

Jackson Crops, Farm Land Damaged By Heavy Rains

Farm Agent And Health Department Promoting Grade 'A' Dairy Program

Webster Farmer First In Program To Meet Standards

The Jackson County Farm agents and Health department have under way a program for more and better dairies in the county.

Other dairies under construction are to be owned and operated by Cashiers Buchanan of the Wilmot section, John Turpin of Shoal Creek and Dennis Higdon of Love Field.

Last year between the months of Oct. and March, 1949, it was necessary for the state of North Carolina to import 25 per cent of the milk consumed.

As soon as a constant or dependable quantity of Grade A milk is produced the Health and Agriculture departments will advocate and enforce regulations whereby all milk products, such as ice cream, will be manufactured from grade A pasteurized milk.

It is estimated that a new dairy operator can construct and equip a modern dairy and it will pay for itself in one year on a constant production of 15 or more gallons of grade A milk per day.

A chief interest in more and better dairying is improved health. Milk and milk products are a MUST in nutrition and help to improve the health conditions of every family.

MEAD LEADING IN SAFETY WORK OF PAPER INDUSTRY

The Sylva Division of The Mead Corporation has just been recognized by the North Carolina Industrial Commission and the United States Department of Labor and awarded special certificate due to the fact that at the year ending December 31, 1948, the company's accident frequency rate was 86% the average rate for the paper industry in North Carolina.

Recently received and now hanging with other recognition bars in the lobby of the Engineering-Extract office of the local plant is the 1st quarter 1949, special award (George Mead Trophy Contest) for having no lost time accidents in 167,928 man-hours worked.

Mr. H. E. Whitaker, Operating Vice-President, stated in his letter to Mr. Buchanan:

"It is with considerable pleasure that we are awarding to the Sylva Division a Special Award safety bar in recognition of a no-accident record during the first quarter of 1949.

Your very fine record during this time is proof of the great effort on the part of your supervisors in directing an excellent safety program. Also, it is evidence of the fine cooperation and interest shown by every one of your employees.

Accident prevention is always an important part of the production job.

I would like to extend to you and to all members of the Sylva Division the congratulations of our management."

LAWSON L. MULL DIES AT HIS HOME IN EVERETT, WASH.

Larry W. Mull has received word of the death of his uncle, Lawson L. Mull, 77, at his home in Everett, Washington on Friday, June 17. The body will be brought to Waynesville for burial and is expected to arrive today and will be taken to the home of a niece, Mrs. J. C. Norris, on East Street. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Mr. Mull, a brother of the late R. H. Mull, of Sylva, had been living in Everett for the past 52 years.

Survivors included an uncle, Anzel Medford of Waynesville; three sisters, Mrs. Ida Mullis, Mrs. Sam Medford and Mrs. Mary Miller; and one brother, Jerry Mull, all of Waynesville.

Citizens Recall Big Flood Of 1940 As Waters Rise

When Jackson County citizens awoke last Thursday morning and saw the streams overflowing their banks, and continuing to rise, they recalled vividly the disastrous flood of August 30, 1940 when several lives were lost, bridges washed out and farm buildings washed away or damaged.

The biggest damage in Jackson, according to county agent, M. L. Snipes was the washing of cultivated farm land, with the top soil being carried to the bottom crop land where it was deposited over young corn, much of it continuing down stream and lost entirely.

Counties east of Jackson suffered considerable more damage from the heavy rain. Haywood and Buncombe suffered most seriously. The Pigeon river overflowed highway 19-23 at Clyde, blocking traffic to Asheville for several hours.

VARNER SUCCEEDS ASHE IN VETERAN FARM PROGRAM

By John Corbin

Robert Varner, son of Mrs. Faye Varner and the late Mr. Varner of Whittier, has been named as assistant agriculture teacher of the Sylva Veteran Farmers' Training program, succeeding Walter Ashe who is now acting postmaster in Sylva.

Young Varner graduated from Bryson City high school, which included four years' study of vocation agriculture. While a student he did excellent work in seed judging and represented his school in the district seed judging contest. He took a short course at N. C. State College in artificial breeding and is prepared to handle the artificial breeding program in Jackson County as soon as sufficient cows to justify the program are available.

Mr. Varner is a World War II veteran and has made plans later to attend N. C. State College and complete his agriculture education. Meanwhile he has done farming on his mother's farm and is now well qualified to teach practical farming.

In making a survey of the work done under Mr. Ashe and contacting the men who worked under him, I have found that the work has been well taken care of. The many poultry and strawberry projects, in particular, testify to the splendid work that he did. Frank Bumgarner of Beta, for instance, is doing a neat, clean, and business-like job of poultry and strawberry production. He has completed a new poultry house consisting of two floors and 20' x 20' brooder house. In addition, he has a one-half acre strawberry patch set with Tennessee Supreme variety plants which will furnish a lot of quantity berries for sale one year from now.

Clyde Hall of the Savannah community is doing an equally good job in strawberry raising and plans to put in a hog and poultry project in the near future.



High Water Causes Little Damage

The above picture shows one of a group of Riverside Cottages, owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Guy Leatherwood, with the flood waters from Tuckaseegee river lapping around it. The picture was taken at the height of the flood caused by the heavy rain fall of Wednesday night and early Thursday morning. The cottages are on Highway 23 just out of Dillsboro on Franklin road.

Dream Comes True



NOT LONG ago residents of New Jersey gave their time, money and labor to build a \$25,000 "dream house" in New Brunswick for paralyzed war veteran Robert Hoelzle, 23. Now he has a bride to share it with him. Above, seated in a wheel chair, he is shown as he was married to Miss Frances Nell, 21. Behind him stands a wartime buddy, H. L. King. (International)

SYLVA LIONS ENTERTAIN BOY SCOUTS

The Sylva Lions club entertained Troop 1, Sylva Boy Scouts, at dinner at the regular meeting June 15. There were thirty-seven scouts present for the occasion.

A report on the club's activities for the past year was given by secretary Tom Clayton during the business session. The program was then turned over to Lion Hugh Monteith, president of the Daniel Boone Council, of which the Sylva troop is a member. Lion Monteith presented Lion Dennis Barkley, scoutmaster of the troop, who presented the scouts as he gave them their membership cards in scouting for the coming year.

The Sylva troop is ranked one of the highest in the Daniel Boone Council. The Sylva Lions club, which is the sponsoring agent for the troop, offers the troop heartfelt congratulations and urges that the good work be continued. Also the citizens of Sylva and the surrounding territory are urged to render all aid possible to further this fine movement.

Before the meeting closed it was decided to have Ladies Night and installation of officers at Tatem's Sky Club Wednesday night, June 29, at 8:00 p.m.

SOSSAMON'S . . . . . In Sylva

WALLIN APPOINTED DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND PATRON, ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

At the meeting of the Grand Chapter of Order of the Eastern Star of North Carolina which was held in Raleigh June 13-17, Joe Wallin, Worthy Patron of O. C. Chapter No. 139, Order of the Eastern Star of Dillsboro and Sylva, was appointed District Deputy Grand Patron of the 12th District which comprises the counties of Jackson, Macon, Clay, Cherokee, Graham, and Swain. Mrs. Margaret Cabe, of Franklin was reappointed District Deputy Grand Matron.

FFA AND 4-H BOYS ARE BEING SELECTED FOR FORESTRY CAMP

County Forest Warden Evans announces that FFA and 4-H boys are now being selected by Vocational Agriculture and Agricultural Extension leaders to attend the annual forestry training camp held by the Department of Conservation and Development. The camp will be held at Singletary Lake August 15-20. Fifty boys who have carried on outstanding forestry projects on their farms will be chosen for this honor.

The camp, sponsored each year by the member mills of the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association, will again have a staff of trained foresters to teach the boys the basic principles of farm forestry management, said county Forest Warden Evans.

Timber marketing and estimating, tree identification, pacing, and log bucking are some of the subjects boys will learn at the camp. On the last day of the camp, contests will be held and valuable prizes will be awarded the winners. Evans added that there will be plenty of time for swimming, volleyball, softball, and horseshoe pitching.

Jackson county boys have often attended the camp in the past, Evans said, and probably some will be eligible this year, but the lists have not yet been announced.

GRIMSON CLOVER SEED AVAILABLE

The AAA office is now in position to issue orders for Crimson Clover seed to be used for seeding winter cover crop. The fair price is 27c per pound, the government will pay 19c per pound and the farmer will pay 8c per pound. The fair price for other winter cover crop seeds will not be available or a few weeks.

Dillard Gets Contract For New School Building Barkers Creek-Wilmot

W. J. FISHER NAMED CHAIRMAN U. S. BOND COMMITTEE HERE

W. J. Fisher, cashier and secretary of the Jackson County Bank of Sylva, has been named Jackson county chairman of the volunteer United States savings bonds committee. This announcement was made today by Allison James of Greensboro, state director of the U. S. savings division for North Carolina.

The appointment was made by John W. Snyder, secretary of the Treasury, on the recommendation of J. Gerald Cowan of Asheville regional savings bonds chairman.

In accepting the new post Mr. Fisher said, "I appreciate the honor of this appointment and realize the responsibility that it carries for the future security of our individual citizens and our nation."

"It may be surprising to some of our people to know that more than \$1,500,000 in U. S. savings bonds are held by citizens of Jackson county today," Mr. Fisher continued. "This amount is net holdings with cash-ins taken out."

The new county chairman said that the primary and patriotic reasons for the savings bonds program and of such campaigns as the current opportunity bond drive are to help stabilize the nation's economy and to properly manage the 252 billion dollar national war debt by spreading it widely among our people. But the by-product of "community reserves" and future buying power of our county's citizens are mighty important reasons also.

Tompkins Is Appointed Local Service Officer

Beginning July 1 a service officer will be on full-time duty at the Sylva Legion Hall. Dan Tompkins has been appointed to fill the office.

Efforts to secure a full-time service officer have been underway for some time. In this capacity Mr. Tompkins will offer free service to all veterans, and they are urged to take advantage of the service. All types of veterans' problems will be handled, ranging from complaints to unemployment.

Scotts Creek DVBS To Hold Commencement Sun.

The Scotts Creek Baptist church will hold a commencement Bible school this Sunday night at 8 o'clock. Friends, parents, and pupils are invited to attend the program.

The school this year has been one of the most successful ever held at Scott's Creek, according to the teachers of the school. The average attendance was 135 students per day.

Jackson Considered Ideal For Quality Egg Production

John Corbin, teacher of the Vocational Agriculture department of Sylva high school, W. T. Brown, and R. F. Hemphill, of the Jackson county Farm Home Administration, visited the Gainesville, Ga., Poultry Development Area on Friday, June 17. This area is the headquarters through which Clay county has operated and made possible its wonderful poultry program, which has been in operation for two years. The purpose of the visit was to make plans for a similar program for Jackson county.

In Gainesville we found the poultry business to be on an even larger scale with a brighter future than was expected. Poultry in the Gainesville area is being

Lloyd And Erwin Also Low Bidders, Plumbing And Heating Units

William B. Dillard, local contractor, was successful bidder for the general contract for building the new Barkers Creek-Wilmot elementary school when bids were received and opened by the county board of education on last Thursday, according to an announcement by Superintendent of Jackson schools, W. Vernon Cope. Several contractors from Asheville and Charlotte submitted bids, all being at a higher figure than Dillard's bid. The general contract bid was for \$103,540.00.

Under the contract the plumbing will be done by the E. M. Lloyd firm and the heating unit will be installed by Ed L. Erwin.

Mr. Dillard plans to begin excavation work immediately in preparation for the actual construction work which will also get underway in the near future.

This is the first of new buildings called for under the county-wide school building improvement program, sponsored by the board. It will be of modern brick and steel construction, containing seven classrooms, with library, principal's office and cafeteria.

Superintendent Cope said the next school in line for consideration is at Scott's Creek.

Mr. Dillard was also the successful bidder on the proposed new hospital building at Bryson City which was let last week.

JUDGE PATTON IS REAPPOINTED BY GOVERNOR SCOTT

Special Superior Judge George B. Patton, of Franklin, was one of the two special judges out of seven in the state reappointed by Governor Scott. The terms of special judges are for two years, expiring June 30th of the second year. Terms of all of the State's seven judges expire June 30 this year, giving Governor Scott the job of make the new appointments. The Governor has the authority to appoint eight special judges, although only seven have been appointed heretofore. Scott, however, appointed eight, one a lady, Miss Susie Sharp of Reidsville, who becomes the state's first woman Superior Court judge. New judges appointed in addition to Miss Sharp are Harold K. Bennett, of Asheville; William T. Hatch, of Raleigh; William I. Halstead of Camden; Wilkins P. Horton, Pittsboro, and A. R. Crisp, of Lenior. The other judge to be reappointed was W. H. S. Burgwyn, of Woodland.

Patton was first appointed by Governor Cherry and had been on the bench since February, 1947.

Merchants Well Pleased With Response To Bargain Festival

They came, they saw and they bought . . . yes the people of the Sylva trading area really had a trade festival last week during the "Opportunity Days" bargain event, sponsored by the Merchants Association. They really took advantage of the many bargains offered by the Sylva stores. A number of the stores reported a large number of bargain seekers from Bryson City, Franklin and Waynesville.

The three-day event got off to a bad start on Thursday morning following the heavy rains which sent county streams out of banks, flooding highways and washing crop lands. However, when the sun came out around noon the

stores reported brisk trade during Thursday afternoon, and business really picked up on Friday and Saturday. The town was filled with cars and trucks, bringing the people from all parts of the county.

Just before 4 o'clock Saturday the crowd gathered in front of the Esso station next to the postoffice for the prize drawing. Mrs. Leonard Huff was winner of the grand prize of \$50 cash. Odell Haskett was winner of the \$25 cash prize, both given by the Merchants Association. Nineteen other merchandise prizes were won by various lucky number holders of the huge crowd.

The merchants were well pleased with the event and plan to hold similar trade days in the future.

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