

The Jackson County Journal

\$1.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

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Thousands Gather At Cullowhee, Saturday, For Golden Anniversary

It is believed that the campus of Western Carolina Teachers College, Cullowhee, will on October 28, unless all indications fail, be a mecca for hundreds of alumni, friends, and distinguished citizens of the state. The occasion will be one of three specific purposes: the celebration of the fiftieth year since the founding of the college; the dedication of six new buildings; and the customary Homecoming for alumni. According to Professor P. L. Elliott, chairman of the anniversary committee, replies to special invitations which have been sent to patrons all over the state point to a record crowd at the institution.

The program as planned calls for a day brimming full of activities. Beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning with the dedication services, to be held in the new auditorium, at which Governor Clyde R. Hoey will speak, the exercises will close at 12 o'clock that night with a dance in the new physical education building. Between the first and last events of the notable anniversary are various kinds of entertainment. Immediately after the dedication program, there will be a barbecue, prepared by an expert caterer and served free to delegates and special guests. Following the precedent of all other Homecomings, the outstanding attraction for the afternoon is a football game, which will be played on Hunter field. This anniversary game will be played between Mars Hill College and Western Carolina. These two schools have for years been friendly rivals, and crowds of loyal sons and daughters, fans and patrons, of both institutions will be on hand to see the contest and back their respective teams. In the evening a banquet, arranged for approximately 400 delegates and specially invited guests will be given in the dining hall of Moore dormitory. Prominent among the speakers chosen for the banquet are President Frank P. Graham of the Greater University of North Carolina and Dean Harriett Elliott of the Women's College of the Greater University, Greensboro. Students at others who may not, for lack of space, attend the banquet, will be served at this time elsewhere on the campus.

At the dedication ceremonies, the Board of Trustees will receive from the hands of the Building Committee the six new buildings which are now complete or almost completed. Then D. Haden Ramsey, of Asheville, chairman of the Board of Trustees, will on behalf of the Board, tender the buildings to Governor Hoey, who in turn will receive them on behalf of the state. This having been done, the Governor will then make the dedicatory address.

The six new buildings and other units provided for under the current expansion program will for all practical purposes about double the capacity of the college. It will, in addition, provide for new facilities which have never before been enjoyed by the college. For example, the only auditorium Western Carolina Teachers College has had heretofore was a comparatively small upstairs room in a building erected by Jackson County as a county school building. The new auditorium, seating nearly a thousand, is modern in every detail. The new swimming pool with its attendant showers, baths, lockers, rooms for officials—in fact the whole new rock gymnasium—represents splendid recreational opportunities and a richer educational offering. The Student Union Building, providing for a wide variety of student organized activities, fills a long felt need for day students as well as those who live in dormitories. The citizens of Jackson County as well as the members of the college are justified in being proud of the recently completed training school, the very heart of the college for teachers. It is obvious that the new infirmary will make the problem of caring for sick students much more simple. Students and faculty members alike say, turn where they will, Western Carolina Teachers College bears evidence of being a modernized and up to date plant. The new additions to the college plant represent an investment in the neighborhood of \$700,000.

The enrollment for this fall has already witnessed a remarkable growth. As against a fall enrollment

of 378 last year, the registrar advises that already 520 have registered for this quarter and that several score of other students expressing desire to enter had been to told that all available room had been assigned. Many people living in the community have thrown open their homes to students in an effort to help meet the crowded situation.

The anniversary celebration brings to mind the fact that Western Carolina Teachers College was the first white institution for the training of teachers in North Carolina. If one counts the date of founding the college as the time when Professor R. L. Madison first opened up his school at Cullowhee and announced that he was going to begin the training of teachers, only the white schools, can claim to be older. Professor Madison began his class work on August 5, 1889. Fifty-eight days later, October 3, State College began its initial session. It was several years later that Womans College of the University and Appalachian State Teachers College were founded, while East Carolina Teachers College was not established until 1907, eighteen years after the beginning of its sister college in the Western part of the state. Friends of this institution take pride in its chronological priority in the field of teacher-training in the state of North Carolina.

With the enlargement of the physical plant and the increase in the student body, a wider and richer educational offering has developed. In the earlier stages of the institution, it was known as "Cullowhee High School." Its program was of the academy type, on a preparatory and largely academic basis with some emphasis on the training of teachers. As the pioneer institute grew, frequently the necessity arose to change its name: in 1907, it became "Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School." At that time the institution was mainly a high school, but it gave some work which was accepted by the University and other colleges as credit on a junior college level. The year 1925 saw another new name, "Cullowhee State Normal School," which was more in keeping with its specific purposes as a teacher training agency. Soon, however, it outgrew this pattern and sought to be recognized as a four year college; consequently, its name was again changed by legislative enactment, as had been the other changes, to "Western Carolina Teachers College." The legislature then authorized the granting of degrees, the first of which were granted in August 1931. Since that date than 1200 degrees have been awarded to young and women who have studied here.

The men who have watched the growth of the college and steered its course for half a century, will take a brief part in the program; they are: Professor R. L. Madison, founder and first president; A. C. Reynolds, president from 1912 to 1920; H. T. Hunter, president since 1923. Professor Madison returned to the institution he had founded in 1920, serving three years. He is now, at the age of 73, president-emeritus. Professor Reynolds, for a number of years Superintendent of Buncombe County Schools, is at present Principal of the Oakley High School in Buncombe County. President Hunter, presiding at the banquet next Saturday, will give a brief paper on the meaning of the anniversary, and at that time Professor Madison and Mr. Reynolds will each be recognized for brief messages.

It is agreed that the college had its years of most difficult struggle under Presidents Madison and Reynolds. As President Hunter says, "They were foundation-laying years." He insists that he was himself not made for a pioneer in education and declares that those who preceded him at Cullowhee were the real trailblazers. Yet those who have watched the growth of the college under the present administration know that its expansion in every direction has been almost phenomenal. The school has increased in value since he became president from a plant valued at about \$200,000 to one worth approximately one million and a half dollars. The enrolled college students have increased from less than 50 in the fall of 1923 to 520 this fall;

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To Widen Main Jackson Highways

Widening of Highways 106 and U. S. 19 in Jackson County this winter will employ some 300 or more men and call for the expenditure of \$151,712 by the State Highway and Public Works Commission and the Works Progress Administration, it is anticipated by the completion of details of highway projects submitted by the commission.

Highway 106 from Sylva toward Cullowhee will be widened for a distance of 3.1 miles, the width being increased from 16 to 18 feet. From Dix' Gap to Tuckasee a distance of 5.4 miles of the highway will be widened from 15 to 18 feet, and the old road will be retreated.

On U. S. 19, from Sylva to Balsam Gap the highway will be widened from 16 to 20 feet. This project will employ 150 men for a period of approximately six months, and will cost \$69,442.

The work on 106 will cost, it is estimated, \$89,442.

Over in Macon U. S. Highway 23 will be widened four feet from Watauga Gap to the Georgia line, and on U. S. 64 near Highlands, \$40,000 will be spent also in Macon on

Ratlidge Returned To Sylva Charge

Rev. A. P. Ratledge, for the past two years preacher in charge of the Methodist churches at Sylva and Dillsboro, was returned to the charge for another year by the annual conference, meeting in Greensboro. Rev. G. A. Hovis was returned to Webster circuit, and Rev. G. L. Fisher to Whittier.

The list of appointments for the Waynesville district is: W. L. Hutchins, district superintendent.

Andrews: G. N. Dulin; Bethel, J. W. Blitch; Bryson City, A. L. Rayle; Central Canton, W. R. Kelly; First Canton, J. F. Wyatt; Clyde, E. C. Price; Crabtree, W. H. Neese; Cullowhee, W. L. Lanier; Dellwood, C. O. Newell; Fines Creek, G. L. Lovett; supply; Franklin, I. L. Roberts; Franklin circuit, H. S. Williams; Hayesville, J. G. Gentry; Highlands, J. S. Higgins; Jonathan, J. D. Fyatt; supply; Junaluska, -C. D. Brown;

metal arch bridge will be constructed on farm-to-market roads.

In Transylvania \$77,363 will be spent on farm-to-market roads; and \$61,870 will be expended for the same purpose in Swain.

Cowper Hands Out Stiff Sentences In Court Here

Webster 4-H Members Go To Fair

Paul Buchanan, principal of the Webster High School, took six members of the Webster 4-H Club to Raleigh to the State Fair, last Thursday. The 4-H members who made the trip were Junior Thomas, president of the club; Elizabeth Allman vice-president, and food preparation champion of the county; Eva Higdon, secretary, and county records champion, Kenneth Davis, county calf champion, Lloyd Cowan, and Pansy Dillard, room improvement and rural electrification champion. The trip included the State Fair, points of interest in Raleigh, A. & E. College, University, the Woman's College, and the University

Louisa, L. W. Hall, supply; Macon, J. C. Swaim; Morning Star, W. H. Pless; Murphy, W. R. Jenkins; Murphy circuit, G. W. Bumgarner; Peachtree, to be supplied; Robbinsville, H. L. Lefevers; Rockwood, W. F. Beadle; Shooting Creek, D. H. Dennis; Sylva, A. P. Ratledge; Waynesville, J. G. Huggin, Jr.; Webster, G. A. Hovis; Whittier, G. L. Fisher, supply.

A few stiff sentences, and several hundred dollars in fines for the school funds, marked the October term of Superior Court, with Judge V. F. Cowper, of Kingston, presiding; and Solicitor John M. Queen, prosecuting for the State.

The longest sentence imposed was upon William Dorsey, young colored boy of Sylva, who plead guilty of breaking and entering, larceny and receiving. He was sent to the State prison for not less than 2 years nor more than 18 months. He could have been tried for his life, as he plead guilty of entering the dwelling house of Sam Allison and stealing \$90. It was in the night time, and Mrs. Allison was at the home at the time, which would have made the offense burglary in the first degree, had the State seen fit to ask for the capital charge.

Buck Consene, an Indian drew 18 months on an abandonment charge.

Howard Warren was sent to the roads for one year on a resisting an officer charge, and his brother, Claude Warren, drew one to two years on the same charge.

Fairday Plemmons, caught with 50 gallons of liquor, drew one year; and Elizabeth Tipton, young girl, who was with him was given nine months, but placed on probation.

Boyd Buchanan was sentenced to one year on the roads on an assault charge.

Mark Tritt, breaking and entering the store of Ed Battle, at Cullowhee, 18 months; and his nephew, Albert Breece, was given eight months on the roads for the same offense. His wife, Ruby Tritt, was sent to the State prison for eight months, on a larceny charge.

Ted West, tried at the last term of the court on a charge of bank robbery, and a mistrial had, plead guilty of forcible trespass and was given a suspended sentence of two years, and placed on probation for five years.

Jack Hall, prohibition violation, four months.

S. J. Bryson, larceny, four months. Doug Guffey and Don Williams, stilling, six months and five months respectively.

Clyde Carroll, assault, two months. Clarence Stanley, prohibition violation, six months at the county home. Lloyd Cunningham, operating an automobile while intoxicated, four months.

Carlyle Coggins, prohibition violation, \$200 and the costs.

Lem Stewart, violating prohibition laws, \$25 fine.

W. B. Styles, reckless driving, \$25 and costs.

Ray Jones, drunken driving, six months.

Other cases of operating motor vehicles while intoxicated.

Homer Green, \$50 and costs.

Fred Moody, \$50 and costs.

Lyman Higdon, \$50 and costs.

Gilmer McCoy, \$50 and costs.

N. F. Cheek, \$50 and costs.

Hugh Babb, \$50 and costs.

David L. Williamson, \$50 and costs.

Theo Franks, \$50 and costs.

Clinton A. Queen, \$118.

Carl Tritt, \$50 and costs.

Henry Bryson, \$50 and costs.

Frank Ferguson, \$50 and costs.

Robert Settemyre, \$50 and costs.

W. C. T. C. State's Oldest College

Western Carolina Teachers College is the oldest college operated by the State of North Carolina, with the exception, of course of the University. W. C. T. C. was established August 5, 1889. State College, next oldest, began the same year, nearly two months later, on October 1, 1889.

The first charter was granted by the General Assembly in 1891. The first appropriation was in 1892, in the sum of \$1,500. The first appropriation for building was in 1891, for \$1,000. This was found inadequate, and an additional appropriation of \$1,000 was made in 1892, and the first construction of a building for a State college in the west was begun.

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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY DAY PROGRAM

New Auditorium
10:00 A. M. Chorus Music by Students, directed by Mrs. Guley
Recognition of guests
Address, Hon. Clyde Erwin, State Superintendent, on Effects of teacher training upon the public schools, for the past half century, since Western Carolina was established, as the first teacher training institution in North Carolina.

Violin Selection, Mrs. Virginia Gustafson Fisher
Presentation of new buildings to trustees, Dr. H. T. Hunter
Presentation to full board, R. U. Sutton, chairman, building committee.
Presentation to State, D. Haden Ramsey

Receiving of buildings on behalf of State, and dedication, Governor Clyde R. Hoey
Barbecue Luncheon
2:30 P. M., Ma's Hill College vs. W. C. T. C.
6:30, Banquet, Dining Hall, Moore Dormitory
Addresses, Dean Elliott, Woman's College of the University;
Dr. Frank P. Graham, President, University of North Carolina
Ball, New Physical Education Building.

Distinguished Guests Expected At Cullowhee

Among the distinguished citizens of the State will be at Cullowhee for the 50th Anniversary Celebration, are: Governor and Mrs. Clyde R. Hoey, President Frank P. Graham, Dean Harriett Elliott, Commissioner of Agriculture, W. Kerr Scott, Senator Pat Taylor, Budget Director R. G. Deyton, Dean Harrelson, Carl Goerch, Mayor and Mrs. Holmes Bryson, of Asheville.

Sixteen College Will Be Represented

Sixteen American Colleges and Universities will be represented at the Golden Celebration at W. C. T. C. They will be represented by their presidents, dean, and professors.

Chapman Heads Dentists

Dr. W. Kermit Chapman was elected president of the First District Dental Society, a branch of the North Carolina Dental Society, as the annual meeting, held in Morganton, on October 8 and 9.

Mrs. Bumgarner Ill

Mrs. Ebb Bumgarner, of Cashier's, is seriously ill, at the Community Hospital.

Two Hundred Attend P. T. A. Convention

The local P. T. A. heads expected that 150 delegates to the District P. T. A. meeting would be in Sylva on Wednesday, but the number actually in attendance far exceeded 200, for more than 200 tickets to the luncheon were sold.

The meeting opened at the Methodist church, with a devotional conducted by Rev. H. M. Hocutt, and greetings by Mrs. R. U. Sutton, president of the Sylva P. T. A., and a response by Mrs. Fred Hampton, State corresponding secretary.

Mrs. Doyles Alley, State President traced the growth of the P. T. A. movement in the State and Nation; and Junius L. Allison, president of the North Carolina Class Room Teachers Association, spoke on Realizing the Parent-Teacher Objectives thru legislation. Mr. Dan Cook sang for the meeting with Mrs. Grover Wilkes accompanying.

At the Community House, following luncheon, the afternoon sessions were held, with Mrs. Dan Allison, would appear to be back of the efforts of both parties to be in a position to claim credit for keeping the United States out of war.

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