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\$1.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

SYLVA, NORTH CAROLINA, DECEMBER 11, 1939.

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Young Woman Loses Life When Home Burns Here

Mrs. Carl Richards lost her life in a fire which destroyed her home in the heart of Sylva, early Saturday morning. Her husband, who is a work at Velt's cafe, had gone to his work, and when he heard the alarm he discovered that it was his home, and the short distance, rushed into the flaming building and carried his wife out in his arms. But she was so

badly injured that she died before she reached the hospital.

The building was a small, frame cottage at the rear of the Potts House, and was rented by Mr. and Mrs. Nichols.

Mr. Richards had left his wife asleep when he went to work.

Firemen prevented the spread of the flames to nearby buildings.

Zion Hill School House Destroyed Was By Fire

The building was uninsured. Roseco Higdon is principal of the school.

The county school officials are trying to arrange for the continuance of the school, which serves some 75 children.

The Zion Hill school building, on Pumpkintown Creek, in Savannah township, was destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning.

The fire was of unknown origin. The building was frame, and was built in 1911 as a one-toe school. In more recent years, a second room was provided, by running a partition.

Sheriff Solves Robbery And Recovers Big Loot

Quick, effective work on the part of Sheriff Leonard Holden and other officers, at least partially solved the biggest robbery in the history of Sylva and the return of more than \$500 of money and plundered property to its owners.

The Sylva Pharmacy was entered and robbed of money, jewelry, watches and other property, Sunday night

Manager Gilbert Bess, who discovered the deprecation notified Sheriff Holden, and in less than two hours S. T. McGinniss, Sylva youth was in jail. Part of the loot was found in an old mine on the Toy property; and the money and the rest of the jewelry was cached in the organ at Wesley's Chapel.

Community Yule Tree Great Holiday Event

The event of the Christmas season will be the Community Christmas Tree, to be held at 7:00 o'clock, on the evening of December 23.

The Jackson County Recreation Project is sponsoring the tree, and all the churches and other organizations of the town are cooperating and participating, both in the preparation, and in the event, which will be at the World War Veterans' Memorial Fountain, at the west end of Main Street. There will be a program of Christmas music and the distribution of gifts. Everybody is invited.

The committees in charge of the arrangements for the tree are:

FINANCE: T. N. Massie, Mrs. E. L. McKee, Mrs. J. R. Long, A. J. Dills, Mrs. C. Z. Candler, Mrs. Harry Hasling.

Packaging: Mrs. Dan Moore, Mrs.

Raymond Glenn, Mrs. Jeter Snyder, Mrs. Mary Cowan.

Decoration: Bill Miltenburger, Mrs. John A. Parris, Mrs. H. Gibson Sr., Mrs. Herbert Bryson, Mrs. Paul Ellis.

Electric: Claud Campbell, Jerry Moody, Claud Queen.

Music: Mrs. Grover Wilkes, Miss Louise Stein, Mrs. John R. Jones, Bud Thompson, Dick Wilson.

Program: M. B. Madison, Mrs. E. F. Brown, Mrs. Dan Tompkins, Mrs. R. W. Kirchberg.

Soliciting: J. C. Allison, chairman, Mrs. Rayma Sutton, Mrs. Harry Evans, Mrs. Howard Clapp, Mrs. John H. Wilson.

Purchasing: Mrs. Ben Sloan, Mrs. Louis Hay, Mrs. D. D. Hooper, Mrs. Claud Allison, Mrs. H. M. Hocutt, Mrs. Chas. Allison.

DINNER FOR NEWLYWEDS

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Parker entertained at dinner, Sunday, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gray Hampton. Others enjoying the courtesy were Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Wike, and parents of the groom, Misses Lois Wilma Wike, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Cannon, and Miss Rebecca Sue Cannon.

The bride, who was, before her marriage, Miss Laura York, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. York of Canton. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. York of Detroit, Michigan.

Carolina Teachers College where they will continue their studies, as both are in their senior year.

CHRISTMAS PLAY AT BAPTIST CHURCH

The Christmas play will be given at the Baptist Church, Sunday, December 17, at 7:30 p. m.



New Deal Cabinet Changes Loam

Washington, Dec. 7.—There is a strong belief here that there will be more changes in the Cabinet before long, and that some of the adamant executive heads of "emergency" agencies will be forced to yield to the pressure that is being brought to get rid of them.

Following the announcement of the resignation of Attorney General Cummings, Washington observers began to keep their eyes peeled for signs of other Cabinet changes.

There is general expectation that Harry Woodring, Secretary of War, and Claude Swanson, Secretary of the Navy, will soon retire. Mr. Swanson is an old man.

The burden of building up the Navy is being shouldered by the Assistant Secretary, Charles Edison, son of the great inventor. He is considered an extremely capable executive, and the only thing that stands in the way of his probable promotion is the fact that he is not in very good health.

Woodring, nobody here thinks of anyone but the Assistant Secretary of War, Louis Johnson, former National Commander of the American Legion.

The two Cabinet members whose positions are regarded as absolutely secure are the Secretary of State, Cordell Hull, and the Secretary of the Treasury, Henry Morgenthau, Jr.

Mr. Hull is by all odds the most popular and generally respected figure in the entire Administration. His successful efforts to negotiate trade agreements with other nations, and his handling of the war against Germany, have won him the admiration of both Republicans and Democrats alike. In the eyes of many, he is the only man in the Administration who has taken care of his own department and his department out of the hands of the party.

The recurrent report that the Secretary of Commerce, Daniel Roper, is due to resign, has cropped up again, and is generally believed to be true. Talk about his successor centers about Harry Hopkins, Assistant Secretary of the U. S. Wholesaler. Mr. Hopkins is the President's choice, whether he wants the job, and whether he could be confirmed by the Senate if he were appointed, are questions to which no positive answer can be given.

There are many influential men in Washington who would like to see somebody else in the Cabinet as Secretary of the Interior, rather than Harold Ickes. Mr. Ickes is reputed to be rather unhappy about his job. A good many functions of his department have been transferred to others.

But he has built up a strong following outside of Washington among Governors and Mayors with whom he has had to deal in matters concerning W. P. A. loans, and there would be a good deal of resistance if any political pressure were put on the President is the Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins. Miss Perkins, as she is officially known, or "Madam Sara" as she is generally referred to, is Mrs. Paul C. Wilson in private life. The opposition to her on Capitol Hill has been growing steadily for several years. The change is frequently heard that in labor disputes her influence has always been on the side of John Lewis and his Committee for Industrial Organization.

Washington hears the report that a committee representing the American Legion recently made a personal demand upon the President for Miss Perkins' removal, accompanying it

Weeks That Seem Like Years

