

Home For Boy Scouts Built By Rotarians



After holding their meetings around town in any available places for several years, mostly in the basement of the Methodist church, the Sylva Boy Scouts now have their permanent home. The building shown above, sponsored and built by members of the Sylva Rotary club and others interested in scouting, is now complete and being used by the scouts. The building, one story, frame, 26 by 36 feet, has a composition roof, good pine floor and equipped with four lockers and rest room. It is located on city property in the city park area, facing the American Legion Home. The scouts are putting in tables and other equipment needed in their scout training work. Any help the scouts can get from interested persons will be appreciated.

WCTC Makes Plans To Add Graduate Division To Program Next Year

Work To Lead To M. A. Degree In Field Of Education

Cullowhee — A major step in education has been taken at Western Carolina Teachers College with the announcement that the school will add a graduate division with work leading to the degree of Master of Arts in Education.

Paul A. Reid, college president, announced that this program would go into effect with the first session of summer school in June, 1951. For the time being the work will be carried on in the summer sessions, but plans are to make it a part of the offerings during the regular school year.

He said that the graduate division is being added as a result of the demand made by the people of Western North Carolina.

In the past, graduate work has been offered at the college during the summer under the direction of the University of North Carolina. This new graduate unit, however, will be solely under the direction of Western Carolina Teachers College.

Reid said, "State school authorities in Raleigh assured us we were ready to begin this program."

"The degree offered is a service degree for the teaching profession, not the traditional research type of master's degree," he added.

The program is designed primarily to aid those in the teaching profession to become more adequately prepared to function in their chosen areas of service. The aim is the improvement of the proficiency of the teacher in the (Continued on page 12)

WCTC Music Department Will Give Christmas Concert Today

The Music Department of Western Carolina Teachers College will present its annual Christmas Concert Thursday, Dec. 14, at 1:40 p.m. in Hoey auditorium. The program will open with the singing of Christmas carols by the entire audience, directed by Walter H. Cupp, head of the department and accompanied by Dr. Richard Renfro, organist.

Dr. David Price will direct the brass choir and organ arrangement of Bach's "In Dulce Jubilo." The college mixed chorus will sing as their first group of numbers: "There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob," by Mendelssohn; the Appalachian carol, "I Wonder as I Wander," by Niles; and the "Birth-day of a King," by Neidlinger. Miss Jean Rhodes will sing "Cantata de Noel" by Adams.

The second group sung by the

SCOUT COURT OF HONOR AT BRYSON CITY TONIGHT

Sylva Boy Scouts, their parents and friends will go to Bryson City tonight to take part in the Smoky Mountain District Court of Honor which will be held in the courthouse at 7 o'clock. The Sylva scouts are particularly anxious that a large number of parents and friends of Scouting attend this Court of Honor in an effort to help them bring back the attendance trophy. If the Sylva troop can win the trophy this time it will remain with it permanently. They are very anxious to secure this trophy for their new Scout Home which has just been completed in the city park area.

A number of advancements in rank are to be awarded scouts of the various troops. Take time off and go with the boys to Bryson City tonight.

WCTC Group On State Physical Ed. Program

Miss Helen Hartshorn, of the physical education department of Western Carolina Teachers College, appeared on the program of State Health Physical Education and Recreation Association which had its annual conference at Chapel Hill on December 8 and 9. Miss Hartshorn gave a demonstration on rhythmic. WCTC students assisting Miss Hartshorn with the demonstration were Ruth Angel and Ann Cabe of Franklin, Lawrence Arney of Morganton, and Boyce Padgett of Hayesville.

chorus will include "Titcombs' 'Nowell'; "The Virgin's Slumber Song" by Reger, and the old favorite "Jingle Bells" arranged by Don Large.

The chorus will also sing four of the popular numbers from Handel's "Messiah". These include, "And the Glory of the Lord"; "Glory to God"; and "Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs." Miss Jean Rhodes will sing the four recitatives relating the Christmas Story and Carolyn Higdon, soprano, the air, "Come Unto Him." The program will close with the traditional "Hallelujah Chorus."

Soloists for the concert are: Jean Rhodes and Carolyn Higdon, sopranos; and Orville Wike, baritone. The chorus is directed by W. H. Cupp and Dr. Richard Renfro is the accompanist.

The public is extended an invitation to the concert.

Sylva Lions Club To Prepare Christmas Baskets

At a regular meeting Wednesday night, the last meeting before Christmas, the Lions of Sylva, instead of bringing gifts to exchange, brought groceries, clothing, toys and money to prepare Christmas baskets for the blind families of Jackson county.

Lions who were not present at this meeting, and anyone interested in contributing to these baskets are asked to leave their contributions with Frank Fricks at the Men's Store. Lion Fricks is chairman of this project.

Every member of the Lions club who did not contribute at last meeting is urged to contact Chairman Fricks at the earliest possible moment.

60,000 ALLIED TROOPS BOARDING ESCAPE SHIPS

Allied troops in Northeast Korea, numbering more than 60,000, are rapidly boarding ships brought up for their evacuation from the trap sprung by hordes of Red Chinese. Many wounded Marines are among the boys being rushed aboard the ships along with much of their heavy equipment.

American officers say that Chinese Reds wearing American uniforms made a three-hour attack on the escape beachhead Wednesday morning. The attack was repulsed but officers feared the Chinese would try massive assaults before the last U.N. troops get away by sea.

The task of evacuation is huge and may take several days. The work is being hampered by the presence of many Korean civilians who beg to be saved as they fear death at the hands of the Reds. One Korean doctor said that the Reds would figure that they had cooperated with the Americans and that they would all be killed. They have no escape route other than the sea and this is impossible unless more ships were available.

President Truman plans to talk to the Nation Friday at which time he is expected to tell the people what sacrifices may be expected in the near future in the steps the government plans because of the all-out war.

MOST OF COUNTY SCHOOLS WILL NOT CLOSE UNTIL 20TH

Ralph L. Smith, principal of the Sylva schools and Sylva District, has announced that the schools of Sylva and the Sylva District will not close for Christmas holidays on the 15th as previously announced but will continue work until Wednesday the 20th.

Superintendent of County Schools, W. V. Cope, has also announced that most of the county schools will continue work until the 20th. Cullowhee High school will close the 15th, Mr. Cope said.

Contracts Let For 150-Room Dormitory At Western Carolina

35 Boys At Sylva Cub Pack Den Meet, Handicrafts Shown

Cub Pack 5 of Sylva held its monthly meeting on Thursday, November 30, at the Legion Hall. There were present more than 35 boys, many of the parents, and several visiting girl scouts.

A number of the Dens had exhibits which included lamps and several types of electric motors.

Advancements were awarded to Jack Erwin Gunter, Billy Nicholson, Gerry Parnell, and Ben Cathey. Plans were made to hold a Bobcat induction ceremony at the next Pack meeting, at which time six boys will receive their first rank in Cubbing. Four of the boys will be from a new den just organized in Moody Bottom. Mrs. Alvin Ridley is to be the Den Mother and Tom Morris will act as Den Chief.

A movie, "The Cub Scout in the Home", was shown at the meeting. This is the first film of a series of three which is used in conducting a Parents Training Course. Plans to show the other two films at a special meeting tonight (Thursday), have been changed. Instead, these films will be shown at the regular Pack meeting, December 28.

After the movie, stunts which had been prepared by several of the Dens were given, and a picture of Den 5 was taken, with the boys grouped around a poster showing the new Cub Scout Promise.

Mr. O. E. Monteith was announced as theme chairman for January when the theme will be "Rivers of America".

Well Known Methodist Leader Dies

The Rev. Logan Berge Abernethy, 85, died in his sleep Tuesday night at his home in Charlotte. For more than 50 years he was a strong leader in the Western North Carolina Conference and was well known in this section.

Born July 12, 1865, he was the son of the late Dr. R. L. and Mary Hayes Abernethy. He was also a first cousin of Dr. L. B. Hayes, pastor of the Sylva Methodist Church.

At the time of his death he was Conference Missionary Secretary, a job which he had held for about fifteen years. He was a former president at Weaverville College and was a teacher and strong supporter of Western Carolina Teachers College.

Among the important pastorates which he held were the Methodist Church at Elkin, First Methodist Church in Mooresboro, Dillworth Methodist Church in Charlotte, and the Canton Methodist Church.

Dr. Abernethy was a noted mathematician and had the Doctor of Divinity degree conferred upon him by High Point College four years ago. He was president of the Board of Trustees at Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital in Elkin and was vice president of the Board of Directors of the Methodist Home for the Aged in Charlotte.

Survivors include the widow; a son; five daughters; a brother, Dr. Arthur T. Abernethy of Rutherford College; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

CANCER CLINIC TO MEET

at C. J. Harris Hospital, in Sylva, Friday, Dec. 15. Registration from 9 to 10:15 a.m. The Division of Cancer Control The N. C. State Board of Health provides examinations for cancer to women above 35 and men above 40 years old and to any person of any age with symptoms suggestive of cancer.

SYLVA CITY MARKET... IN A&C

ARMY ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR BIG INCREASE IN DRAFT

In line with the step-up in National preparedness the Army has issued a call for a total of 160,000 draftees in January and February, nearly doubling the quotas it had announced previously for that period.

The announcement said that January quota has been raised from 40,000 to 80,000 and that February from 50,000 to 80,000. The Navy and Air Force continues to rely on volunteers.

This sudden increase in inductions will cause the States to dip at a faster pace into the pool of men now subject to the draft. The pool is composed of those aged 19 to 26, inclusive.

NINE FROM W.N.C. GRADUATE WITH HIGHWAY PATROL

Graduation exercises for 34 Highway Patrol trainees were held last Friday at 7 p.m. at the Patrol school in Chapel Hill.

Commissioner of Motor Vehicles L. C. Rosser of Raleigh made the principal address. Certificates of graduation from the Patrol school were presented to trainees by Albert Coates, director of the Institute of Government, Chapel Hill, which has cooperated with the Patrol in conducting the school.

Troop C, composed of nine men from Western North Carolina, includes W. D. Anderson, Andrews; J. L. Beal, Hayesville; J. C. Cope, Bryson City; C. F. Hendrix, Murphy; J. E. Jones, Asheville; W. R. McClure, Waynesville; R. A. Queen, Murphy; W. L. Stell, Crouse, and H. L. Wix, Asheville.

STATE FINISHES TWO AND A HALF MILES OF NEW ROAD

Two and one-half additional miles of new road improvements have been finished in Jackson County during November, the State Highway Commission announced today.

(1) Grading and surfacing with traffic bound macadam were completed on the following roads:

Kel Holcombe Road, 0.15 mile; Nations Creek Road, 1; Dills Creek, 1.

(2) Stabilizing and strengthening were completed on the following:

Tilley Creek Road, 0.1 mile; Pressley Road, 0.1; Fisher Creek Road 0.1.

In addition during November the Commission also finished surfacing the school drives at the following schools: Qualla, Sylva, Savannah, Tuckaseegee, Cullowhee and Sylva colored.

By the end of the 1950 the Commission estimates that from 45 to 50 per cent of the 12,000-mile bond issue program will be finished. Unless war conditions intervene, the remainder of the paving and stabilization program should be completed within the next two years, the Commission said.

Also November 1, the Highway Commission has spent \$57,998,374 of the \$200,000,000 bond issue fund. An additional \$64,000,000 is either allocated to specific road projects or will be allocated shortly.

SOSSAMONS... IN SYLVA

Polio Drive Director



Mrs. Dan K. Moore, President of the Jackson County Chapter of the American Red Cross and Infantile Paralysis Campaign, has announced the appointment of Dr. A. K. Hinds, of Cullowhee, as 1950-51 Fund Campaign Director for the Polio campaign which will be held throughout the Nation from January 15 through the 31st. Dr. Hinds, head of the Math Department of Western Carolina Teachers College, is now busy organizing the county for the annual drive. He said that the county's quota this year is \$2,750.00 and that the need is greater than ever before. Although Jackson county did not have many cases of polio during 1950 the country as a whole was unusually hard hit. Dr. Hinds plans to announce his complete organization through The Herald in the near future.

Mrs. Moore attended an area luncheon at Boundary Tree dining room last week at which time Mrs. Philip Russell, State Director, was present. Also present was Mrs. Beckman Huger, of Canton, who stressed the necessity for the support of the fund drive by the general public.

H. D. AND 4-H CLUBS HOLD JOINT MEETING AT SAVANNAH SCHOOL

Green's Creek Home Demonstration club met with the Savannah 4-H Club on Monday, Dec. 4, at 11 o'clock. The Demonstration club presented the 4-H club with the United Nations Flag, this being the first 4-H club in the county that has the flag.

The members of the 4-H club gave a Christmas program which everyone enjoyed. Miss Mary Johnston, County Home Agent, gave a demonstration on making Christmas gifts. Tommy Cannon, assistant county agent, presented the 4-H members and Home Club members with calendars to keep their records on.

Mrs. Lyle Buchanan talked about getting a work shop started for 4-H and Home club members.

Singing Convention To Be Held

The Lower District Singing Convention will be held Sunday, December 17, at the Wilnot Baptist Church. All singers are cordially invited to attend. Joe E. Messer, moderator.

Parent-Teacher Co. Council Meeting At Addie Tonight

The P.T.A. County Council which was scheduled to meet November 30, but was postponed due to bad weather, will have a chicken supper and meeting at the Addie School Thursday night, Dec. 14, at 7:00 o'clock. The members will be served and will have a private room for their business meeting, at which time officers for the coming year will be elected. Arrangements have been made to serve

Jones Is Low Bidder For Main Building

President Paul A. Reid announced yesterday that contracts totaling \$820,957 for construction of a new 150-room men's dormitory were awarded Tuesday afternoon by Western Carolina Teachers College.

J. A. Jones Construction Company, of Charlotte, who already has a big construction job underway at the College, was awarded the general contract with a low bid of \$662,000. William B. Dillard of Sylva was second low with a bid of \$688,000.

Other contracts to low bidders included: heating, L. L. Hyatt Company of Spartanburg, S. C., \$91,360; plumbing, Moser Plumbing Company, Asheville, \$120,445; elevators, Otis Elevator Company, Greensboro, \$7,152.

Bids were opened and approved by the following committee: President Reid and Business Manager R. C. Sutton, representing the College; Frank B. Turner of State Budget Bureau; D. J. Whitmire of Franklin, chairman of the WCTC board of trustees; Stewart Rogers and Anthony Lord, of Six Associates, Inc. Asheville.

The new building will be constructed of brick, limestone and steel and contain four-student suites with connecting baths, recreation room and two faculty member apartments.

Old Davie Hall, present faculty apartment building, is being torn down to make room for the new dorm. Construction work is expected to get started soon after January 1.

The new fireproof structure will have a brick exterior and will be heated by existing facilities at the college and will correspond in design to Robertson Hall on the campus.

Professor F. A. Hodges is chairman of the college dormitory committee.

Now under construction at the college is a \$1,000,000 science and classroom building, and a \$600,000 library building. A number of faculty apartments are almost complete, being built by William B. Dillard of Sylva. A new laundry building has just been completed and plans have been prepared for a \$200,000 extension of sewer, water and electric and steam facilities.

JACKSON - SWAIN MEDICAL SOCIETY ELECTS OFFICERS

Dr. Harold Bacon, of Bryson City, was elected president of the Jackson-Swain Medical Society for the coming year at a meeting of the members of the society in the new Swain County hospital at Bryson City on Tuesday night, December 5. Other officers elected for the new year include Dr. R. David Daniel, vice-president, Sylva; and Dr. William Mitchell, secretary-treasurer, of Bryson City. Delegates named to the State Convention were Dr. William Mitchell, and Dr. David Daniel, alternate.

meals to anyone who is not a PTA member, but who wishes to come, a room to serve children, and someone to care for them during the meeting and entertainment.

The meal will cost \$1.00 for adults and \$.50 for children under twelve years of age.

It is hoped that every PTA in the county will be represented at this meeting and everyone from the Addie PTA is urged to attend.