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Sylva Mayor To Run Theatre In Hendersonville

Succeeding Jack Boyd, of Salisbury, who has been manager of the Rex Theatre, of the Publix-Saenger chain, in Hendersonville for the past year and a half, H. E. Buchanan has been appointed manager there, it was recently announced. Mr Boyd has been transferred to a Winston-Salem theatre of the same organization.

Mr Buchanan who is mayor of Sylva, has been manager of the Lyric theatre for the past 10 years. He was owner until six months ago when he sold his property. Mr. Buchanan is a member of the directorate of the North and South Carolina theatre owners, and has served on that body for four or five years. At a recent annual meeting in Charlotte he was made Chairman of the directorate.

Program Given for P. T. A.

The P. T. A. held their February meeting in the Sylva Elementary School building Feb. 1st. The meeting was called to order by the President and then turned over to the program committee. The program was a Washington Birthday program presented by several of the high school students under the direction of Miss Edith Buchanan. Some of the students read interesting papers on the different phases of the life of Washington, and the program ended with a playlet, "Martha and George Return". Madge Wilson and John Parris took the parts of Martha and George and Ruby Edwards and James Moody took the parts of the modern ancestors of Martha and George. After the program the Association held a brief business session in which the various committee reports were given. Attention was called to the generosity of the two local dairies in furnishing the school with milk free of charge for two months for the undernourished children, and also to Drs. Candler and Madison and several of the hospital nurses for giving their time in order to vaccinate the school children.

The meeting adjourned to meet March 7 in the High School building.

State News

Mrs. Harper Freed

Verdict of not guilty was ordered for Mrs. Terry H. Harper, Saturday at Greensboro, in her trial with her husband for the murder of Charles Holten in the Harpers High Point home, Dec. 23. Harper's trial continues, his wife backing him by testifying he shot in self-defense.

10 Are Given Paroles

Ten prisoners, including Carey Ford, Pitt county, and Erastus Wiles, Wilkes county, serving terms for manslaughter, were granted paroles from State's prison by Governor Max Gardner Monday.

Graham In Race

William A. Graham, State commissioner of agriculture, has announced he will be a candidate for the office again.

Fire Threatens Kinston

A Monday fire destroyed two buildings in Kinston with a loss of \$50,000.

Girl Dies in Auto Crash

Evelyn Jones, 20, Thomasville, died in a Lexington hospital late Saturday from hurts taken in the wrecking of the car of N. L. Stewart, 25 who, had picked her up as she was walking home following a fight between her first escort, J. H. Parrish, and Elmer Leak. Stewart is being held for investigation.

Magazine Writer Collects Data On Cherokees

Mrs. Margaret Gooch, of Lexington well known writer of stories for the better magazines, and song hits, has been spending several days at Swayney, in Big Cove, among the Cherokee Indians. Mrs. Gooch has spent several months during the last two years in Big Cove, collecting data for magazine articles.

National News

Japan Invades Chinese Cities

Ignoring protest of the United States and other powers Japan continued her invasion of China, subduing Shanghai with bullet, bayonet and bomb, firing on Nankin forts and landing marines there, pushing her troops further into Manchuria. The American Asiatic fleet and warships of other powers concentrated at Shanghai with troops aboard.

Slayer Must Die In Chair

William M. Frazier, Rahway, N. J., man, who killed Mrs. Phoebe Stader, hid her body in a Virginia forest and was arrested at Raleigh, must die in the electric chair, the New Jersey court of appeals has ruled.

Claims Mrs Judd Insane

After a two-day recess forced by illness of Jurors, defense of Ruth Judd for the murder of Agnes LeRoy began again in Phoenix Arizona, on Monday with the alienists backing Mrs. Judd's family in claims she is subject to fits of insanity.

Open Arms Limitation Meet

Its chances of success blackened by the Sino-Japanese clash, the heralded arms limitation conference opened at Geneva, Tuesday, with 60 nations represented.

Eight Lost in Plane

Lives of seven passengers and the pilot of a transport plane are despaired of at Glendale, California, with no trace had since it disappeared on Friday.

S. C. I. Quint Beats Clyde

The Sylva Collegiate Institute trounced Clyde High Thursday night on the local court, 40-21, Dickey and Watson taking top honors, for the Collegians.

In another game the Smoky Mt. Ramblers, with Fincannon and Morgan leading the way, defeated Clyde All-Stars, 52-20.

I. C. Davis Of Webster Taken By Death

I. C. Davis, of Webster, dropped dead at his home Wednesday as a result of a heart attack. He was the oldest son of the late E. D. Davis, first sheriff of Jackson county.

Surviving are: his wife, who was before her marriage, Miss Latisha Dillard, of Webster, four children, Mrs. R. L. Knight of Speedwell, Mrs. Frank Henson of Sylva, Tarry, of Webster, and Ben of Zolfo Springs, Florida; and three brothers, Bill of Beta; J. D. of Big Ridge; and Ben of Leni, Idaho.

Funeral services were Friday at 11 o'clock at the Methodist church at Love's Chapel, of which Mr. Davis was a member.

Garbo's Latest At Lyric

The dangerous but glamorous life of the notorious World War spy, "Mata Hari," is portrayed in the picture of that name which will be shown at the Lyric Theatre with the sensational combination of Greta Garbo and Ramon Novarro in the leading roles. The amazing cast of this ambitious Metro-Goldwin-Mayer production also includes such outstanding screen personalities as Lionel Barrymore, Lewis Stone, C. Henry Gordon, Karen Morley and Alec B. Francis, together with a large group of supporting players.

The unprecedented feat of placing two of the screen's foremost personalities in one picture warranted an exceptional story. Report has it that following extensive study of stage plays and novels, the original story, "Mata Hari," was selected as being most eminently suited to bring out the best dramatic talents of both Garbo and Novarro, who last scored individual hits in "Susan Lennox" and "Son of India" respectively.

The plot depicts the engrossing career of the fascinating Mata Hari whose beauty and glamor as a dancer enables her to win her way into the confidence of Allied officers and thus to furnish the enemy forces with strategic war plans. When she finally falls in love with one of the many men whom she has betrayed, it is too late and she is forced to face a firing squad.

This picture is scheduled for Friday and Saturday of this week and a two reel comedy and a travel film are included in the program.