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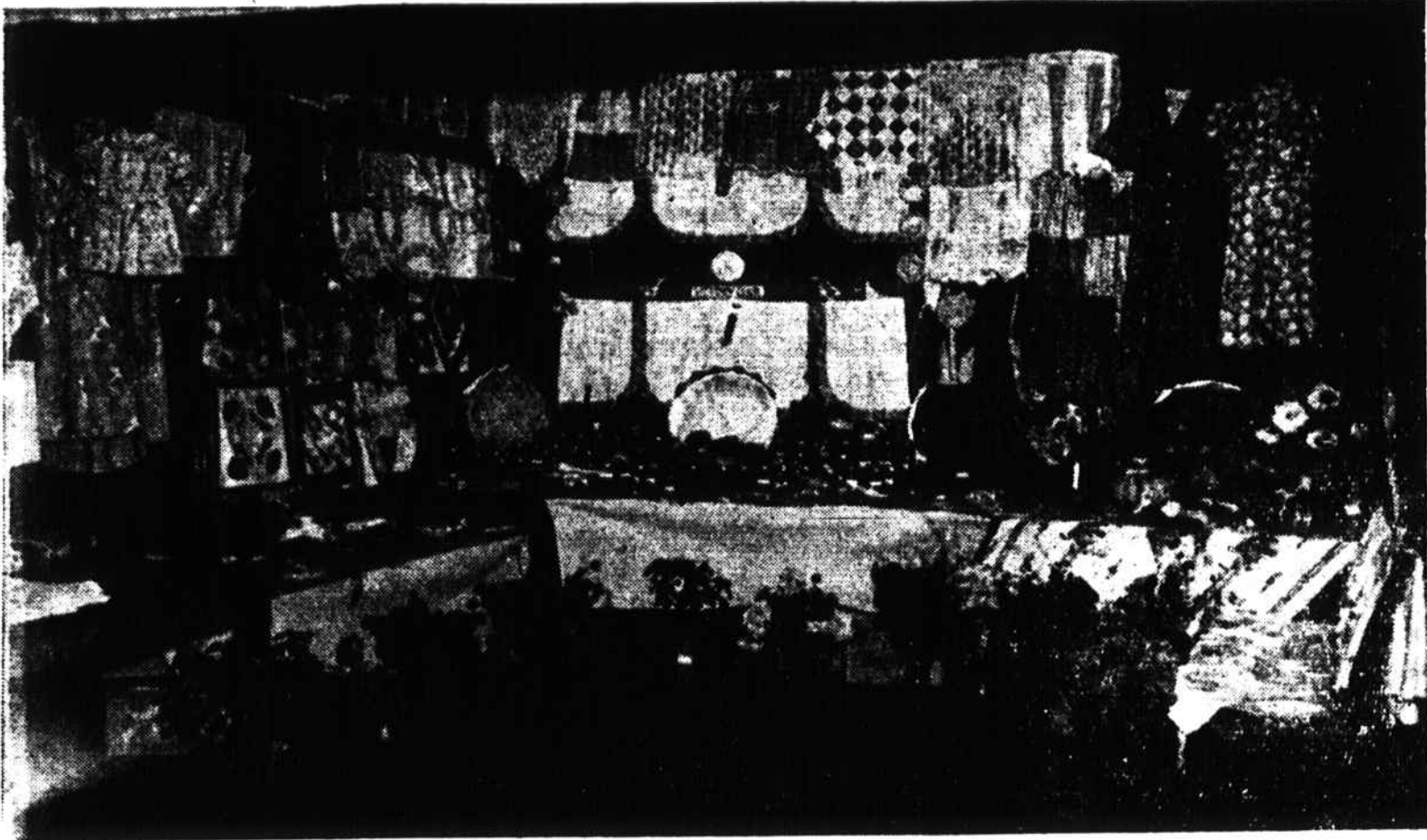
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Club Achievement Day Draws Much Interest

VICTORY HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB FIRST PRIZE WINNER



This is a view of the Victory Home Demonstration Club exhibit as it looked in the Legion Hall after taking first prize in the Club Achievement Day program. This exhibit gives you an idea of the fine display of exhibits shown during the "Fair". The victory club, with Mrs. Ralph England, president, showed unusual talent in handicraft and needle work. The aluminum trays shown in the picture drew much comment as well as the many other home and farm items exhibited. —Photo by Donnahoe.

20 More Miles Jackson Roads Are Improved

The State Highway Commission has finished another 20.39 miles of road improvements in Jackson County under the accelerated roadbuilding program.

L. Dale Thrash of Asheville, Tenth Division highway commissioner, has announced the following work completed during the month of September:

1. Resurfacing on US 19-A from the Swain County line at Whittier to the junction US 23 at Dillsboro for 12.2 miles.
2. Resurfacing with bituminous concrete the following roads: Cashiers School Road, 0.6 mile; Pine Creek Road, 2.9; Shoal Creek Road, 2.2; Whittier Church Road, 0.3.
3. Grading and surfacing with traffic-bound macadam the following roads: Baumgarner Road, 0.1 mile; Sol's Creek Road, 0.5; Parris Cemetery Road, 0.5.
4. Strengthening and stabilizing the following roads: Grasshopper Road, 0.1 mile; Monteith Branch Road, 0.2; Brushy Fork Road, 0.2; Cabin Flats Road, 0.1; Daytona Road, 0.2; Hood Road, 0.1; Woodfin Road, 0.1; Sugar Leaf Mountain Road, 0.05; Locust Creek Road, 0.02; Zachary Road, 0.02.

Dr. Henry W. Jordan, chairman of the Highway Commission, reports more road work under construction at this time than ever before in the history of the Commission. Numerous primary and secondary projects will be finished before the end of the 1950 construction season.

Jackson Farmer Takes Second Prize At N. C. State Fair

Jackson County's farm resources and resourcefulness received statewide recognition this week. Jack Jackson, a Cherokee Indian of the Wolf Town section of Jackson County, was awarded second prize of \$500 for his farm display at the N. C. State Fair in Raleigh.

Conference On Religion To Draw Outstanding Speakers To Western Carolina Campus

The people of Sylva and this area will have an opportunity to hear a number of outstanding speakers during the five day Campus Conference on Religion to be held at Western Carolina Teachers College October 22 through the 26th. The theme for the Conference is "A Faith For Our Time."

The speakers for this series of discussions are: Dr. Claude U. Broach, St. John's Baptist church, Charlotte; Mrs. Taymond Morgan Lynchburg, Va.; and Frederick B. Eutsler, Congregational church, Raleigh.

In commenting on the Conference Dr. Paul A. Reid, President of W.C.T.C. had this to say, "Students and faculty members will benefit greatly from the information and inspiration brought to us by these distinguished visitors. Most of us need assistance in charting the difficult course of life, particularly in an age in which it appears that science and technological knowledge may control the destiny of human beings on this earth. Our hope is a better understanding and use of the Spiritual values of life."

"We are confident that the Campus Conference on Religion during the week of October 22-26 will be of much assistance in helping us understand the complexities of modern day living and stimulate us toward rendering better service to our God and to our fellowman."

The public is cordially invited to attend these conferences. U. S. Department of Agriculture scientists hope to have the mysterious littleleaf disease under control soon. Thirty million acres of shortleaf and loblolly pine are now affected by it.

Exhibits This Year Larger And Better

Qualla Leads With Best 4-H Booth, Glensville Second

Jackson County's 4-H and Home Demonstration Clubs held their annual Achievement program on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 11th, 12th and 13th, at the American Legion Home in Sylva. The Sylva Chapter of FFA, under the leadership of John Corbin and the Cullowhee Chapter of FFA, under the leadership of Mrs. W. B. Harrill, also participated.

At eight o'clock Wednesday morning, men, women and children started hauling in truck loads of exhibits of products from the farms and homes of their communities. Everyone worked with enthusiasm. All had the hope that the booth representing their club and community would take top honors. At two-thirty, the people started filing out of the building with the feeling of a job well done.

When all of the people had left, the judges started their task of deciding who had done the best job during the year. It was not an easy chore because everyone had done an excellent job and had brought in the highest quality of farm and home products ever to be displayed in Jackson County.

As soon as the door was unlocked Thursday morning, people started filing through the building to see the excellent exhibits. It was late in the night when the last of the approximately 500 people, who had been in during the day, left and the doors could be locked again.

1500 STUDENTS SEE EXHIBITS Friday was school day. Approximately 1500 school children, including the County's 900 4-H Club boys and girls, passed through the exhibit hall and then out into the yard to see the livestock exhibits.

All awards were presented to club members on Friday morning. The awards included the Gold Loving Cup, donated by Cannon Brothers Gas and Oil Company of Dillsboro, which was presented to the Glensville and Qualla 4-H Clubs. The clubs tied for the title of "Best All Around Club—1950". Each club will keep the cup six months.

J. A. Gray, of the Sylva Herald, presented the Qualla and Beta 4-H Clubs with prizes which they won for selling the largest number of subscriptions to the paper when raising money for Camp Schaub.

The local leaders of all clubs (Continued on Page 6)

\$428,000 SPENT ON JACKSON ROADS

W. M. Corkill, Division Engineer of the 10th Division State Highway Commission, of Asheville, reports that \$428,064.24 has been spent on Jackson County roads from the State's \$200,000,000 thru August 31.

SYLVA MAN GETS IMPORTANT POST WITH INDIAN DRAMA



John A. Parris, Jr. To Handle Public Relations For Historical Asso.

CHEROKEE, N. C., Oct. 18 — John Parris, former foreign correspondent and author, today was appointed public relations director of the Cherokee Historical Association and its sponsored outdoor Indian drama, "Unto These Hills."

The appointment was announced by Harry E. Buchanan of Hendersonville.

Swain Jury Finds Hall Guilty Of First Degree Murder, Must Die In Gas Chamber Dec. 1

James Richard Hall, 26, of Dillsboro, was sentenced to death in the gas chamber at State prison when convicted Thursday in Jackson County Superior Court on a charge of first-degree murder.

The jury received the case at 11:30 a.m. and returned a verdict of guilty at 12:30 p.m. against Hall in the death of his sister-in-law, Miss Laura Ellen Taylor of Dillsboro, last June 14th.

Sentence was passed at 1:30 p.m. by Judge J. Will Pless of Marion. The defendant was taken to State prison in Raleigh Thursday night.

The verdict was rendered by a jury selected from a special venire of 40 Swain County citizens. The state had charged that Hall strangled and criminally assaulted Miss Taylor, an employee of the Dayton Rubber Company at Hazelwood, near his home on the morning of June 14 and buried her body under a pile of rocks.

Judge Pless set date of execution of death penalty for Hall for Friday, December 1, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Defendant remained calm thru the trial and the passing of the sentence. Solicitor Thad Bryson and John Queen represented the State and Marcellus Buchanan III and Hugh Monteith were counsel for the defense.

Court officials said it was the second time that a first-degree murder conviction had been rendered in the history of the Sylva courthouse. Four years ago Robert Messer and Earl O'Dear drew the death penalty in the hammer slaying of Jack Hall, Sylva taxi driver and his wife.

Deputy Sheriff Warfield Turpin and Albert Robinson had testified as to the finding of Miss Taylor's body. Other State witnesses were Dr. Grover Wilkes, Frank Justice and Sheriff Griffin Middleton.

Snipes Suggests Methods For Controlling Weeds In Tobacco Plant Beds

350 HERE FOR WOW SEMI-ANNUAL MEET

Three hundred and fifty Woodmen of the World members from Wadesboro West in North Carolina, were in Sylva last Saturday for the 77th Semi-Annual Log-Rolling Convention which convened here at 3:30 in the afternoon.

At 6:30 a huge banquet was spread at the Legion Home and the address was by Hon. Staton P. Williams, Head Sentry of Woodmen of the World, of Albemarle.

Local Woodmen officials wish to express their appreciation for the cooperation of the merchants, business and professional people who assisted in making the convention a success.

The Sylva Camp 560 WOW is one of the largest in the State, having around 350 members. The convention Saturday was the first to be held in Sylva in the past 17 years.

Hotels, cafes and drug stores report a big spurt in business on Saturday due to the big number of WOW visitors in town.

TEN JACKSON MEN LEAVE 27TH FOR ARMY DUTY

Jackson County Draft Board has announced that the County's first call for men has come through and that ten men will leave at 10:20 by regular schedule bus on Friday, October 27, for Charlotte for induction. The men to leave are: Odell Haskey, Sylva; Warren C. Evitt, Erastus; John Dillard Bryson, Cashiers; Charlie Ben Franklin, Sylva Route 1; Tennyson Reed Ashe, Cullowhee; William David Monteith, Sylva Route 1; David C. Ledbetter, Cullowhee; Andrew Jackson Wood, Cowarts; Jack Dillard, Sylva; John Owens, Glensville.

Young Republicans To Meet October 26

The Young Republican club will have its last regular meeting before the November election next Thursday night, October 27, at 7 o'clock in the county courthouse, according to Jeff Hedden, president of the club. Mr. Hedden urges all members of the party in the county to be present as important business matters are to be discussed.

Jackson Bureau Members To Hold Farm Meeting Oct. 25

A meeting of the Jackson County Farm Bureau will be held at the American Legion Home Wednesday, October 25 at 7:30 p.m. George G. Farthing, Field Representative of the Farm Bureau, will bring the group a message concerning State and National Farm Bureau activities. J. E. Brown, President of the Jackson County Farm Bureau, who recently attended conferences in Washington, D. C., and New York City, along with other Farm Bureau delegates from Western North Carolina, will also report to the group regarding these conferences in the interest of agriculture.

Tobacco growers are finding that weeds can be controlled by using certain chemical treatments rather than burn the plant bed site. Certain fertilizers will kill weed seeds if correctly applied to the soil. The seed-killing effect of the chemical material must be leached from the soil before the tobacco seeds are planted.

Tests of the above method of weed control have shown great promise; however, growers are reminded that the method is very new and cannot be accepted as a completely proven practice until further trials have been made. The method is recommended to you for trial on a portion of your 1951 plant beds.

The following steps have been found necessary if you are to gain control of weeds:

1. Prepare the plant bed site during October. (At least 90 days before the tobacco seeds are to be planted). Prepare the soil as you would for seeding in the winter or early spring.
2. Apply Cyanamid fertilizer to the plant bed at the rate of one pound per square yard. Work fertilizer into upper one to two inches of soil. Others materials that have given good weed control are 16-6-2 fertilizer at the rate of three pounds per square yard, and combinations of one pound of Cyanamid plus one-half pound of Uramon per square yard.
3. Prepare a drain ditch around the plant bed to prevent surface water from washing new weed seed on to the site.
4. Cut all high weeds near the plant bed to prevent weed seeds from being blown on the site.
5. Apply one pound of regular 4-9-3 tobacco plant bed fertilizer before planting tobacco seed in the Spring.
6. Do not disturb the soil more than one inch deep in seeding the tobacco in the Spring.

P.S. We expect to conduct Burley tobacco grading demonstrations with the help of a Government grader this fall. Watch your local newspaper for announcements as to date and places.

PTA STUDY COURSE TO BE HELD AT BAPTIST CHURCH

There will be a county-wide Parent-Teacher Association County Council meeting and Study Course on October 25 at the Sylva Baptist church. Registration will begin at 9:30 and the program will begin at 10 a.m. This will be a four hour accredited course. Speaker for the occasion will be Miss Geneva Burton, State Field worker, using as her topic "There Shall Be Peace." The Council will also, at the request of the National PTA Congress, observe United Nations Day on this occasion.

For years Jack Jackson has maintained a model farm, with his farm produce taking blue ribbon after blue ribbon at the Cherokee Indian Fair.

Until this year the western counties had gained little recognition at the state's number one agricultural fair. But Jackson and Blankenship both were determined when they gathered their exhibits that this would be their year.

Sam Hyatt, extension farm agent for the Cherokee Indian Reservation, has long considered Jack Jackson one of the outstanding farmers of this section. The potatoes, beans and fruit that Jackson grows annually are rated high by farm experts.

Ed Bumgarner of Sunset Farms and John B. Ensley of Dillsboro were the lucky hunters out of a group of 27 men from the Dillsboro, Sylva, Whittier section on their first bear hunt of the season Monday. Two bears were killed on the hunt, Mr. Ensley and Mr. Bumgarner making the kills, one at 9 a.m. and the other at 1 p.m. Both animals were bagged in the Soco area. The meat was divided among all the hunters.

Everyone of the church is extended a cordial welcome and is urged to attend.

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