGS — The newly-independent Air Force is afraid it isn't legal.

The general counsel of the autonomous aviation branch created by Congress in the armed services merger admits that his organization's legality is open to question before the courts.

The constitution authorized an Army and Navy but the founding fathers never visioned anything as fantastic as a flying machine, and Congress in the merger legislation provided no independent authority for the Air Force.

Possible points of confusion: Suppose Maj. Gen. Bennett Meyers wants to know just who legally stripped him of his medals and his pension? Air Secretary Stuart Symington issued the order, but when Meyers was in service the Air Corps was run by the Army.

Suppose the Air Force attempts to collect from some war contractor it believes guilty of defrauding the government?

Suppose some private thrown in the guardhouse for going out on the town challenges the authority of his commanding officer?

Congress will have to do something about the situation in the way of an amendment creating the Air Force as a legal entity.

CASUALTY—The Senate Republican leadership is expected to put up only a token fight to continue the Senate war investigating committee—the one-time Truman committee—in its present form.

Democrats, fearful that the GOP will use the committee as a strident and accusing voice in the campaign, are lining up solidly against it.

The majority, painfully aware of the Howard Hughes fiasco, is disposed to wipe out the group and transfer its functions to a standing committee—probably the executive expenditures committee of which the Senate's ace investigator, Michigan's Homer Ferguson, is a member.

Ferguson led the war investigating group on to a strong comeback in the Benny Meyers case, but when extending the committee's life is under debate Democratic senators will be quick to recall the Hughes inquiry.

Best bet at the moment is that the Senate will end the famed committee next month and that Ferguson will carry on as head of an executive expenditures subcommittee, with Democrats seeing to it that he gets only a limited investigating staff.

between a more Christian way of life and utter destruction of our civilized, Christian society.

He told how Communism is encroaching upon the world and how it thrives best in devastated, hungry, chaotic lands. American's hope for combating this grave menace is in its immediate aid to the country, yet friendly to us. Delay may be too late, or a very costly method of preservation later on.

"RIDING HIGH"



CLIMBING mountains is more fun when you've a good horse handy. Senior Scouts (Boy Scouts past their 15th birthday) find the pack-train a useful adjunct to good camping.

1947 Was Good Year For Swine Breeding

The North Carolina Swine Breeders' Association conducted 16 purebred hog sales during 1947 and sold 354 hogs for \$36,257, according to Jack Kelley, Extension Swine specialist at State College.

Mr. Kelley stated that this was quite an increase over the 1946 sales when 136 hogs were sold for \$13,174.

The highest average received for purebred hogs during 1947 was obtained by breeders from Forsyth county when they consigned 11 hogs to the national sale at Centerville, Ind., the specialist said. These hogs sold for \$2,372, or an average of \$215.63 per head.

The Everyday Counsellor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

What are you carrying around in your hand, a handshake or a hammer? The Associated Press relates a story from Marion, Ind. where a 16-year-old boy was walking along carrying a heavy wrench. He came to railroad tracks where he saw a padlocked switch. He battered the lock off, threw the switch, then waited around to see what happened. Soon a train came along, ran into the open switch and was wrecked. The boy was apprehended by the police, and asked why he did it. He said, "I don't know. I just wanted something to do."

Many of us are like that boy. We walk along with a hammer in hand, waiting for something or someone to knock. The world is filled with wreckage caused by such an attitude.

A hammer can be a useful instrument in construction, but a vicious one in destruction. This boy's hammer, used viciously, caused a train wreck and the injury of three trainmen.

Once saw in an office this motto, "Come in without knocking, and go out the same way." Some people seem to take an unholy delight in "knocking" other people. The habit is vicious and downright destructive. It destroys happiness for all concerned. Unkind criticism even brings unhappiness into the heart of the critic. It destroys homes, churches, businesses, even nations themselves.

Many of you who read this are

suffering just now from the wounds inflicted by the unkind hammer-blows of criticism inflicted by others. Some of you don't feel too well about those hammer blows which you yourselves inflicted.

Throw that hammer away! It represents jealousy, bitterness, hate. It will contaminate you as well as injure those against whom you use it. As long as you carry it, you're going to be tempted to use it. If you aren't careful, you

are going to use it on those whom you really love—your wife, your husband, your children, your friends, your minister. You are going to wound those who are most ready to help you. You're going to need that help badly sometime, if you don't need it now. You may even find that the helper whom you desperately need has been driven away by blows of that hammer.

Throw that hammer away. Then extend that hand in greeting, friendship, encouragement. Remember that love is the most powerful force in the world—even stronger than hate.

While this bad weather is on, why not get ready for those busy planting days that will soon be here?

See Us For

INTERNATIONAL PHOSPHATE AND FERTILIZERS also SEEDS OF ALL KINDS

We have just received a new shipment of BUILDERS LIME

SYLVA COAL AND LUMBER CO. Phone 71 Sylva

Advertisement for Boy Scout Week. Features portraits of three boys in scout uniforms, a large fleur-de-lis logo with 'BE PREPARED' on a banner, and the text: 'BOY SCOUT WEEK FEBRUARY 6-12 On the thirty-eighth birthday of the Boy Scouts, we offer our sincere congratulations to America's largest youth organization. Its theme "Scouts of the World—Building for Tomorrow" signifies our hope and faith in the future . . . that of seeing a growing world citizenship built through the World Brotherhood of Scouting. This Advertisement In The Interest Of Scouting SPONSORED BY THE MEAD CORP. Sylva Division'.