

# FARMER OF THE WEEK

(By Carl C. Boyer)

I suppose all of us at times are prone to sit around and dream of the home we hope to some day own. Too many of us are content to build our castles in the air, in favor of knocking down to some good hard work, and make dreams realities. But, that certainly isn't always the case.

Consider, for example, John H. Ferguson of Whittier. I dropped around to see John and ramble about his new home just above Gateway.

The house is located on a gently rising hill with a clear view on either side. It is constructed with brick and finished on the inside with knotty pine, with oak flooring. The kitchen is equipped with a large electric range and the house contains all the latest modern conveniences, with the exception of the furnace which is yet to be installed.

When I asked John what success story was behind the building of his new home, he became very modest—modest to the point of being downright bashful.

But his modesty doesn't conceal the fact that some mighty hard work and hard earned savings went into the building of the new home.

John was born in Whittier and graduated from Sylva high school. During his school years he helped his daddy farm their large 200 acre farm. Upon graduation, he began farming for himself. And, through determination and hard work, he

began building for his own future. Beginning with a half dozen low grade cattle, John increased the herd to 15 head, including a registered, pure-bred, Hereford bull. John tells me that his beef cattle do well on the plain roughage, and has been recently feeding alfalfa.

In the way of farming, John, together with his father, raise about 500 bushels of corn and 250 bushels of potatoes, along with hay for the stock. The farm boasts 60 acres of cleared land and 140 acres of wood land.

At 22, John's farming activities were interrupted when he was called into the service. After serving 5 years in the medical corps as an ambulance driver he was discharged with the rank of corporal. And in 1945 the time of his discharge, he returned to farming.

Sometime later he married, built his home, and is now the proud papa of a 3 months old baby boy, which, we must readily agree, is quite an achievement for a man yet to see his 30th birthday.

The spotlight this week shines on a man of ability and determination. And we are proud to salute John H. Ferguson as our "Farmer of the Week".

In order that undesirable eggs, such as those containing blood spots, rots, and bloody whites, may not find their way to select markets, it is necessary that eggs be candled.

# John Parris, Noted War Correspondent Is WCTC Speaker

By Al Booze

Cullowhee — John Parris, Jr., noted Sylva war correspondent who was the only newsman to cover the United Nations from its inception in London in the early days of the recent war until its last general assembly session which ended last November, spoke to the student body and faculty members of Western Carolina Teachers college Tuesday afternoon. He talked of our relations with the Soviet Union and our policies toward that country.

"The Russians are a suspicious people," he said, "and the way we acted when our war with Japan ended and when we discovered the atomic bomb did not ease that suspicion."

He said that we were "too cocky" with the bomb; that we said to Russia and the world, in effect, "We have the bomb and you don't have it. What are you going to do about it?"

But our policy toward Russia has changed, Mr. Parris says. We are now getting tough with her, instead of just boasting. He has told her that there are limits beyond which she must not go, and have shown ourselves willing to back up our position.

"Most newsmen," declared Mr. Parris, "believe that this is the correct attitude for us, and that we should have adopted it sooner. Toughness is a language that Russia understands and respects."

Speaking on the chances of war with Russia, Mr. Parris said that at present Russia doesn't know just what we have, and we don't know just what she has. "And," he added, "as long as that situation continues, a war is unlikely."

Mr. Parris talked at some length of the situation in the Mediterranean area and the adjoining Near and Middle East.

"Our foreign policy is two-pronged," he said. "Western Europe is regarded as primarily an economic problem, but the Mediterranean is considered so strategically important that it overshadows Western Europe."

"Russia wants a foothold in the Mediterranean. Her demand for a base on the Dardenelles is still on the books. She should be able

to use that straight—but not control it, as she demands the right to do.

"To resist this demand Turkey is using half her total expenditures for defense—and will get \$100,000,000 from the United States.

"Our policy toward the Greek situation has changed from one of mere interest to one of giving outright advice on how to conduct a civil war."

The rich oil lands of the Near and Middle East are also a point of contention, he said, adding that some observers believe the real reason Russia voted with us for the partition of Palestine was to give her an opportunity should trouble arise there, to send in her troops along with ours, and then refuse to withdraw hers.

"The United States' position," Mr. Parris remarked, has caused people all over the country to ask, "Where are we going? What are we doing?" Many newsmen believe that our recent sending of 1,000 marines to the Mediterranean was not 'routine,' but was intended as a warning to Russia and her satellites.

"Each faction—us and Russia—is seeking to extend its influence. Britain had to give up her influential position in the Near East. Someone must fill the vacuum."

"The Atlantic and Pacific oceans are no longer barriers for us; isolation is no longer possible. We realize now that what happens in Iran is important to us. Having three or four thousand troops in a strategic place at a strategic moment can determine whether or not the place falls to Communist domination."

Mr. Parris, after telling of present American, British, and Russian forces in the Mediterranean and the East, said "Congress will soon decide upon how much to spend to lick Communism or to hold it within the Balkans."

"The present policy of the United States is to blunt the Russian spearhead aimed at the Mediterranean. If this policy works, everything will be all right in that theater. If it doesn't—your guess as to what will happen is at good as mine."

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# Western Carolina Wrestlers Bow To Appalachian 29-5

The Western Carolina Wrestlers dropped their second meet of the season to the powerful Appalachian State grapplers by a 29-5 score at Cullowhee Tuesday afternoon.

Bill "Pop" Goodson, Catamount heavyweight from Lincolnton, won the only match for his team as he pinned Appalachian's Bandy, also of Lincolnton, in 1:30 of the third period. Bandy outweighed Goodson 48 pounds, but that counted nothing as the pre-war Catamount star lashed into him and forced his shoulders to the mat for the count.

The other Appalachian grapplers proved to be too much for the Catamounts but did not run over them as had been expected.

The lineups:

	WC	AP
121—Jenneson, Appalachian, pinned Clayton, WCTC, in 2:45 of 1st period.	0	5
128 — Danev, Appalachian, outpointed Bird, WCTC, 7-0	0	3
136—Griffith, App., pinned Atkinson in 1:46 of 2nd	0	5
145—Sellers, App., outpointed Thames, 9-2	0	3
155—McLean, App., outpointed Garland 3-0	0	3
165—Tomick, App., won by injury forfeit over McCracken in 1st period	0	5
175—Harris, App., pinned Luquire in 2:25 of 2nd	0	5
Heavyweight—Goodson, WCTC, pinned Bandy, App., in 1:30 of 3rd period	5	0
	5	29

# Love's Chapel M. Y. F. To Have Easter Program

Plans are being made for the members of the Love's Chapel Methodist Youth Fellowship for an Easter program. They are planning to present the program in the six churches that make up the Webster charge, Love's Chapel, Webster, Wesleyanna, East LaPorte, Speedwell and John's Creek, on dates to be announced later.

Allocation of 13,200,000 pounds of meat and meat products for commercial export, largely to U. S. Government projects, the Philippines and the American Republics, during the January-March quarter of 1948 have been announced by the USDA.

# TUCKASEIGEE NEWS

Mr. J. F. Smith of Tuckaseigee has been sick for several days, but is improving.

Mrs. Mary Jane Hooper is improving after an illness at her home here.

Little Patsy Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edd Powell, of Tuckaseigee is ill at her home here. She has been confined to her bed for several months.

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