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SYLVA, NORTH CAROLINA, DECEMBER 13, 1940.

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Star Shining Tonight For The First Time

The Star of Sylva, placed in the dome of the Court House each Christmas by the County Commissioners and other county officials, is shining tonight for the first time this season. Its beams are the first thing that one sees when approaching Sylva and it can be observed from nearly every part of the city.

The lights for the streamers from the star down the court house steps, and the lights along the streets have been put up by county and city officials; but the current has not yet been turned on. In the next few nights the Christmas dress of the town will be in all its glory, to the delight of the people who live here and the pleasure of those who pass this way in the night-time.

It is worth the while of any person to travel many miles and drive down Sylva's Main Street, beneath the vari-colored lights, and look up at the star in the court house above the street and the lovely streamers, appearing as a Jacob's ladder from the Star down to the street.

Production Credit Association To Hold Meeting

Stockholders of the Asheville Production Credit Association will hold their annual meeting in the Court House at Asheville, N. C. on Thursday morning, January 23rd at 10 o'clock, according to an announcement by John A. Hudgens, president of the association.

At this meeting, complete and detailed reports will be made by the officers of the association on its operations for the past year, directors will be elected, and other important business transacted.

In announcing the date of the annual meeting, Mr. Hudgens said that it was hoped to make the attendance of the stockholders at this year's meeting the largest in the history of the association. He said that the annual meetings of the association afford stockholders an opportunity to learn every detail of the operations of their organization.

The Asheville Production Credit Association, which makes short-term loans to finance all types of farm and livestock operations, serves Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, McDowell, Swain, Transylvania, and Yancey Counties and to date in 1940 has made loans totalling \$110,000.00 to its 625 members.

Plans Are Made For Methodist Christmas

Plans were made, Tuesday night, at a meeting of the Board of Christian Education of the Methodist church, held at the home of Mrs. Harry Hastings for the annual Christmas celebration by the Sunday School.

There will be a candle-lighting service and singing of Christmas carols, at the church, on Sunday afternoon, December 22, at 5:30 in the afternoon.

Mrs. David M. Hall, superintendent of the children's department of the Sunday school, is general chairman in charge of arrangements for the celebration.

George Ensley Dies In Automobile Crash

Friends and relatives in the county have learned of the death of George Ensley, in an automobile accident, in West Virginia, Tuesday night.

Mr. Ensley, a son of the late J. B. Ensley, of Dillsboro, had been living in West Virginia for some time. He was born and reared, and grew to young manhood in the Long Branch section of Dillsboro township.

Mr. Ensley was a brother of Mrs. W. O. Allen of Sylva.

Board Seeks Contact With Delinquent Registrants

The Selective Service Board of Jackson County is seeking contact with some twenty-one young men who registered, to whom questionnaires were mailed, and who have failed to return them within the five days specified in the selective service act.

The board has no desire to report these young men as delinquents, and is using the means of the newspaper publicity in an effort to get contact with them, before it is compelled under the law to make such report.

These men are requested to get in touch with the board at once: James Albert Mullins, Venol Roy McConnell, Hubert Thomas Boley, James Walters, Willie Rudolph Rice, Otis A. Bivins, George B. Stephens, Cecil T. Barron, Jonah William Hager, Sam Clark Hollifield, Martin George Geisler, Lester Woodring, George Curtis, Robert Glenn Miller, Fred T. Moody, Ralph Waldo Buchanan, William Henry Justice, Harold David Pressley, Berris Bryson Pennington, A. Lee Womack, Jack Charles Logan.

Eighteen Volunteers Await Call

Eighteen Jackson county young men are awaiting call to be colors by the Selective Service Board. These men have volunteered their services, waived all exemptions and those of whom who are found qualified will be used to make up the next quota that the county is called upon to furnish.

It is anticipated that a call will be made in January.

The men who have volunteered, in addition to the three who left on Monday morning for Fort Bragg, are: Dennis Roy Ensley, Sylva; Mack Hensley, Dillsboro; Dillard Lloyd Robinson, Sylva; Paul Nathaniel Fisher, Sylva; Glenn Hooper, Cowart; Alvin Woodrow Allen, Sylva; Homer Tinsley Shelton, Wolf Mountain; Verlin Hoyle Owen, Sylva; Ellis Pressley Galloway, Wolf Mountain; Jesse Franklin Buchanan, Gay; Lloyd Painter, Sylva; Finley Denton, Whittier; John Hershel Ferguson, Whittier; Ray William Cunningham, Sylva; and Ralph John Connor, Dillsboro.



Fifty Miles Away, Girl Makes Quarter Purchase That She Could Have Got In Sylva

The other day, a young lady from this county went to a town that is larger than Sylva and, among other things, bought a box of Christmas cards, for which she paid 25c. She made the remark that she couldn't have gotten half that many cards of the same quality in Sylva for the same price. The Journal checked that statement, and located many boxes of the same identical cards, same quality, same number, same pictures, everything identical, and at the same price.

If anybody else wants those same cards, we can tell you where you will find them, and save you the trouble and expense of traveling 50 miles. And, by the way, the store where we saw them is one that never advertises in the Journal, or anywhere else.

The purpose of this article is not primarily to boost the buying at the shops that advertise in the Journal. It is to advise trying Sylva shops first. Our advertisers, we hope, will be the greatest beneficiaries of the Buy-At-Home drive the Journal is putting on this Christmas; but those who do not advertise will ride along on the tail of the kite.

What would Sylva be like if there were no churches, no newspapers, no fire department, no police, no water-works, no town government, no county government, no charities of any kind? And yet, none of these things could be, or if they were, could function properly and efficiently if it were not for the support that they receive from the business people of Sylva.

The shops in other towns do not contribute a cent to the support of your newspaper, your church, your fire-department,

your charities. They do not pay a single dime in taxes for the support of your government in town or county. They haven't a cent invested in your fire equipment, your church buildings, or anything that makes for a better Sylva and a better Jackson county. If everybody in the county were to quit buying from the Sylva shops they would have to close their doors, and every person and every institution in the county would suffer. Most of them would wither and die. But, that isn't the argument we started out to make for buying in Sylva, this Christmas. What we intended to say in the first place is that we honestly believe that it will save you money, save you time, save you trouble, to visit the well-stocked shops of Sylva and do your Christmas shopping there.

If you try it out, and aren't convinced that this is true, come in and present your evidence to the contrary, convince us that you saved either time, money, trouble or weariness by going elsewhere to buy, and we will print your side of the picture, and never say another word in the Journal about buying in Sylva.

Will Hear Alley At Beta Church

Judge Felix E. Alley, distinguished North Carolina jurist, and a native of this county, will deliver his famous address: "The Son of God and the Son of Man", at Scott's Creek Baptist church, at Beta, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon on December 22. Everybody is invited to hear this address.

Annual Christmas Concert

The Music Department, under the direction of Mrs. Charles Gulley, Mrs. J. W. Fisher, and Mr. George Tracy, presented the annual Christmas Concert Sunday evening, December 8, in the College Auditorium at 8:00 o'clock.

The following program was given:

Our Director March, Bigelow; Nottingham Guards, Johnson; Sleepers Awake, Bach—by the College Band.

Vocal Duet Oh Divine Redeemer, Gounod; by Jean Bennett and Mary Jane Edwards.

Sonata Pathetique, Beethoven; Fies and movement—by Dorothy Thompson.

Trumpet Solo, Carnival of Venice, Del Straiger; by Sammy Beck.

Lyric Overture, Taylor; Prelude, Gullmont—by the College Orchestra.

Panis Angelicus, Franck—by Schubert Glee Club.

String Trio, Children's Prayer, Humperdinck—by Jane Elliott, Helen Bird, violins, Mrs. Fisher, viola.

My Faith Looks Up to Thee, Schneckler—Halcyon Chorus.

Silent Night, Adeste Fidelis, Hallelujah Chorus, Handel—Halcyon Chorus.

The decorations of the auditorium was in charge of Miss Helen Patton, chairman, assisted by Carlton Wells, Ned Burleson, Jaunita Porter, Frances Allison, and Catherine Walker.

Marshals for the occasion were John Jordan, Elsie Avent, and Frances Allison.

Three Volunteers Leave For Fort

Lindsay Bound Over On Murder Charge

LINDSAY BOUND — Henry Lindsay, young white man of this community, was given a preliminary hearing before Justice W. O. Calhoun Monday afternoon and bound to Swain county Superior court under a \$500 bond, which he has failed to file and remains in the county jail.

Lindsay is charged with reckless driving and murder which grew out of the death on Sunday, December 1, of Harvey Cunningham, 18, also of this section, who died in the Sylva hospital Sunday from a crushed skull received when the car driven by Lindsay and with Cunningham and others as passengers skidded off the highway and turned over several times into the Nantahala river at Wesser. The accident occurred about 10 o'clock Saturday night, November 30.—Bryson City Times.

John Henry Sitton, of Webster; Kay Sluder, of Willets; and James A. Cannon, of Erastus, Jackson county's first three volunteers to be accepted under the selective service act, were given a rousing send-off by members of the Selective Service Board, the Mayor of Sylva, members of patriotic organizations, and citizens.

In an impromptu program at the bus station, the men were addressed by Mayor H. Gibson, on behalf of the city, and by Dan Tompkins, commander, and T. Walter Ashe, adjutant of the William E. Dillard Post, American Legion. A number of Legionnaires were present.

Due to the examinations at Western Carolina Teachers College, it was found impossible to have the college band here for the occasion, as had been planned by the Legion.

Woman's Club At Cullowhee Holds Annual Party

Cullowhee, Dec. 11, (Special)—Meeting in the parlors of Moore dormitory at Western Carolina Teachers college, the Cullowhee Woman's club held its annual "gentlemen's night" Christmas celebration with Miss Helen Patton directing.

Mrs. Charles Gulley began the program with a solo, "Cantique Noel," and was followed by the singing of "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem" by the married ladies, "Silent Night" by the gentlemen present, and "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" by the single ladies and gentlemen. Professor P. L. Elliott read a number of modern Christmas poems, and quoted several lines from Shakespeare's "King Lear" and "Hamlet" on the Christmas theme. The program concluded with his reading of "The Morning of Christ's Nativity" by Milton.

Refreshments of fruit cake and creamed sauce with coffee were served on plates decorated with holly and red ribbons. Decorations for the parlor consisted of boughs of holly and white pine, a Christmas tree with blue lights, and red taper candles.

Men present for the occasion were: Professor Elliott, Reverend Fred Forester, Dr. Frederick Neuman, Mr. James Whatley, Dr. H. P. Smith, Reverend Walter Lee Lanier, Professor John S. Seymour, and Dr. W. A. Ashbrook.

Hostesses for the evening were: Miss Anne Rabe, Miss Mabel Tyree, Mrs. D. H. Brown, Miss Leonora Smith, Miss Anne Albright, Mrs. W. E. Bird, and Miss Cordelia Camp. The committee in charge of the program was: Miss Helen Patton, chairman, Miss Margaret Reid, Mrs. James Whatley, and Miss Maude Ketchum.

Presbyterians Plan Service

The Presbyterians of Sylva will hold a service at the Community House, Sunday afternoon. The minister, Rev. Paul Thrower, of Bryson City, will preach; and the members of the

No Fireworks This Yuletide

There will be no fireworks, cap pistols, Roman candles, sky-rockets, or any other fireworks fired or sold in Jackson county this Christmas, unless it is done in violation of the law.

A Christmas without fire-crackers may not seem like Christmas in the South, or (as Don Elias would say: "any part thereof"). Nevertheless it is the law.

The prohibition of fireworks in this county was first enacted in 1929. In 1933, Dan Tompkins, having once been a boy himself, and knowing the delight that Southern boys have in shooting fire-crackers at Christmas, introduced a bill repealing the fire-cracker prohibition, and the act was removed from the statute books.

In 1937 the bill was reenacted and still stands on the law books, applicable to Buncombe, Haywood, Jackson, and some other counties of the State.

The law says: "That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to sell or offer for sale, shoot, fire, discharge, display, or otherwise use or have possession of any fire-crackers, torpedoes, cap pistols, sky rockets, Roman candles, or other articles commonly known as fireworks in the County of Jackson. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding \$50.00 or imprisonment not exceeding thirty days."

It may seem strange to the large number of Yankees now among us that a Southern Christmas is celebrated without fire-works; but the above is the reason.

Hoyle Reads Christmas Carol To Students

Cullowhee, Dec. 11, (Special)—C. A. Hoyle, principal of the Western Carolina Teachers college training school presented a reading, "Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens, to the high school and grammar grade departments of the training school Wednesday afternoon in the college auditorium.

The lights were off during the program, which is presented annually, and two candles burned on the rostrum for the only light.

Ladies' Auxilliary will give a Christmas program.