



Many Former Students Will Attend Homecoming At WCTC Saturday

Sylva Athletic Field Is Dedicated To Memory Of Former Coach Watson

Corbin, Madison And Smith On Program Sponsored By Sylva Lions

In an impressive ceremony held Friday evening at 7 o'clock, the athletic field used by the Sylva high school and the Smoky Mountain Athletic Association was dedicated to the memory and honor of a former coach, S. Sgt. Roy G. (Mark) Watson and was named the Mark Watson Athletic Field. No more fitting memorial could be erected to Mark than this, for he spent his few years in instructing boys and girls and as a coach for four years at Sylva High school and later at Edenton High school, he always set the example of fair play and was the ideal of every boy and girl on the teams.

The program, held on an improvised platform decorated in the national colors was opened with the invocation by Rev. B. S. Hensley.

John F. Corbin, master of ceremonies then presented H. E. Monteith, who spoke on behalf of the Lions club, the sponsoring organization.

Prof. R. L. Madison, president emeritus of Western Carolina Teachers College, and former teacher of Mark Watson, paid tribute to him and told of his splendid work, both in the class room and on the athletic field while a student at that institution.

Charles Smith, chairman of the Jackson county Board of Education made the dedicatory address.

Following this, Colonel E. C. Smith from the Redistribution Station in Asheville presented the Silver Star and the Bronze Medal, which has been awarded posthumously to Sgt. Watson, to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Watson of Sylva. He read the citation which accompanied the medals. These were given for gallantry and courage displayed in action in January and February, 1945. In one instance exposing himself and ignoring the fierce fire from enemy machine guns and small arms, he crawled close enough to throw two grenades to destroy the gun and force the surrender of 15 Germans.

Sgt. Watson gave up his career as teacher and coach and entered service in December, 1943, to do his part to assure the youth of our country that they could still have the privilege of free education and free athletics. Going overseas in August, 1944, he saw action in France, Belgium and Germany, before he made the supreme sacrifice, being killed in action in Germany, March 7, 1945. After this program a football game between Sylva High and Cranberry High was played, the local team winning 13-0. Loud speakers were placed at various points on the field and Ralph Sutton gave a play by play description of the game.

FATHER OF SYLVA WOMAN CLAIMED BY DEATH

Funeral services for Thomas S. Evans, prominent Murphy business man and father of Mrs. Harry Ferguson of Sylva were held Monday afternoon at the First Baptist church in Murphy at 3:00 with the Rev. J. Alton Morris, pastor, assisted by the Rev. Ralph Taylor, pastor of the First Methodist church officiating. Burial followed in the Sunset cemetery.

Mr. Evans, who for 31 years had been the Ford distributor in Murphy, was a native of Cherokee county. He died following a very brief illness.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Myrtle Dickey Evans, one son, Tom Evans, Jr., with the U. S. Coast Guard at San Francisco, Cal., one daughter, Mrs. Harry Ferguson of Sylva and one grandson, Tommy Ferguson.

Stewardship School Of Missions Held At Baptist Church

The Sylva Baptist church is holding a stewardship school of missions, each evening this week, beginning at 7 o'clock.

Those conducting the school are: Rev. J. Jeter Johnson of Cherokee, Miss Olive Lawton, returned missionary from China, Rev. C. M. Warren, pastor of the Sylva Baptist church, Rev. Mark Osborne, Jr., pastor of the Cullowhee Baptist church and Mrs. Osborne.

REV. TUTTLE AND FAMILY MOVE TO NEW PASTORATE

Rev. and Mrs. R. G. Tuttle and children will leave Thursday for Elkin, N. C., where he will begin his pastorate of the Elkin Methodist church next Sunday.

Rev. Tuttle has been pastor of the Sylva Methodist church for 4 years, during which time the church has had an unusually successful era. Besides the progress made in the spiritual life of the church and the number of members added, two outstanding things have been accomplished. The Allison educational building was built and paid for and plans have been drawn for the remodeling of the main sanctuary with approximately \$9,000 of the money already raised.

The people of the town regret to have the Tuttle family leave, but according to the itinerant system used by the Methodist church, it is time for them to go.

Our best wishes go with them in their new field.

Sgt. Moore Returns

Sgt. Dan K. Moore, who has served with the armed forces for about two years and overseas for one year, arrived in New York last Saturday. He is in Fort Bragg now awaiting his discharge.

Mrs. Moore and children left today for Boone where Edith and Danny will visit their aunt, Mrs. J. H. Council, while Mrs. Moore will go on to Raleigh to meet Sgt. Moore.

WILSON, COPE AND POPPERWELL PURCHASE SYLVA HOTEL PROPERTY FROM QUEEN

Former Owner Going To Florida For Winter

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The new owners state that there will be no changes made in the operations of the business at the present.

SYLVA HUNTERS BAG TWO BEARS IN HUNT

A group of hunters from Sylva enjoyed a successful hunting trip this week-end at Mount Mitchell. Hunting on ground covered with two inches of snow they managed to bag two bears, weighing approximately 200 pounds each.

Those included in the trip were: T. N. Massie, Robert G. Tuttle, W. P. McGuire, Frank Fricks, Everett Harris, Ray Cogdill, Jonah Dills, S. W. Enloe Ras Barrett and friends from Asheville, Newland, and Atlanta, Ga.

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Mr. J. A. Bryson, president of the Jackson county Chamber Commerce, opened the meeting by stating its purpose. In his remarks Mr. Bryson told the group that the Chamber of Commerce offered its support and cooperation in the work of the Association if they wished to organize.

Mr. Jones told the merchants of the benefits to their business to be derived through an association, the cost of operating same, and the necessity of complete cooperation of all the members if it is to function properly. He also explained the workings of a credit association, how the records are secured and kept in file for the benefit of the members.

The many questions asked Mr. Jones by the men present indicated their interest in an association, which they stated by their vote that they wished to organize. A meeting will be held again next week to go further into the matter.

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JACKSON COUNTY TRANSIT COMPANY BEGINS OPERATION

Beginning Friday morning, Oct. 19, a new business, known as the Jackson County Transit Company, will begin operations. A 21 passenger bus will furnish transportation to all shifts of the paper-board and tannery and schedules will be arranged for all shows.

This bus service will operate within the incorporated city limits and on one mile beyond the city limits of all highways.

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JACKSON COUNTY LIMESTONE PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

In preparing for an outstanding limestone program in Jackson county next year, D. C. Higdon, Chairman Jackson County AAA Committee, announced here today that all persons interested in bidding on furnishing liming materials under the 1946 Agricultural Conservation Program should contact the Jackson county AAA Office prior to Oct. 20, 1945.

Mr. Higdon pointed out that bids will be accepted on a delivered-to-farm basis, and for the first time, delivered-to-farm-and-spread-on-field basis. Meetings have been scheduled throughout the State to familiarize suppliers with the 1945 Liming Materials' Program.

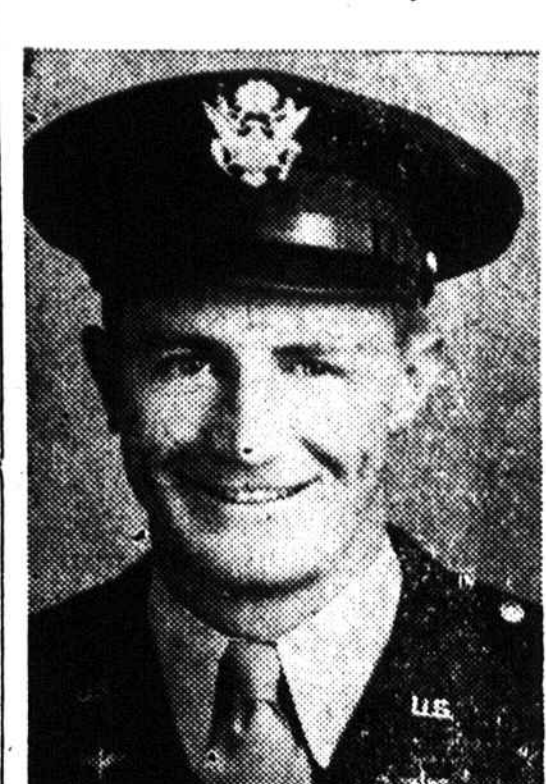
Mr. Higdon urges all interested persons to attend these meetings. Schedules of dates and places of meetings may be obtained by contacting the Jackson County AAA Office.

U. S. Army Recruiting Representative Now In Sylva

Enlistments are now open to men 17 to 35 years of age. Under the new voluntary recruitment act passed by congress recently, 17 year olds may now enlist by obtaining written permission of their parents. The new act also gives greater benefits to the discharged veteran who wants to make the army a career. For information on the act call at the recruiting office in the post office bldg., in Sylva this week Monday through Thursday.

Enlistments may now be made for 18 months, two years or three years.

Air Medal Awarded Posthumously To Lieutenant J. F. Dwyer



Mrs. John F. Dwyer has received the Air Medal awarded posthumously to 1st Lt. J. F. Dwyer. The citation reads, "For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained bomber combat operations over Germany and German occupied countries."

Lt. Dwyer was bombardier on his ship which was shot down near Nurnberg, Germany, on the 12th mission. Lt. Dwyer was killed Oct. 3, 1944, and other members of the crew taken prisoner, but at home now.

He was a member of the International Guards before Pearl Harbor and first served with the Infantry, then being transferred to the Air Corps. He received his training at Santa Anna, Cal.; Las Vegas, Nev.; Carlsbad, N. Mexico, and Avon Park, Fla. He received the Presidential Group Citation and Mrs. Dwyer has also been presented the Purple Heart. Mrs. Dwyer the former Miss Beana Dee Painter of Cullowhee, is now employed in Washington, D. C., as a Public Health Representative.

'I Did No Wrong'



"Tokyo Rose," did nothing more than entertain G.I.s, which despite her statement, and that of her relatives in Chicago, is not what she intended.

Any weak or rickety chair is a menace. Keep furniture in repair. Anchor small rugs.

LOCAL CHEVROLET DEALERS RETURN FROM PREVIEW SHOWING OF NEW CHEVROLET

Mr. Paul Kirk and Mr. Homer Davis, Chevrolet dealers at Sylva, returned from Charlotte, today where they attended a preview of the new 1946 Chevrolet at the Company's headquarters.

They were reluctant to discuss the mechanical and style features of the new car, but by their eager attitude it was apparent that they expected the formal announcement and public showing of the new car to be at an early date.

Mr. Kirk and Mr. Davis said that they and other dealers in the area were confident that the 1946 Chevrolet will maintain the record of top volume sales, which Chevrolet reached in the 10 of the last 11 prewar years of automobile production, to meet the unprecedented pent-up demand for new cars.

Following the same policy as in former years, the new Chevrolet

DR. ASHBROOK ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE OF EVENTS TO TAKE PLACE ON PROGRAM; CATAMOUNTS TO PLAY HIGH POINT COLLEGE

3 Germans Condemned For War Crimes

Three German were condemned this week by an American military tribunal for the parts they had played in the murder of more than 400 Russians and Poles in the infamous Hadamar insane asylum.

Alfons Klein, Heinrich Ruoff and Karl Willig were convicted of administering fatal doses of morphine to those who had been impressed into labor service for the Reich. Three other men, and an elderly nurse, also convicted of crimes at this asylum were sentenced to long terms at hard labor.

DISTRICT FORESTRY OPENS OFFICES HERE

Chosen because of its strategic location, Sylva is now headquarters for a new District Forestry office, which is to serve eight western counties.

Officially opened, Oct. 15, the office is located in the Lloyd Hotel. Mack Ashe, District Ranger will be in charge and Mrs. Hugh Quick has accepted a position in the office.

The office is a branch of the division of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development and will serve the eight adjoining western counties.

This office, one of nine throughout the state of North Carolina will primarily serve as headquarters for forest fire control in these eight counties and is a division of the Asheville office.

At a later date there will be an appointment made for a District Forester, who will work throughout the counties the office is intended to serve.

SOSSAMON OPENS NEW FURNITURE STORE IN FRANKLIN

Sossamon Furniture Stores, with home offices in Statesville, North Carolina, have leased the new store building recently completed by J. H. Stockton, in Franklin, and will open for business on Saturday October 20, it has been announced.

Mr. G. J. Wilson, from the Bryson City store, will go to Franklin as manager of the new branch. Mr. Wilson plans to move his family to Franklin later.

In addition to Franklin, Sossamon Stores are in Sylva, Statesville, and Bryson City. They operate a direct van service from factory to store, and handle a complete line of household furnishings and appliances.

Mr. Leroy Sossamon, head of the Sossamon Stores, and Mr. Wilson have been in Franklin this week getting everything ready for the opening Saturday.

6:30 Picnic Followed With Dance Will End Day's Festivities

Western Carolina Teachers College will observe its 56th annual Homecoming at the college Saturday, October 20, according to an announcement this week by the college officials.

Dr. W. A. Ashebrook has announced the following schedule of events to take place: 10: A. M., Open House, arrangements to be announced later by Miss Judy Owings, president of the Women's House Government and Lynwood Halliburton, president of the men's House Government; 2:30 P. M. a football game between High Point College and Western Carolina Teachers College; 6:30 P. M. a picnic on the back terrace of Moore Dormitory with Mrs. Carrie Bryson in charge; and 8:30 P. M. a dance at the gymnasium with Miss Helen Hartshorn and the Marshal's Club in charge.

In preparation for the Homecoming Day celebration, a pep rally was held Thursday afternoon, October 18, at the regular Chapel hour, with C. F. Dodson in charge. On Friday evening the student body, led by Miss Hartshorn and the college cheer leaders, lighted a bonfire and held a pep rally on the athletic field.

Other members of the committee working with Dr. Ashebrook are Miss Addie Beam, Mrs. Charles Gulley, Miss Charlotte Watson, and Miss Helen Hartshorn.

Indications are that many students will return for the occasion.

MRS. FLORA WATKINS TAKEN BY DEATH

Mrs. Flora J. Watkins passed away Wednesday P. M. at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Cannon, in Dillsboro, following an extended illness. Mrs. Watkins was one of Jackson county's oldest and best known citizens.

She was born in Cashiers Valley, the daughter of Mortiga and Elvira Keener Zachary. She later moved with her parents to Whittier, where she was living when she was married to John C. Watkins, who preceded her in death by a number of years. She lived her entire married life in Dillsboro, and was known and loved by everyone in the town and surrounding community.

She was a member of the Dillsboro Baptist church and the Oce chapter, 139 Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. J. C. Cannon of Dillsboro; two sons, J. D. and P. A. of Asheville; two sisters, Mrs. Hattie Boyd of Roseville, Cal., and Mrs. Rose Fisher of Oroville, Cal.; seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock at the Dillsboro Baptist church with Rev. T. F. Deitz and Rev. W. N. Cook officiating. The body will lie in state from 9:30 to 10:30.

Burial will follow in the Parris cemetery, Oce chapter O. E. S. will have charge of the rites at the grave.

Effort To Halt Strikes A Failure

President Truman and his advisory board have made little progress in efforts to settle strikes. Five separate offers have been placed before labor units by Secretary of Labor Schwelb and all have been rejected. The way was left open, however, by the labor secretary to resume negotiations if disputing parties should find some common ground. 200,000 miners are idle and more than half of normal bituminous productions at a standstill due to strikes.

Mrs. M. Y. Ballentine of Raleigh was in Sylva the first of the week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dan Allison. Mrs. Ballentine is the wife of Lieutenant Governor Ballentine.