

## Department Authorizes Highway Postal Service

### Robert L. Sutton Given 20-30 Years In Carnal Case

Divorces Granted, Escaped Convicts Draw Additional Time, Court Adjourned

Robert L. Sutton, of Haywood County, arranged in Jackson Superior Court last Thursday on a charge of carnally knowing a female over 12 years and under 16 years of age, was found guilty by a jury and sentenced Wednesday by Judge Sink to serve 20 to 30 years at hard labor in State Prison at Raleigh. Sutton's attorneys immediately filed notice of appeal to the State Supreme Court and Judge Sink placed him under a \$10,000 bond pending outcome of the appeal.

The case attracted wide interest and was hard fought by the state and defense attorneys. A large number of character witnesses for the defendant from Waynesville and elsewhere were heard.

Jack Howard and Sam Autrey, who escaped from the Whittier Prison camp rock quarry near Webster several weeks ago, and who were recaptured a few days later, were given 2 to 5 years by Judge Sink. This being in addition to their present terms. Howard and Autrey escaped with Ralph Davis, who was killed by Sheriff Middleton when he failed to halt at the officers command. Davis was considered by State prison authorities as public enemy No. 1, of North Carolina.

Judge Sink adjourned court Wednesday evening after granting divorces to the following couples: J. V. Hall from Emma Ellen Hall, Burgin Shuler from Margie Shuler and Wayne R. Deitz from Helen Louise Deitz.

### Grady S. Ward Dies In Winston Hospital

Funeral services for Grady S. Ward, 51, farmer of Cullowhee, who died Sunday in a Winston-Salem hospital after a long illness, will be held today at 2 p. m. at the new Baptist church at Barker's Creek.

The Rev. Johnny Hyatt will officiate and burial will be in the Moody cemetery.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Selma Jones Ward; three sons, Carl of U. S. Army Air Forces; Cecil and Grady, Jr., of Cullowhee; two daughters, Misses Ellen and Catherine of the home.

Three brothers, Charlie Ward of Mocksville, Morgan Ward, of Woodleaf; Will Ward of Hibbins, Minn.; and one sister, Mrs. Rena Markland of Mocksville.

Mr. Ward was a resident of this state for 25 years. He was a veteran of World War I and a member of Ela Baptist church.

Moody Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### American Legion Meeting Date Changed

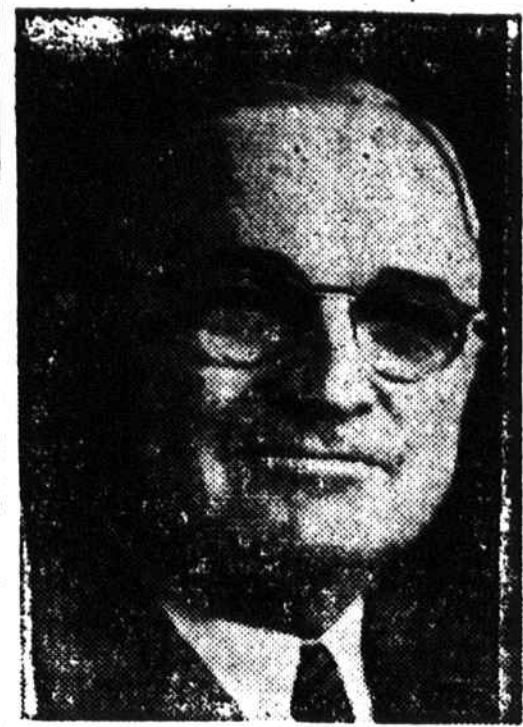
The American Legion Auxiliary will meet with Mrs. George Lee at the home of Mrs. B. O. Painter on Thursday night, Oct. 21, instead of Friday night, the 22nd.

### Democrats Hear Alley And Redden In Rally Saturday

Over 500 Democratic party members of Jackson County attended the county-wide rally and barbecue staged in the city park and community building Saturday afternoon and night. The rally, sponsored by the Jackson County Democratic Executive Committee with Dan Allison as Chairman, was one of the best attended and most successful held here in recent years. Plenty of delicious barbecue pork was served on tables in the open park area, following the speeches which were delivered in the Com-

## Clubs To Hold Achievement Day Sat.

Visits State



President Truman arrived in Raleigh Monday night for an overnight stay and to deliver two speeches in the State Capitol on Tuesday. He spoke at the ceremonies unveiling of Three Presidents monument in the morning and delivered a speech at the State Fairgrounds in the afternoon. He returned to Washington by plane Tuesday night.

### Deitz Flies To Chicago For Mead Safety Trophy

It was a "name-drawing" occasion in the main office of The Sylva Division of The Mead Corp., here Monday morning when General Supt., Ramsey Buchanan called in all the mill superintendents and had them draw names to see which one would fly to Chicago that night to receive the Safety Trophy which the local plant won last year for their safety record. But when the first name came from the hat it happened to be that of Leader Hooper, who was off for the day, squirrel hunting, and could not be reached in time to take the 7 p. m. plane out of Knoxville. The second drawing brought up Joe Deitz's name and he left Monday night reaching Chicago about 9:30. Mr. Deitz will attend the National Safety Council meeting and, as stated above, receive the Safety Trophy for the Sylva Division. He will return by plane on Friday.

### Improvements Made In Sylva School Lunch Room

The Sylva school lunch room has been given a thorough renovation and a number of items of equipment added recently which enables those in charge to more adequately serve the students. The largest item of equipment installed was that of a new Westinghouse Electric stove. An electric potato peeler has also been installed, and a number of new cooking utensils purchased. One hundred cream colored, plastic plates are on order.

The pantry, chairs and tables have all been given a new coat of paint. Bright new drapes have been put up in the dining room.

This year's record corn crop has resulted in a decline in feed prices.

### SGT. FISHER'S BODY RETURNED, FUNERAL AT HAMBURG CHURCH

Funeral services for Staff Sergeant Clarence E. Fisher, killed in action in France August 7, 1944, were held at the Hamburg Baptist church on Wednesday afternoon, October 12. The Rev. C. C. Welch officiated and burial was in the family plot in the church cemetery.

Graveside rites were conducted by William E. Dillard Post of the American Legion, of Sylva.

Honorary pallbearers were: Edgar Wolf, of Asheville; Howard Revie, of Whittier, and Jim Moss of Glenville.

Active pallbearers were: Riddell Breedlove, Tom Holden, Dan Franks, Lewis Pressley, Frank Bumgarner and Ernest Beck.

Flower girls were: Ola Bryson, Gladys Suddles, Iva Lee Russell, Christine Breedlove, Dollie Reynolds, Christine Reynolds, Bessie Lee Pressley and Myrtle McGaha.

Surviving are the parents; two sisters, Mrs. Clarence Lusk and Mrs. Sterling Nicholson, of Glenville; and two brothers, J. C. of Elizabethtown, Tenn., and Sam R. Fisher, of Glenville.

At the time of his death Sgt. Fisher was 24 years old. He was a graduate of Glenville High school. Before entering service he was employed by the Nantahala Power and Light Co.

### DILLS IS LUCKY AS SYLVA BEAR HUNTERS TAKE FIRST HUNT

Three bears were killed last Friday as a group of hunters, including a party from Sylva, opened the season on the Big Tom Wilson hunting grounds in the Mt. Mitchell area. One Sylva hunter, A. J. Dills, was lucky and bagged a 250 pound specimen. The other two bears were killed by Dr. Phillips from Atlanta.

The Sylva group making their first drive of the season included Dr. W. P. McGuire, A. J. Dills, Dr. Harold McGuire, Dr. Roy Kirchner, W. R. Enloe, J. C. Cannon, Frank Fricks, S. W. Enloe, Everett Harris, Harry Ferguson, T. N. Massey, Phil Stovall, and Ray Cogdill.

### Saturday Last Day To Register For November Election

Saturday, October 23, will be the last day the poll books for Jackson county will be open for registering voters for the November 2nd general election, according to an announcement by Oscar Lovdahl, chairman of the county board of election. Mr. Lovdahl urges all persons who are eligible to register to do so on Saturday if they wish to vote in the general election.

The poll books will be in the hands of the registrars of each precinct Saturday for the purpose of registering voters.

Saturday, October 30, will be challenge day.

### Work On Sylva School Progressing Rapidly

Work of remodeling the Sylva Elementary school building which is being done for the purpose of making it safe and comfortable for several hundred elementary students, now housed in churches—other buildings, is moving along rapidly, Superintendent of Schools W. Vernon Cope said yesterday. Mr. Cope believes that with present progress maintained the building will be ready for occupancy around Thanksgiving.

### Best Exhibits To Receive Awards, Rowe To Speak

Exhibits To Be On Display In Community Building; Livestock In Sylva Supply Barn

Achievement Day will be held at the Community Club house and the Sylva Supply barn on Saturday of this week, Oct. 23. Exhibits will be opened for public display all day Saturday.

This day is for any individual, who desires to exhibit something, as well as all Home Demonstration club members, 4-H clubs, FFA groups, and other clubs or groups who wish to enter their exhibits.

All products which are to be displayed are to be brought in and arranged Friday afternoon before 7:00 p. m., except livestock, flowers, and baked or cooked supplies. These may be entered early Saturday morning in order to give the judges time to complete their work.

Awards will be given for the best individual and group exhibits, as well as the best individual items on display.

Miss Anita C. Rowe, former District Home Agent with the exhibition division, is the guest speaker for the afternoon. She will speak at the Club House at 2:00 p. m. Awards will be presented at this time.

### COMMITTEE TO CHECK JACKSON CORN FIELDS FOR 100 BU. GROWERS

A committee has been formed to check fields of farmers who believe they will produce one hundred or more bushels of corn per acre. This committee is composed of the following: Agricultural Teachers and Assistant Teachers at Sylva, Cullowhee, and Glenville, the Supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration and the County Agent.

Frank H. Brown, Jr., a member of the board of directors of the State 100 bushel corn club was named chairman of the local committee.

Any producer of corn desiring his field checked should get in touch with a member of the committee as soon as possible. Farmers producing 100 or more bushels of corn per acre are entitled to membership in the county and State 100 bushel corn club.

### LADIES IN RETIREMENT TO BE STAGED TONITE

"Little Theater At Cullowhee" to Inaugurate 1948 Season With Broadway Hit

The Little Theater at Cullowhee, under the direction of Prof. E. V. Deans, will open its 1948 season tonight with the production "Ladies In Retirement" staged in Hoey Auditorium, Cullowhee.

The play is a psychological melodrama which enjoyed a long run in New York City and on the road.

Members of the cast are: Rachel Ann Sutton, Sylva; Ann Davidson, Boiling Springs; Richard McAuley, Charlotte; Celeste Sabistin, Black Mountain; Mary Ann Padgett, Worthville; and Margaret Ann Hunsinger, Edneyville.

The opening curtain is set for 8 p. m.

BOSSAMON'S . . . . . In Sylva

### MRS. SMITH FOUND, RETURNED TO SYLVA HOSPITAL MONDAY

Weary Jackson county citizens rested Monday following the location of Mrs. Neal R. Smith, mental patient who disappeared from C. J. Harris Hospital in the early hours of Saturday morning. Some 300 citizens joined in the search Sunday and Sunday night and followed blood hounds on a merry wild goose chase some 20 miles or more in the opposite direction from that which the patient had taken.

Mrs. Smith, 25, the former Miss Irmgard Brooks of Whittier, was on a visit with her parents from Chicago and becoming ill she entered the hospital Wednesday. Described by attendants as mentally ill she apparently raised a window in the back wing and left the hospital around five or six o'clock Saturday morning, clad only in her night gown, robe and light slippers. Her husband was resting in the lobby at the time.

Mrs. Smith spent Saturday night wandering over the hills and Sunday night on a mountain in the Webster area, sleeping in the barn of Mrs. Lawrence Buchanan Sunday night. Monday morning she went to the home of Mrs. Buchanan where warm food was given her and first aid administered. Mrs. Buchanan immediately notified Sheriff Griffin Middleton who rushed her to the hospital.

Mrs. Smith appears to be resting quite well despite her unusual exposure to the chill weather over the week-end.

### Webster High School To Have Halloween Carnival

Webster High School will have their Halloween carnival at the school house on Friday night, Oct. 29. There will be the usual attractions: bingo, fish pond, cake walk, beauty parlor, apple throw, fortune telling, and the food booth.

The outstanding event is the election of the beauty queen. Patsy Ensley was elected senior class representative, Judy Davis and Hubert Buchanan as her campaign managers. Wilma Buchanan was chosen from the junior class with Darlene Collins as manager. The sophomore class elected Irene Angel as their contestant with Nancy Ensley as manager. Katherine Buchanan was the pretty girl from the freshman class with Edward Henson and Billy Jo Cowan as managers. Sue Ensley was elected from the eighth grade with Grace Davis as her manager.

### Funeral Services Held For Garrett Webb

Funeral services for Garrett Webb, who passed away at his home Saturday, Oct. 16, were held at 11:00 o'clock, Monday, at the Zion Hill Baptist church of which he was a member. Mr. Webb was born June 24, 1866, and was a son of the late Jim and Nancy Webb. He was married to Delpha Cochran who passed away several years ago.

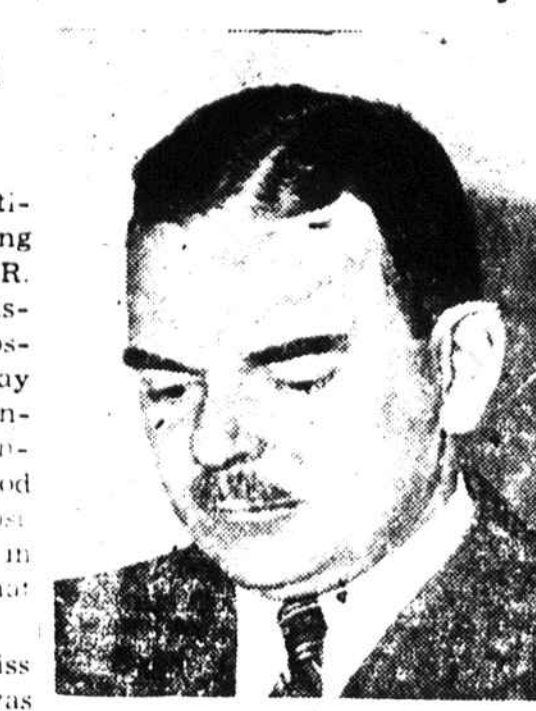
The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. E. W. Jamison and the Rev. Joe Bishop, pastor of the church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Webb was a native of Jackson County and was always interested in the religious and political life of his community.

He is survived by the following children: Bert Webb, Curney Webb, Mrs. George Woodard, Mrs. Frank Green, all of Gay; Mrs. Elijah Meers and Mrs. Richmond Deitz of Canton, Ohio; 28 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were the grandsons, and the granddaughters had charge of the casket.

### Backs U.S. Policy



SPeAKING to reporters in the Executive Mansion at Albany, N. Y., Gov. Thomas Dewey (above) declared that the American people are back of the U.N. delegates in their fight to lift the Berlin blockade. A short time after, the Republican Presidential candidate left on a campaign trip. (International)

### Merchants Not To Be Solicited For Club Achievement Prizes

Marvin L. Snipes, Jackson County Farm Agent, announced to The Herald yesterday that the merchants and business men of the town of Sylva will not be solicited for cash and other prizes for Achievement Day winners this year. Mr. Snipes stated that it was his opinion that the Merchants had been hit so hard this year for funds for various causes it would be unfair to ask them for prizes. However, Mr. Snipes stated this will not bar anyone desiring to donate a prize from doing so. If there should be one who wishes to encourage the young club members by offering a prize, either in cash or commodities, it should be made known to Mr. Snipes at the county agent office not later than Friday.

The clubs will hold their annual Achievement Day Saturday at the Community building in Sylva.

### St. John's To Hold Halloween Carnival

Waynesville—St. John's Halloween carnival for the benefit of the school will be held Tuesday, October 26, from 1:00 through 10 p. m. in the high school auditorium. A Portuguese dinner will be served from 6:00 to 7:30 at \$1.00 per plate for adults, 50c for students.

Grand prizes worth \$175 will be awarded at the end of the Carnival as follows: (1) a \$100 Underwood Champion Portable, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Donovan; (2) a \$50 Monarch Ladies' Wristwatch; (3) a \$25 Bingo Season Ticket good for one year. Grand prize tickets can be obtained from any one of the students. Winners must be present to be eligible for the prizes.

### 200 Membership Is Goal Of Jackson County Farm Bureau

Jackson County's annual Farm Bureau membership drive got off to a good start Monday and 75 members were signed up during the first two days of the week. The county's goal in this gigantic organization of the Nation's farm families, is 200 members. This number is expected to be reached and exceeded before the drive ends on October 30.

Some 35 leading farmers and GI farm trainees met in the courthouse Monday night to launch the annual drive. George Fathering, Western District Field Manager, is with the membership committee this week and will continue to help in the drive during next week.

One of Farm Bureau's principals is "equality of opportunity for all farmers."

### New Service To Become Effective Oct. 25 To Nov. 15

Mail Will Reach Sylva Six to 12 Hours Earlier Than With Present System

When the Southern Railway discontinued passenger train service on the Murphy division, railway postal service was automatically stopped. Since that time this area has been served as a star route with trucks transporting the mail. Following discontinuance of the railway service citizens of Western North Carolina, through the Congressman, Monroe M. Redden, took immediate steps to have the Post Office Department authorize a Highway Post Office Service for the area, using large trailer buses, carrying regular mail clerks. Congressman Redden gave the matter his full cooperation which has now resulted in the authorization of the service. The following letter to Congressman Redden from the Department, a copy of which Mr. Redden furnished The Herald, explains the matter fully:

Railway Mail Service Office of Gen. Super. Third Division, Washington, D. C. September 29, 1948

Hon. Monroe M. Redden Member of Congress Hendersonville, N. C.

My Dear Congressman, I have your letter of September 28 in reference to my visit to Asheville in connection with the establishment of Highway Post Office Service.

I am pleased to advise that the Department has authorized a Highway Post Office route between Asheville and Blue Ridge, Ga., also another route between Asheville and Charlotte, N. C., due to be made effective upon receipt of vehicle from the factory, which is expected to be between Oct. 25 and Nov. 15. This type of service will greatly improve handling of the mails between these points.

Advertisements are now out for the servicing and storing of these vehicles in Asheville.

In view of the fact that this service has been authorized it will not be necessary for me to come to Asheville until the time of the inauguration of this service.

Sincerely yours, N. G. Nixon, Gen. Superintendent.

The people of Sylva and Jackson county will welcome this new mail service as it will be a big improvement and faster schedule than the present system. The mail schedule has not been announced but it is expected that one bus will leave Asheville at five a. m., reaching Sylva about seven o'clock with mail from the North and East and will return from Blue Ridge in the afternoon with mail from the South and West, much of which will be from one to half-day earlier than at present.

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To accomplish this and other goals, Farm Bureau must exert influence in state and national legislation—a fact which calls for thorough organization of the more than 1,275,000 farm families making up the membership of the state and national offices.

The influence of Farm Bureau is felt in every farm community in the nation. However, the strength of fully organized membership is perhaps most thoroughly felt in national legislative circles. Farm Bureau's Washington office is a key element in the work of the organization. Experts in every commodity produced on American farms and specialists in legislation and government proffer their efforts in behalf of the farmer. (Continued on page 10)