

Claude Allison Succumbs At Home To Heart Attack

Was Entertaining Friends
At Time Of His Sudden
Passing; Funeral Held
Tuesday Morning

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at the Sylva Methodist church for J. Claude Allison, 59, well known civic and business leader of Sylva, who died of a heart attack at his home early Sunday morning. The Rev. W. Q. Grigg, pastor of the church, officiated. Burial followed in the Keener cemetery, with members of the Masonic order in charge of the rites.

Pallbearers were S. A. Carden, B. E. Harris, Clyde W. Fisher, Coy Franklin, Dan K. Moore and Dillard Coward.

Honorary pallbearers were Dr. W. P. McGuire, T. E. Reed, V. V. Enley, R. L. Ariail, R. C. Allison, E. L. McKee, A. O. Weidlich, R. H. Kress, W. C. Queen, S. W. Enloe, Robt. W. Harris, Raymond Glenn, Dr. T. D. Slagle, Lewis Cannon, J. C. Cannon, D. D. Hooper, W. J. Fisher, R. W. Enloe, W. A. Goodson, M. D. Cowan, Woody Hampton, Paul Kirk and S. C. Cogdill.

Mr. Allison was visiting with his family and friends at the time he was stricken and died within a few moments of the attack.

He was the son of the late Samuel C. and Magdalene Fisher Allison and was a native of Jackson county.

Mr. Allison had been manager and part owner of the Builders' Supply and Lumber Company since its establishment in 1921; he was distributor for the Standard Oil Company since 1920; director of the Jackson County Bank, and in 1933-34 served as president of the Sylva Rotary club. He was active in the Methodist church, having served as steward and as Superintendent of the Sunday school. He was also a member of the Board of Directors of the C. J. Harris Community Hospital.

Mr. Allison served as chairman of the Selective Service Board through the war years, was chairman of the crippled childrens committee and was active in Boy Scout activities. He was also assistant treasurer of the Log Cabin Association and had been a member of the Masonic Order for many years. He took an active part in all civic, religious and educational activities.

The esteem in which he was held by his many friends and fellow townsmen was attested by the large crowd at the funeral and the many beautiful floral offerings.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Florence Barrett Allison; his stepmother, Mrs. Blanche M. Allison;

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J. CLAUDE ALLISON

LEGION MUSICAL TO BE HELD TOMORROW

The American Legion post of Sylva will present an old-time fiddlers' convention and mountain music festival tomorrow night at eight o'clock at the Sylva Elementary school.

Proceeds from the musical will be used by the Legionnaires toward the construction of its new memorial building.

Read Wilson of radio station WWNC in Asheville will serve as master of ceremonies, and it will be his first appearance in Sylva.

Among the musicians to appear will be Joe Preasley, champion old-time fiddler, the Carolina Mountain Boys, Aunt Samantha Bumgarner, the Carpenter family, James Haynie, Alex Houston, child ventriloquist, and Neal Ann Allen, young acrobat dancer.

All musicians and entertainers are invited to participate for the several cash prizes that are to be given, and are urged to sign up with Larry Mull at Velt's.

Admission will be fifty cents for children and 75 cents for adults.

O.E.S. Chapter Will Have Joint Meeting

A joint meeting of Oe Chapter No. 139 and Glenville chapter No. 222 will be held Friday, July 19th, at 2:30 o'clock p. m. in the Masonic Hall at Glenville. The Worthy Grand Matron of North Carolina, Mrs. Reta Henley, of Roxboro and the District Deputy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary Swann, of Andrews will make their official visits to the chapters at this time. All members of both chapters are urged to be present and all visiting Stars are cordially invited.

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PLANS BEING MADE TO SET UP STUDY CENTERS FOR FROSH

Plans for study centers at the freshman level have been worked out by Governor Cherry's committee on Veterans Education through its Steering Committee, and centers will be set up wherever there is a demand for them, according to D. E. Sigmon, representative of the North Carolina Veterans Commission.

In order that the committee may know where the demand is, it is requesting that all veterans who are interested in securing a college education to make application at the offices of the city and county superintendents of schools on July 22 and 23. The superintendents will be furnished forms by R. M. Grumman, secretary of the steering committee at Chapel Hill, on which the veteran will make his application.

These off-campus college centers will not be confined to veterans alone, but can be used by non-vets as well.

The classes will run in the late afternoon and evening, and libraries and laboratories will be those required by college standards, the report states.

Interested veterans and non-veterans are urged to contact T. W. Ashe or D. E. Sigmon at the courthouse.

O.E.S. District Meeting To Be At Robbinsville

The meeting of the 12th district of the Order of the Eastern Star will be held at Robbinsville Saturday, July 20th, with the Robbinsville chapter No. 224 as hostess. The Worthy Grand Matron and District Deputy Grand Matron will be present. Those attending from the Glenville chapter will be Mrs. Viola Bryson, Mrs. Kate Bryson, Mrs. Lizzie Russell, Mrs. Iola Paxton and Mrs. Dena Bryson. A group from Oe Chapter, Dillsboro, will attend.

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FIRST SESSION AT WCTC TO CLOSE

The first summer school session for the current year at Western Carolina Teachers College will close tomorrow with an enrollment of 442 students, 185 of them veterans, according to an announcement this week by Dean W. E. Bird.

The second session will begin Monday, July 22, which is registration day, and will be headed by Dr. W. A. Ashbrook as acting director in the absence of Dean Bird.

The Smoky Mountains Music Center will be a feature of the second session for two weeks of the session's total duration and will be again headed by Dr. Ilse Huebner, director.

It is learned that a considerable number of the student body in the first-session are in-service teachers who will not attend the second session because of early school openings. This is expected to leave a large number of dormitory vacancies.

HONORS AWARDED TO FOUR SYLVA SCOUTS

Four Boy Scouts from Sylva received awards last Thursday evening at a court of honor held at Cherokee.

Frank Crawford, Jr., received a merit badge in Pathfinding, Neil Wilson, merit badges in Safety and Home Repairs, Tommy Queen, merit badge in Safety, and Bruce Carden received his Tenderfoot badge.

Scouts and leaders had a picnic supper on the island at Cherokee before the court convened, and John Corbin of Sylva, advancement chairman of the district, presided.

The Scout District Committee will meet tomorrow night at seven o'clock in Dillsboro.

Four Local Lions Attend Philadelphia Convention

Four members of the Sylva Lions Club left last Monday to attend the annual convention of the Lions International in Philadelphia.

Those attending are: Jennings

SYLVA GROUP IS ENTERTAINED AT FONTANA DAM

A large number of Western North Carolina civic leaders and individuals were luncheon guests Saturday at Fontana Dam of the board of trustees of Government Services, Inc., of Washington, D. C., which operates the large recreation center at Fontana.

Among those attending the event, held for the purpose of acquainting mountain area leaders with the new project there, were mayors, chamber of commerce officials, and a number of high officials of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

A. E. Demaray, of the National Park service and president of the board of Government Services, Inc., welcomed the Western North Carolina and Tennessee leaders to the Fontana Dam area.

Felix Picklesimer, president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, and his wife; Miss Carolyn Lewis, secretary of the organization, and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McKee were Sylva representatives. Mr. Picklesimer expressed enthusiasm over the new project, and the cooperation the officials were showing in the recently organized "Western North Carolina Associated Communities" club which is holding a series of joint meetings of regional cooperation between the counties of Western North Carolina.

The object of the new organization is to unite member communities into an association equipped to work for and promote the betterment of the Western North Carolina area in all civic matters of regional interest.

Among the special guests was David E. Lillenthal, Tennessee Valley Authority chairman.

Luncheon was held at 1 p. m., at the Fontana Village cafeteria. A tour of the Fontana Dam and lake region was also a feature of the day's entertainment.

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FOUR INJURED WHEN TRUCK GEAR LOCKS

Four Glenville men were injured, two seriously, as the steering gear locked on a truck operated by Fred Homer Sims, 26, near the Glenville powerhouse last Saturday afternoon, sending the vehicle head-on into a telephone pole and turning it over.

Alec Wilson, most seriously injured, with two broken legs and internal injuries, was riding in the cab with Sims, who received cuts on the head and arms, as the steering gear locked, sending the truck along the embankment for fifty yards, into a light pole and overturning it into the Tuckasee river.

R. V. Anders and Louis Sims, riding on the bed of the truck, were thrown against the cab and received head injuries, but they were discharged from Harris Community hospital after receiving first-aid treatment.

Hospital authorities yesterday reported that Homer Sims' condition is "good" and that Wilson's is "fair."

Bryson, who is international councillor; Hugh Monteith, D. E. Harris, and Roy Reed.

Representatives of almost every country in the world will attend the meeting, at which new international officers will be elected. The last convention was held in Chicago in 1944.

SOSSAMON'S... in Sylva

Erwin Speaks On Shortages In People At WCTC Assembly

DR. HUNTER SPEAKS AT ALUMNI MEET

Dr. H. T. Hunter, president of WCTC, spoke at a meeting of alumni of the college last Friday evening in Asheville in connection with the school's proposed memorial stadium.

The president said that the stadium is to be constructed in honor of the students, alumni and faculty who gave their lives in the war as well as in honor of the living veterans from WCTC.

Dr. Hunter stated that the board of trustees as well as the faculty of the institution concurred in the choice of a stadium rather than any other type of memorial such as a library or theatre because "the State Legislature does not finance athletics as such, nor the construction of stadia, and because athletics are financed out of student fees and gate receipts."

"We want a living memorial to serve both men and women and the people in the surrounding area who want to attend our athletic events," he continued.

President Hunter pointed out that "more than half of the men who gave their lives were athletes. The rest were fans of athletic events, and we feel that the stadium will in reality represent something that was close to their hearts."

The college hopes to raise funds totalling \$50,000 through the solicitation of friends in Western North Carolina and alumni in the first move to solicit funds for a major project in the history of the college.

Dr. Hunter declared that \$15,000 has already been pledged by some members of the general public and several alumni and that the normal drive for funds will begin in about ten days.

COMMUNITIES GROUP MEETS IN BRYSON

An organization for furthering the resources and attractions of Western North Carolina was set up in Bryson City last Wednesday night under the name of Western North Carolina Associated Communities.

Percy Ferebee of Andrews was elected chairman, Charles Ray of Waynesville was elected vice-chairman, and C. M. Douglas of Brevard was chosen as secretary-treasurer.

Communities represented at the meeting included: Asheville, Brevard, Waynesville, Sylva, Cherokee, Highlands, Franklin, Andrews, Murphy, Robbinsville, Bryson City, and Cullowhee.

The group formed a set of resolutions which follow:
To cooperate with agencies of the state government such as the Department of Conservation and Development, the State Planning Board, and others.

To cooperate with agencies of the federal government in order to promote and expedite the fullest possible development of projects such as the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the Blue Ridge Parkway, the national forests, and Fontana dam.

To advertise Western North Carolina as a whole in cooperation with the state news bureau.

To endeavor, in cooperation with the State Industrial Bureau, to attract more industries to the region.

To further the development of regional highway systems in cooperation with the State Highway and Public Works commission.

To promote hunting and fishing in the region in cooperation with the State Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

And to better tourist facilities in the region through an educational campaign.

The next meeting of the organization will be held on August 8 at Cullowhee.

Among certain peoples of India, only the oldest son of the family is permitted to marry.

COUNTY DEATH RATE PLACES SIXTY-THIRD

According to a recent bulletin of the N. C. State Board of Health, Jackson county rates sixty-third place out of the 100 counties in the state in relation to the deaths of children under one year of age in 1945.

Jackson's death rate for children in this category is 50.5 deaths per one thousand live births. The state average is 44.4, and the rates for the surrounding counties are as follows: Swain, 18.9; Macon, 29.1; Haywood, 31.0; Transylvania, 33.7; Graham, 34.0; Cherokee, 47.6; and Clay, 78.4.

Jackson, with its 50.5, falls after Cherokee and before Clay, which has the next to the highest death rate for infants under one year of age, being followed by Dare with 126.9.

Swain, with 18.9, has the third lowest rate in the state.

STILLWELL OBSERVES BIRTHDAY QUIETLY IN HARRIS HOSPITAL

Zell Stillwell of Whittier observed his sixty-first birthday in the Harris Community hospital quietly last Sunday.

Stillwell was admitted to the hospital last week after accidentally catching his arm in the bumper of a car owned and operated by J. M. Reagon of Gateway and after being dragged for a mile by the vehicle.

Upon being queried as to birthday presents, Mr. Stillwell declared that "to get to live was birthday present enough."

He was banged up quite badly in the automobile and was in a hospital included general as well as special care, and incurred a serious case of shock, but he recovered from shock in a matter of a few days after being treated by the hospital.

In regard to a birthday party, Mr. Stillwell said that "I was invited to the party but I was unable to say, 'well, we'll just have a Christmas cake and sing it' the same way with all birthdays we'll just wait till the next time."

Dealership For Freezer Units Given To Firm

The Buchanan Auto and Electric Co. of Sylva has obtained a dealership for home freezing units for the storage of perishable foods, including loads of the quick-freeze type.

The company expects to stock a sixteen cubic-foot and an eight cubic-foot size in the near future.

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Southern Scouts Win Awards For Membership Increases

The Daniel Boone Boy Scout Council composed of the fourteen Western North Carolina counties was one of the 37 councils which helped to win for Region Six the Lorillard Spencer Award in Scouting this year.

The award was made to Region Six, composed of councils in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, at the 36th annual meeting of the National Council in St. Louis for showing the largest increase in membership by percentage made by any one of the twelve Boy Scout Regions in the country.

Region Six has had its name inscribed on the trophy and will keep it on display at Regional Headquarters in Atlanta for a year. The Region won the trophy previously in 1942 and 1943.

The group recorded a 14.1 per cent increase in membership in 1945 by growing from 116,834 Cubs, Scouts and adult leaders at the end of 1944, to 133,258 by the end of last year.

The Spencer Award is a silver pitcher, one of a pair that was given to Mrs. Lorillard Spencer, Sr., of New York, as a wedding gift in 1882. Mrs. Spencer presented it to the National Council in 1940 in honor of her son, the late

State Education Head Decries Scarcity Of Human Materials

Superintendent of Public Instruction in North Carolina, Clyde Erwin, was the featured speaker at the regular chapel assembly period at WCTC on Tuesday morning and decried the lack of high caliber leadership in America as well as in the rest of the world.

Introduced by Dean W. E. Bird, Mr. Erwin stated that people have reaped a material reward from education, but he pointed with alarm to current shortages in materials, mentioning school equipment, books, teachers and buildings, and added that "We still have plenty of boys and girls, and it is out of that resource that we shall make our state bigger and better tomorrow."

"We shall keep faith with our boys and girls, who are to be the citizens of this state in the post-war world," he declared, and continued by saying that we must veer away from the accent on averages, undercutting the weak and permitting the gap between them and the strong from growing out of proportion.

Erwin pointed out the fact that the average student in North Carolina in times past received training through the fourth grade but that today he finishes the eighth grade, "but we must have better qualified leaders whom the people are willing to follow."

The superintendent said that "there is a shortage today in leadership as based on the increased amount of training." He gave as examples the shortages in teachers, ministers, business men, and doctors and nurses.

The speaker said that present shortages are something for educators to think about if they wish to strengthen the masses, and that we must place in front of the people leaders who challenge their intelligence. "We must have well qualified leaders as well as good material," he said.

Speaking of the old war, Superintendent Erwin declared that "they were in Germany and they were in the leadership as it is today, but it was not available. We say we have outlawed war. I wonder if we have. We haven't until we present a challenge that will divert the people into areas of human service—not human destruction."

Mr. Erwin cited the case of all the races in America, "working together to make the country great," and declared that we have borrowed music, for example, from all nations. He mentioned moun-

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Late "Ma" Bishop Is Recalled For Kindness and Aptitudes

Funeral rites were held almost two weeks ago for Mrs. Dan Bishop, 81, formerly of Caney Fork, but she will be vividly remembered by all her friends and relatives as a remarkably kind and industrious lady.

Her primary delight throughout life, along with a driving desire to help others, was her spinning wheel. When she was fourteen her mother taught her to card, spin and make cloth, and Mrs. Bishop spent much of her time since then in making rag rugs, sweaters, crochet pieces, and patchwork quilts, most of which she gave away to anyone who expressed a like for them.

When she was taken sick a few weeks ago she was in the process of making sweaters for two of her great-grandchildren.

Born the daughter of Jack Phillips in Caney Fork 81 years ago, Mrs. Bishop was the oldest of ten children, and, coincidentally, later became the mother of ten children herself, six of whom are still living and are past sixty.

On September 19, 1886, she became the bride of Dan Bishop, and by then was on the way toward becoming famed throughout Jackson county for her spinning and



MRS. DAN BISHOP

weaving. She was interested in saving everything in the form of old clothes and pieces of cloth, and utilizing them in making something new.

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