

The Jackson County Journal

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53 Graduate In Sylva High Commencement Exercises Next Week

The commencement exercises of Sylva Central High School will begin with the sermon to the graduates, at 2:30 Sunday afternoon; the contest for the Gertrude Dills McKee medals, a feature of the commencement, sponsored by the B. H. Cathey Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy will be Monday night, at 8:00 o'clock; the commencement play will be presented on Tuesday night. On Wednesday afternoon, the class day exercises will be held and the graduation exercises on Wednesday night will conclude the program.

The class of 1940 is composed of twenty-eight girls and twenty five boys.

A more detailed account of the program will be found on pages four and five of The Journal.

Anne Bird Scores Highest In Senior Examination

Cullowhee, April 30 (Special)—According to an announcement by C. A. Hoyle, principal of the training school at Western Carolina Teachers College, Ann Bird made the highest score in a class of forty-two seniors on the high school senior examination given by the state department of education. Ranking second place on the examination was Thelma Mikels. Third, fourth, and fifth places were held by Lucille Hooper, Beulah Brown, and Latha Hooper, respectively.

The examination consisted of tests on science, mathematics, and English. Highest score on the science test was made by Lucille Hooper. Robert Lee Seagraves and Thelma Mikels tied for first place in mathematics; and Anne Bird stood highest on English.

These standardized tests were given to seniors in high schools throughout the state.

Cold Weather "Nips" Ornamental Plants

Boxwood, peonies, ivy and other ornamental plants suffered greatly from the severe winter just past, and more particularly from the "cold snaps" during the early spring, says Howard R. Garriss, assistant Extension plant pathologist of N. C. State College. He reports that more than 100 specimens of box plants suffering from cold injury have been received for diagnosis recently by the college plant disease laboratory.

"The cold damage was evident in the piedmont section," Garriss declared. "In most cases the killing out of plants took place where box bushes were weakened and suffering the effects of the drought last summer, or from other conditions."

The specialist said that fortunately only the young tender shoots stimulated into new growth during the short warm periods were the greatest sufferers from sudden drops in temperature. Where only young shoots are killed, the plants should soon recover with continued warm weather.

Where only twigs have been killed, the plant pathologist recommends that these be pruned out and the bushes be sprayed thoroughly with a 4-4-50 Bordeaux mixture every two weeks until continued hot weather prevails. The reason for pruning out the dead wood, he explained, is to prevent parasites from living over and probably infesting the healthy wood. If diseases are present, the spray will tend to prevent their spread.

Plants heretofore healthy and vigorous, but weakened by the cold weather, will be more subject to disease and they should be sprayed regularly during the current season.

Speed was the major cause of highway deaths in North Carolina in 1939, records of the Highway Safety Division show.

M. D. COWAN IS NAMED COMMERCE SECRETARY

M. D. Cowan assumed the position of executive secretary of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce on May 1. Mr. Cowan will devote his entire time to the office and is in the Chamber of Commerce building on Main street.

MAXWELL CONFERS WITH SUPPORTERS OF THIS DISTRICT

A. J. Maxwell, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, was in Sylva Monday for a conference with managers and supporters from several mountain counties. The conference was held around the luncheon table at the Carolina Hotel.

Mr. Maxwell said he had come to check on reports he had heard from this area. He said both Mr. Horton and Mr. Broughton had claimed all of the eleventh district. He knew all the time both couldn't be right, and, "after coming up here myself I'm convinced that neither is right."

Attending the conference were W. T. Crawford of Waynesville, manager for Haywood county; J. Frank Ray, mayor of Franklin and manager for Macon county; Mayor E. B. Whitaker of Bryson City, manager for Swain county; L. W. Wilson and E. D. Ingram of Robbinsville, manager for Graham county; R. T. Henson, H. R. Jacobs, G. W. Coe, Jr., E. A. Woods, W. W. Ashe, M. Reagan and J. R. Leach, composing the campaign committee for Cherokee county; Mr. Maxwell and Lynn Nisbet of Raleigh.

The reports all breathed optimism and enthusiasm, and while recognizing that they still have some work to do, each manager confidently promised to deliver his county into the Maxwell column on May 25th.

Mr. Maxwell spoke in the court house at Waynesville Monday night. He declared emphatically that he will support to the limit the demands for a reapportionment of the legislature based on the 1940 census. Most emphasis, however, he placed on the main issue of his campaign—a comprehensive, well-planned road program, which would straighten and widen existing highways and would build all-weather roads into every isolated community in the state.

ATTORNEY GENERAL EURE VISITS SYLVA

Thad Eure Attorney General of North Carolina, and a candidate to succeed himself, spent Monday here, in the interest of his campaign. Mr. Eure is opposed by Walter Murphy, veteran legislator of Rowan county.

Training School Mothers Meet

Cullowhee (Special) — The Mothers' Club of the Training School at Western Carolina Teachers College will hold its regular meeting Thursday afternoon at 3:20 in the home economics rooms of the college with Mrs. Floyd Griffin presiding.

The program for the afternoon, arranged by Mrs. Ralph Sutton, will include two talks, "Are You Responsible for Your Child?" by Mrs. W. E. Bird, and Dramatics for Toddlers by Miss Winnie Alice Murphy. Both these talks will be based on articles published in the May issue of Parents' Magazine.

Hostesses for the occasion will be: Mrs. Frank Shelton, Miss Edythe Walker, and Mrs. Monroe Deitz.

REPUBLICANS TO HEAR PRITCHARD AT CONVENTION

A county convention has been called for Saturday, May 18, at 2 o'clock, by J. B. Ensley, chairman of the Republican Executive Committee, to elect an executive committee, chairman, and secretary, and for other business. The call follows:

"A convention of the Republican Party of Jackson county is hereby called to meet at the Court House in Sylva at 2 o'clock p. m. on Saturday, May 18th, 1940 for the purpose of electing an Executive Committee, Chairman, Secretary, and transacting such other business as may come before the convention.

A special invitation is extended to the ladies.

Hon. George M. Pritchard of Asheville and Hon. R. H. McNeill of Statesville, Republican candidates for Governor will address the convention.

Please come and hear these able speakers discuss the political issues of the day.

J. B. ENSLEY
Chairman Rep. Ex. Comm.
Cyrus H. Nicholson
Sec. Rep. Ex. Comm."

MOTHER OF FORMER SYLVA PASTOR PASSES

The following, from the Morganton News-Record of April 23, will be interesting to a number of readers of The Journal:

"Funeral services for Mrs. Olympia Jones Murray, wife of W. B. Murray of Morganton, were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the First Baptist church.

Mrs. Murray, who was 70 years of age, died early Friday morning at Grace Hospital, as a result of a heart attack. She had suffered from high blood pressure for some time.

A native of Franklin county, Mrs. Murray had resided in Morganton for many years, making her home at 112 New street. She was a member of the First Baptist church and long an active participant in church affairs.

Surviving are her husband, two sons and two daughters—Mrs. L. R. Singleton of Morganton, Mrs. Jeter Carswell of the Pleasant Ridge section of Morganton, Route 1, J. E. Murray of Kingsport, Tenn., and Rev. J. G. Murray of Cary. Thirteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren also survive.

At the obsequies Sunday pallbearers were R. O. Huffman, P. W. Patton, Charles J. Keaton, Joseph H. Etheridge, Mr. Warlick, James A. Brandon and Grover H. Brandon. Flowers were in charge of members of the missionary society."

Mrs. Murray was a visitor here a number of times during the seven years in which her son, Rev. J. G. Murray, was pastor of the Baptist church. Rev. Mr. Murray, who has not been so well for the past three months, was not able to attend the funeral of his mother. Mrs. Murray, who went to Morganton for the funeral, was accompanied home by her father-in-law, Mr. W. B. Murray, and he will make his home with the J. G. Murrays.

Beta 4-H Club Observes Club Sunday April 28

The 4-H club boys and girls of Beta community observed 4-H club Sunday, April 28, by opening Sunday School at Scotts Creek church with Miss Pansy Dillard in charge of the program. Miss Dillard gave a history of the club, after which the club pledge was repeated by all members. A program of music, scripture, and prayer was then rendered. About thirty boys and girls took part in the program. The boys and girls also helped clean up the church and arrange flowers for the occasion.

CELEBRATE 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Norton will celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage, Sunday. Relatives and friends will visit them at their home at Cullowhee, taking with them baskets of dinner, to be served picnic fashion.

Mr. and Mrs. Norton, who were married May 6, 1880, have seven children, twenty-four grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren. Mr. Norton is eighty-three years of age, and Mrs. Norton is seventy-six.

One of the two surviving members of the original board of trustees of what is now Western Carolina Teachers College, Mr. Norton has served Jackson County in various capacities.

ELEVEN TEAMS IN SMOKY MOUNTAINS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

At a meeting of the Smoky Mountains softball association 11 teams—five in the major and six in the minor league—paid registration fees for the coming season. Monday night had originally been set by the association as the deadline for entries, but since only five major teams had entered, it was decided to extend the time on major teams until Friday.

J. Louis Hair, association mittee, composed of Grayson Cope, F. H. Pichlesimer and O. E. Brookhyser to make a schedule hysher to work out a schedule for the two leagues. L. O. Huff, coach of Sylva high school, and Claude Henson were named umpires for the season.

Teams which have entered and their managers are: Major league—Amour Leather, Paul Warren; Velt's Cafe, Malcolm Brown; Cherokee, Golman Kinsland; Sylva Paperboard, C. E. Smith; Blackwood Lumber Company, J. F. Robinson. Minor league—Woodmen of the World, Garland Jones; Methodist Church, Frank Baker; Gulf Refining, Aiden Bryson; Lion's Club Grayson Cope; Cherokee, "B" Blackley Sneed; Sylva Paperboard "B", E. J. Duckett.

It was voted to have one more meeting on Friday, May 10, before the starting of the season on the following Monday.

"Man or Mouse" Is Presented At College

Cullowhee (Special) — Twelve students of the training school at Western Carolina Teachers College were presented in a play, "Man or Mouse," given in the college auditorium, Saturday evening under the direction of C. A. Hoyle, principal of the training school. The story depicted was that of a man who though very much overrun by his family and his wife's relatives, decides to assert himself. The characters in the order of their appearance were: Samuel Casper Dixon, man or mouse, Woodrow Bryson; Mrs. Dixon, his wife, Elizabeth Anne Hunter; Ellen Dixon, their daughter, Jane Elliott; Mrs. Ferguson, the mother-in-law, Agnes Henson; Filbert Ferguson, the brother-in-law, Ben Battle; Jerry Barton, Ellen's suitor, Robert Crawford; Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Dixon's sister, Irene Bishop; "Reform School Harry," Mrs. Johnson's cousin, Glenn Price; Miss Arnold, psychology instructor, Gladys Cowan; Mrs. Rust and Mrs. Jones, "Cream of Society," Winnona Arrington and Sue Stevens; and Marquis, French nobleman, Glenn Mitchell.

The money raised by this entertainment will be used for buying playground equipment.

WCTC PRESENTS ANNUAL MAY DAY FESTIVAL FRIDAY

The annual celebration of May Day, by crowning the May queen, will be held by Western Carolina Teachers College, Friday afternoon, at four o'clock.

Miss Mary Delle Davis, of Andrews, was some time ago chosen May Queen, and will be crowned, with appropriate ceremony, by President H. T. Hunter.

The program for the Festival will be found on page seven of The Journal.

CHARLES WATKINS PASSES IN OREGON

Charles C. Watkins, aged 59, died at his home in Klamath Falls, Oregon, Saturday night, of a heart attack, after only an hour's illness, according to information received here, by relatives. The funeral and interment were in Klamath Falls, on Wednesday.

Mr. Watkins, who was the son of Mrs. Flora J. Watkins, of Dillsboro, and the late J. C. Watkins, was born in Dillsboro, and lived there until about thirty years ago, when he went to Oregon to reside. He is survived by his widow and two children, Miss Betty Lou aged eighteen and Donald, aged four teen; by his mother, Mrs. Flora Watkins, and a sister, Mrs. J. C. Cannon, of Dillsboro; and two brothers, J. Dixon Watkins and Paul A. Watkins, both of Asheville.

Mr. Watkins and his family spent some time here, last summer, with his mother and sister, the first visit he had made in twenty-two years.

Regular Inspection of Cars Is Important

Pointing out that six North Carolinians narrowly escaped asphyxiation last week when they were overcome by carbon monoxide fumes from a broken exhaust pipe, Ronald Hocutt, Director of the Highway Safety Division, stressed this week the importance of periodic inspection of all motor vehicles.

"Many people who visit their dentist twice a year and have themselves checked over by their physician at least once a year never think of having a mechanic look at their automobile until something goes wrong with it," Hocutt said. "Yet more than fifty persons were killed and several hundred injured in this state last year because their vehicles were not in good mechanical condition.

"A loose tire rod, defective lights or brakes, a leaking exhaust, or a faulty steering mechanism—any of these things can cause injury or death on the highway. Unless you have your car or truck inspected at least twice a year, any one of these things can go wrong with the vehicle you drive, and you will find it out only after it is too late—after you or someone else has been injured or killed."

In this connection, Hocutt added that the movement by the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce for compulsory semi-annual inspection of all motor vehicles in North Carolina is deserving of the serious consideration of every motorist in the state.

"A majority of the states have inspection laws, and the need for such a law in this state is apparent," he declared.

Meetings In Progress At Scott's Creek Church

A series of meetings is in progress at Scott's Creek Baptist church, with Rev. J. J. Johnson, of Spartanburg, S. C., preaching. Rev. M. Johnson was here last fall, for about six weeks, in a tent meeting which was well attended at each service. Rev. T. F. Deitz is pastor of the Scott's Creek Church.

Population of Sylva Is Placed At 1,402 In Preliminary Count

JARRETT WITHDRAWS FROM BOARD RACE

M. Y. Jarrett, who filed for the nomination of a member of the county board of education, has withdrawn from the race.

The withdrawal of Mr. Jarrett leaves the race to C. E. Smith, Hut Middleton, John B. Deitz, John H. Hooper and T. B. Cowan, the present board, and Doug Stevens, who is a candidate for election this year.

Lamb Shipping Season In State Starts Soon

It's almost time to start shipping spring lambs, and L. I. Case, Extension animal husbandman of N. C. State College, says that the next few weeks will be the period when the wise farmer increases his income by fattening and finishing his lambs well. He will do it with an adequate and balanced feed program.

"Of first importance in feeding lambs," Case says, "is milk and plenty of it. See that the ewes are fed for milk production. A bountiful supply of green winter cover crops, preferably crimson clover, supplemented by a mixture of corn and oats should take care of this.

"Creep feeding the lambs usually pays well. Partition off a bright corner of the barn or shed and leave a small opening or two that will exclude the ewes but admit the lambs. A good feed to use in the creep is seven

parts of wheat bran, and one part of either cottonseed meal or soybean meal. In addition to the grain, a small rack full of choice hay should be kept where the lambs can nibble it as they please."

Last year the State College Extension Service cooperated in conducting lamb pools which netted farmers \$26,082.61 for 4,373 animals weighing 317,950 pounds. Case estimates that these lambs brought fully one cent per pound more through grading and cooperative selling.

"This means," the specialist declared, "a total of \$3,179.50 increased returns to the producers. Further, it is logical that other lambs sold in the territory where cooperative marketing was done brought a higher price than they would have otherwise."

The lamb pools will be continued this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Gillis Move To Webster

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gillis, who have occupied the Smith house on Maple street for the past year, moved Tuesday to the Hedden house, in Webster.

BALSAM

(By Mrs. D. F. Knight)
Rev. O. J. Beck, pastor of the Baptist church here, closed one of the most successful revivals we have ever had here in a long time, Sunday. There were twenty-three baptisms. Mr. Beck has several other charges also.

Miss Dorothy Bryson of Qualla school spent Monday night with home folks.

A right many Balsamites went to Waynesville to see "Gone with the Wind."

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Baggett arrived from Daytona Beach Tuesday to spend the summer in their cottage here.

Spanish-American War Veterans To Meet

Nantahala Camp, Number 25, will hold the May meeting at the court house here, Sunday afternoon. Mr. Candler C. Cagle is Commander of the Camp.

Census figures in a preliminary count, released from the Census Bureau, in Asheville, this afternoon, give the population of Sylva as 1402. The population in 1930 was 1340.

If there is a person in Sylva who has not been counted, if he or she will report it to The Journal office, the Census Bureau will be informed and an enumerator will be sent to take the census of any such person.

BARKER'S CREEK SHOWS INCREASE IN POPULATION

Barker's Creek township shows a population of 1098 as compared with 871 in 1930, according to a preliminary count released from the Bureau of the Census in Asheville, yesterday.

Mrs. Wilkes Presents Her Pupils in Recital

Mrs. Grover Wilkes presented her pupils in a piano recital, Monday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, in the elementary school auditorium. The young people, all of Sylva school except Miss Brooks, who lives in Bryson City, gave the following program:

Airy Fairies, by Spaulding, and Comin' Round the Mountain, by John Thompson, Rachael Anne Sutton.

Spring Blossoms by Hopson, Margaret Wilkes.

Andante by Chopin, Jeanne Barrett.

Duet: Majurka Pomposo by Rolfe, Mary Alma and Margaret Wilkes.

In the Swing, by Paul Wach, Joanne Barrett.

To the Rising Sun by Torjusson, Mary Alma Wilkes.

Waltz Op. 64, No. 1 by Chopin, Helen Brooks.

Tarantelle by Heller, Rebecca Sue Cannon.

Duet: June Caprice, by Wilder, Jeanne and Joanne Barrett.

International Relations Club Hears Stillwell

Cullowhee, April 29 (Special)—E. H. Stillwell, head of the social science department at Western Carolina Teachers College was guest speaker tonight at a meeting of the International Relations Club, campus organization over which Charles McCall presided.

Mr. Stillwell, speaking on War in Europe, reviewed causes for the present crisis and discussed possible means for acquiring worldpeace. Upon finishing his talk, Mr. Stillwell presented the club with a book, Bloyan Pribichevich's "World Without End."

At its next meeting the club will elect its officers for the coming year. Miss Cordella Camp and Dr. A. L. Bramlett will continue to serve as faculty sponsors.

Singing Convention Will Be At Tuckaseegee Church

The Jackson County Singing Convention will be held at the Tuckaseegee Baptist church, next Sunday, May 5, according to an announcement made by Grady Smith, secretary-treasurer of the organization.

Circle Meeting Is Postponed

The meeting of the afternoon circle of the Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist church, which was to have been held on next Wednesday afternoon, has been postponed a week.