

Higdon Family Selected Jackson County's Master Farmers By State Group

Only 33 Families In State Win Coveted Title As Year's Work Reviewed

The Dennis C. Higdon Family has been selected Jackson County "Master Farm Family" by the Farm and Home Agents, Agriculture Teachers, Supervisor of Farmers Home Administration, District Forester, and Office of Production and Marketing Administration. This selection was made in accordance with data requested on a score card furnished by the Extension Service and The Progressive Farmer.

Extension Service of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia, in cooperation with The Progressive Farmer on a rotation system sponsor a "Master Farm Family" program. This year the "Master Farm Family" program goes to North Carolina. A farm family is selected in each County participating in the program. District and State Committees have checked score cards and farm and homes of nominees to make final district selection.

Quoted below is a joint letter received by the Dennis C. Higdon family from the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service and The Progressive Farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis C. Higdon Route No. 1 Sylva, North Carolina Dear Friends:

Out of more than 287,000 farmers in North Carolina, only thirty-three achieved the distinction that you and your family achieved this year.

That is to say, only thirty-three had the high distinction of being named as their county's nominee for the 1948 "Master Farm Family" award by the North Carolina Extension Service and The Progressive Farmer. Out of thirty-three nominees, only nine could be awarded this highest honor this year.

It was a very great honor that your family was one of the county nominees for the Master Farm Family distinction. We regret that being limited to nine awards this year you lacked a few points of getting into this top nine. The chief factor in making the selection was the well-rounded progress made by the family in (1) farming, (2) homemaking, and (3) citizenship. Most of the nominated families could qualify on one or

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Clubs To Hold Achievement Day October 24th

Achievement Day for Jackson County 4-H clubs and Home Demonstration Clubs has been set for October 23. The community building will be used to display all the exhibits. Speakers for the occasion have not been selected. Complete details for the day will be announced later, county club leaders announced.

All club members are urged to be preparing their exhibits.

American Legion Department Commander Will Visit Sylva

Joe W. Grier, the newly-elected commander of the American Legion, Department of North Carolina, will visit Sylva on Thursday, October 7, and will meet with the Legionnaires of this District at 8 o'clock in the evening of that date, according to an announcement released today by Dan Tompkins, District Commander. This is the first time in the long history of the local Legion Post that the Department Commander has visited Sylva. Mr. Tompkins stated, and it is anticipated that a large number of Legionnaires from Jackson, Macon, and Clay counties will come to Sylva for the event. The commanders of all posts in the district have been notified of the projected visit of the Department commander, and all members of the Legion in the District have been notified through their local post commanders to come to Sylva, meet the Department Commander,

SYLVA HIGH CLASS OFFICERS ELECTED

Sylva high school students got down to real study Monday morning and on Wednesday morning the classes had become organized and officers were elected as follows: Seniors—President, Robert Owen; Vice president, Marvin Allison; Secretary, Bledaee Parris; Treasurer, Betty Paxton. Cheer leaders, Betty Paxton and Joretta Monteith.

Juniors — President, Frank Crawford, Jr.; Vice president, Doris Whitaker; Sec.-treasurer, Carolyn Enslley; Cheer leader, Lillian Moore.

Sophomores—President, Mary Joe Nicholson; Vice president, Thornton Cabe; Sec.-treasurer, Carolyn Enslley; Cheer leader, Lillian Moore.

Freshman — President, Jean Nicholson; Vice president, Kenneth Sutton; Secretary, E. P. Stillwell; Treasurer, Frankie Fricks; Cheer leader, Revenna Queen.

The school lunch room opened last Friday and is now serving around 650 meals daily.

Mrs. Ben Col, wife of the band director, had been elected temporary teacher of English in place of Hayes Conner, who has resigned.

MRS. ASHE DIES IN WINSTON-SALEM

Mrs. Mary Morrison Ashe, 73, of Winston-Salem, Route 6, died at her home Monday, September 20th, at 4:10 p. m. She had been in declining health for a year and in critical condition for 10 days.

A daughter of William and Candis Casler Morrison, she was born in Macon County December 24, 1874, but spent most of her life in Jackson County. Last November she went to Winston-Salem to make her home with a daughter, Mrs. C. S. Miller.

She was a member of Old Savannah Baptist church in Jackson County, where funeral services were held at 11 a. m. Wednesday. Rev. Lawrence Crawford and Rev. R. W. Green officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

In 1899 she was married to Felix I. Ashe, who died in 1933. Surviving are four sons, Gerald and Thomas Ashe, both of Darrington, Wash., Pearl Ashe, of Sylva; and Zeb V. Ashe, of Winston-Salem; five daughters, Mrs. Gayzell Henson, Mrs. Clara Tomblin, both of Darrington, Wash., Mrs. Vivian Henson, of Cullowhee, Mrs. Blanche Miller, Route 6, Winston-Salem, and Miss Hixie, of Washington, D. C.; 20 grand-children; two great grand-children; one brother, Jim Morrison, of Franklin; three sisters, Mrs. Susie Potts, Mrs. Lucy Jacobs, both of Franklin, Mrs. Alice Morrison of Daytona Beach, Fla.

and join in welcoming him to the district.

At the meeting of William E. Dillard Post, last Friday night, Commander Fred Williams appointed a committee consisting of Sargeant Calhoun, Felix Picklesimer, and Dan Tompkins, to make arrangements for the entertainment of the Department Commander and the visiting Legionnaires from the other posts in the District. The program will include a speech by Department Commander Grier, and a social and get-together hour, at which refreshments will be served by the local post and auxiliary.

Commander Grier, a veteran of the Second World War, has been active in Legion affairs since his discharge from the service, and was elected Department Commander at the recent convention in Asheville. He is an attorney, and his home is in Charlotte.

MEETS HER 'FAVORITE AMERICAN'



JUST TO SHOW her "favorite American" that the farm girls of Georgia are good cooks, Miss Opal Faulkner, 17, Pine Park, Ga., presents Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower with some of her personally-canned peaches. Miss Faulkner was winner of a letter-writing contest held by a national farm magazine. The subject was "Who Is Your Favorite American?" Thousands of 4-H Club members took part. The youngsters chose Gen. Eisenhower and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt. Opal won a New York trip and a chance to meet her "favorite" at Columbia University. (International)

HIGHWAY FUND ADEQUATE TO FINANCE AMBITIOUS ROAD PROGRAM

Waynesville, Sept. 28—S. Gilmer Sparger, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Petroleum Industries Committee, said today before a dinner meeting of oil men from Swain, Macon, Haywood and Jackson Counties that available highway revenues are adequate to finance an ambitious road building program over the next three years, if used exclusively for road purposes.

Mr. C. V. Bell, Chairman of the Haywood County Petroleum Industries Committee, presided and introduced the speaker.

Mr. W. R. Enloe, Chairman of the local Committee, attended with a representative group of oil men from this county.

Speaking before this group, Mr. Sparger declared, "There will be available during the next three-year period for highway construction,

maintenance, debt service and administration, more than \$200,000,000. This figure is based on annual receipts from the State gasoline tax of \$41,000,000.00, motor vehicle registration fees of \$16,000,000.00 and Federal Aid of \$11,000,000.00. The only thing necessary is to make sure by appropriate legislation that these revenues are spent exclusively for road purposes. To do otherwise would not only be a travesty on good judgment and sound fiscal policy but a breach of trust with highway users who pay out annually millions of dollars in gasoline taxes and motor vehicle registration fees for better roads and highways."

"The average automotive tax bill," he continued, "amounting to more than \$100.00 per vehicle in North Carolina, is among the highest in the country. In fact, the motor vehicle owners in this State paid more on the average in state gasoline taxes, state motor vehicle fees, federal gasoline taxes and other federal excises during 1946 than in all except three other states throughout the nation. As compared with the average for the United States, the North Carolina average is about \$25.00 per vehicle per year higher.

"At the same time," Mr. Sparger concluded, "North Carolina citizens are less able to bear a heavy load of taxation than are citizens of most other states. This is shown by recently-complied Bureau of Census figures which show that North Carolina ranked 41st among the states in per capita income."

SANTEETLAH BEAR AND WILD BOAR HUNT DATES ANNOUNCED

Dates and special regulations for combined bear and wild boar hunts on the Nantahala National Forest have been established under cooperative agreement between the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission and the U. S. Forest Service, according to a joint announcement made by Executive Director Clyde P. Patton of the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission and E. W. Renshaw, Supervisor of the Nantahala National Forest.

The Santeetlah Wildlife Management Area, which lies in the Nantahala National Forest, will be divided into two units, and organized hunts will be conducted in these units on alternate two-day periods beginning October 18 and ending December 3. A total of 14 hunts will be organized, with seven two-day hunts in each of the area units. Hunting parties may not exceed 25 members, and each member will be allowed a limit of one boar and one bear during the two-day period.

Persons interested in participating in the Santeetlah hunts may write directly to the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina for full particulars and application forms. Applications will be accepted and drawings made by parties only. "Successful" applicants for the hunts will be determined at a public drawing to be held in the Chamber of Commerce, Asheville, on October 12. Drawings will be made by parties only, and names appearing on more than one party list will be disqualified.

Each application for a 25-person party must be accompanied by a check or money order in the amount of \$50.00, and this money will be returned in all cases where applications are unsuccessful.

FUNERAL RITES FOR JUDD STANBERRY HELD FRIDAY P. M.

Funeral rites for Judd Stanberry, 43, who died Wednesday afternoon of last week, were held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the East Sylva Baptist church, with the pastor, Rev. Ernest Jameson and the Rev. Thad F. Deitz, officiating. Interment was in Parris cemetery. The body lay in state at the church from 1 o'clock until the hour for the service.

Mr. Stanberry died from a knife wound in the heart, said to have been inflicted by Homer Green, on Sunday evening, September 19. Green has since been held in the Jackson County jail and now faces trial on a murder charge.

Active pallbearers were nephews of the deceased: James Stanberry, Jimmie and Clyde Stanberry, John W. Swanson, Jack, Don, Ray and Wallace Mulkey.

Honorary pallbearers were: Drs. T. D. Slagle and Ralph S. Morgan, Floyd Sumner, Roy Sauler, Wiley Shephard, Jess Brown, Homer Harris, Chas. Stewart, Mik Strong, William Kilpatrick, Tom Mitchell, George Lee, Homer Cole, Elbert Carnes, Elf Woods, Ed Welch, Ralph Dillard, McKinley Henry, Marvin and Clyde Simms, Tom Jones and Harold Morgan.

Flower bearers were nieces and close friends of the family.

Survivors include the wife and two children, Maxine, 17, and Larry, 9; father, Rev. J. S. Stanberry, Hayesville; six brothers, Wiley of Hazelwood, Tom of Asheville; Baxter and Paul of Murphy; Pierce of Winston-Salem, and Harve of Hendersonville; three sisters, Mrs. Gwyn Swanson, Hayesville; Mrs. J. M. Thomason, Oklahoma; Mrs. Stanley Mulkey, Erwin, Tenn.

JACKSON FARM BRIEFS

W. T. Brown

Tom Fox of Erastus has been trying for a good many years to grow a greater tonnage of cabbage per acre, and at the same time keep the size and quality in line with the market demand. This year he did some experimenting which may prove a tip to many farmers of the Greenville section.

Mr. Fox plowed his ground in the usual way. He then broadcast a ton of 4-16-8 and harrowed the ground until it was in good condition. The rows were then laid off 20 inches and this was the last time a plow was in the field. The Perry Holland plant were set 11 inches apart in the row. He then went through the field with a hoe three different times during the growing season. Mr. Fox stated weeds were no problem after the plants started growing because the shade kept the weeds from growing.

Mr. Fox grew around 12 tons on this seven-tenths of an acre. The heads average between 2 and 2 1/4 pounds and were of very fine quality. He believes in more cabbage per acre as long as quality can be maintained. Mr. Fox stated that his next cabbage crop would be grown the same way.

MERCHANTS DECIDE TO REMAIN OPEN ON WEDNESDAY P. M.'S

At a special call meeting of the Merchants association Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock those present agreed to discontinue their half-day closing on Wednesday as of this week, Sept. 29, and to have their places of business open six full days a week until after January 1st. At that time a meeting will be called for the purpose of establishing opening and closing hours for the entire year.

The special meeting was in charge of President Grayson Cope.

TO HOLD ALEXANDER REUNION ON OCT. 2

It has been announced by Mrs. Cecil Passmore that the Alexander Family Reunion will be held at the Alexander cemetery near Salem, S. C. on Saturday, October 2. All friends and relatives have a special invitation to attend.

SOSSAMON'S In Sylva

Candidate For Governor Visits Sylva, Cullowhee In W.N.C. Speaking Trip

FUNERAL RITES FOR MRS. MARY WILKES HELD AT FALL-CLIFF

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Wilkes, 88, widow of the late Allen Wilkes, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ardella Woodard Monday were held Tuesday afternoon at the Fall-Cliff Community house with Rev. D. C. Hooper officiating.

Burial was in Fall-Cliff cemetery.

Mrs. Wilkes had been a faithful member of Speedwell Baptist church since early childhood.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Ardella Woodard of Speedwell and Mrs. Margaret Bryson of Erastus; two sons, John and Jim Wilkes of Speedwell; one sister, Mrs. Lizzie Cabe of Dillsboro and 27 grand-children.

Pallbearers were, Robert and Lloyd Wilkes, Alvin and Alex Woodard, Richard Bryson and Allden Wilkes.

Hunted Sternist



CHIEF of the terrorist Stern gang, Nathan Friedman Yellin (above), is the object of a search that covers every section of the new State of Israel. The Israeli government has adopted emergency regulations to deal with members of the organization which has boasted responsibility for the assassination of United Nations Mediator Count Folke Bernadotte. (International)

Central District Singing Convention

Mr. J. D. Mills, vice-president of the Central Jackson Singing Convention has announced that the convention will be held at Love-dale Baptist church Sunday, October 3, at 1:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited. Choirs and quartets are requested to join in the singing.

Cherokee Indian Fair Opens Annual Exhibitions Tuesday

The 31st Annual Cherokee Indian Fair will open its gates on what promises to be one of the most outstanding exhibitions in its history, Tuesday morning, October 5 and will continue through Saturday, the 9th.

The Fair officials have arranged a program of entertainment for the thousands of visitors who will attend this colorful event. The Agricultural, livestock, and handicraft exhibits will be unusually good this year, officials stated.

The annual "world series in the smokies," Indian ball games, will take place daily at 3 p.m. between the rival teams of Wolftown, Painttown, Birdtown, and Big Cove, with thousands of fans on hand to see which is the best team. The players, unprotected, except for trunks, run, wrestle and gouge to advance a little rubber ball up and down a field—a game which combines the methods of lacrosse with the roughness of football.

DAILY PROGRAM
8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Agricultural, Women's and Indian Arts and Crafts Exhibits.

Scott Urges Students to Take Advantage of Opportunities In Preparing For Future Success

Speaking before a large group of Sylva high school students and citizens of the county in Ritz Theatre at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, W. Kerr Scott, Democratic nominee for Governor of North Carolina, urged the students to take full advantage of the opportunities of preparing themselves for the task of future leadership of North Carolina, the Nation and even in foreign affairs. He pointed out the opportunities now facing the young people to become educated and trained for the future. The speaker said that Western North Carolina and the State as a whole is now on the threshold of great development and prosperity, and that the boys and girls should make preparations for a place of leadership in that development.

Mr. Scott told of his interest in better rural roads for North Carolina, and better school facilities for the State's thousands of students. He said that he would like to see the school teacher's salary based on 12 months and that if the general assembly would support his program he hopes to bring North Carolina's school program more up-to-date.

Immediately following his address he and his party went to Cullowhee where he spoke to an overflow crowd of students and citizens in Hoy auditorium at 11 o'clock. Here he pledged his efforts, if elected, to bring North Carolina's school program more up to date. In this connection, he expressed the belief that an "inadequate transportation system" for the public schools causes more illness and cripples more children than does polio. He cited the need for development of more effective health and welfare programs and the building of more and better rural roads.

The Governor nominee and party and a number of invited friends were luncheon guests of the college at noon.

Following his Cullowhee visit Mr. Scott proceeded on to Bryson City, Andrews and Murphy. At Murphy he spoke to the visitors at the Cherokee County Fair.

Pritchard To Speak At Republican Rally Here October 9

George M. Pritchard, Attorney of Asheville, and Republican Candidate for Governor of North Carolina, will be the principal speaker at a Republican rally to be held in the Jackson County courthouse in Sylva on Saturday, October 9, at 2 o'clock p.m.