

SOIL CONSERVATION CONTEST SPEAKERS



Shown above, left to right, is Barbara Hedden, Robert Holden, and Lou Annie Cabe, representing Jackson County schools in the State-wide Soil Conservation Speakers contest sponsored by the North Carolina Bankers Association. Miss Cabe was the County winner and received \$10 from the Jackson County Bank. She went to Waynesville on Friday to participate in the District contest. Miss Hedden and Robert Holden each received \$5 from the local bank for participating in the contest.

LITERARY, ATHLETIC FIELD DAY PROGRAM SUCCESS AT WCTC

The fourth Annual Literary and Athletic Field Day, sponsored by the Science Club of Western Carolina Teachers College, with the cooperation of the various college departments, was held Friday, March 17, 1950, at Cullowhee with Murphy High School taking top honors with a total of 149 points. Franklin High School placed second with a total of 93 points and in third place was Cullowhee High School with 72 points.

Blessed with clear, sunny, and bracing weather, and with many students participating, representing 19 high schools from 11 counties in this area, this fourth annual affair is regarded as being the most successful in the history of the event.

High schools taking part were Murphy, Cullowhee, Franklin, Andrews, Hayesville Hiwassee Dam, Highlands, Robbinsville, Stecoah, Swain, Swain, Sylva, Webster, Edneyville, Glenville, Rosman, Waynesville, Canton, Leicester, and Mars Hill.

Murphy the winning school, collected most of its points in the Literary Division.

Pioneer Museum In National Park To Open April Fifth

The Acting Superintendent of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park announces that the Pioneer Museum located at the Oconaluftee Ranger Station above Cherokee will be open to the public on April 5. During the remainder of April it will be open five days a week, Wednesday through Sunday, from 8:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. There is a possibility that it may be open additional days during May and June, and the schedule calls for it being open seven days a week during July, August and September.

The Pioneer Museum has proven to be extremely popular. During the 1949 season more than 91,000 people stopped to see the exhibits and to make inquiries in connection with the park. The Park Service anticipates that during 1950 an even larger number will stop. In preparation for the coming season additional exhibits have been

MOORE UNOPPOSED IN JUDGESHIP RACE

When the filing period for candidates for the State ticket in the May 27 Democratic primary closed last Saturday no one had filed in opposition to Judge Dan K. Moore, of Sylva. Judge Moore was appointed Resident Judge of the 20th Judicial District by Governor Grigg Cherry following the resignation of Judge Felix E. Alley. Judge Moore took the oath of office on February 10, 1948 and has been holding court continually since that time.

The only candidate from Jackson County on the State ticket is A. A. Rice, who is running against Thad D. Bryson, Jr., of Bryson City, for Solicitor of this district.

Mr. Rice will officially launch his campaign Saturday, April 1, when he speaks at Bryson City at 2 p. m. and at Franklin at 4:30 p. m. the same day.

County office seekers announcing so far are: four for Sheriff; G. C. Middleton, incumbent, Robert D. Holden, James Mason and Wood Smith. For Commissioner of Finance, Jennings A. Bryson, incumbent and Davis Bryson. For part time Commissioners, Ed Fisher and M. V. Breedlove, incumbents, Harley D. Fowler and W. S. Alexander. For Coroner, H. B. (Chunk) Morgan.

instilled and the museum will be more interesting than ever before. The Park Naturalist, Mr. Arthur Stupka, and his assistants give numerous guided trips during the season into various sections of the Park. In addition, the Naturalist, upon invitation, gives a series of illustrated talks in the communities adjacent to the Park. During the coming season, in addition to those given at Gatlinburg headquarters, there will be a series of nine at Cherokee, and at least one in each of the following towns: Asheville, Brevard, Murphy, Penland, Sylva and Waynesville. The number of visitors to the park places a steadily increasing load of work on the limited staff and the various services have been greatly appreciated by the visiting public.

Roger Coward Kills Wife and Self

750 Jackson Farmers Will Co-operate In A. C. A. Program

Last Year's Program Well Received By Farmers And Families
With the sign-up in the 1950 Agricultural Conservation Program nearly completed a preliminary check shows that approximately 750 Jackson county farmers have signed up to cooperate in this year's program.

According to J. L. Stewart, chairman of the County P.M.A. Committee, the use of phosphate will be the main conservation practice used this year with about 675 farmers already signed up.

Other practices which Jackson county farmers indicate they will carry out in the coming year include: lime, mixed fertilizers, pasture seeding, cover crops, and alfalfa.

Mr. Stewart explains that ACP is open to all farmers in Jackson County and that participation is strictly voluntary. The "sign up," he explains, is not a contract but a means for helping farmers get maximum conservation for the funds available.

In the chairman's words, the program is "a means of obtaining soil and water conservation which contribute to the general welfare. To this end financial assistance is provided to help farmers carry out on a share-the-cost basis with the farmer bearing about half the out-of-pocket cost."

"Before any payment is made to the farmer, the conservation work must be carried out according to specifications. The County Committee is responsible for seeing that every dollar allocated to Jackson county for conservation is used to obtain a maximum amount of completed, approved conservation practices."

Farmers who wish to participate in the 1950 ACP, the chairman explains, may obtain information about the program operations and practices at the county PMA office located at the courthouse. The final date for issuing purchase orders for seeds for spring pastures is April 15th.

Health Office Lists Clinic Schedule

Doctor Carl C. Janowsky, Health Officer makes the following announcements: General Clinic at the Health Department in Sylva will be held on Fridays from 1:00 to 3:30 p. m. until further notice.

Pre-school Clinics scheduled for the month of March will be held in the schools as follows:

Friday, March 24—
Beta 9:00 a. m.
Colored Consolidated 11:00 a. m.

Friday, March 31—
Balsam 9:00 a. m.
Willets 11:00 a. m.
Addie 11:00 a. m.

A Well-Baby Clinic will be held at the C. J. Harris Hospital at 9:30 a. m. on Thursday, April 6. This clinic will be conducted on the first Thursday of every month by Dr. David Daniel, well known pediatrician of Sylva. This clinic is intended primarily for infants and children of pre-school age.

BLOODSHED BOXSCORE ON N. C. HIGHWAYS

Killed March 14 through March 16—5
Injured March 14 through March 16—51
Killed through March 16, this year—166
Killed through March 16, 1949—155
Injured through March 16, 1949—2,098
Injured through March 16, 1949—1,575.

CASHIERS VOTERS PASS STOCK LAW

On March 18 a stock law election was held in Cashiers Township. Official returns passed the law by an overwhelming majority, 116 for the stock law, and 10 against. Very little interest was shown in the election, as only 126 of 500 registered voters in the township turned out to vote.

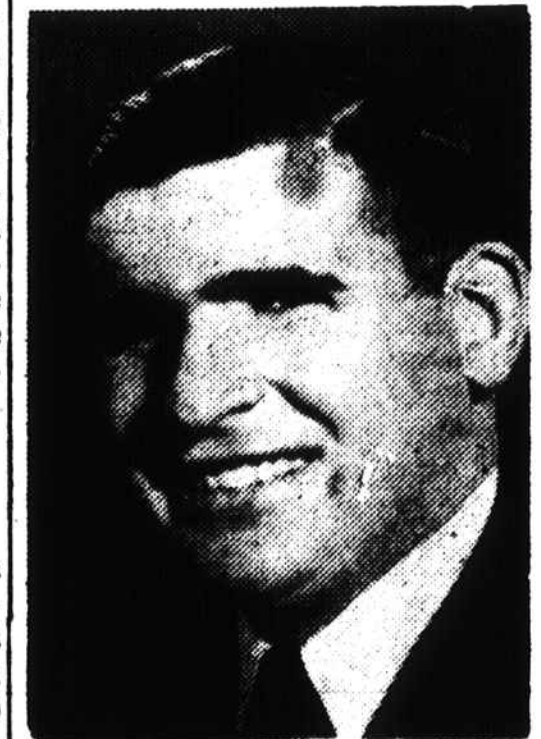
The law goes into effect immediately.

MERCHANTS FORM CREDIT BUREAU

A majority of the Merchants of Sylva have formed The Jackson County Merchants Credit Bureau, which is being managed by Hal Thompson, head of the Waynesville Credit Bureau at Waynesville. The merchants joining the bureau have placed all of their accounts in Mr. Thompson's hands and all credit information regarding these accounts will be held strictly confidential, except where information by a merchant is wanted on any person applying for credit.

Accounts which show a bad credit risk will be cut off from further credit until all old accounts are settled.

Plans For WNC Farm And Home Round-Up At WCTC Completed



FRANK H. BROWN, Jr., president of Western Carolina Farm and Home Round-up Week, announces plans completed for this year.

Savannah P.T.A. Has Health Program; Elects New Officers

The Savannah Parent-Teacher Association held its regular monthly meeting last Thursday in the school auditorium.

For the program Mr. Alliney Bryson showed a film on Health over the new audio-visual aid recently purchased by the school.

The following new officers were elected: president, Mrs. Lewis Bradley; vice-president, Mrs. Bragg Allison; secretary, Mrs. Hoyle Deitz; and treasurer, Mrs. Harold Leatherwood. Mrs. Roy Back, who so efficiently served the past two years, is the outgoing president.

Mrs. Jeanette Bryson's 3rd grade won the attendance prize for the past two months.

Refreshments were served by the refreshment committee of the P.T.A.

For County Sheriff
Wood Smith has announced that he will be a candidate for nomination for the office of Sheriff of Jackson County in the Democratic Primary of May 27.

Outstanding 4-H'er



Lois Louise Edwards became a member of the Qualla 4-H club in 1946. Since that time she has held the following offices in the club: Song leader, secretary, and president. She has completed 10 projects during the past four years, and has won several outstanding honors during that time. In 1948 she was the county winner of the Better Methods Electric contest, and was awarded an all expense trip to Raleigh to attend the Better Methods State Congress Nov. 1st and 2nd, 1948. In June, 1949, she won first place in the county Dress Review and this entitled her to enter the state contest at Raleigh during Short Course week August 1st-6th. She was awarded a sterling pin for being county winner of the Room Improvement project in 1949. Lois has exhibited many of her projects at Achievement Day and has won many blue ribbons on her exhibits.

She is now an eighth grade student at Sylva Elementary school, and is secretary of the Sylva Junior 4-H club.

Funeral For Couple Held At Glenn Funeral Home, Friday

HELD ON CHARGE OF POSSESSING BURGLARY TOOLS

Sheriff Griffin Middleton reports that he is holding Edward Black, 45 year old white New York and California ex-convict, in the Jackson County jail in default of \$5,000 bond on a charge of possessing burglar tools and a concealed weapon.

Black was arrested in Asheville about a week ago on request of Jackson authorities. Sheriff Middleton said that a planned breaking and safe cracking here was frustrated on having advanced information that it would be pulled by Black and others. It seems that he is a member of a gang in North Carolina at this time.

Black will be tried at the next term of Jackson County criminal court.

HONOR ROLL FOR WEBSTER SCHOOL ANNOUNCED BY COWAN

Webster Public Schools announce honor roll covering fourth grading period for grades four through twelve, which ended February 25.

Fourth—Charles Williams, James Holder, Mary Sue Frady, Billy Frye, Audrey Buchanan, and Jim Rhinehart.

Fifth—Roy Lee Fullbright, Iva Nell Buchanan, and Alva Jean Sutton.

Sixth—Ruth Hall, Ruth Ann Sutton, Carolyn Scruggs, Minnie Hasket, Barbara Cowan, Carolyn Green, Peggy Hall, Joe Parker Rhinehart, and Charles Mason.

Seventh—Lois Blanton, Aelene Taylor, and Jim Owens.

Eighth A—Eugene Hall, Bobby Bumgarner, Genevieve Hall and Arilla McManhan.

Eighth B—Mary Mason, Noracella Hoyle, Mary Nell Hall, Edna Sherrill, and Nannette Cagle.

Ninth—Guy Blanton, Pritchard Green, Joe Hall, Ellen Buchanan, Patsy Collins, Kate Deitz, Doris Frizzell, Louise Gribble, and Gwendolyn Higdon.

Tenth—Edward Henson, Joan Blanton, Dorothy Deitz, and Thelma Sutton.

Eleventh—Lou Annie Cabe, Barbara Ann Deitz, Elizabeth Frizzell, Eula Mae Hall, Evelyn Hyatt, Joyce Monteith, Barbara Lou Sutton, Claudine Monteith, and Barbara Higdon.

Twelfth—Dolores Allison, Frankie Buchanan, Wilma Buchanan, Darlene Collins, Sally Cowan, Christella Estes, Lahoma Deitz, Blanche Monteith, Lucy Shuler, and Joanne Sutton.

Blue Cross Enrollment To Start In Jackson April 3rd

The non-profit BLUE CROSS plans, with sponsorship by the hospitals, the medical profession, and the general public, have shown a phenomenal growth the last decade indicating that Blue Cross has become the accepted method for payment of hospital service on a voluntary basis.

At the present time 23 percent of the population of the United States are enrolled in Blue Cross. These 36,000,000 persons show the tremendous popular approval which has met Blue Cross all over the country.

The two North Carolina plans approved by BLUE CROSS, Hospital Saving Association of Chapel Hill and Hospital Care Association of Durham, will hold a special month-long enrollment effort during April at the request of the Health and Hospital Council of The Medical District in the in-

Father of Three Children Was Member of Pioneer Family, County Surveyor

Private funeral services were held at Glenn Funeral chapel last Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock for Mr. and Mrs. Roger Zachary Coward, who were found dead in their bedroom late Wednesday night at their home in Webster. Burial was in Stillwell cemetery at Webster. Rev. Bruce Roberts, pastor of Webster Methodist church, assisted by Rev. W. Q. Grigg, pastor of the Sylva Methodist church, officiated.

Surviving are three children, Jewel, Dale and Gloria, all of the home. Mr. Coward's survivors include a sister, Mrs. C. E. English of Asheville and two brothers, Captain Matt Coward of New York City and J. O. Coward of Jacksonville, Florida. Mrs. Coward is survived by her father, Thad Dowdle of Franklin.

Sheriff Griffin Middleton said that Mr. Coward, a member of a pioneer Jackson County family, apparently killed his wife and then took his own life with a .45 calibre pistol.

Mr. Coward, son of the late State Senator O. B. Coward, had been in poor health for some time. He was a native and life-long resident of Webster. Mrs. Coward was the former Miss Gladys Dowdle of Macon County.

Investigating officers said that both Coward and Mrs. Coward were shot in the forehead. No inquest was held. Officers said that there was no note found but that there was indication of an argument between the two before the shooting.

The bodies of the parents were found in their bedroom by the two youngest children after they heard two shots. They went to a nearby neighbor, the home of Mr. Grady Burch, and told him of what had happened. He and the older son then went to the home of Sheriff Middleton and told the officer what had happened. The Sheriff found the bodies as stated above.

Mr. Coward was a grandson of the late Dr. James M. Zachary, Western North Carolina's first dentist. He was widely known as a maker of violins and one of the best fiddlers in WNC.

Hospital Day To Be Held May 13; All-Day Affair; Bazaar; Dinner; Food Sale

Hospital Day has been postponed to May 13. More time is now available to prepare for a bigger and better day. Hospital Day will be a full day at the Legion Home. A Bazaar will be featured from 10 o'clock until 5 p. m., a dinner at 6, games at 8, and cake walks at 10 p. m.

The bazaar will consist of the

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Sylva P.T.A. To Meet Tonight at 7:30 p.m.

The Sylva Parent-Teacher meeting scheduled for last week, but was postponed, will be held tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 p. m. in the Elementary school auditorium.

An interesting film will be shown and all interested patrons and friends of the school are urged to attend.

The Cherokees of North Carolina do not know what the name of their tribe means. They call themselves "Anti-Yunwiwa" or "real people."