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SYLVA SCHOOLS OPEN

CENTRAL HIGH OPENS MONDAY

The 1926-27 sessions of the Sylva Central High School will begin Monday, September 6, at eight-forty five. All students are requested to be at the opening exercise in the auditorium on time. After the opening exercises are over students will be assigned to the various rooms for consultation with the instructors relative to their course and then report to the office of the principal for a registration and class card to the classes.

The faculty for the ensuing season will be composed of the following instructors: H. D. Browning, Jr., A. B. Wade Forest College, principal; Fay Jones, A. B. N. C. C. W., Mathematics; Anne Harrold, A. B. N. C. C., History and Civics; Katherine Kennedy, A. B. Newberry College, Science and Athletics; Helen Maywood, B. S. Meredith College, Home Economics. Each instructor has had three or more years experience in an accredited high school of the state.

A lunch room will be conducted in connection with the Home Economics department of the school. Hot lunches will be provided for the students on a cost basis. Parents are requested to provide proper lunches for their children as no student will be given leave of absence to go home for lunch. Under the present schedule the lunch hour will be only forty minutes in length. School will open each morning at 8:45 a. m. and close at 3:00 p. m. Parents are urged to send their children to school "on time" as tardies, except in special cases, will not be allowed to continue. A telephone will be installed in the high school building, where the high school parents, whose children are absent tardy, will be communicated with early each morning.

A cordial invitation and an urgent request is extended all parents to be present on the opening day of school and at any time during the year.

GRADED SCHOOL TO OPEN

The Sylva graded school with Mr. J. Ulrich Gibbs as principal, will open the fall session next Monday morning, September 6, and the prospects for the school are said, by educators and school officials, to be the best in the history of the school.

There is but one change in the faculty which conducted the school last year. Miss Sue Johnson will succeed Miss Bess Seawright as teacher of high second grade.

With that exception, Mr. Ulrich Gibbs, principal, and the entire corps of teachers, who were in charge of the school last year, will be at their places at the beginning of the term. The faculty is composed of the following ladies and gentlemen:

Principal, J. U. Gibbs, First Grade, Miss Annie Kate Yates, Second Grade, Miss Verna DeBord, High Second, Miss Sue Johnson, Third, Mrs. J. P. Freeze, Fourth, Miss Eva Johnson, Fifth, Miss Queen Duvall, Sixth, Miss Mary Sue Hemphill, Seventh, Miss Barbara Haire.

FUNERAL FOR DILLSBORO MAN

The funeral of John B. Ensley, prominent citizen of Dillsboro, was held at his home, Friday afternoon, by Rev. Thad Watson, and interment followed in the Franklin cemetery.

Mr. Ensley, who was fifty-one years of age, has been in charge of the Blue Ridge Lumber Company's plant at Dillsboro for a number of years. He was a well known citizen of the county and a member of the Dillsboro Baptist church. His death followed an operation for appendicitis.

Surviving him are his widow, three daughters, Mrs. W. O. Allen, of Sylva, Mrs. E. O. Powell of Cullowhee and Mrs. T. V. Sluder of Monroe and two sons, Geo. Ensley, of Akron, Ohio and Jno. B. Ensley, Jr., of Dillsboro.

ROAD JUBILEE INTEREST GROWS

Franklin, N. C., Aug. 31.—Interest in the road celebration here September 15 is gripping Georgia and North Carolina. What started out as a two county affair is becoming a two state jubilee.

It all grows out of the completion of highway No. 285 in North Carolina a distance of 21 miles between Dillsboro and Franklin. At first this road appeared simply to connect Jackson and Macon counties in North Carolina. But a growing realization of the importance of the opening of this highway appears to be responsible for the fact that leaders all the way from middle and eastern North Carolina to Atlanta and the Florida line are becoming interested and are going to take part in the program here September 15th and the motorcade that afternoon to Asheville.

All the members of the Georgia state highway commission expect to participate. Chairman John N. Holder has accepted an invitation to appear with former Governor Cameron Morrison and North Carolina state highway officials on the program at Franklin. The members of the Georgia legislature and county highway officials from these counties on No. 15, which extends from North Carolina to the Florida state line, have been invited to be here and make the trip to Asheville, via Dillsboro, Sylva, Waynesville and Canton.

Prominent newspaper men expected include James A. Holloman of the Atlanta Constitution, Col. Wade H. Harris of the Charlotte Observer, A. Webb, of the Asheville Citizen, and probably others. And other men of prominence in the two states undoubtedly will take part, as will county officials and hundreds of citizens.

Here are some of the reasons being assigned by those interested in the celebration:

1. It is the connecting link in the Asheville - Franklin - Atlanta highway, the shortest route, by 32 miles, between these cities, between the South and the mountains.

2. It is the logical route from an engineering standpoint, since it passes through the lowest gap in the Blue Ridge, south of Virginia. Rabun Gap, with an altitude of slightly less than 2100 feet—lower than the courthouse at Franklin—is one of the few low passes in the Blue Ridge not "water gaps"—probably the lowest of this kind in the entire Blue Ridge. No water passes through this gap, but the mountains virtually disappear to allow the highway to pass through the mighty Blue Ridge.

3. The Asheville - Franklin - Atlanta highway is scenically one of the most beautiful drives in Southern Appalachia. It carries on by the gigantic Tullulah Gorge, through Rabun Gap and into the North Carolina Mountains, across the Cowees, thru Balsam Gap, the highest point on the Southern Railway, and into Asheville—through the very heart of the Southern Highlands.

4. At Cornelia, Ga., it becomes a part of No. 15, which traverses Georgia, stretching from the Florida state line to the North Carolina line, just south of Franklin.

5. In North Carolina it strikes highways which connect with those to be completed into Tennessee and thus to connect this section with the Mississippi Valley.

Thus, the Asheville - Franklin-Atlanta highway, traversing one of the most picturesque regions in Eastern America, eventually will not only connect Asheville and Atlanta, but Florida and the "Land of the Sky", and the southeast with the middle west and the Great Lakes country.

SYLVA METHODIST CHURCH

Preaching Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and all the other services at their usual time. Let us, if possible, have the biggest Sunday school and the largest crowd at church we have had this summer. The way to do this is for every fellow to resolve right now that he is going to be on hand.

THE FOUNDATION LAID FOR DAIRYING IN JACKSON COUNTY



The bull Baron's Gambage Oxford, Registration No. 249346 is one of the 20 well bred dairy bulls placed in twenty different communities of Jackson county through the efforts of these men shown in picture and others of Jackson county's foreseeing and most progressive citizens. From left to right are: C. W. Tilson, County Agent; John R. Jones of Jackson Hardware Co.; Billy Davis, Cashier of Tuckasegee Bank; D. M. Hall, Manager Sylva Supply Co.; and M. D. Cowan, Cashier, Jackson County Bank.

In early May of this year these men as well as many others had already realized the fact that dairying was destined to take the lead in the agricultural development of Jackson county. Like all other successful business they realized the foundation for it must be laid on bed rock and here is where it was placed. A survey made by these men and the state and Federal Extension Dairy Specialist showed that we have practically one hundred high grade Jersey cows brought into the county during the past 8 months and these with some four hundred other dairy type cows of average crossbred quality were scattered throughout the county. The survey showed only 3 registered dairy bulls and the only bulls in the county that would sire daughters from these cows that would produce more milk and butter than their mothers. Around fifty-five scrub bulls that were neither beef nor dairy bulls were found in the county and these of course will always sire calves of lower milk and butter production than their mothers.

With these facts before them and the idea that we must start breeding our cattle right this year and no later if we are to have dairy products for the market and a market for our dairy products the men in this picture in a meeting with others representatives from the chamber of commerce started the move which received the cooperation and backing of the business men of Sylva and Dillsboro and the most progressive farmers of the various communities of our county. This move was to place an outstanding purebred Dairy bull in every community where dairying is practical and slaughter or castrate the scrub bulls in these communities. The banks, and business firms of Sylva and Dillsboro actually donated or took interest to the amount of \$410 in the purebred dairy bulls and through this progressive and generous spirit 20 outstanding registered dairy bulls have gone into 20 of our best communities and 35 scrub bulls have gone during the last eight months.

These bulls are now on the farms of the following men and in the com-

munities stated: C. R. Moody, Sylva, B. O. Painter, Sylva, Will Harris, Scott's Creek, G. W. Fisher, Fisher Creek, Raymond Mull, Addie, Loyd Robinson Willits, John T. Jones, Balsam, C. A. Bird, Qualla, Felix Ashe, Green's Creek, Warfield Turpin, Savannah, John Stillwell, Little Savannah, D. M. Hall, Webster, J. W. Blanton, Mgr. County Farm, James R. Ashe, Ashe Community, Louis Smith, Lower Cullowhee, Frank H. Brown Upper Cullowhee, Lee Hooper, Speedwell, R. C. Hunter and J. M. Nicholson, Caney Fork, John Tritt, East LaPorte, Junie Hooper, Tuckasegee, Frank Holden, Glenville and C. G. Wilson, Glenville and Cashiers.

Already the farmers in these communities have accepted the fact that others have proven in hundreds of experiment which show that heifers from cows like we have and bulls like these purebreds will produce 30 to 40 percent more milk and butter than their mothers. And they also realize on the other hand that heifers from our cows and scrub bulls like we had will reduce 30 to 40 percent less milk and butter than did their mothers. Consequently the scrub bulls are going to the butcher or becoming steers and these valuable dairy bulls are being used for breeding.

Seeing that our foundation is right the Carolina Creamery of Asheville is now sending its own truck to Dillsboro to get our cream and pay us Chicago standard price for all butterfat delivered to Dillsboro. Butterfat is bringing 46 cents per pound this week. Several of the Jersey cows in the county are paying their owners ten and twelve dollars per month cash just off of pasture. Lots of our native red cows are bringing their owners a good cream check every week. Jackson farmers are getting the same price for butterfat as Macon farmers and the Chicago Standard Market price we get is all any market pays.

We need more good cows and purebred heifers than we have. A creamery will be built here when our volume of cream grows a year, but we have the market now just the same as if we had the plant already built.

QUALLA

Qualla Methodist church is almost completed. Every dollar that has been contributed to this church is very much appreciated by its members. We invite our friends to see our new building and to worship with us.

The door was opened Sunday morning and the room was soon filled to its utmost capacity. The Baptist and Methodist S. S.'s united in giving an interesting programme of readings, recitations, songs, and concerts. Much pleasure and interest was added to

the occasion by the splendid singing, both in the morning and afternoon, of the East Sylva choir. We hope they will come again.

Several of our people motored to Sylva Sunday evening to attend revival services.

Large audiences are attending the Tent meeting near Camp Ground.

Miss Martha Heritage has gone to Waynesville to spend a week with relatives.

Mr. J. M. Bird and family of Bryson spent the week end with relatives.

Miss Sadie Hoyle who is in Bryson

PRINCIPAL ASKS CO-OPERATION

To the Patrons of the Sylva Graded School:—

The Sylva Graded School opens Monday morning, September 6th, at 8:45. This ought to be a red letter day for all concerned, and for a number who are not concerned.

Sylva takes just pride in schools, but this is the most important school in the community, because it is the portal to school life and education for the child. In the public school he gets the start which means, for him success or failure. It is a momentous experience for the child, because he is entering a new world. He is entering in the plastic state or stage when the moulding is to be done. Oh, that parents and citizens could feel deeply the need and duty of helpful co-operation!

The late Dr. J. L. M. Curry was right when he said, "To let a child grow up in ignorance is treason to the State, to humanity, to God." Martin Luther was right when he said "Let it be one of the highest virtues on earth faithfully to educate the children of others who neglect it themselves."

This a matter of so vital importance that the parents of the children and the citizens of the town and community should be willing to come out on the morning of the opening for a short while, for an informal round table discussion of some things of tremendous importance to the success of the schools and the civic pride of the town. Come and shake hands with us, wish us well, promise to be with us in your prayers and efforts, and make us feel that you are glad we are here. This will help us all, children and teachers, to get a start with such momentum that nothing can stand before our success. Come learn just where you can place your shoulder to the wheel and "do your bit," remembering that, to succeed, it requires the "everlasting teamwork of every blooming soul."

J. ULRICH GIBBS,
Principal Graded School.

hospital after an operation for appendicitis is reported convalescing.

A group of young folks enjoyed a party at Mr. J. E. Battles' Wednesday evening.

Mr. G. T. Cooper and family of Sylva, Mrs. Tyler Buchanan and children of Webster, Mr. Jarvis Campbell and family of Waynesville, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Martin and daughter Jessie, of Cherokee and Mr. G. H. Martin of Bryson were among Qualla's visitors Sunday.

Miss Ruby Norman left Sunday for Mesenheimer, N. C. where she will attend school.

Mr. Carl Hoyle has gone to Pensacola, Tenn., to teach school.

Mr. Sam Perry Hyatt has returned from a visit with relatives in South Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hughes and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hughes spent Saturday at Ravensford.

Mr. Herschel Green of S. C. spent Friday night with Mr. J. L. Hyatt's.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Worley were callers at Mr. Thomas Gibson's Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Dixon Hyatt and children spent Friday with her mother, Mrs. Jno. Bradburn.

Misses Susan Keener and Thelma Sweed were guests at Mr. J. H. Hughes' Wednesday.

Miss Josephine Reagan called on Miss Mary Emma Ferguson Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hoyle spent the week end in Bryson City.

Mr. James Sitton and family and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Crisp visited relatives at Bryson Sunday afternoon.

Mr. D. M. Shuler is visiting relatives near Bryson.

Three more farmers of Alexander county have put running water in their homes recently. They used the gravity system bringing the water from a spring on the mountain side.

S. C. I. BEGINS ITS 25TH YEAR

The twenty-fifth session of Sylva Collegiate Institute began yesterday, with a most auspicious opening, an unusually large number of students being present.

The opening exercises began with a devotional service, conducted by Rev. T. P. Deitz, at ten-thirty. The best effort of each teacher was pledged to the school and its student body, in short talks, made by the teachers, who were introduced by the principal, Rev. Western C. Reed.

Geo. W. Sutton, I. H. Powell, T. C. Bryson, J. T. Gribble, R. L. Hyatt and H. E. Monteith, members of the board of trustees, also made short addresses. Rev. Varnel Breedlove and T. H. Gribble, alumni of the school and Mrs. J. R. Jones, a former teacher, were called upon by Mr. Reed and responded with short talks.

Registration began yesterday afternoon and class work was taken up this morning.

Mr. Manor Roberts, of Newport, Tenn., will be teacher of mathematics and science and will also direct athletics. Miss Maxie Denton, also of Newport, will be teacher of French and English and Miss Ozelle Bible, of Jefferson City, Tenn., will have charge of the History and Latin department. Mrs. W. C. Reed will teach the sixth and seventh grades.

Mrs. C. L. Allison and Miss Agnes Brown, both of whom have been associated with the school for the past several terms will teach the fourth and fifth and the first, second and third grades, respectively. Miss Mattie Belle Jones, who also has taught here, is teacher of music. Mrs. Burford, who has, until coming here, been secretary of the W. Y. C. A. in Asheville, will arrive today and will be matron of the girl's dormitory and teacher of Home Economics. The teacher of the commercial department will arrive later.

EAST SYLVA

Rev. Paul Shepard and mother and sisters of Gastonia are visiting relatives and friends at this place and Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rickman and daughters of Franklin were the guests of Mrs. Rickman's sister, Mrs. D. B. Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. Pratt Dalton of Franklin visited friends and relatives Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. M. A. Norman filled an appointment at the East Sylva Baptist church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Leatherman of Cowee were the guests of Mr. D. B. Alexander Sunday.

Mr. Chas. West of Brevard spent the week end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barnes visited Mr. Barnes' mother, Mrs. Elsie Barnes Sunday.

Mr. Harry Potts of Franklin spent Wednesday with his aunt, Mrs. F. C. Carden.

BALSAM

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Knight and little Johnnie of Orlando, Fla., and Miss Janis Brinks of Dothan, Ala., who have been visiting Mr. Knight's mother, Mrs. D. T. Knight, left last week for their respective homes.

Mrs. P. V. Wacaster of Dark Ridge visited her daughter, Mrs. Alice College in Waynesville last week.

Mr. Hubert Ensley is now with a garage in Asheville and his brother, Elsie took his place with the Chevrolet Company in Franklin.

Miss Grace Mehaffey was here from Hendersonville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Ensley who recently moved to Asheville are here enjoying the cool breezes in Balsam for awhile.

Mrs. Mary Robinson of Willets was here Sunday.

Miss Isabel Porter and Mr. George Knight motored to Lake Junaluska Sunday.

The revival at the Baptist church is one of the best ever held here. There have been about sixty conversions.