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Great Crowd Attends David M. Hall Funeral

A great throng of sorrowful friends crowded the Sylva Methodist church, Sunday afternoon, for the funeral services of David McKee Hall, and hundreds of them followed his body to the place of interment in the Webster cemetery. The Rev. A. P. Ratledge, pastor of the Sylva Methodist church, conducted the services.

The pall bearers were: E. L. Wilson, Hal McKee, John H. Morris, Dan M. Allison, W. R. Emloe, W. E. Gilchrist, Lester Scott, and T. F. Gilchrist.

Born at Webster in 1887, a son of the late L. C. McKee and Hannah McKee Hall. Mr. Hall was a member of families that have been prominently active in the affairs of Jackson county throughout its entire history. Educated at Webster, Columbia, and State College, Mr. Hall came to Sylva as soon as he was out of school, and entered business here. In 1913, upon the death of his uncle, the late James W. McKee, Mr. Hall assumed the management of the Sylva Supply Company, and his ability immediately won him recognition as a business and civic leader of Sylva, Jackson County, and West North Carolina. An indefatigable worker, Mr. Hall engaged actively in numerous business enterprises, and his services were invaluable in any cause in which he interested himself. A farmer and dairyman himself, born and bred on the farm, and educated in agricultural knowledge at State College, Mr. Hall was especially interested in the farms and farmers of the county, and endeavored in many ways to better conditions on the farms and to promote better agricultural methods, both in production and in marketing the results of his labors along this line will be felt in the county for many years. He believed in good farms, good homes, good crops, good stock, good marketing, and good intelligence, and telling work and that in them lay the future prosperity of the county, for he realized the interdependence of the people of the town and the county.

For many years Mr. Hall served as a member of the Board of Agriculture of Sylva. As president, he was active manager of The Sylva Supply Company, the Mercantile Supply Company, Sylva Supply Market, and the Sanybrook Dairy. He was distributor for Pure Oil Products in Jackson, Swain and Macon counties, and had many other business and farming interests in the county.

That Mr. Hall had attracted to himself a great crowd of friends in all walks of life was attested by the throng of people who came to Sylva from all parts of this and from adjoining counties to pay their tribute of respect to him.

Mr. Hall married Miss Edith Moore, a daughter of the late Judge Ed Moore, one of the youngest and most beloved jurists the State ever had. Mrs. Hall survives him, as do two daughters, Mrs. C. N. Dowdle of Franklin, and Miss Lela Moore Hall, of Sylva, two sons, D. M. Hall, Jr., and Robert Hall, an infant grandson, his mother, Mrs. Hannah Hall, two sisters, Mrs. Florence Cagle of Canton, and Mrs. David H. Brown, of Cullowhee, and one brother, L. C. Hall, of Hattiesburg, Miss.

Mr. Hall passed on, last Friday night, after an illness of about two weeks duration.

JACKSON BOY GETS HONORS AT CINCINNATI UNIVERSITY

Cincinnati, Ohio, October 5—High honors will be paid this week to David H. Brown, Cullowhee, student at the University of Cincinnati. He will be initiated on October 6 into Tau Beta Pi, national scholastic engineering society, at its national convention opening here that day and continuing through Oct. 6.

Brown is a son of D. H. Brown, Cullowhee, and a graduate of the high school there in the class of 1932. He is a senior in the co-operative commercial course in the universities College of Engineering and Commerce.

Tau Beta Pi is to the engineering field what Phi Beta Kappa is to the liberal arts field.

Initiation ceremonies for Brown will be conducted by Tau Beta Pi national officers.

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Washington, October 5—War in Europe would have upset political and economic conditions in America in so many ways and with such important results, that practically nothing was being done or considered by Administration officials with out bringing up the question: "What will be the effect of this on America when Europe goes to war?" Nobody here anticipated that this country would be drawn into the threatened European conflict; certainly not in its early stages. For that matter, the Government and the people of America did not anticipate in 1914, when the last great European war began, that we would be taking part in it in less than three years. But precisely that experience of twenty-two years ago makes many high officials doubtful whether it would have been possible for the United States to keep entirely out of a war involving Great Britain and France.

It is not stretching the fact to say that everybody in the Administration, from the President down, was fervently praying that America could keep out of the situation presented by the latest European broglio. At the same time, the lessons we learned from the last war are being applied to the national defense. If we should be, by any failure of diplomacy, or the pressure of public opinion, forced to take part in another great war, we will be immeasurably better equipped to take an effective part than in 1917.

His natural antipathy to war and its attendant horrors and miseries, coupled with the effect that a great European conflagration would have upon the government and people of the United States, both economically and politically, and the ever present danger that this country might be drawn into the vortex as an active participant, brought many hours of anxiety to the State Department and to the White House, and prompted President Roosevelt to send his messages to Hitler, Mussolini, and other governments, which move is credited here and in London with having, almost at the eleventh hour, snatched the world back from the abyss into which civilization seemed to be inevitably plunging.

The tactful intervention of President Roosevelt, inspired as it was by the deepest humanitarian motives, is generally credited with having been a masterful stroke of diplomacy. It opened the way for the countries of the Old World to save Europe, and perhaps the world from a devastating war. It suggested that America was interested, but, at the same time, committed this nation to no course of action. It, for the time being, at least prevented the outbreak of a World War, that was but a few hours away, and which might well have resulted in the complete and utter breakdown of civilization as we know it.

Everybody here looks for the presentation to the next Congress of proposals for still greater increases in the national army, navy and military aviation equipment, so that if the nation should be called on to fight again it would not have to start from scratch with practically no weapons, no planes, no army and no transport service.

The personal sympathies of official Washington are almost unanimously anti-Hitler. That does not mean that the Administration is necessarily pro-British or pro-French. But that personal leaning would have a bearing upon official acts of the Government, although technical "neutrality" would be preserved until and unless a situation developed in which American public opinion would be aroused to demanding war.

There is no formal agreement between this Government and those of Great Britain and France by which we are obligated to go to their help. That will not be believed by many persons of pro-German or anti-British sentiment. If war had come, they would have read in the daily newspapers and have heard over the radio from Washington so much news that is favorable to England and

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Funeral Held At Wilmot For Crossing Victim

Funeral services for Homer Ashe, 37 year old Wilmot man, were conducted at Wilmot, Monday afternoon by Rev. J. L. Hyatt. Mr. Ashe was fatally injured when an automobile in which he and his wife were riding was struck by Southern passenger train No. 19, on the grade crossing at Wilmot, Sunday morning, October 2.

Mr. Ashe and his wife were brought to the Community hospital in Sylva, where Mr. Ashe died, at 7:45 o'clock, Sunday night. Mrs. Ashe is still in the hospital, and is said to be in a serious condition.

Mr. Ashe is a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Ashe of Wilmot. The Ashes have no children. Mr. Ashe is survived by his parents, three brothers Wade Ashe, Murphy, Louis Ashe, Wilmot, and Cornelius Ashe, Barker's Creek; and by two sisters, Mrs. Gertie Messer, Qualla, and Mrs. Olive Scagles, Wilmot.

The automobile was demolished, and carried 150 yards by the locomotive. Mrs. Ashe was thrown from it when it was struck.

TURKEYS SCARCER FOR TAR HEEL'S THANKSGIVING

Raleigh, Oct. 5—There will be fewer turkeys available this season for the Thanksgiving tables in North Carolina. That's what W. H. Rhodes, North Carolina Department of Agriculture's chief statistician found in a survey of State-federal reports indicating a ten per cent decrease in turkeys this year compared with 1937.

While North Carolina farmers report a decrease in their turkey population, growers throughout the United States as a whole indicate an increase of 3.7 per cent over last year.

Reports from Tar Heel turkey raisers indicate that considerable injury to flocks has been experienced this year because of adverse weather conditions," Rhodes said. "Heavy rains and the extended wet season during the spring months caused a heavy loss of young turkeys, while complaints of heavy loss from diseases were general.

"Some grower reported that unfavorable prices last season had caused some reduction in the size of flocks, but practically all of them stated that the numbers were definitely decreased this year.

Approximately 90 per cent of the turkeys in North Carolina are produced from flocks of less than 100 birds, the survey revealed.

A United States Bureau of Economics report indicated that grow-

TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)

DISTRIBUTION . . . middlemen

Here in America we have developed methods of production which enable us to turn out more, better and cheaper useful goods than can be produced anywhere else in the world. At the same time, the productive industries of America pay higher wages than workers of any other nation get, not only in dollars, but in the purchasing power of their wages.

We haven't got so far in perfecting our national system of distribution of the products of our soil and factories. There is still too much lost motion in getting goods from producer to consumer. Too many middle men take toll along the route, so that the consumer's dollar does not buy as much as it could buy if ways were found to eliminate unnecessary middlemen and reduce the cost of distribution.

What makes the distribution problem particularly difficult in America is the great size of the country and the long distances over which goods have to be transported. But long steps have been taken toward solving the problems of distribution and if the processes of business are not interfered with by politics, the time will come when the consumer's dollar will not pay for unnecessary distribution costs.

MISSIONARY CIRCLE MEETS

The business circle of the Baptist Missionary Society met in the home of Miss Evelyn Moody on October 3, with Mrs. H. E. Bryson, circle leader, presiding. Fifteen members and two visitors were present.

Mrs. H. M. Hocutt and Mrs. Bryson gave a review of the work being done in missions in Palestine. The meeting was then turned over to Mrs. J. V. Hall, who had been selected to teach the book, "Basil Lockett, The Loved Physician."

The circle paid for a membership in the Hundred Thousand Club, and voted to buy lining for a quilt being made by the society.

After the business hour, delightful refreshments were served by the hostess.

Members throughout the country intend to market about 21 per cent of this year's turkey crop in October or earlier.

Two Homicide Cases Await Grand Jury

MRS. E. L. WILSON HEADS CATHEY CHAPTEE, U. D. C.

Mrs. Ernest L. Wilson was chosen president of the B. H. Cathey Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederate Army, at the meeting held at the home of Mrs. T. O. Wilson, Wednesday afternoon. Other officers elected were: Mrs. Dan Tompkins, first vice president; Mrs. Herbert Bryson, second vice president; Mrs. S. W. Bryson, treasurer; Mrs. Jehu H. Wilson, secretary; Mrs. J. R. Long, historian; and Mrs. T. O. Wilson, custodian of crosses.

A committee was appointed to be in charge of Confederate Flag Day, which will be celebrated on Saturday, November 5.

Mrs. Walter Jones had charge of the program and presented Mrs. Hugh Monteith, who gave an interesting talk on Ft. Raleigh, and the work that is being done there by the W. P. A.

QUALLA

(By Mrs. J. K. Terrell)

Rev. Ben Cook, assisted by Rev. Oscar Beck and Rev. J. L. Hyatt, is conducting very interesting revival services at the Baptist church. There have been several conversions. The meeting is well attended.

Rev. McRae Crawford announced, Sunday morning at the Methodist church that his salary, with all the other church assessments, had been paid in full for this conference year by the church at Qualla.

On Sunday afternoon at the Baptist church a very large audience was highly entertained with wonderful music by the following choirs: Midway, Ky.; Quartet; American Co. Quartet; Addie Quartet; Whittier Choir; Bryson Quartet; Rock Springs Choir; and Cherokee Quartet. An all day singing was announced for the first Sunday in October, 1939, at Qualla.

Rev. J. L. Hyatt conducted the funeral of Mr. Homer Ashe at Wilmot, Monday afternoon.

Married on Sept. 10, Miss Annie Lou Owen of Glenville to Mr. Horace Guss, Rev. J. L. Hyatt officiating.

Mrs. G. T. Cooper of Rome, Ga., Miss M. M., spent the week end with Mrs. G. T. Cooper, great the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. York Howell, and other relatives.

Mrs. D. L. Oxner who has been ill for the past two weeks, is slightly improved.

Mrs. Grace Johnson of Cherokee, and Mrs. A. C. Hoyle called on Mrs. J. H. Hughes.

Mrs. J. G. Hooper and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gibson attended the Blanton reunion at Scott's Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Trull of

With two important homicide cases to be presented to the grand jury, and perhaps to be placed on the docket for immediate trial, the October term of Jackson County Superior Court convenes Monday morning, October 10, with Judge Felix E. Alley presiding, and Solicitor John M. Queen prosecuting the docket.

Burl Moss is being held in connection with the fatal shooting of Abe Stewart and Fred Pruitt, in a shot gun battle on a Sunday night, on Pine Creek, last summer. Moss was dangerously wounded in the affray, and spent some time in the hospital here, under guard, before he was removed to the jail.

Fred Cope has been in jail for two weeks, following the shooting to death of Palmer Hance, near Wilets.

Bills of indictment charging murder in the first degree are expected to be presented to the grand jury by Solicitor Queen.

When bills are found by the grand jury, the solicitor will have the defendants brought into court and arraigned. Attorneys will then probably move for continuances until the February term of court. Then the question of whether the trials will be at this term will be a matter for the decision of Judge Alley; unless the solicitor should agree to continuances.

BALSAM

(By Mrs. D. T. Knight)

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Crawford and Mrs. Bethel Parris and children visited relatives in Lexington, S. C., and Rutherfordton, last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Knight of Richmond, Va., Mrs. Harry Rotha of Waynesville, and Mr. Harry Rotin, Jr., of Clyde, visited the Knights, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Harrison, of Canton, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. L. Pearson.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lowe have moved to Bryson City.

Col. Chester Wilson and Mrs. Wilson arrived Monday from Daytona Beach, Fla., and will spend some time in their cottage in Fallough Hills.

There are ten families here from South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and New Mexico, who have been here nearly all summer, and are leath to leave this "Bright Blue October Weather" and will probably remain until November. Others are expected soon.

Mrs. Annie P. of Canton is here with her mother, Mrs. Henderson Jones, who is very sick.

Many from here attended the funeral of Mr. D. M. Hall, in Sylva, Sunday.

BAPTIST SOCIETY MET, FIFTH

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Sylva Baptist church met at the home of Mrs. J. V. Hall, last Wednesday afternoon. The meeting was opened by singing "Faith of our Fathers". The devotional was conducted by the Society president, Mrs. H. M. Hocutt led in prayer.

A committee reported that some equipment has been bought by members of the society, for the new Sunday School rooms at the church.

Mrs. H. M. Hocutt invited the members of the society to have an all day meeting at her home, on Wednesday, the 12th. During the day a quilt will be finished for a missionary who works with the Indians; and Mrs. Hocutt will teach the book on missions, "Following in His Train". A pot luck dinner will be served.

Following the business hour, the hostesses, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. R. C. Allison, and Mrs. H. E. Bryson, served salad, cake, and coffee.

METHODIST WOMEN TO MEET

The Missionary of the Sylva Methodist church will meet Wednesday afternoon at the home of Dr. Darr McQuire.

Bethel spent the week end at Mr. H. G. Ferguson's.

Qualla school has closed for a few weeks on account of construction work on the school grounds.

Red Letter Days



THE DAY AT THE COUNTY FAIR WHEN YOUR EXHIBIT TOOK FIRST PRIZE IN HORTICULTURAL HALL, AND YOU HAD YOUR PICTURE TAKEN AND WERE INTERVIEWED BY THE REPORTER FROM THE COOPER COUNTY CLARION, AND YOU WERE A HERO TO YOUR FAMILY, AND THE ENVY OF ALL YOUR NEIGHBORS

Maple Leaf Farm