

Hospital Day To Be Observed Here Saturday

Paul Apperson Reid Inaugurated



PAUL APPERSON REID, left, greets the 750 people filling Hoey Auditorium as he starts to deliver his inaugural address after being presented by E. J. Whitmire, center, of Franklin, chairman of the college board of trustees. Reid, fourth president of the college, followed U. S. Senator Frank P. Graham, who delivered the principal address of the inaugural program at the College Saturday morning. D. S. Coltrane, assistant director of the budget, representing Governor Scott, is shown at right. —Photo by Kalkowsky

DAN M. ALLISON IS RE-ELECTED PARTY CHAIRMAN

A large number of Democrats and Democratic candidates for office met in County Convention at the courthouse in Sylva Saturday afternoon, May 6 at 2 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing and election of a party chairman. The convention was called to order by Chairman Dan Allison, who told of the purpose of the meeting and called on those who wished to make talks. Short talks on the party issues and plans for the coming primary were made by Judge Dan Moore, who is unopposed in the May 27th primary; Sheriff Griffin Middleton, Glenn Hughes, John E. Henson, J. E. Brown, Robert Holden, James Mason and others.

At 3 o'clock the precinct chairmen met and re-elected Dan Allison executive chairman; Mrs. Johnnie Price Greer, 1st vice-chairman; David M. Hall, 2nd vice-chairman; John H. Hooper, 3rd vice-chairman; and L. H. Higdon, secretary.

The executive committee is composed of the following members: Early Deitz, Gay, Savannah Township; C. E. Smith, Sylva, North Ward; Arthur Carden, Sylva, South Ward; J. W. Crawford, Sylva RFD, Scotts Creek No. 1; Guy Sutton, Sylva RFD, Scotts Creek No. 2; John R. Jones, Balsam, Scotts Creek No. 3; Vincent

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Jackson-Swain Teachers Hear Reading Specialist Speak

Miss Julia Teasley, reading specialist of Scotts, Foresman Publishing Co., was the principal speaker at the counties-wide teachers meeting of Jackson and Swain counties held in the Sylva Elementary School auditorium Tuesday night with around 175 present. Miss Teasley's timely talk, based on the new reading books recently adopted by the State Department of Education, also discussed in detail the Teacher's Handbook to be used with the readers. She stressed the developmental reading program rather than the remedial type, the skills of which should be taught in all grades of school. Miss Teasley also stressed the importance of

reading from the first grade throughout life. Miss Madeline Tripp, State Supervisor of Elementary Schools and under whose sponsorship the meeting was held, was present as well as teachers of the two counties; Supt. V. L. Cope; Supt. W. L. Latham of Swain County schools; Miss Lucille Hunt, Jackson county supervisor; Mrs. Carrie Abbott, Swain county supervisor; and Dr. Carl Killian of the Education Department of Western Carolina Teachers college together with other members of the Department. Cowan Wikie, principal of Whittier school, Swain county, made a recording of Miss Teasley's talk.

Bishop Henry, Dr. Irwin To Be Speakers For Sylva High Commencement

Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday Night at 8 o'clock

Sylva High School commencement will get underway Friday night, May 12 at 8 o'clock when the Seniors present the class play, "My Wife's Family" in the Elementary school auditorium. On Sunday, May 14, at 8 p.m. the baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Rt. Rev. M. George Henry, Bishop of the Diocese of Western North Carolina, of Asheville. Bishop Henry, a native of Chapel Hill, grew up and was educated in Chapel Hill public schools and the University of North Carolina where he majored in Chemistry and had a teaching fellowship in the Chemistry department. In 1932 he entered the Virginia Theological Seminary at Alexandria and was ordained to the Diaconate in 1935 and to Priesthood in 1936.

On Thursday night, May 18, special awards will be presented to the winning students.

Graduation exercises will be held at 8 o'clock Friday night, May 19, with Dr. Clyde R. Irwin, Supervisor of Public Instruction for the State of North Carolina, delivering the graduation address.

Representing the Senior class will be Derel Monteith, Valectory; and Eugene McClure, Salutatory. Diplomas will be presented to the 51 seniors graduating by W. Vernon Cope, superintendent of Jackson County schools.

FARMERS URGED TO TAKE SOIL SAMPLES FOR NEW PASTURES

By J. L. Stewart, Chmn. Jackson County P. M. A.

Many Jackson County farmers will be seeding Ladino Clover and grass pastures this fall in connection with the "Green Pastures" campaign for North Carolina. The value of proper liming and fertilization in securing good pastures is being stressed and every one should take advantage of our Soil Testing Laboratory. It is important that you have your soil tested so that you will know the amount of lime and fertilizer to use at seeding time. These soil samples should be taken within the next few weeks in order that you will have ample time to secure the lime and fertilizer we recommend for your pasture.

The spring rush period in the Soil Testing Laboratory is over and soil samples sent in now will be handled without delay. If you wait to send in your samples until the latter part of July or August, the laboratory may be flooded with samples and there may be a slight delay in getting the recommendations back to you. It is expected that a very large number of pasture soil samples will be sent in this summer and we strongly urge you to send your samples in soon.

There is no charge for having your soil tested. Containers for your samples and information sheets may be obtained from your county agent, vocational teacher, Soil Conservation Service or local PMA office or by writing directly to the Soil Testing Division, State Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C. If you have been growing pastures on your field for the past several years be sure to state on your information sheet whether you are planning to seed an improved pasture or whether you simply want a recommendation for topdressing the old pasture.

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Dry Weather Causing Low Water Pressure

Sylva City officials said yesterday that unless sufficient rain falls within the next day or two measures will have to be taken to conserve the city water supply. The normal pressure of 125 pounds is now down to 88 pounds which is causing some concern among the firemen in case a fire should break out requiring lots of water. Citizens are urged to check faucets for leaks and to have them fixed to save water. The memorial fountain and street fountains will be cut off at once if the dry spell continues. Watering of lawns and gardens will not be permitted if no rains come soon, it was said.

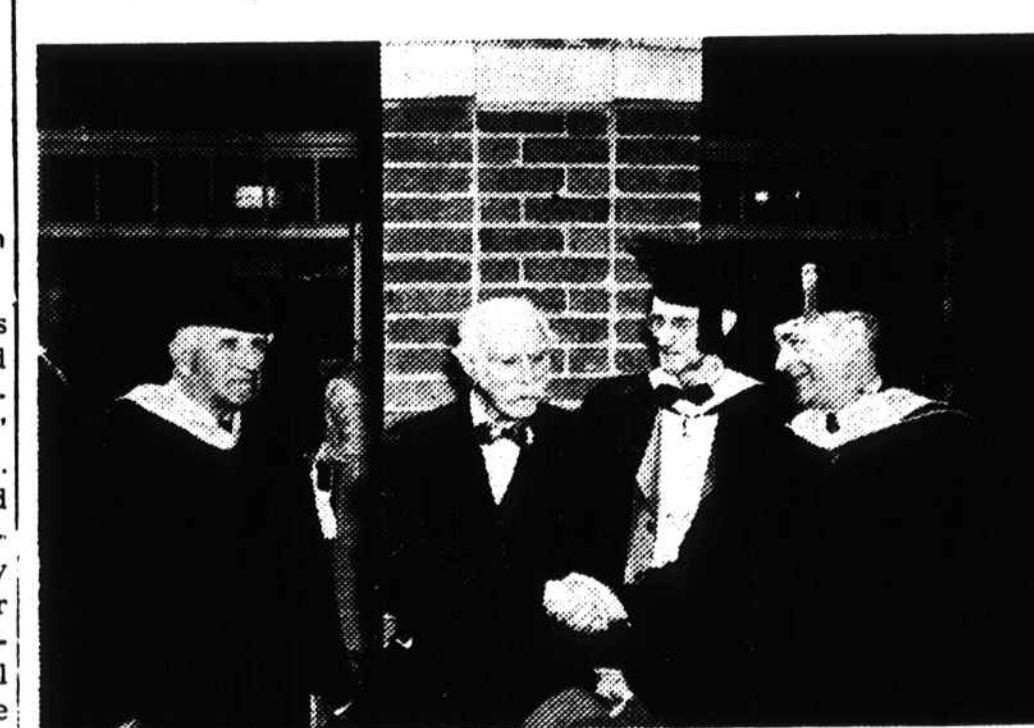
Beta School To Have Programs

On Thursday at 7:30 p.m. a piano recital and seventh grade exercises will be held at the Beta school. Friday morning at 10 o'clock an operetta, "Over the Garden Wall," will be presented by the school. The public is invited to each of these programs.

Cope With Revenue Department With Office In Asheville

Walter Cope, young son of Superintendent and Mrs. W. Vernon Cope, who trained in Raleigh for a position with the State Revenue Department, has completed his training and is now stationed in Asheville. He and his brother, Billy Cope, with the Enka Corporation at Morristown, Tenn., spent the week-end with their parents.

Three WCTC Presidents



THE FIRST PRESIDENT of Western Carolina Teachers College, Prof. Robert Lee Madison, 83, congratulates Paul A. Reid, 46, on his inauguration as fourth president. Left is A. C. Reynolds of Asheville, president from 1912 to 1920. W. E. Bird, acting president from 1947 to 1949, is between Prof. Madison and President Reid. The only other president in the 61-year history of the college was Dr. Hiram T. Hunter, who died in 1947. —Photo by Kalkowsky

STRIKE SNARLS RAIL TRAFFIC

A strike of railroad firemen crippled the nation's rail network yesterday as they walked off their jobs.

Francis A. O'Neill, chairman of the National (Railway) Meditation Board said, "we've given up." The Board had tried in every way possible to reach some agreement.

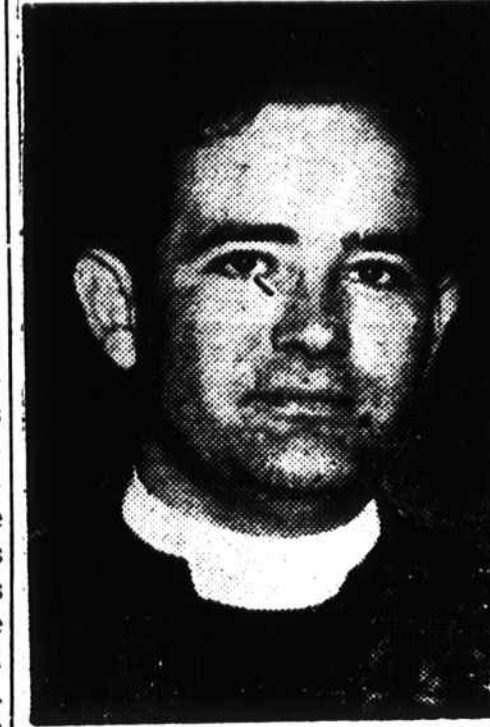
The Brotherhood of railway firemen and engine men is striking against four big systems to win the demand for an extra fireman in the cabs of multiple unit diesel locomotives.

Rail traffic over the Murphy branch of the Southern is at a standstill as the Southern is one of the big four affected.

Cowan Reunion To Be Held

The Coward reunion will not be held at the home of Mrs. E. H. Stillwell at Cullowhee this year. Notice of place will be announced later.

BACCALAUREATE SPEAKER



The Rt. Rev. M. George Henry, Bishop of the Diocese of Western North Carolina, of the Protestant Episcopal church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon for Sylva high school commencement Sunday night, May 14 at 8 o'clock in the elementary school auditorium. The churches of Sylva will give way for this service.

COL. HOOPER NAMED COMMANDER OF LOCAL LEGION POST

Col. D. Lee Hooper was elected commander of the William E. Dilard Post 104, American Legion, and Felix Picklesimer, first vice commander, Dr. D. M. Ramsey, second vice commander; Lee Walker, adjutant; Rev. W. Quay Grigg, chaplain; Dan Tompkins, service officer; Leon Shook, finance officer; Dorrance M. Talant, sergeant-at-arms.

These new officers will be installed at a regular meeting on Friday night, May 26, in the Legion Home in Sylva.

Full Day Program Has Been Arranged By C. J. Harris Hospital Auxiliary

Jackson People Help 4-H's Build Camp

A truck load and several cars of Jackson County farm men and women left Sylva early Wednesday for the State Test Farm in Haywood county and started work erecting the building for the Jackson County 4-H club camp. Around 15 carpenters and a large number of helpers gave their time toward building the camp. Women from the various Home Demonstration club, including Johns Creek and Qualla, went along to prepare food for the workmen. Interested firms and companies of the county gave lumber and other building material for the camp.

Johnson Names County Committee For Senator Graham

Jeff Johnson, State campaign manager for Senator Frank P. Graham, announced from his Raleigh headquarters Wednesday the appointment of the following Jackson County men as county committeemen to handle Graham's campaign here. They are: Raymond R. Nicholson, Sr., Sylva; William D. Buchanan, Gay; L. H. Higdon, Cullowhee; C. C. Buchanan, attorney, Sylva and W. A. Taylor, Glenville.

This committee will meet Saturday to organize and appoint county precinct workers.

WILLIS SMITH, U. S. SENATE CANDIDATE, VISITS IN SYLVA

Willis Smith, candidate for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator, visited in Sylva last Friday afternoon and was introduced to a large number of citizens by his county campaign manager, C. E. Smith, of Sylva. Candidate Smith remarked that he was well pleased with the response to his campaign in Jackson County and that he was sorry that he could not spend more time here and meet more of the citizens.

Smith is campaigning all over the state, blasting at socialism, and warning that the next step after socialism is communism. It is time, he said "to check the left-wingers and ultra liberals in Washington and it's time to throw out the traitors and disloyal employees." He also is lashing out at the Brannan farm plan, which he said, "would wreck the national treasury;" FEPC, he pointed out, would mean the end of segregation; and socialized medicine, which he described as "costly, cumbersome and stifles initiative."

Smith is opposing Frank P. Turkey Derby for this office.

New Chevrolet Car To Be Disposed Of At Three O'clock

Saturday, May 13, will be observed as Hospital Day in Jackson county and will be celebrated with a full-day program of events in Sylva. The occasion, coming the day following National Hospital Day, will be observed in that connection. At this time the service being rendered by the C. J. Harris Hospital will be stressed.

The program of events will be held at the American Legion Home and will start at 10 a.m. with a bazaar and continue through 4 p.m. The bazaar will offer for sale food and hand-made articles. At 3:00 p.m. the Hospital Auxiliary, which is sponsoring the program, will dispose of the 1950 model Chevrolet.

From 6 to 8 p.m. dinner will be served by members of the Auxiliary in the Legion Home banquet hall. From 8 to 10 p.m. numerous games will be played and a cake-walk held to end the day's program.

Mrs. Mike Strong is president of the Auxiliary. All funds from the bazaar, dinner, games and cake-walk, as well as car ticket sales, will go for benefit of the hospital.

Mrs. Arline Evans asks that all people who have contributions for the food sale being held by the Hospital Auxiliary on Saturday will please bring these to the American Legion Home by 10 a.m. Saturday morning or call Mrs. Evans at the Legion Home Saturday morning and arrangements will be made to pick up the articles.

Articles for the bazaar will be collected on Thursday or Friday of this week. Auxiliary members are asked to be sure and have six articles ready. Remember that you are to have each piece priced.

Balsam Students Entertain Rotary Club Members

E. Y. Neill, principal of Balsam elementary school brought nine of his boys to the Sylva Rotary Club Tuesday night for a program of string music and song. Rotarian Charlie Smith was in charge of the program and responsible for their presence. The boys, ranging in age from 9 to 12, put on a real good show for the Rotarians.

The boys in the group were: Joe Bryson, Roy Crawford, Tommy Barnett, Tommy Brooks, Jimmy Beck, Robert Derric, Jack Bryson and Boyce McCall.

Terrell Goes To Kentucky Derby

Bobby Terrell, sports writer for The Herald, and Dick Kaplan, of Asheville, horse racing expert, who is writing the history of horse racing, attended the Kentucky Derby races at Louisville, last Saturday.

Thrash Sets Friday 2:30 P. M. For Rural Road Meeting Here

Roads are being called into a special meeting Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the courthouse for a discussion of the general road program and new projects in the county.

The meeting has been called by L. Dale Thrash, highway commissioner of the tenth district, and he will be assisted by engineers of the area.

Commissioner Thrash said that due to good weather, a working organization, and the cooperation of the people, the road program is somewhat ahead of schedule in Jackson County.

He continued: "We think some of the roads on the second phase of the program might be let to contract for paving this summer."

The highway officials have extended invitations to all persons, and especially want every township committee man, the county board of commissioners, mayors of the town, and school officials to attend the meeting.

Commissioner Thrash said, "I am especially anxious that women of the county attend the meeting, as we want to discuss some way. I have learned that there is points of the Model Mile Highway much interest in this program in Jackson County, and I want them to attend the meeting and take in the discussion.

Commissioner Thrash reports that thru March 31, 1950, a total of \$200,815.48 has been spent in Jackson County rural roads out of the bond money.

All persons interested in rural