

## Clear For Speedy Session Of Congress

### TODAY and TOMORROW

#### AGE a mystery

One of the unsolved mysteries of life is why people grow old. What causes the tissues of the body to wear out when there is no specific disease? If science could find the answer to that question, it is possible that a way would then be found to prolong human life, perhaps to an average of a hundred years or more.

Dr. Alexis Carrel, one of the most famous men engaged in medical research, proposes the establishment of an institute for the sole purpose of studying the process of aging. This is, as he points out, an uncharted field for research. But he warns that even if it were possible suddenly to lengthen everybody's life by ten years, that would be of no value unless the quality of life, as well as its duration, were improved. Mere physical existence means nothing. It is what a man does with his lengthened years that counts.

#### WISDOM and years

By the time a man has learned the difference between truth and fantasy he is usually too old to be listened to. Youth is always demanding the floor with its "new" ideas, which Age recognizes as the same old ideas which were tried and found wanting when those now old were themselves young.

Old age is not in itself a guarantee of wisdom. Imbeciles often live to be a hundred, and many of the world's wisest men died young. But a first-rate mind acquires increased wisdom with the years, and if the physical body in which it is housed is kept alive and active, there is no gain-saying the superior wisdom of sound old age.

All human experience has recognized the superior wisdom of the old. "Old men for counsel, young men for war," is one of the ancient proverbs common to all languages. In the church in which I was reared the control is vested in the Elders or "Presbyters." And in everyday affairs, it is the counsel of the older men of active minds which is most eagerly sought.

#### GENETICS limited

The science of genetics, which is the study of heredity, has made great strides, but nobody has yet discovered how to tell whether any particular child is going to grow up to be a valuable citizen or a menace to society. It is easy enough to fill a bright child's mind with knowledge, but impossible to predict what use he will make of that knowledge. Mere knowledge is not wisdom. I have known men who were veritable walking encyclopedias, whose judgment & understanding of human relations and conduct were nearly always wrong.

The idea has been often advanced that human beings should be bred by scientific selection of their parents, to conform to better physical and mental standards. But such a system would not have produced Shakespeare, perhaps the greatest mind that ever lived. No one could have predicted his genius by any qualities which his parents showed. I doubt if the world would be happier if we attempted to regulate everybody's lives.

#### HEALTH and mind

The idea that many diseases have their origin in the mental attitude of the patient is a very old and widespread belief. It forms the basis for numerous "healing" cults, which, far from being modern, are revivals of practices which have been prevalent almost from the beginning of mankind's social life. The incantations of the "medicine men" of primitive tribes have the same basis and are about as efficacious as many of the present-day "faith-healing" practices, according to up-to-date psychologists.

It is true, however, eminent psychologists say, that many forms of emotional strain, while not actually causing disease, do set up physiological disturbances, particularly in the digestive and circulatory systems. And many physical diseases, in turn, cause profound mental disturbances.

Neither medicine alone nor psychology alone can insure the "sound mind in a sound body" which everybody ought to have. The two working together can work wonders.

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## Rites For Mrs. Wilson Held At Glenville

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon for Mrs. Annie R. Wilson, 76, who died Thursday morning at the home of her son, H. J. Wilson, at Big Ridge, Jackson county.

The services were held at the Hamburg Baptist church with the Rev. W. N. Cook, officiating. Interment was in Hamburg cemetery.

Mrs. Wilson is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Thomas Monteith, of Glenville, and a son, H. J. Wilson of Big Ridge; 21 grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren.

## QUALLA

(By Mrs. J. K. Terrell)

Mrs. Amanda Bridges died on December 27. On Wednesday her funeral service was conducted at Hyatt's Chapel, by Rev. J. L. Hyatt and Rev. L. H. Hipps. Her body was taken to Camp Ground cemetery for interment. She had been a consistent member of the Baptist church since childhood. She loved the work of the church and Sunday school and attended as long as she was able. He neighbors say of her that "she was a good woman." She leaves her husband, Mr. Irving Bridges, one son, Kelly, and two grand children.

Mrs. Ottmar Roehm died Sunday, January 2nd and was buried at Ward cemetery on the following Tuesday. The following was read at her funeral: "Mrs. Grace Davis Roehm, died January 2nd; age 39 years, nine months, 16 days. She professed faith in Christ at the age of 12 years. She and her husband joined the Lutheran church. She felt that she was ready to die. Besides her husband, she leaves her mother, two brothers, four sisters and a host of other relatives and friends. She was married on March 25th, 1932, to Mr. Ottmar Roehm, of Ann Arbor, Mich. She was a loving and devoted wife and companion." The service was conducted by Rev. J. L. Hyatt. Among the visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Snyder, of Savannah, Ga. Mrs. Roxie Carter, of South Carolina, and Mr. and Mrs. Dock Snyder, of Juncoska. Lovely flowers were brought from Waynesville for the funeral.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ottmar Roehm was laid to rest in Ward cemetery, on Wednesday, December 29th. Mother and son now sleep side by side.

Qualla school went to Sylva Tuesday afternoon, to see the picture "Heidi".

Mrs. J. L. Hyatt, Mr. S. P. Hyatt, and Mr. Crawford Shelton and family have returned from Midland, Texas. They report an enjoyable trip and a pleasant visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Terrell, of Asheville, visited at Mr. J. K. Terrell's last week.

Mr. H. W. Cooper and family have moved to Qualla.

## Bank Here Closes Extra Good Year

The Jackson County Bank, local banking institution, which has been showing a steady growth for many years, until it is now one of the oldest and strongest banks in this section, had an exceptionally good year in 1937, according to a statement released by R. L. Atrial, its cashier. During the year the bank paid off and retired all of its preferred stock, aggregating \$35,475.00, and in addition, the board of directors recently declared a six per cent dividend on its \$50,000.00 common stock.

Not only was 1937 a good year at the bank, but Mr. Atrial expressed his belief that 1938 will show continued good business there and pointed out that for the past four years the bank has enjoyed consistent and substantial growth.

Mr. Atrial stated that he was not apprehensive about the present slump in business that in his opinion the shake down in business would work out to the general best interest of all business and especially the banking business. These business slumps are necessary to the end that they bring about spunder business methods. As soon as adjustments have been cleared out probably during the late spring or early summer of next year, business should move upward on a sound and more satisfactory basis.

## East Sylva Church To be Host To Sunday School Convention

The Jackson county Sunday school convention will be held with the East Sylva Baptist church, next Sunday afternoon, January 9, beginning at 2:30 o'clock. The program has been arranged as follows:

- 2:30—Devotional, Lyle Ensley.
- 2:45—Roll call of Sunday schools and report of Secretary.
- 3:00—Talk, "Why Should Adults Attend Sunday School?" by H. E. Monteith.
- 3:25—Special Music, by the East Sylva Quartet.
- 3:30—"What Are the Qualifications of a Good Sunday School Teacher?" by Ellis Beasley.
- 3:50—Special Music, by the East Sylva Quartet.
- 4:00—Business. Adjournment.

## MISS BRYSON DIES

Miss Sara Bryson, 82 years of age, was found dead in her bed, at the home of her brother, Vance Bryson, at Cullowhee.

Miss Bryson had been making her home with her brother for some time.

Surviving are three brothers, Worth Bryson, Speedwell, and Vance and Hugh Bryson, of Cullowhee. She was a daughter of the late Milton and Anne Bryson.

## Plans Are Made By Sylva School P. T. A.

The Sylva Parent-Teacher association held its January meeting Monday afternoon at the elementary school building. The president, Mrs. D. M. Hall, presided over the business session.

Plans were made for building cabinets in some of the rooms and for furnishing lunch and milk to about 30 undernourished children.

Mrs. Raymond Sutton reported that her committee had sold Red Cross seals amounting to \$55. Miss Nichols fourth grade won the attendance banner for the month.

The Rev. H. M. Hocutt, pastor of the Baptist church, spoke on "The Church and School and Their Influence on Leisure Time." He told some of the reasons for extra leisure time, some of its dangers, and suggested ways to deal with this problem which faces young and old.

## PLAN ROOSEVELT BALL

With J. C. Allison as general chairman, plans are being perfected for the President's ball, to be held in the Community House, on January 29. Proceeds from the President's Birthday ball will go to the Warm Springs Foundation for the prevention and cure of infantile paralysis.

Committees for the arrangements have been appointed. Miss Dorothy Moore is community chairman for Cullowhee, Allen Adams, for Cherokee, and T. N. Massie for Sylva. Publicity, Leon Picklesimer and John Wilson, Jr. Music, Dan K. Moore, Ben Sloan and Bill Wise; decorating, Mrs. D. M. Hall, Mrs. E. J. Duckett, and Mrs. Walter Jones.

## Schedule of Games For Lions' Team

The following schedule of games for the Sylva Lions' all-stars, has been announced by Picklesimer, the manager:

- Jan. 8, Blantons, at home
- Jan. 10, Cherokee Indians, at home
- Jan. 12, Blount all-stars, Blount
- Jan. 15, Canton Y. M. C. A., home
- Jan. 17, W. C. T. C., home
- Jan. 22, Kingsport, at Kingsport
- Jan. 29, Sales Bleachery, home
- Feb. 3, Kingsport, home
- Feb. 5, Canton Y. M. C. A., home
- Feb. 7, W. C. T. C., Cullowhee

## Baptist Services

Rev. H. W. Hocutt  
The Sylva Baptist church has closed a very successful year of work, but the desire now is to push on for greater things for the present year. Next Sunday should be a full day for us, with a large attendance in all the services. A cordial invitation is extended to any who will come and have a part with us in Sunday school, B. T. U. and Worship Services.

## M. T. Hinshaw To Supply For Pastor

Rev. M. T. Hinshaw, former president of Rutherford College, will supply as preacher in charge of the Methodist church here and at Dillsboro, during the absence of the preacher, Rev. A. P. Ratledge, who has been ordered to take a vacation in Florida by his physicians.

Mr. Ratledge has been ill ever since conference, and has had to spend a great part of the time in Duke Hospital, at Durham. He has, however, been in Sylva for the past two weeks, and filled his pulpit for the past two Sundays. Following the advice of physicians, Mr. and Mrs. Ratledge left on Monday morning for Florida, and will be away for from thirty to sixty days. Mr. Ratledge hopes to be able within that time to assume his duties here.

Mr. Hinshaw will arrive this week and will be in charge of the work as supply preacher until the return of Mr. Ratledge. This course was adopted as the best one to follow, at a consultation between officials of the church and Presiding Elder Rollins, held here last week.

## BALSAM

(By Mrs. D. T. Knight)

There were several watch-night parties Friday night and the New Year was ushered in with church bells ringing, whistles blowing and the firing of guns.

As the midnight signals sounded, the rain began to fall and continued until some time Saturday night. Sunday was bright and clear.

Mr. Edwin Snead and three of his Boy Scout friends of Daytona Beach, Fla., came up last week and are enjoying a vacation in the Snead cottage in Ballough Hills. As none of them had ever seen any snow, they were somewhat disappointed to find bright sunny weather here. However, they climbed 6427 feet to the top of Jones' Knob and found several inches of snow on the ground and also saw the flakes falling for about an hour. They returned to the settlement about dark, tired, but delighted that they had seen the snow it fell all over them, they snow-balled with it and ate some of it. They will return to Daytona Beach Tuesday.

School reopened Monday morning with good attendance.

Young and Youngblood's lumber business started up again Monday morning. Also mining at Hyatt's Olivine mine, having received orders for quite a large number of carloads of the rock. Several carloads were shipped last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bryson left Monday for their home in Detroit. They were called to Marion on account of the illness of Mrs. Bryson's father, Mr. Ed Turner. They spent several days here with Mr. Bryson's parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Bryson.

## Says Credit System Is Valuable Asset

By Henry A. Schleicher, Representative of Merchant's Mercantile Agency, Washington, D. C.

"No man is poorer today than he without credit." Man may have many virtues, but if he cannot be trusted in money matters he is in universal dishonor, and disrepute. Thieves, murderers and harlots look down upon those who do not pay their debts. Elbert Hubbard said: "If there is an unpardonable sin, it is the habit of not paying one's debts."

That the dishonest debtor is looked down upon with so much scorn and derision today needs no explaining, if it is not forgotten that credit is the basis of modern business, that the world today is actually living on money to be earned 30 days hence. The man who is buying on 30 days' time, or on the deferred payment plan the more costly essentials of life. Few homes and automobiles are paid for in cash. The great majority of the furniture business is on credit or extended. Phonographs or Victrola and radio owe much of their wide usage to their availability on partial payments. Even that most necessary of necessities—clothing—is sold on credit.

For these reasons, real or pseudo, the question of credit is a popular one. Credit is based on faith, and the history of credit has strengthened it.

A good credit system is one of the greatest assets to the business man and to the customer, that has ever yet

## Changing Doctors

by A. B. CHAPIN



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