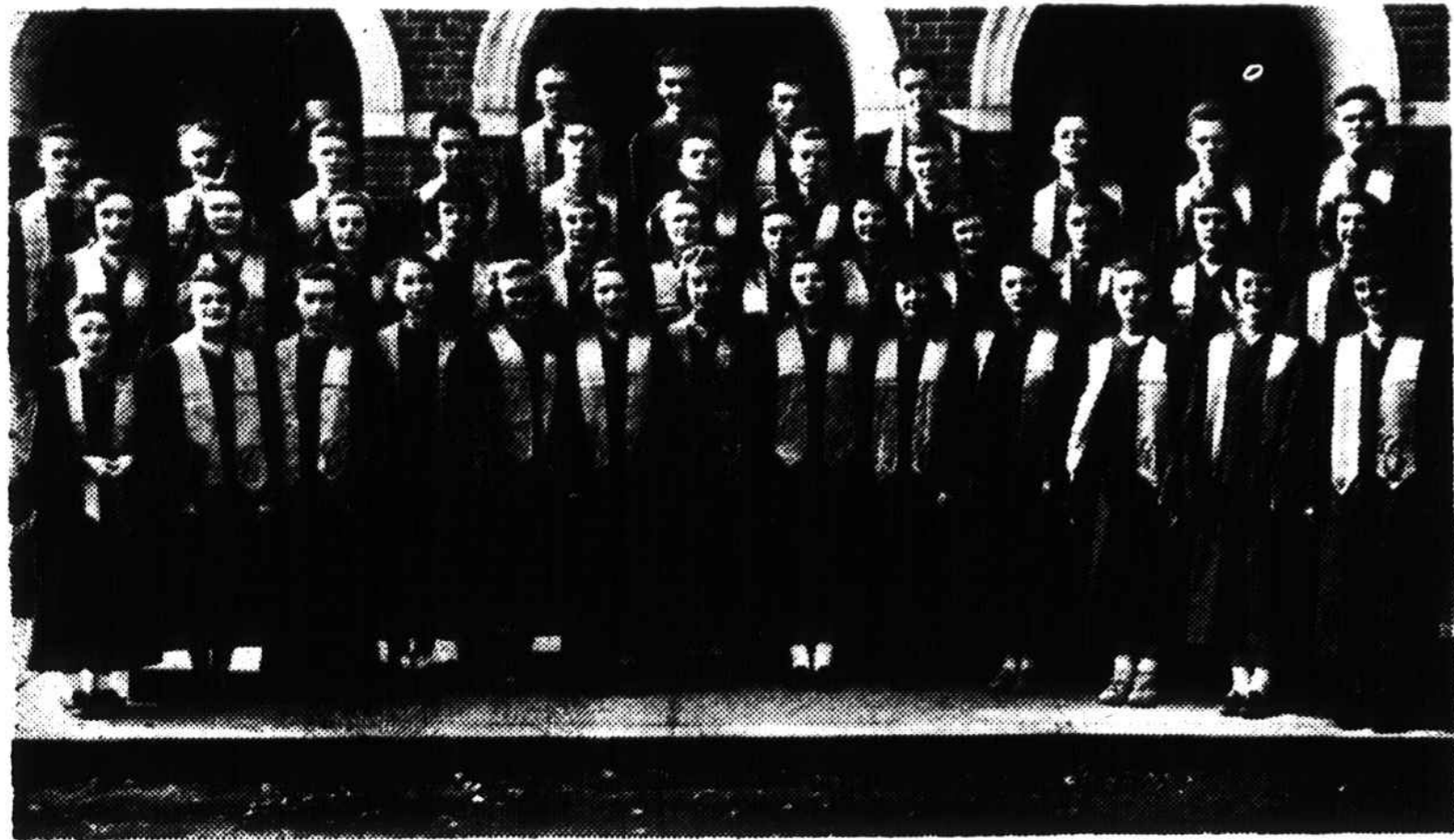


## WCTC MIXED CHOIR PLANS CONCERTS



The Western Carolina Teachers College Mixed Chorus, composed of forty voices under the direction of Professor W. H. Cupp, will begin spring concert program with a tour on April 2 and 3. On Sunday evening, April 2, at 8:00 o'clock the group presents a program in Monroe, N. C. On the following day concerts will be given at 7:00 o'clock a. m. in Kings Mountain and at 2:00 p. m. in Cherryville.

Other programs which the chorus will present are the Inauguration Concert program on May 5, and the Baccalaureate and Commencement programs at the close of the present school term. In addition the group will participate in a choral festival which will be held at Mars Hill College on April 15.

Accompanist for the programs is Jean Kirkpatrick of Patrick, N. C.

## SYLVA HIGH SCHOOL APPROVED FOR G. I. TRAINING PROGRAM

Prof. Ralph L. Smith has announced that the Sylva High school has been approved for an organized and accelerated high school program for Veterans under the G. I. training set-up and any Veteran under high school level by grace or by placement test may enter what is termed an adult education program. Any person not a G. I. may enter the course by paying tuition fees.

The program, Mr. Smith stated, will begin May 1st if there is enough interest shown. There will also be a vocational training program carried on at the same time provided there is interest shown.

This affords a wonderful opportunity for those Veterans who are not advanced enough to enter College work, and who wish to improve their education. Detailed information regarding the training and educational program may be had by applying to Mr. Smith at Sylva high school. Those who are interested should make it known at once in order that the school may make preparations for carrying out the work.

## TOURIST INTEREST DISCUSSED BY GROUP AT MEETING

A large number of the members of the recently organized Jackson County Tourist Association met Tuesday night with President D. Lee Hooper presiding. The secretary, James Cannon, reported a membership of 32 active and 38.

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## Sylva Will Join New WNC Industrial Baseball League

Sylva and Sayles Bleachery of Asheville replaced Clearwater Finishing Company of Old Fort and Canton in the Western Carolina Industrial Baseball League at a meeting held in the American Enka Employment Office last night.

Clearwater resigned from the circuit because it wanted to enter the newly organized McDowell County Industrial League. Canton dropped out due to the extensive athletic program already employed by that town for the summer.

With Sylva and Sayles in the league are the old standbys—Beacon, Berkley, Hazelwood, Enka, Ecusta, and Martel Mills.

The season will open on April 22 and play a 21-game schedule, closing out sometime in September. Play will be suspended during the first week in July so teams may participate in the semipro tournament at Berkley.

Jim Barnwell will pilot the Syl-

## Census Enumerators Named By Sample For Jackson Count

### Mrs. Frank Massie Plans To Open New Dress Shop Here

Mrs. Frank Massie announced this week that she plans to open a new dress shop in the McGuire building on Main street around the 15th of April, opening date depending on the progress of remodeling the building which is now underway. She will occupy the first floor of the building which was formerly occupied by Allison Auto Parts. The new business will be known as Elsie's Dress Shop, featuring ladies' ready to wear, later probably adding a line of children's ready to wear.

Mrs. Massie is well known in business circles, having been manager of Ritz Theater for a number of years.

## HARRY FERGUSON TO HEAD ROTARY CLUB NEXT YEAR

At the annual election of officers at the regular dinner meeting of the Sylva Rotary Club on Tuesday night Harry Ferguson was elected President, Clinton Dodson, vice-president, R. U. Sutton, secretary-treasurer and Chas. Stewart, sergeant-at-arms. Five new directors elected were: Newton Turner, Ralph Sutton, David Hall, William McKee, and Dick Slagle.

All of the new officers will take office at the first meeting in July. W. J. Fisher is the retiring president.

## Cole Resigns, Yeager Is New Band Director

Harold C. Yeager, of Spartanburg, S. C., has joined the faculty of Sylva High school as band director replacing Ben Cole who recently resigned to enter business in Forest City.

Mr. Yeager received his A.B. and Masters degrees at the Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, Pa., and has several years of experience in the field of music, having served as supervisor and teacher in the Wimmer school, Pennsylvania, and the Greenville High school, Greenville, Mississippi.

Mr. Yeager served three years in the United States Army during the last war. He is married and has one child. His family will remain at their home in Spartanburg during the remainder of this school term.

## JOHN M. LONG, 96, DIES AT CULLOWHEE

Funeral services will be held today at 2 o'clock p.m. at Cullowhee Baptist church for John M. Long, 96, who died Wednesday morning at 2 a.m. at the home of his son, Burder Long. Interment will be in the church cemetery. Rev. Charles B. McConnell, pastor of the church will officiate.

Pallbearers will be John Hooper, Polie Long, George Crawford, John Phillips, and Dr. J. B. Painter. Members of the Y.W.A. of the church will be flower bearers.

# Convicts Are Shot In Escape Attempt

## Committee On Industry Of C Of C Active

The Industrial Committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, composed of Sol Schulman, chairman, William McKee and Dr. W. A. Ashbrook, reports that it is kept busy answering inquiries regarding the location of various types of plants. This committee is very active in the work of seeking more industry for Sylva and Jackson county. It is now having 2,000 letters, setting forth the advantages to be offered here, mailed to manufacturing concerns all over the country.

Advertisements have been run in large city dailies and another will appear in next Sunday's New York Times. These ads stress the fact that Sylva, with open arms, is inviting new factories and offering inducements to have them locate in Sylva. It is hoped that with time we will be successful in getting manufacturers interested in coming to Sylva, members of the committee said.

The Chamber of Commerce is working hard this year in promoting the tourist interest along with the manufacturing interest. It is a big job and only a few people are doing much about it. Since every business in town will benefit by the work the organization is doing they should at least become a member. If you are not a member you may still send in your dues to President Felix Picklesimer and help push the work along.

## FUNERAL RITES FOR JOSEPH H. ALLISON HELD TUESDAY P. M.

Funeral rites for Joseph H. Allison, 82, who passed away at C. J. Harris hospital at 8:30 Monday morning, were held at the Sylva Methodist church annex Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, with the pastor, Rev. W. Q. Grigg, officiating. Burial was in the Stillwell cemetery at Webster.

The body lay in state at the church from 2:00 o'clock until 2:30.

Active pallbearers were: Charles Sutton, Dave Sutton, Mont Allison, Paul Gibson, George Gibson, Mont Sutton, Frank Gibson and George Crawford.

Honorary pallbearers were: Herbert Gibson, W. A. Gillespie, U. R. Riley, Dr. D. D. Hooper, P. L. Moody, Riley Talant, R. T. Cowan, W. H. Cowan, Dr. A. A. Nichols, Osborne Angel, Dr. T. D. Slagle, James Pangle, S. W. Enloe, Jole Cannon, Lewis Cannon, T. C. Cannon, Mont Cannon, Dan Allison, Dan Moore, John Sutton, W. T. Ashe, D. M. Hall, Jr., Herbert Landis, R. U. Sutton, B. E. Lloyd, Griffin Middleton, Glenn Hughes, Dillard Hooper and Raymond Glenn.

Surviving are four sons, Harry, of Clear Lake, Washington; Roy, and Andrew, of Detroit, Mich., and Major of Sylva; two brothers, Bragg Allison and Wess Allison, of Greens Creek; three sisters, Miss Laura Allison, Mrs. Mack Turpin, of Greens Creek, and Mrs. Candier Sutton, of Franklin. Also three grandchildren.

Mr. Allison was a native of Jackson County, born on Greens Creek October 16, 1867, and lived all of his life in the county. He was a retired farmer, member of the Sylva Methodist church. He lived in Webster until about five years ago.

He married Miss Lillie Higdon of Macon County in 1904. Mrs. Allison died in 1932.

Surviving are two sons, Robert Long, of Bryson City, and Burder Long, of Cullowhee; four daughters, Mrs. Demetris Cowan, Greens Creek; Mrs. Minnie Taylor, Miami, Fla.; Mrs. James Davis, Houlton, Oregon and Mrs. Joe Shook, Cullowhee. Also nine grandchildren.

## HARRIS HOSPITAL OPERATED AT LOSS 1949 REPORT SHOWS

Hospital costs are still rising, it was announced this week by the C. J. Harris hospital in its annual report for the past year. The average patient cost the hospital \$10.76 per day to treat in 1948, but this figure jumped to a new high of \$12.14 as computed in last year's report.

Other significant statistics showed that the hospital had an operating deficit of \$8,615.21, much of which can be attributed to losses from unpaid hospital bills. A total of \$4,850.12 was outstanding in the accounts receivable column for the last fiscal year. This is a serious blow to hospital finances because the local institution depends almost entirely on patient income for its support.

On the more pleasant side of the ledger, it was found that in 1949 the hospital delivered 225 babies, completed 489 operations, and cared for a total of 1531 patients.

## Opposes Graham



WILLIS SMITH, above, candidate for the U. S. Senate, is opposing Senator Frank P. Graham. In announcing a fighting platform to "keep America liberal, progressive and sane," Smith has come out strongly against Socialism and Communism and would bar the employment of persons with those foreign ideologies in American government.

His platform also opposes "those holding high office who condone such employment or give aid, encouragement and comfort to Socialists, Communists, and their sympathizers and fellow travelers."

He asserted that their employment endangers the security of the nation.

## STORE BUILDINGS ON MAIN STREET ARE BEING IMPROVED

Several store buildings on Main street are now undergoing repairs and alterations. Sol Schulman has installed solid glass doors to the front of his department store, which gives a modern appearance to the front. Lawrence Monteith has put new hardwood floor in the A & P store and the Tea Company is installing new shelves, fruit and vegetable bins. The new arrangement of fixtures gives more space and adds greatly to the appearance of the store room.

Dr. McGuire is having a complete new front put in the store room vacated by Allison Auto Parts, which will be occupied in the near future as a dress shop, owned and operated by Mrs. Frank Massie.

Charlie Reed is having the old dwelling house next to The Herald building razed. He has not announced future plans for the vacant lot.

The Morehead Planetarium at the University of North Carolina is the only one on an American Campus. It draws thousands of visitors.

## Rickman And Rich Critically Wounded While Rushing Guards To Take Their Guns

### E. P. Simons Coming As New Patrolman

Sergeant T. A. Sandlin, in charge of State Highway Patrolmen in this area, announced Tuesday that E. P. Simons, recently stationed at Jamesville, and a native of Lenoir, will report to him on April 1st for patrol duty in Jackson County, filling the vacancy left open by former patrolman, Chas. D. Lindsay.

## THREE PIECES OF PROPERTY OFFERED FOR POSTOFFICE

Only three pieces of property in Sylva were submitted to the Postoffice Department for possible sites for a new Government building in Sylva. Bids submitted on this property were publicly opened at the Sylva postoffice Monday morning at 9 o'clock. The three pieces of property were the M. D. Cowan Home Place on Jackson Street, the M. H. Morris Place on Jackson St. and the J. S. Higdon lot in the City Park area next to the new Presbyterian church.

A postoffice official from Washington will come to Sylva to appraise the property. Acceptance or rejection of the bids will be made known at that time.

## Blue Cross Enrollment To Start Monday

The intensive Blue Cross enrollment campaign for the 15 counties of the 10th Medical District will open Monday, April 3, in the six western-most counties. The drive will bring to many people of this area their first opportunity to obtain Blue Cross protection.

The campaign will be conducted for one week in each of four sections. In Cherokee, Clay, Macon, Jackson, Graham and Swain, the enrollment will run April 3-8. In Transylvania, Henderson, Haywood and Polk, the dates are April 10-15; in McDowell, Mitchell, Yancey and Madison counties, April 17-22; and in Buncombe, April 24-29.

Both group and individual (family) enrollment will be carried out. Blue Cross offers group memberships wherever five or more people are employed, and individual memberships to farmers, professional workers and others not eligible for group service.

Plans for the enrollment program were laid after the Health and Hospital Council of the 10th Medical District adopted a resolution.

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## Escape Try Made As Men Unload At Work Site Saturday

Clarence Rickman, 37, of Cove Creek, and Thomas Rich, 35, of North Andover, Mass., white prisoners of the Whittier Prison camp, are said by C. J. Harris hospital attendants to be well on the road to recovery from gunshot wounds received when they attempted to escape from a prison gang on Locust Creek early Saturday morning. The men were in a very serious condition Saturday and both remained in the operating room of the hospital most of the day while local doctors patched them up.

The escape attempt was made when a gang of prisoners were taken from the camp in the prison truck to their place for work on the roads on Locust Creek. On reaching the point for work and as the men started getting off the truck Rickman and Rich rushed the two guards riding in the trailer just back of the truck. Willie, Crisp, one of the guards, had already descended from the trailer. Officers said that Rich grabbed Neal Lewis' gun before he got down from the trailer. Lewis drew his pistol and shot Rich through the abdomen. In the meantime Rickman had grabbed Mr. Crisp's gun but before he could wrench it free he was shot through the abdomen. Two other prisoners, already on the ground, are said to have dived under the truck. The wounded men were rushed to the hospital where they remain under close guard.

Don Davis of Webster is superintendent of the Whittier Camp.

## PAUL GIBSON TO REPLACE BROWN AS COUNTY FARM AGENT

Paul Gibson, for the past two years County Farm Agent in Graham county, has been employed by the North Carolina Extension Department and approved by Jackson County Commissioners as County Farm Agent for Jackson County. Mr. Gibson will fill the vacancy left open when W. T. Brown resigned to accept a position as district representative for the Gainesville Hatchery. Mr. Gibson will begin his work in Jackson April 1.

Mr. Gibson is a native of Macon County and before going to Graham county was assistant agent in Transylvania county. He has also had experience at the State Test Farm. He is married and has one child. His family will join him in Sylva when they locate a home in which to live.

## Savannah, East Fork Farmers Discuss Agriculture Problems

The Savannah and East Fork Area farmers met in the Gay Community Building Thursday night, March 16, to make plans for establishing better pasture and to explain the importance of all farmers taking advantage of the assistance available through the Production and Marketing Administration.

M. L. Snipes, Associate Agent, opened the meeting and G. C. Turpin, Chairman of the Savannah Area demonstration, gave a short talk of welcome to the group of farmers as well as to point out progress made in pasture improvement in the area.

The program included the following: a talk by Winston Cabe, Production and Marketing Administration committeeman, on assistance available to farmers through the Production and Marketing Administration. W. T.

Brown, County Agent, gave a talk on establishing pastures. Mr. Brown used printed charts to show the analysis and quantity of fertilizer materials needed, kind and quantity of seed, and cost to the farmers. T. F. Cannon, Assistant County Agent, spoke briefly about work with boys and girls in the area as well as thru-out the County. W. B. Collins, Farm Management Supervisor, in a talk brought out the importance of lime, phosphate and other fertilizer materials, along with adequate seed bed preparation.

During the meeting farmers brought up and discussed helpful questions on pasture work. Everyone seemed very much interested in establishing better pastures and making full use of lime and other materials for pasture building available through the Production and Marketing Administration.