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HARRY HASTINGS DIES SUDDENLY IN AUTOMOBILE

The people of this section were shocked to learn of the sudden death, in his automobile, in Bryson City, yesterday morning for one of his friends, one of Sylva's best known business men.

Mr. Hastings, in company with Mr. Shaw, left his home in Sylva, early yesterday morning for one of his frequent trips to Bryson City in connection with the pole buying business of T. H. Hastings and Son, of which he was head and manager. Just as he drove up in front of the Bryson City Drug Store, he remarked to Mr. Shaw that he felt as if he were about to faint. Mr. Shaw summoned assistance, and Mr. Hastings was carried to a physician's office, close at hand; but had expired before an examination could be made.

Mr. Hastings, who was 46 years of age, was a native of Sylva, eldest son of the late T. H. Hastings, and Mrs. Hastings. He was well known throughout Western North Carolina. During his early young manhood he was in the service of the Southern Railway Company, and was a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. He was appointed postmaster at Sylva by President Wilson, and served in that capacity for two terms. At the expiration of his office as postmaster, Mr. Hastings engaged with his father in the pole buying business of T. H. Hastings and Son, one of the oldest enterprises in this region, and at the death of his father, he assumed complete management of the concern, which supplied the Western Union Telegraph Company with chestnut poles for many years.

Mr. Hastings was a member of and a regular attendant upon the services of the Sylva Methodist church. He was an unusually well informed man upon public questions, and always took keen interest in public affairs and politics, local, state and national. Mr. Hastings was twice married, his first wife, who was Miss Blanche King, of Murphy, having died several years ago. Later he was married to Miss Queen Duvall, of Asheville county, who was, for several years, a teacher in the public schools of Sylva. She and one small son, a few months of age, survive him. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. T. H. Hastings, his brother, John Hastings, one sister, Mrs. John Irwin, of Charlotte, and a large circle of friends.

The funeral services will be conducted from his home on Allen Street, at 3:30 this afternoon, and interment will be in the Keener cemetery.

Rev. George Clemmer, his pastor will return from Asheville, where he is conducting a series of services, for the obsequies.

SYLVA CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL WILL OPEN MONDAY MORNING

Sylva Central High School will open, Monday morning, for the fall term. It is expected that the enrollment will be the greatest of any year since the high schools of Sylva, Dillsboro, Barker's Creek, Beta, Addie, Willets, and Balsam were consolidated at Sylva.

The opening of the school will be marked with appropriate exercises, and the public is invited to be present.

The teachers will be V. E. Wessinger, principal, Mr. M. G. Roberts, Mrs. Chester Scott, Miss Catherine Richard, Miss Llewellyn Rhodes, Mrs. Ernest Monteith, Miss Nell Barker, and Miss Helen E. Maywood.

WILL HAVE PRESSLEY REUNION

The Pressley Reunion will be held at the home of J. A. Pressley on the head waters of Pressley Creek, Speedwell, Sept. 8, 1929. This celebrates the one hundredth anniversary of our forefathers moving into this community, which bears his name. All relatives and friends are cordially invited to come and bring a full basket of dinner.

Bonnie Pressley, Sec.

THE WEEK

(By DAN TOMPKINS)

There is a great stir in Jewry and throughout the Moslem world over the massacre of Jewish worshippers, by Arabs, at the Wailing Wall at Jerusalem. The British government is getting in action, and the Mohammedans are restive. It looks as though anybody, even an Arab, would have more sense, in this year 1929, than to kill worshippers of another faith, in a country under the dominion of Great Britain; but it but goes to prove to what lengths of criminality and fool-hardiness religious fanaticism will carry people.

The Great Zeppelin, landing at Los Angeles early Sunday morning, took off Tuesday morning, for Lakehurst, New Jersey, on the last step of its flight around the world. The Pacific was crossed in the air, and another step in the mechanical conquest of the world was completed.

General Tyson died in a Philadelphia sanitarium. There are officers that men respect, officers that men obey, but General Tyson was an officers whom the men of the Thirtieth Division respected, obeyed and venerated. He was among the immortals who broke the Hindenburg Line. Returning to civil life, the Democrats of Tennessee elected him to the United States Senate. In the Senate he was one of the foremost advocates of liberal legislation for soldiers, and the veterans have lost a friend, in high position, where such friends are few and needed.

A Weaverville child was killed, in an automobile smash, in Asheville Monday night. Two automobiles were implicated. The one in which the dead child was riding, was driven by a white man, while the other was operated by a Negro. We have no statistics on the subject, but it appears that there are more automobile accidents, where Negroes are driving, than there are with those driven by white people, in proportion to the number of people of each race operating motor cars. There must be a reason. There should be an intelligence test for automobile drivers. The law of our State prohibits children under the age of 16 from operating motor cars on the highways, not because of physical inability, but for lack of judgment or discretion. Why then allow any older person with the mentality of a young child, to menace the lives of people on the highways and streets?

Col. Lindbergh, the lucky, who has hitherto been sane and conservative, appeared at Cleveland, this week as a stunt flier, thrilling and awing the spectators with the brilliant daring of his audacious feats. He is "Lucky Lindy"; but if he keeps up that sort of circus clown performance, some day he will leave his mojo behind, and Lindbergh will be no more. Bravery is one of the finest of all the human virtues; but fool-hardiness is always reprehensible, whether it be displayed by the village cut pu or a world hero. "It is written, 'thou shalt not tempt the Lord, thy God'."

The negotiations for a peaceful settlement of the strike in the Clinchfield Mill, at Marion, have collapsed, by withdrawal of the representatives of the mill owners, and a formal demand upon Governor Gardner for protection, by B. M. Hart, president and treasurer of the mill. The president of the mill gave as his reason for withdrawal from the negotiations that the strikers are being counselled by a representative of the American Federation of Labor. Judge N. A. Townsend, who is in Marion as the personal representative of Governor, issued a statement in which he gave it as his opinion that the blame for the failure of the peaceful negotiations to bear fruit lies with the owners of the mills, and their arbitrary action. Perhaps where Mr. Hart has had "cooling time" he will think better of what he has done, and change his attitude. At any rate, it is well to remember that public opinion is, perhaps the most potent factor in controversies of this nature, and his statement, coupled with that of the representative of the Governor of North Carolina, who should be as conversant with the facts as is Mr. Hart,

The Trouble With Having Bad Little Boys Over to Your House By Albert T. Reid



MAKE PLANS FOR OPENING OF SYLVA HIGH SCHOOL

Superintendent V. E. Wessinger of the Sylva schools, announces that beginning Friday, August 30, the office of the Sylva High School will be open to the public from nine to twelve A. M. and one to three P. M.

Parents and pupils are invited to come in and make plans for the regular session which begins September 2nd.

Pupils can arrange their course of study and save the rush in buying their high school books.

The public is cordially invited to attend the opening exercises at nine o'clock, Monday morning at the high school auditorium.

All parents are most cordially invited and urged to be present at the opening. This is your school, and your children need encouragement that your presence will give.

The locker keys will be given out Friday.

is not such as to inspire over much confidence in the public mind in the absolute fairness of his position.

One of the most important events in the public eye is the trial, now in progress, in Charlotte, of 13 men and three women, charged with the murder of O. F. Aderholt, chief of police of Gastonia. Great care and pains appear to be being taken in the selection of the jury. This is a trial of great importance as compared with another matter. It is of transcendent importance that there shall be a fair trial, not only that, but that everybody concerned should feel that three has been an impartial trial, and that the courts of North Carolina can be depended upon to administer justice. If these people are guilty, they should be punished for a foul murder. No amount of pumped-up sentimentality should be allowed to interfere with the processes of orderly administered justice. If they are not guilty, that fact should be ascertained, and they acquitted. But, whichever way the scales of justice tilt, it is important that no one have a remote reason to doubt the fairness of the trial. It is a sad day for any State when any considerable number of people begin to doubt the integrity of their courts, or their ability to cope with any situation, however complicated or delicate. At Charlotte, North Carolina justice has a great opportunity to vindicate itself in the eyes of the world.

COMPLETE S. C. I. FACULTY

The Board of Trustees has announced the complete faculty for Sylva Collegiate Institute for the ensuing year.

L. Mullins, A. B., principal, mathematics and science, A. B. Wake Forest College, teacher in Cleveland County public schools three years, teacher Baptist Orphanage, one year, teacher Sylva Collegiate Institute 1924-1926, teacher in Mars Hill College 1926-1928, University of North Carolina summer school work toward M. A., 1927.

Miss Gladys McNeil, A. B., English and French; A. B. University of Alabama, 1923; W. M. U. Training School, Louisville, Ky., 1923-1925; teacher in Barbourville Baptist Institute, Barbourville, Ky., 1925-1927; teacher in public school, Old Fort, N. C., 1927-1928; teacher in Lee Baptist Institute, Pennington Gap, Va., 1928-1929.

Miss Eleanor Monerief, A. B., History and Latin. A. B. Bessie Tift College, 1929; Emory University summer school toward M. A., 1929.

Miss Edna Wallace, A. B., Music and Bible. A. B. Miss. State College for Women, 1926; teacher in Canton, Miss., public school, 1926-1928; teacher Sylva Collegiate Institute, 1928.

J. Glenn Travis, A. A., Grades and Athletics. Diploma Sylva Collegiate Institute, 1926; A. A. Mars Hill College, 1928; University of N. C. summer school, 1929; teacher Sylva Collegiate Institute, 1929.

Miss Agnes Brown, Primary Department. N. C. College for Women, Asheville Normal summer school, teacher in Yancey Collegiate Institute, teacher in Sylva Collegiate Institute, 1923. If sufficient interest is manifested in the work, Miss Brown will organize a kindergarten class.

Mrs. C. L. Raines, Matron Dining Room and Kitchen, Sylva Collegiate Institute, 1926.

Mrs. L. L. Allen, Matron.

REV. T. A. GROCE WILL PREACH

Rev. T. A. Groce, pastor of Haywood Methodist church, Asheville, will occupy the pulpit of the Methodist church in Sylva, Sunday, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Geo. Clemmer, who is conducting revival services in Mr. Groce's church. Mr. Groce is well known in Sylva and Dillsboro, having conducted revival meetings here during the pastorate of Rev. O. J. Jones.

The evening service at Dillsboro will be conducted by Hon. Geo. W. Sutton, if the special series now in progress at the Baptist church close before that time.

STILLWELL TO SPEAK AT S. C. I. OPENING, NEXT WEDNESDAY

Prof. E. H. Stillwell, of the chair of history of Western Carolina Teachers' College, will be the principal speaker at the opening exercises of Sylva Collegiate Institute, at 9 o'clock, Wednesday morning, September 4.

The officials of the school hope to make this the best year in the entire history of the school, and all the friends and patrons of the institution are invited to be present at the opening exercises.

NOTABLES VISIT CULLOWHEE

Cullowhee, Aug. 23.—Cullowhee has been a rendezvous for quite a number of noted personages recently. Since the first of this month, no less than a dozen outstanding persons of this and other States have been visitors to this little college town, not to mention scores of others scarcely less notable.

Dr. B. W. Spilman, Field Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, was here for a day or so as guest in the home of President and Mrs. Hunter. While here Dr. Spilman gave two lectures on Joel Chandler Harris. Dr. John Henry Highsmith, State Supervisor of High Schools, held a conference at Western Carolina Teachers College with a number of County Superintendents and principals. Attending the recent Tuskegee Baptist Association, celebrating its hundredth year since its organization were the following worthy of special note: President Frank P. Gaines, Wake Forest College; Dr. Thomas J. Watts, Director Ministerial Relief Fund, Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. Charles E. Maddry, Secretary North Carolina Baptist State Convention; Dr. Templeman, Pastor First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem; Dr. O'Hara, Director Mountain Schools, Home Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention. Among others whose presence at the Association lent interest to the gathering were eight former pastors of the Cullowhee Baptist Church. Within the past few days, Honorable Josephus Daniels and Mrs. Daniels have been guests of the College, Mr. Daniels making one of the finest chapel talks ever heard at Cullowhee. Dr. and Mrs. John E. White of Savannah, Ga., where Dr. White is pastor of the First Baptist church, stopped by the college this week to visit Mrs. Whites' sister who is a senior in the college. Dr. White is a North Carolinian dearly beloved. He was once President of Anderson College, Anderson, S. C. Col. Fred A. Olds, of Raleigh, is at present a guest of the College. His annual visits are looked forward to with interest by all who know him.

POTEAU SPEAKS TO ROTARIANS AT HIGH HAMPTON

Dr. William Louis Poteat, president emeritus of Wake Forest College, was the principal speaker on Ladies' night of the Sylva Rotary Club at High Hampton Inn, Cashiers' Valley, Tuesday evening. Dr. Poteat, in the beginning of his address, stated that, until his present visit to Jackson county, he had thought he had seen the mountains of Western North Carolina. He said that he had visited the Rockies, the Alps, and many parts of our own country, but that the mountains in this part of North Carolina have a peculiar charm all their own, which is at once a surprise and a delight, filling the visitor with an awe and reverence for the Creator of such matchless beauty.

Dr. Poteat took issue with H. L. Mencken and the intelligensia, and stated that he believes in the Rotary Clubs and similar organizations, because they tend to bring men closer together and make them better friends and better neighbors. He discounted the prevalent idea of encouraging the growth of towns and cities, merely to have big numbers to quote in the census report and in Chamber of Commerce advertising matter, and stated that true greatness of a town or city consists not in the number of population; but in the fullness of the lives of the people, be their numbers great or small. He asserted that no business enterprise of any kind can justify its existence unless it contributes in some direct and definite way to the happiness and well-being of men, women, and children.

Dr. Poteat, who is recognized as one of the foremost biologists and one of the foremost thinkers in this country, asserted that there are 50,000 people in North Carolina of deficient mentality, and an equal proportion in all the other states, and that unless they are prevented from marrying and reproducing their kind, they will eventually so befoul the racial stock, that barbarism will be the inevitable result. He asserted that all our money spent for education will have been expended in vain, unless the pollution of the stream of our race is stopped at its source.

Col. Fred A. Olds, of Raleigh, entertained the Rotarians and their guests with the story of the birth and naming of Andrew Johnson, 17th president of the United States.

Mrs. E. L. McKee, in charming and witty manner expressed the appreciation of the ladies and other guests of the club, for the evening's pleasures.

POTEAU AND WAY SPEAK AT W. N. C. T. SUMMER CLOSING.

Dr. William Louis Poteat, president emeritus of Wake Forest College, and Dr. William Way, of Charleston, S. C., are the principal speakers at the closing exercises of Western Carolina Teachers' College, now in progress at Cullowhee.

Dr. Way delivered the commencement sermon, last evening. Dr. Poteat will speak this evening.

MASONS HOLD DISTRICT MEET

The district meeting of the Masons of the 42nd Masonic District, of which Dr. C. Z. Candler is District Deputy Grand Master, was held with Glenville Lodge, at Glenville, yesterday afternoon and evening.

Grand Master John J. Phoenix, Grand Secretary John H. Anderson, and other distinguished Masons were in attendance.

WILSON LOW BIDDER ON CULLOWHEE ROAD PROJECT

The Wilson Construction Company, of Asheville, was the low bidder on 4.06 miles of concrete paving between Sylva and Cullowhee, on Highway No. 106, and R. C. Stevens, also of Asheville, was low bidder on the structures. The Wilson bid was \$81,583.10; while Mr. Stevens bid \$6,612.00 on the structures.

The bids were opened in the offices of the State Highway Commission, in Raleigh, Tuesday afternoon.