

Will Attend Rodeo At Stillwell, Okla.

J. T. Jones of Wilmot and Geo. Bradley of Beta left by automobile Tuesday for Stillwell, Okla., where they will attend a "Wild West" Rodeo which will be held in that city Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Following the Rodeo they will go on to points in Texas before returning home around August 1st.

The Last Run

Off-times I've heard its engine puff And labor up that long incline From Williets siding to the Gap Along the Murphy-Asheville line.

The load was but a baggage car, A coach for passengers like me, But still that grade was all too steep And whelily taxed its energy.

The echoes of its throbbing heart, Reverberating from the hill, Foretold its coming long before It hove in sight and whistled shrill.

And when at last it reached the crest, Its goal attained quite gloriously, And stopped abreast the station's door, The bell would ring victoriously.

For decades now it's been a part Of rugged mountain life and scene; To give to progress its full share Of service came to be routine.

Today that Southern Railway train, Is proudly making its last run; It yields to bus, and auto lines And airplanes too—its task is done.

No more we'll hear that engine puff Nor listen to that whistle shrill; That bell will ring no more for us, For decades more old men shall tell

The story of that railway train; The part it played to care for us This fair retreat from rough domain.

God grant me strength to serve as well My country and my fellowmen; And when my task on earth is done Just let me find like haven then

Written at Balsam Lodge, Balsam, North Carolina, July 14, 1948, by Paul Kunschik, of Miami, Fla.

Mr. Kunschik has been a visitor at Balsam Lodge each summer for the past several years, spending about a month at Balsam and Waynesville. He is engaged in the real estate business.

JACKSON FARM BRIEFS
W. T. Brown

Holmes and Marion Prince of the Caney Fork section have recently bought four head of purebred Devon cattle. This breed of cattle seems to be well suited to our mountain pasture. The Prince boys are on the Veterans Farm Training Program at Cullowhee and are very much interested in good livestock and in the growing of good feed crops.

Tom Moss, Jr., of Glenville, has gotten off to a good start on the farm he purchased last winter. He has a field of Sequoia potatoes that will probably produce at the rate of 300 bushels per acre of No. 1 potatoes. In addition, he has a two acre field of cabbage that is growing nicely and is practically free from worms due to the application of a 5% DDT dust. A nice job has been done repairing his home inside and the job will be done as soon as he can get it underpinned, and get his screens up. He plans to make his screens in the well-equipped shop of the Vocational Agricultural Department of Glenville High School.

Theodore Brooks of Glenville has indicated that he will plant one-half acre of strawberries next spring to see how well they are suited to his farm. He will probably plant the Midland which is one of the highest yielding varieties for this section. Anyone else wishing to secure plants of this variety may see me for the address.

Roy Bryson's crop seems to be recovering rapidly from damage of the recent hail storm. His cabbage and corn has put on new growth and his yield will probably not be reduced as much as thought previously.

GAY NEWS

Miss Juanita Woodard spent the week-end with her aunt, Mrs. Zelle Mashburn in Hazelwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn of Hazelwood spent the week-end with Mrs. Mashburn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Johnson, and other relatives. Mrs. May Bell Jones and little son Gene, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Mashburn to Hazelwood.

Mrs. Walter Wilson has been on the sick list but is able to be out again, her friends will be glad to learn.

Miss Kathleen Browning spent the week-end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ingle Cope.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barron were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Webb.

Mr. and Mrs. Vuca Hyatt of Franklin visited in the Gay community, Sunday.

Mrs. Ingle Cope is quite ill at her home.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Bishop regret to learn of their little daughter having been stricken with polio on last Wednesday.

Mrs. Mack Franks, who has been quite ill, is making some improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Johnson have announced the birth of a son, July 16, in the C. J. Harris hospital, Sylva.

Mrs. Bert Webb was the Sunday guest of Mrs. Walter Wilson.

Mrs. Fred Higdon visited Mrs. Ingle Cope, Sunday.

Members of the Zion Hill Baptist church met Sunday, July 18, for the purpose of electing officers for the new church year. The following were elected: pastor, Rev. Joe Bishop; S. S. superintendent, Leamon Woodard; church clerk, Lester Woodard; treasurer, George Collins; secretary, Lester Wilson; choir leader, Will Ridley.

EAST LA PORTE NEWS

Mrs. Clara Belle Jones of Chicago, Ill., spent last week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hooper.

Mrs. Davis Zachary and son, Ronnie, and Burke Zachary of Detroit, Mich. arrived Friday to spend two weeks visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Phillips of Cullowhee, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Felix Hooper.

Miss Eddie Ruth Churchwell of Morganton is spending a week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Churchwell.

Miss Beulah Wike of Franklin is spending her vacation here with her father, Mr. Lee Wike.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Harrison and two sons of Asheville and Miss Erma Barnes were here Sunday to attend the decoration of the Wike cemetery.

Pvt. McLuckie To Be Buried In Arlington

Mrs. Florence F. Buchanan has received word that the body of Pvt. Earl C. McLuckie, her grandson, has arrived in the States and will be buried in Arlington National cemetery, Friday, July 23. Pvt. McLuckie was killed in action near Cisterna, Italy, February 21, 1944.

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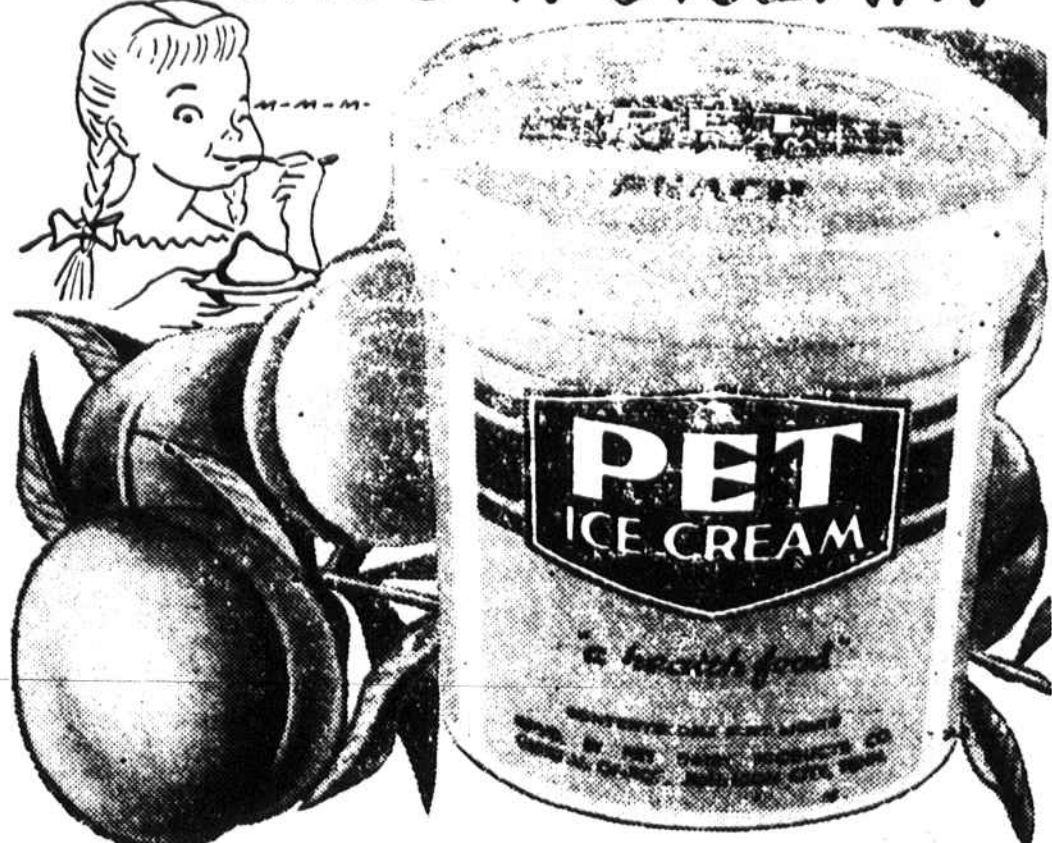
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