

## Wallin Elected President Of Sylva Merchants

Stores To Start Half-Day Closing Wednesday, Jan. 12 Through Oct. 26

At the last meeting for 1948 of the Sylva Merchants Association, Joe Wallin, retail shoe merchant, was elected president of the organization for the coming year; Sol Schulman, owner of Schulman's Department Store, was elected vice-president and Miss Elizabeth Sherrill, of Lilius Jewelry store, secretary. Mr. Wallin succeeds Grayson Cope who served as president during the past year.

Following election of the officers the question of half-day closing on each Wednesday came up and after much discussion it was voted to begin closing Wednesday, January 12, at noon, and to continue closing at noon each Wednesday through October 26. The group also voted to close all day on the following holidays: July 4th, Labor Day, Armistice Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, the holiday to be on Monday, Dec. 26, this year.

## TOWN OF WARREN, ARKANSAS HARD HIT BY SNARLING WIND

A tornado roared through the village of Warren, Arkansas, late Monday afternoon killing an estimated 10 or 15 and injuring more than 400 others.

Mayor Jim Hurley said, "Two hospitals are filled with the injured, and I think there are more than 400 persons hurt."

The black cloud and snarling wind swept into the south section of the town of 7,000 and concentrated in the residential district, twisting off rooftops, uprooting trees and tearing down telephone and power lines.

In addition to the two hospitals, the injured were taken to churches and other buildings.

Doctors and nurses, swarming into Warren from nearby towns, were handicapped by the lack of light and medical supplies.

The storm lasted only 15 minutes, but its fury left the town in shambles. Property damage was estimated by Hurley at more than \$1,000,000.

## Feb. 1 Dead Line For Burley Tobacco Applications

D. C. Higdon, Chairman of Jackson County A.C.A., wishes to call attention to the closing date for filing application for Burley tobacco allotments. Any farmer wishing to file for a new grower's allotment should contact the local AAA office at once since all applications must be in the State office by Feb. 1, 1949.

## Graham Will Leave Highway Post February 1, He Informs Governor Scott At Meeting

RALEIGH — State Highway Chairman A. H. Graham has agreed to stay on the job until Feb. 1, after refusing a request by Governor-elect Keer Scott that he remain in office until May 1.

In a letter to Scott, who has been critical of the highway commission both before and after his election, Graham wrote: "There are some phases of your program with which I am not in accord. After careful thought it is my considered opinion that it will be best for your administration that you appoint a chairman who can wholeheartedly support all your ideas on road matters."

Graham's decision to stay in office until nearly a month after Scott's inauguration as governor, which takes place today, was announced in a joint statement by Governor Cherry and the governor-elect. It followed a conference of the three men in the governor's office.

In his primary campaign, Scott hit hard at the highway commission as a political body and promised he would put emphasis on a

## LIONS PREPARING CHRISTMAS GIFTS



Shown above is a group of Sylva Lions just after having completed the job of wrapping gifts and preparing fruits and candy for 82 persons to receive packages from the club. This is an annual project of the club which brings joy and happiness to many who would not have the usual Christmas cheer.

## Dr. F. L. Smith Dies Of Heart Attack

Relatives here and at Whittier received word Wednesday morning of the sudden death from a heart attack of Dr. F. L. Smith at 8 o'clock at the home of Dr. and Mrs. John Weiters in Mocksville. Mrs. Smith, who has been making her home at Whittier, and brother-in-law C. E. Thompson, left Wednesday before noon to return the body to Sylva. Funeral arrangements are incomplete pending the arrival of the body.

Dr. Smith is well known in Sylva and throughout Western North Carolina, especially in the drug business, having been with Sylva Pharmacy for a number of years. He was in Mocksville preparing to move his family there where he was to have been located. He spent Christmas with his family and appeared to be in good health when he left.

Among the survivors are the widow, the former Miss Ruth Gilley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shaler Gilley, of Whittier, and their son, Mike.

## BLIZZARD SWEEPS GREAT PLAINS

A blizzard spread its frigid fury over the Great Plains Monday.

Snow piled in huge drifts which blocked roads in some areas, and low visibility held up traffic in other locations. Near zero temperatures prevailed.

By late Monday afternoon the blizzard covered most of the central and western Dakotas, central and western Nebraska, western Kansas, extreme eastern Wyoming and northeastern Colorado.

Bus schedules were cancelled in much of the blizzard area and some buses were believed stalled in western Kansas and near Stratton, Colo. All schools closed at North Platte, Neb.

The storm caught large numbers of cattle exposed on range land, and ranchers said the death toll is expected to be high.

## VERMICULITE USED IN PLASTERING NEW BUILDING HERE

Vermiculite, a material mined in Jackson and Macon counties, which bids fair to become a popular material for plastering and insulating new and old buildings, is now being used in a new building for the first time in Sylva. The new block building, being erected by W. H. Clouse on highway 107 at mouth of Cope creek at the old pole yard, is being plastered with this material which was mined on Caney Fork and ground in the plant at Franklin. It is much lighter in weight than any other type of material, some 75 per cent lighter than sand as a base. It is plastic enough that it will stick to block, brick or even wood sealed buildings without having to use plaster lathes. It will not crack and serves as an insulation as well as wall plaster. Its natural color is light brown but it can be painted any color desired.

## GOES TO FRANKLIN



ROBERT GUY SUTTON, who resigned his position in Sylva high school before the Christmas holidays, has assumed his duties in Franklin as principal of the Franklin high school. He succeeds W. H. Finley who resigned to return to active duty with the army. Mr. Sutton began his duties at Franklin December 27.

## Jason W. Frizzle Passes At Home In Webster

Funeral services for Jason W. Frizzle, 77, who passed away at his home Sunday morning at 9:30 following an illness of about 7 weeks, were held Monday at 2:00 p.m. at the Little Savannah Baptist church. The Rev. D. C. Hooper, pastor, officiated, and burial was in the Stillwell cemetery. The following grandsons served as pillars: Eugene and Grady Frizzle, Fred Williams, Ray Farmer, Grover Pressley, and Durel Frizzle.

Mr. Frizzle joined the East Fork Baptist church at an early age moving his letter to Little Savannah about 30 years ago. Since that time he has been an active member of that church. He was a life long resident of Jackson county.

Surviving are 4 daughters; Mrs. Gracie Williams of Canton, Mrs. Bertha Pressley of Speedwell, Mrs. Effie Mae Farmer of Canton, and Mrs. Ollie Lewis of Webster; 3 sons, W. Don, Norman, and Alvin Frizzle all of Webster; 1 sister, Mrs. Mabel Haskett of Cali-

## Roscoe Poteet Named To Head C Of C This Year

Ray Cogdill Elected Vice President At Meeting Of New Board Of Directors

At the initial meeting of the year last week the new board of directors of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce elected officers for the year 1949 as follows: Roscoe Poteet, president; Ray Cogdill, vice president; Rudy Hardy, secretary-treasurer. The new board of directors, in addition to the above officers, are W. J. Fisher, L. H. Higdon, Ed Bumgarner, Roy Reed, Grayson Cope, Joe Wallin and J. H. Landis.

Mr. Poteet succeeds W. R. Hampton as president.

## Tuckasee S. S. Officers Meet At Lovedale Church

The Associational Sunday School officers of the Tuckasee Baptist Association will meet at the Lovedale Baptist church for a supper at 6:00 p. m. Thursday, January 6 and following the supper at 7:00 p. m. the group will study the book, "Associational Sunday School Work," by J. N. Barnett. The study will be led by the Associational Missionary, Pauline Snelson.

Mr. F. E. Parker, Associational S. S. Superintendent, is very anxious that all the officers be present for this study. Anyone who wishes may come for the study at 7:00.

## SEEDLING ORDERS HEAVY, GRUB INJURY CUTS THE SUPPLY

White grub damage in the N. C. Forest Service's tree nursery at Clayton has reduced the seedling output this year by 30 per cent, according to Assist. State Forester Fred Claridge. Damage was heavy because of the exceptionally dry growing season, Claridge said. The Division expected to lift 9 million trees this winter, but recent inventory figures indicate there will be only about 6 million at this nursery.

Claridge states that orders have been heavy and that the demand will probably exceed the supply. However, there is a limited amount of loblolly and shortleaf pine, and red cedar left at the Clayton Nursery, and some white pine left at the Hendersonville Nursery in the western part of the State. Landowners still wishing to order seedlings may do so by writing to District Forester Pettit, P. O. Box 936, Sylva, or to the State Forester's Office, Raleigh.

## MARTIN SUCCEEDS SUTTON AS SCIENCE TEACHER HERE

Wallace Martin, of Bryson City, has been appointed Science instructor in Sylva high school, succeeding Guy Sutton who has been elected principal of Franklin high school. Mr. Martin began his work here Monday.

Mr. Martin is a graduate of Swain high school, Western Carolina Teachers college. He served in the Navy during World War II and is a son of Postmaster and Mrs. W. T. Martin of Bryson City. He recently married Miss Ann Gilliam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gilliam of Cherokee.

## N. C. Hatcheries Produce 2,714,000 Chicks

A total of 2,714,000 chicks were produced by commercial hatcheries in the State during November. This figure compares with 1,499,000 hatched in November, 1947, and an average of 1,608,000 hatched during November in the years 1942-46.

California; two brothers, Jim of Canton, and Don of Webster. Also 6 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren and one brother, Hampton Hooper of East La Porte.

## HEADS SCOUTS



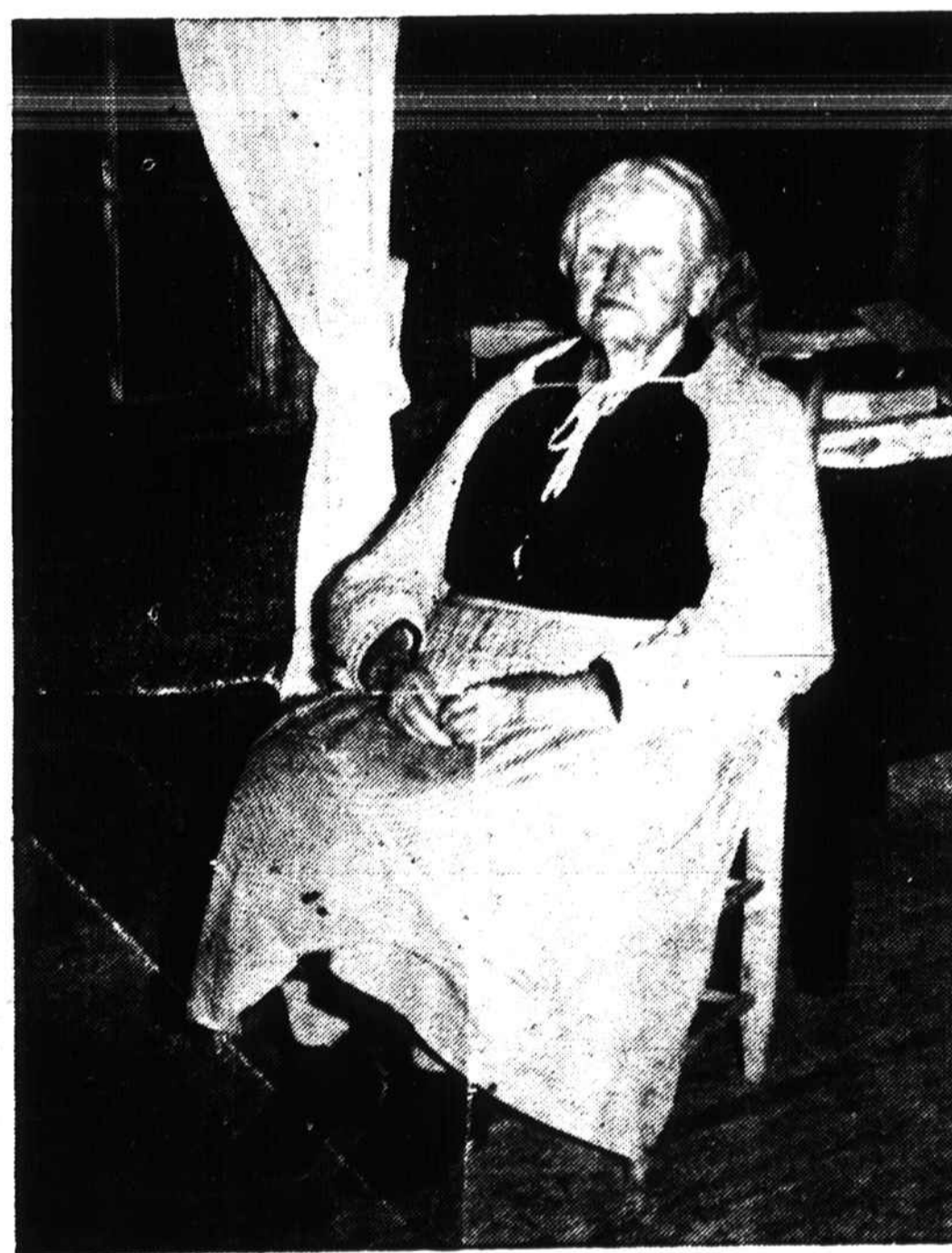
HUGH MONTEITH, who was elected president of Daniel Boone Council, Boy Scouts of America, at the annual business meeting in Asheville December 27, will be installed at the annual Scouters Convention of the Council in Asheville Monday night, December 13. He succeeds L. Y. Biggerstaff of Hendersonville.

## BAPTIST GROUPS TO HOLD DIVISIONAL PLANNING MEET

The Bryson City Division of the Woman's Missionary Union will hold a planning meeting at Bryson City Baptist church on Saturday, January 8, beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning. Mrs. E. H. Corpening, Jr., of Topoca, Associational Superintendent will be in charge. At this time plans for the year's work will be made and discussed, and it is hoped that all the officers of the various sections of the Division will attend.

Among those going from Sylva are Mrs. B. S. Heasley, Mrs. Dennis Fisher, Mrs. D. C. Higdon, Mrs. Charley Allison, and Mrs. C. M. Warren.

## 'Aunt' Jane Is 98 Years Old



Mrs. Sara Jane Coward, known throughout Western North Carolina as "Aunt" Jane, celebrated her 98th birthday anniversary last Sunday.

She lives with a daughter, Mrs. Arlesia Brown, 72, at Cowarts. They both do all the housework.

Mrs. Coward is the former Miss Sara Jane Hooper, daughter of the late Mr. and Patricia Kitchens Hooper. On April 1, 1875, she married Javan Coward, who died in 1941.

She has three daughters, Mrs. A. M. Henson of Sylva, Mrs. William H. Smith of Tuckasee and Mrs. Alesia Brown. There are 14 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren and one brother, Hampton Hooper of East La Porte.

## 28th Annual Scouters Convention To Be Held In Asheville On Monday

## MERCHANTS SHOULD CHECK SOLICITORS FOR PROPER CARDS

Joe Wallin, newly elected president of the Merchants Association, warns the merchants and business firms of the towns as to donations, advertising, etc. Anyone soliciting funds for any purposes whatsoever or attempting to sell space in certain types of advertising material to the firms in Sylva must first secure a properly signed card from the Merchants Association, authorizing such solicitation.

During the years that this program has been in effect the merchants have been saved many thousands of dollars. By their continued cooperation in the program much more can be saved, Mr. Wallin stated.

## Walker To Open Dry Cleaning Plant Here Next Week

Provided there is no delay in getting his machinery installed Lee Walker plans to open the Walker Cleaners one day the first of next week. Mr. Walker will open his new plant in the new block building being erected by W. H. Clouse on Cullowhee road at the mouth of Cope Creek and the old pole yard site. Mr. Walker is a veteran of the Marine Corp of World War II and has had considerable experience in the dry cleaning business. He states that he will equip his plant with all modern new machinery and will have regular call trips over the town and community for picking up and delivering dry cleaning.

## Hugh Monteith To Be Installed As President Of Daniel Boone Council

The 28th annual Scouters Convention of the Daniel Boone Council will be held in Asheville Monday, January 10th, beginning at 3 o'clock p.m. in the First Baptist church. The council comprises fourteen Western North Carolina counties.

The afternoon session will be taken up by meetings of the membership of committees on Advancement, Health and Safety, Finance, Organization and Extension, Leadership Training and Camping.

The highlight of the convention will be the annual banquet at 6:30 and the installation of the new officers. The banquet is being provided for all Scouters, Cubbers, Senior Scouters, their friends and wives.

Hugh Monteith, attorney of 22 Sylva and Scout leader for 22 years, will be installed as the new president of the Council, this being the first time in the history of the Council that a president has been elected west of Balsam Gap. The speaker for the occasion will be Fred M. Waters, Superintendent of the Gastonia City Schools, past president of the Council and 20 year veteran Scouter, a Silver Beaver. Award of the Scoutmasters Key and Presentation of Silver Beavers will be made at this time.

Sylva has been winning the attendance trophy at this meeting for several years and local scout leaders are hopeful of bringing the trophy back to Sylva again this year. Provision has been made for 50 people from Sylva and it is expected that as many will attend. Those who will attend should notify Mr. Paul Kirk, District Chairman, or Mr. Monteith on or before Friday afternoon.

## JURORS DRAWN FOR FEBRUARY COURT

The February term of Superior Court for Jackson county will begin on February 21, 1949. Following is the list of jurors for this term of court:

**FIRST WEEK**  
W. D. Painter, Webster; J. J. Cowan, Cullowhee; Don Dills, Cullowhee; R. C. Buchanan, Savannah; Merritt Hooper, Cullowhee; Garland Ashe, Cullowhee; Ed Welch, Sylva; W. A. Adams, Speedwell; James H. Buchanan, Greens Creek; Bill Stephens, Cullowhee; C. E. Campbell, Sylva; Alvin Ashe, Cullowhee; W. S. Fowler, Glenville; Vernon Massingale, Cowarts; J. E. Bridges, Qualla; Gene Henderson, Mountain; Dave Bishop, Gay; B. A. Ceck, Hamburg; Arthur Gibbs, Glenville; Frank Fricks, Sylva; Woods Smith, Speedwell.

Joe Elrod, Webster; Adam McHan, Greens Creek; Grady Moore, Webster; Frank Bryson, Greens Creek; Oscar Ashe, Speedwell; Alvin Deitz, Webster; Frank Higdon, Gay; W. A. Jackson, East La Porte; Bennie Reece, Sylva; J. S. Price, Cowarts; Fred Scular, Sylva; Grayson C. Cope, Sylva; Bill Ingram, Cullowhee; Medford Deitz, Sylva; Manley Coggins, Speedwell; Charlie Crawford, Sylva RFD; W. T. Collins, Gay; John B. Battles, Whittier; Baxter Mathis, Argura; R. C. Bumgarner, Sylva; Oscar Ensley, Cullowhee.

**SECOND WEEK**  
Ramson Cowan, Webster; Jack Patton, Whittier; Walter Ashe, Cullowhee; T. L. King, Barkers Creek; Mrs. P. W. Kincaid, Dillsboro; J. E. Parris, Sylva, RFD; Harry Mason, Sylva; Jan Allen, Cullowhee; Ed Hooper, East La Porte; General Jones, Whittier; W. O. Robinson, Sylva RFD; Gus Moss, Glenville.

Eric Coward, Cowarts; A. D. Woods, Sylva; Ira Broom, Glenville; O. E. Dillard, Sylva; Boyd Martin, Cullowhee; Lon Jones, Sylva RFD; Love Dillard, Sylva; Lem Norton, Cullowhee; Wayne Terrell, Dillsboro; Thurmon Franklin, Sylva; Ramson Bryson, Cullowhee; Eula Ensley, Cullowhee.