

## Sylva Merchants To Start Closing Half Day April 7

### Funeral Rites For Sylva Bank Official Tuesday At Sylva Methodist Church

**R. L. Ariail Died Sunday P.M. In Local Hospital, Buried in Willington, S. C.**  
Funeral services for Robert Lee Ariail, executive vice-president of the Jackson County Bank of Sylva and Highlands, and chairman of the Jackson county board of education, were held at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning at the Sylva Methodist church, with the pastor, Rev. W. Q. Grigg, officiating. The body was taken to Willington, S. C. for interment at 3 o'clock.  
All Sylva business establishments closed at 9:45 and remained closed until after the services out.

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### SYLVA PROGRAMS TO BE BROADCAST OVER WAYNESVILLE STA.

Sylva's first commercial radio broadcast will be carried over radio station WHCC at Waynesville from Sylva April 1 from 2 to 3 o'clock from the high school gym "What Fools We Mortal Be" will be in full swing.

The program will include commercials from Jackson County Bank, Hooper Drug Store, Reece-Hampton Motor Company and other business firms of Sylva.

The program will feature the high school band, glee clubs, mixed chorus, the new Alma Mater, written by Messrs. Crawford and Beacham, and another original composition by Mr. Beacham. The Webster high school will be present according to plans announced.

From 4 to 5 o'clock on Sunday, April 4, from the Sylva Methodist church a Sacred Concert, also sponsored by the Sylva Chamber of Commerce, will be presented. Director Beacham announced that he hopes the Baptist church will present this program under the direction of the Rev. Mr. Warren. However, it will go on the air anyway and be good, he stated.

### Sylva People Attend Moravian Easter Service

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Jake Bales and son, Jimmy, were among the 40,000 worshippers who attended the Moravian Easter Sunrise service at Winston-Salem.

At the 11 o'clock hour they attended services at Centenary Methodist church in Winston-Salem. Between the hours they visited the Methodist orphanage and the Reynolds estate and flower gardens.

### Johnson For Governor Names Frank Hall As His County Manager

Charles M. Johnson, speaking at Burgaw, to his home folks, with the speech carried on all the net works of radio in the State, began his active campaign for the nomination for Governor, Tuesday night, according to Frank Hall, Mr. Johnson's Jackson county campaign manager. "Mr. Johnson will carry his campaign to every part of the State, in person," Mr. Hall stated. Notice to his supporters, and to the general public of when he will be in Jackson county will be announced later, Mr. Hall said.

Mr. Johnson is the present State Treasurer and Chairman of the Local Government Commission, and as such has wide acquaintance throughout North Carolina. "He was the first candidate to announce that he would be a candidate for Governor in the primary to be held on May 29," Mr. Hall stated.

### LEGION AUXILIARY TO SELL VICTORY BOOK ON SATURDAY

The local American Legion Auxiliary will have a table on Main street on Saturday, and will offer copies of General Marshall's Victory Report, giving a complete account of the campaigns of World War II, and including a roster of the service men and women from this county, and a list of the killed and missing from this county.

The book, a valuable historical document, with the local rosters included, sells for \$1.00. The Auxiliary has only 100 copies to sell, and no more will be available.

### JOHN GRANT PARKER DIES AT AGE OF 82

John Grant Parker, 82-year-old prosperous farmer and cattle raiser of Canada Township, Jackson county, died at his Wolf Mountain home Tuesday afternoon following a short illness. He was a civic leader in his community, and has been a deacon of the Baptist church for more than 50 years. He was also a charter member of the Sol's Creek and Nettie Mountain Baptist churches.

Mr. Parker married Miss Joyce Wood 60 years ago, who survives him.

There are 64 direct descendants, the widow, ten children, 48 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren.

Five sons are: W. O. Parker of Mills, River; James Parker of Brevard; Earl S. Parker of Asheville; Charles and Dewey Parker of Argura; five daughters, Mrs. Ben Nicholson, Cowarts; Mrs. Fleet Shipman, Lake Toxaway; Mrs. Avery Mashburn, Cullowhee; Mrs. Terry Galloway, Wolf Mountain, and Mrs. J. B. Painter, Cullowhee.

Funeral services were held at the Wolf Creek Baptist church at 2 o'clock Wednesday, the Rev. W. N. Cook and Rev. Dillard Wood officiated. Burial was in the Woods cemetery at Wolf Creek.

Grandsons of the deceased were pallbearers and granddaughters served as flower bearers. Honorary pallbearers were deacons and officers of the above mentioned churches. Moody Funeral Home was in charge of funeral arrangements.

### SOSSAMON RESIGNS AS PRESIDENT OF MERCHANTS GROUP

Boyd Sossamon, of Sossamon Furniture Company, tendered the following resignation to the members of the Sylva Merchants Association at a called meeting on last Thursday afternoon.

"It has been a pleasure to serve you in the capacity of president the past three years, but I feel like it's time we had a new president.

"Seeing this organization grow from its infancy to the valuable organization it is today justifies somewhat the hard work, worry and the bald spot on top of my head.

"You may be sure that I will do my utmost to cooperate with the new officers of this organization in any way possible."

Boyd Sossamon

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### NO MAN POWER SHORTAGE HERE



Shown above is the family group of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Wilson of the Savannah community of this county. The group includes Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and their fifteen sons and daughters as follows:

Front row, left to right - Jerry, Hazel, Mr. Wilson, Calvin, Mary, Mrs. Wilson, Helen and Dewey. Back row, left to right - Dearly, Billy, Clint, John, L. C., Jr., Woodrow, James and Charlie. The age of the children range from six to 31 years. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were married October 16, 1914. She is now 49 and he is 52.

Six of the sons served in the various branches of service during World War II. They were Woodrow, John, James, Clint, L. C. Jr., and Billy. Clint and L. C. Jr. are still in the Navy. One unusual thing about the Wilson family is that of the two generations, comprising 30 members, there has never been a death. The thirty were together during the past week.

Of this large family of children there is only one set of twins. They are Hazel and Helen.

### Cullowhee High School Has Spring Festival

On Thursday evening, March 25, the Cullowhee high school held their spring festival. This was sponsored by the Junior class, of which Miss Nell Bond is sponsor, to raise funds to finance the Junior-Senior banquet.

Each class had chosen a representative to be voted on for the Queen of Spring and one for the Bachelor of Ugliness or the most unpopular boy. Those voted on were: 8th grade, Betty Jo Watson and Kenneth Rogers; 9th grade, Jo Ann Hodgkin and Jimmy Phillips; 10 grade, Karene Bryson and Homer Wike; 11th grade, Norma Jean Wood and James Cole, 12th grade, June Parker and O. V. Cagle, Jr.

Winners were Karene Bryson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bryson, for the Queen of Spring and O. V. Cagle, Jr. for the Bachelor of Ugliness.

Other features of entertainment during the evening were cake walks, selling of drinks, pies, candies and other things.

Approximately \$130.00 was made.

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### Gardner Memorial At Gardner-Webb College To Cost \$150,000.00

Construction on the new \$150,000 memorial O. Max Gardner Student Building began on Monday, March 29, the contractor, R. H. Pinnix of Gastonia, moved excavation equipment in on Saturday, and the job of removing dirt started early Monday morning. College officials have high hopes that this building will be ready for use by the next school year.

### WNCAC GROUP WILL MEET IN BREVARD TUESDAY, APRIL 13

The regular quarterly meeting of Western North Carolina Associated Communities will meet in Brevard April 13 at 1 p.m. for the purpose of discussing fishing and hunting in the National Forests, Advertising Booklets, Indian Pageant, Music Festival and National Editorial Convention which will be a six-day state event in May.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce, Mayor, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, as well as other leaders in the community are urged to attend.

### Scene At Presbyterian Ground-Breaking



Shown above are the pastor, elders and visiting minister at the scene of the ground-breaking for the Presbyterian church soon to be erected in Sylva. Reading left to right are elders Jackson Dunbar and J. A. Gray; Rev. Paul P. Thrower of Charlotte, who organized the Sylva church in 1941; Elder Vernon McHan and Rev. W. H. Wakefield, present pastor. Elder Martin C. Cunningham is using the pick and little Johnny McHan, son of Elder and Mrs. Vernon McHan, is standing by ready to shovel the dirt to be removed.

### Half Holiday To Begin Wednesday At 12 Noon; Continue Through Sept.

### THOSE NEW EASTER BONNETS AS WELL AS VEGETATION NIPPED

Easter dawned clear and cold in Sylva but a goodly number of people braved the biting wind to attend the sunrise service at the cemetery. All the churches report large congregations for the morning services which were centered on the Easter Spirit of our Lord's resurrection.

A much larger crowd gathered at Parris cemetery at 2:30 p. m. for the Easter and Memorial service there.

A low of 28 brought heavy frost and ice on Monday morning to do considerable damage to early buds and other vegetation.

### MISSING PLANE SOUGHT IN AREA

The search for two Durham airmen, missing for more than a week, focused on this mountain community following the first clue to their disappearance.

The North Carolina highway patrol last night said it had received a report that the light plane in which the two men were flying—or one similar to it—was seen near here the day of its disappearance. The plane, the patrol said, was apparently in trouble at the time.

The two men, Dan K. Bryan, 44, veteran Durham pilot, and Phillip Pearson, a G.I. aviation trainee, left Durham Tuesday, March 23, en route to Monroe, La.

The highway patrol report placed the sighted plane, identified as a Cessna 140—the same as the missing craft between Hazelwood and Sylva. At the time it was flying south in a strong tail wind and was believed to be coming down, the patrol said it was informed.

Attendees at the Sylva airport said they would scour the area between Caney Fork and Tuckasee today. An air search of the mountainous area yesterday was hampered by high winds.

Several army and civilian air patrol planes over Western North Carolina and South Carolina yesterday in an attempt to locate the missing craft.

### ANNUAL REPORT OF MEAD CORPORATION

DAYTON, OHIO, March 31—The annual report of The Mead Corporation, released Wednesday reported a net of \$72,273,000 compared with \$58,125,000 in 1946. Total assets reported from 494,200 tons in 1946 to 522,500.

The company reports considerable progress during the year in extending the productive capacity of its fourteen paper mills, more than \$6,000,000 having been expended for new capacity. An additional investment of \$3,000,000 was made in Mead Kraft Company, a sixty percent owned subsidiary which has under construction at Macon, Georgia, a linerboard mill expected to come into operation early in April.

After a provision of \$3,698,000 for federal and state income taxes and a contribution of \$1,186,000 to the Mead Retirement plan for employees of the company and its subsidiaries, earnings from operations amounted to \$5,685,386 being \$7.33 on the common shares. Additional earnings of \$771,000 of a non-recurring nature were also reported. Out of these earnings \$1.55 was paid in dividends on the

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### Cope Elected New President For 1948, Fricks Is Vice Pres.

A large group of Sylva merchants met in the city hall at 4 o'clock p.m. last Thursday to discuss closing hours for the summer months and to elect officers for the new year.

President Boyd Sossamon opened the meeting and called for discussion on the question of half-day closing period. Motion was made that the stores close each Wednesday afternoon which was voted unanimously. Motion was then made as to whether to close at 12 or 1 o'clock. The 12 o'clock (Continued on page 8)

### MRS. NICHOLSON IS OWNER OF VALUABLE OLD TEXT BOOK

By LARRY W. MULL  
A textbook written by hand May 22, 1791, by John Gregg, a school teacher—during President George Washington's administration, has been handed down to Mrs. Alda Nicholson, great-great-granddaughter of the author. The book is titled "John Gregg's Cyphering Book."

The picturesque book was hand-bound in jeans cloth and appears to be written on several types of linen paper. Despite its 157 years it is in almost perfect condition.

Educators, lawyers and others who have chanced to view the contents of the textbook have deemed it "an education within itself." Many stated that its value could hardly be estimated, and that it should be placed in some museum.

The book is beautifully done in Quill pen ink which was manufactured by the author. He used a quill pen to assemble the flowery letters that appear on each page of the 12 by 24 inch volume. It contains approximately 50 pages of examples from the reduction of apothecaries to the complete multiplication table which the author painstakingly assembled in the form of a figure 7. It is unique in that it contains the pence table, addition of time, addition of whole numbers, land measure, and liquid measure—unique because at that time there were no textbooks published.

Also to be found in the prehistoric textbook is a part of the family tree of the Gregg family. It shows that Mrs. Nicholson's paternal ancestors were of English descent; her maternal parents were of German. They were natives of Avery county.

Mrs. S. W. Turpin, mother of Mrs. Nicholson, said the book was given her by Mrs. Harry Oxner, Miss Nicholson's grandmother who had treasured the book upon the death of the author.

Mrs. Nicholson said she valued the textbook, and had thought of placing it in a museum.

### Sarah Jean Sutton Wins Four-Year Scholarship

Miss Sarah Jean Sutton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Sutton, and granddaughter of Mrs. W. D. Wike of Cullowhee, a senior at Cullowhee high school, has been selected by Duke University and Miss Alyse Smith of Burlington as the recipient of a four-year scholarship at Woman's College of Duke University. This is a recently endowed scholarship by Miss Smith. Miss Sutton was selected from a field of some fifteen possible recipients, on the basis of her excellent showing in the Angier Duke Scholarship Prize Competition and the splendid impression which she made during the finals on March 19 and 20. Miss Sutton will enter Woman's College in September.