

## Farm Leaders Discuss Hatching Egg Production

### Visitors, Traffic Set New Record For This Area Over July 4th Holidays

**Local Citizens Spent Independence Day Quietly, No Local Accidents**

Sylva spent one of the quietest Independence Days in recent history last week. Except for an overflow crowd of tourists on Saturday and Sunday, local police reported that everything was quiet throughout the holiday week-end. There were no accidents reported in or around Sylva, and only one known in Jackson county. Dr. Richard Kerman, stationed at the Swannanoa unit of the Veterans Administration hospital, was killed four miles west of Soco Gap on U. S. highway 19 when he lost control of his car and struck an American Bus Lines bus bound for Asheville. Four bus passengers received minor injuries.

The highways were crowded over the week-end in Jackson county, but the worst congestion occurred on Saturday and Sunday nights when tourists began to look for beds for the night. Hotels, cottages, and tourist homes were quickly filled, and the overflow was put into private homes where possible. Several Sylva tourist homes reported as many as twenty tourists at one time waiting for a place to sleep, while arrangements were being made in private homes.

The Chamber of Commerce office on Main Street welcomed many of the Sylva visitors and dis-

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### CORN NEEDS SIDE DRESSING NITROGEN

**By W. T. Brown, County Agent**

In some sections of the County corn seems to be needing an application of nitrogen fertilizer—especially on those farms where a portion of the corn crop was damaged or destroyed by the flood is this advisable.

One of the first indications of a need for nitrogen is a yellowing of the leaves especially the lower ones. The application of 200 pounds of Ammonium Nitrate per acre or 400 pounds of Nitrate of Soda will increase the yield considerably.

There is still a fair supply of nitrogen top dressing materials in the stores in our county.

Care should be exercised in applying the material in order to prevent it from coming in contact with the corn leaves.

### Thomas Begins Sanitation Survey For Sylva And Area

A sanitation survey was begun in and around Sylva on Tuesday by Sanitation Officer Charles Thomas of the health department and will continue until the entire town is covered, according to a health department announcement this week. The survey is being made to check privies and sewage disposal and to determine if proper disposal of garbage is being used.

Thomas says that North Carolina law requires that each person shall have a means of sewage disposal approved by the state board of health and if it be a privy it must be constructed, installed and maintained in accordance with certain rules and regulations. Thomas points out that this part of the county sanitation program has not been touched in some time and that checking so far has shown that some privies are in great need of repair and that some are not fly-tight and are exposed so that they are a menace to public health.

As each residence is checked the privies are being tagged to show defects that exist and corrective

### 4-H CLUB MEMBERS WILL GO TO CAMP JULY 19 THRU 23

Jackson County 4-H club members will go to Swannanoa 4-H Camp Tuesday morning, July 19th and return Saturday afternoon, July 23rd. Members planning to attend 4-H Camp should notify the County Agents immediately since the number expecting to go to Camp will have to be known right away. Facilities for taking members turning in late requests to attend camp may not be available.

A card to be filled out and returned to the County Agent's office immediately has been mailed to each 4-H member. The members have also been mailed a list of items to take with them to Camp.

### COPPER TREATMENT GOOD FOR TOMATO BLIGHT, SAYS BROWN

Tomato Blight has struck in some sections of the County, and all farmers are urged by County Agent W. T. Brown to spray thoroughly each week and after every rain. Spraying and dusting will do very little good unless it is done regularly.

One of the best materials to use is Cooper A Compound. One mixture of this may be used as a dust, or it may be bought in a form that is suitable for spraying. For spraying purposes six level teaspoons per gallon of water is recommended.

### Merchants To Meet Tuesday, July 12 8 P. M. In City Hall

Joe Wallin, president of the Merchants Association, has announced that the Merchants Association will hold the regular July meeting Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the city hall. The regular meeting date is the first Monday in each month but since July 4th fell on that date and the Chamber of Commerce meets on the second Monday the July meeting has been set for Tuesday the 12th.

This is a very important meeting since some question regarding the half day closing on Wednesday has come up.

measures which should be employed to have a sanitary-approved privy. Thomas says that the Southern Lumber Company is pouring approved concrete privy slabs which are being built to meet the recommendations and specifications laid down by the state board of health and are similar to those previously constructed under the WPA program.

Typhoid, cholera, dysentery, diarrhea, and other communicable diseases are some of those that can be spread by improper disposal of human excreta. Thomas said. The health department is asking co-operation of all people concerned, both tenants and property owners, in helping to correct any deficiencies immediately in order to gain approval on all outdoor units. A short time is being allowed after checking is completed to give each tenant and owner time to correct deficiencies noted, after which time a recheck will be made for compliance. It is hoped that it will not be necessary to prosecute anyone to gain compliance, Thomas said, to this necessary health-protecting objective.

### RECEIVING PACT RATIFICATION



SMILING SECRETARY of State Dean Acheson (left) is handed Luxembourg's ratification of the North Atlantic Defense Pact in Washington by Hugues Le Gallais, Minister of Luxembourg. The document will be placed in the National Archives until the pact is ratified. (International)

### Ronnie Reed Is Winner In Hospital Auxiliary Contest

One of the many promotions the Auxiliary of C. J. Harris hospital put on recently for securing funds for aiding in the payment of the new hospital wing was placing coin containers in the business places with photos of children of local parents sponsoring each of the containers. The final check of the containers shows little Ronnie Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Reed, winner with a total of \$47.45. Close in the race were Phil Slagle, son of Dr. and Mrs. T. D. Slagle, \$37.87, and David Schulman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sol Schulman, \$20.14. Money placed in all the containers totaled \$169.81.

### FISHER ANNOUNCES AND COMMITTEES ROTARY OFFICERS

Bill Fisher, president of the Sylva Rotary club, presided over the first regular meeting of the club Tuesday night after having been installed at the High Hampton meeting last week. His first official act was to announce the names of the various committee chairmen and members. Officers, directors and committees for the year 1949-50 are as follows: President, Bill Fisher; vice-president, Sam Gilliam; secretary-treasurer, Raymond Sutton; sergeant-at-arms, Harold McGuire; directors, Reg. Enloe, Harry Ferguson, Ramsey Buchanan, Marvin Snipes and Clint Dodson, all of whom are elective officers. The appointed committees are: Aims and Objects, Bill Fisher, chairman, Raymond Sutton, Reg. Enloe, Ramsey Buchanan, Harry Ferguson and Clint Dodson.

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### Sutton Is Chief Of Police At Hazelwood

Ossie L. Sutton, native of Jackson County, a World War II veteran who served overseas as a provost marshal, has been named chief of police of Hazelwood. He succeeds John Woodard who became Canton police chief. For the past 29 months Chief Sutton had been police chief of Morganton.

Chief Sutton went into the law enforcement work in 1935 when he became an officer in Marion. Before that he had served a manager of the James Hotel in Sylva, going to Marion when the hotel was sold.

Mrs. Sutton, the former Annie Cunningham, also of Sylva, is connected with Sherrill's Studio in Waynesville.

### Mead Employee Retires After Long Service

**Geo. W. Cunningham With Corpor. 21 Years; Plans To Live Leisurely**

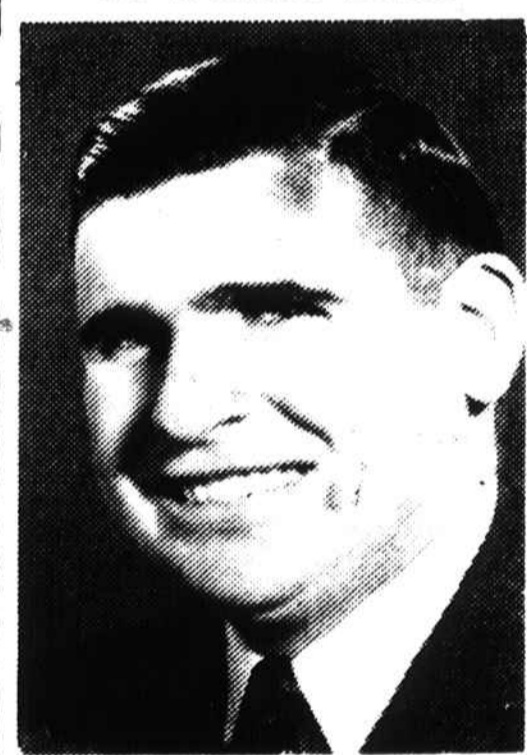
George W. Cunningham retired July 1 after having worked for more than twenty-one years with The Mead Corporation. In addition to his service with Mead, Mr. Cunningham spent twelve years in the employ of the Armour Leather Company operating a caster in the extract division.

Employed in the extract department at Mead, he spent most of his time feeding and operating the wood chippers. He is justly proud of his splendid attendance record, working every shift scheduled through the years with but few exceptions. In 1944, he received a special certificate from Mead recognizing a perfect fifteen year safety record.

He plans to live leisurely at his home on Cullowhee road with his wife, Mrs. Sadie Cunningham. His son, Ray, is attending a trade school in Waynesville and his daughter is Mrs. Annie Sutton. He says that his farming will keep him busy in his retirement and that he plans a little vacation trip in the near future.

Mr. Cunningham is the third employee of the Sylva Division of The Mead Corporation to retire under the provisions of the Mead Retirement Plan. Mr. John A. Fincannon and Mr. Frank B. Jones are both on the retired list. Benefits of the plan increase with the passing of the years since they are dependent upon length of participation and company profits.

### On Welfare Board



FRANK H. BROWN, JR., of Cullowhee, recently appointed as a member of the Jackson County Welfare Board by the State Welfare Board, succeeds T. Walter Ashe, who resigned to become acting postmaster of Sylva.

Mr. Brown represented Jackson in the 1949 General Assembly and supported the State Welfare program in its entirety. He is an honor graduate of State College, was with the State Department of Agriculture 1937 to 1942, serving under Governor Scott while he was Commissioner. He is a veteran of World War II, being discharged with the rank of Naval Lieutenant. He served as assistant farm agent in Clay County for a year; member of Jackson County Board of Education; farmer and part time assistant teacher of veteran farm trainees; member Sylva Lions club; member board of stewards Cullowhee Methodist church and a leader in all progressive movements in the county.

### POSTMASTER

Applications for examination for postmaster in Sylva are now being received and all who wish to file applications must have them in Washington, D. C., by July 12. Notices will be mailed out when and where the examination will be held.

### Gainesville Firms Will Buy Eggs At The Farm If Production Warrants

**To Give Program At WCTC July 11**



Irene Bewley, nationally known monologist and authority on Southern Mountain Folklore, will be heard in a program entitled "Fools, Feuds and Furriners" at Western Carolina Teachers College, Cullowhee, on Monday evening, July 11.

Although the author-actress is a native of the foothills of East Tennessee, the material for her characterizations comes from various sections of the Southern mountains—some from as far away as the Ozarks.

Miss Bewley's Folklore entertainments have not only been heard by leading clubs, colleges, and universities throughout the United States, but also by audiences in remote settlements of the Southern Mountains.

The officials of the Library of Congress, recognizing the value of Miss Bewley's unique work, have invited her to make recordings for the Archives.

### LIONS INSTALL OFFICERS, HOLD LADIES NIGHT

On June 28 the Sylva Lions held Ladies' Night and installed officers for the coming year 1949-50, at Tatem's Sky Club near Cashiers.

The new officers installed at this time are as follows: Claude Campbell, president; Edwin Allison, 1st vice-president; W. T. Brown, 2nd vice-president; J. P. Stovall, 3rd vice-president; Martin Cunningham, secretary-treasurer; Roger Dillard, assistant secretary; Felix Picklesimer, assistant treasurer; Ralph Smith, tail waiter; D. E. Barkley, Lion tamer; George Lee, assistant Lion tamer; and W. T. Wise, Roscoe Poteet, J. A. Bryson and Claude Jones, directors.

Awards earned during the past year were also presented at this time. These included a golden Lion to the Sylva club for outstanding work during the past year, and a plaque to T. L. Clayton as best secretary in the district.

Approximately one hundred and twenty-five Lions, Lionesses and guests were present for the occasion.

### Redden Sees Increased Funds For Parkway, Park Projects

Following information in a letter from Congressman Monroe Redden to Raymond Sutton, member of the North Carolina Parkway and Parks Commission, civic leaders here and throughout Western North Carolina are elated over the recent action of the Park Service and President Truman's interest in the increased appropriations for the Parkway and Park. In a recent letter to Representative Redden it was pointed out by Hillary A. Tolson, acting di-

**Minimum Of 10,000 Laying Hens Required To Start Program**

At a meeting on last Thursday afternoon of the members of the Agriculture Workers Council for Jackson County plans were discussed for promoting a county-wide poultry program, with the production of high grade hatching eggs as the principal product. The meeting was presided over by John Corbin and attended by all the Farm leaders, Veteran farm trainee teachers, and other interested citizens. Mr. Corbin told of a recent tour he and some 60 veteran trainee farmers made in Clay County to see what the farmers are doing along this line in that county. Clay County began the program several years ago which has developed into the leading industry and farm income of that county. Practically every farmer has a poultry house full of laying hens, in fact 200,000 hens, now producing high quality hatching eggs which are bought at a higher price than regular commercial eggs by the commercial hatcheries at Gainesville, Ga.

The Gainesville hatcheries help the farmers to promote the industry in that they furnish either chicks or pullets and feed to the growers. Certain specified breeds are used for the production of these eggs which are said to have a higher percentage of hatch when produced in Western North Carolina. This is due, it was said, to the altitude, quality of grazing crops for the pullets, and other factors peculiar to this section.

It was learned at the meeting that around 18 farmers are ready to start the program with as many as 500 hens each. With a few more coming in the required 10,000 hens would be reached, producing enough eggs to justify the hatcheries sending their trucks into the county on regular trips to pick up the eggs.

Farmers who have ready cash can build their houses, which are constructed at a very moderate cost, buy their chicks and feed. Those not having ready cash to do this and who want to get into the business, can secure funds, either from the local bank or from the Federal Home Administration. It was also stated at the meeting that the Administration has some \$42,000 ready to help the farmers in getting the program underway. Everyone attending the meeting last week was very much enthused over the possibility of promoting the hatching egg industry in Jackson county which will give the farmers another source of cash income. Those who are willing to give time and attention to the flock can make good money in this way. It was learned in Clay county that many of the farmers are making a net profit at from \$3.50 to \$5.00 per hen per year, many of them having flocks of 2,000 or more.

With the new county agents now in the county to help promote the agricultural work there is no reason why our farmers cannot secure the necessary help and information in starting the work here.