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\$1.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

Asheville Minister Addresses Rotarians

The Sylva Rotary club heard the Rev. Grier Davis, pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Asheville, at its meeting Tuesday night. The Rev. Mr. Davis spoke on the crisis which America is facing today.

Mr. Davis was of the opinion that America's great danger was not from enemies from without, but the character crisis with which the country is faced. He pointed out that the fall of France and other democracies was not due entirely to the superiority of German arms, but in a great measure to the moral degeneracy of the entire population of the fallen countries.

Mr. Davis said that certain minorities within our country are a great threat to our democracy. He added that domestic tyrants inside are a greater danger than foreign tyrants without the United States.

Mr. Davis said that what this country needs is regeneration of character, and if it does not come we shall surely reap what we sow. "Our one bright hope is that war did come and vindicate that fact that there is a righteous God," he added.

Reports were heard at this meeting from local committee chairmen who are raising funds for the National Foundation for Prevention of Infantile Paralysis. The Club's semi-annual financial report was read.

FCA Opens Loan Office In Franklin

Announcement has been made by S. S. Williams, Field Supervisor, Asheville, that the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Office will establish an office in Franklin to serve the western counties. The office will be located in the Court House, Franklin, and this work will be handled with the assistance of Mr. S. R. Griffin, Jr. who will be located in Franklin as headquarters for the western counties.

Application forms are expected at an early date and these loans will be available to all farmers in this section who are in need of assistance in their farming operations and eligible for this type of loan. Applications will be available at the Court House in Sylva, as soon as these forms are received.

First loans made in the state began in 1929 and since this date through 1940, 255,458 North Carolina farmers received loans through the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan agency, totaling \$23,546,000.00, repayment to date on all loans made is approximately 93 percent. North Carolina leads the United States in the percentage of collections of loans.

Young People's Leaders' Conference

The associated Baptist young people's leaders' conference for all Sunbeam, Royal Ambassador Girls' Auxiliary, and Young Woman's Auxiliary Counselors will meet at the Sylva Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, January 19, at 2:30. Miss Mary Currie, State Young People's Leader, will lead the conference period and Miss Margaret Wilson, Associational Young People's Leader, will preside.

Every counselor, Young People's Leader and W. M. S. president in the association is urged to be present for this period of information and inspiration.

Legion To Meet

The William E. Dillard Post, American Legion will meet on Friday of next week, January 24, at the Training School building at Cullowhee, at 7:30 in the evening.

All former service men in the county are urged to come to the meeting, and any other persons who desire to be present will be welcome.

W. C. T. C. Faculty Members Have Varied Vacations

Several members of the faculty took some interesting trips during the Christmas holidays.

The Ashbrooks enjoyed their vacation in the South. They visited Atlanta, Georgia; Pensacola, Florida; Mobile, Alabama; and New Orleans, Louisiana, where Dr. Ashbrook attended a joint meeting of the American Economics Association and the Southern Economics Association.

In New Orleans Dr. and Mrs. Ashbrook visited the French Quarter and enjoyed French food. Dr. Ashbrook did not get to do some anticipated hunting and fishing because of bad weather.

Miss Anne Hammond of the business education department and Miss Josephine Shaw, business education instructor in the Shelby High School, Shelby, North Carolina, spent six days in New York City where they heard Grace Moore in the opera, "Louise," saw Walt Disney's "Fantasia," Charlie Chaplin in "The Great Dictator," Ethel Barrymore in "The Corn is Green," and Helen Hayes in "Twelfth Night." They also attended Miss Hayes' Lipton Tea Broadcast.

They visited "Cloisters," a museum of ancient architecture, the New York Times Building, and attended church services on Christmas Day at "The Little Church Around the Corner."

Miss Hammond said the weather was beautiful on the whole trip. The temperature on Christmas Day was 58 degrees, the same temperature of the coldest day in July last year.

Dean Anne Albright and Miss Lenora Smith spent part of the Christmas holidays in Washington, D. C., where Miss Smith visited her sister, Dr. Carrie Weaver Smith who operates a book store in Washington. Miss Albright visited friends.

One of the high spots of the trip was an authors' party given by Dr. Smith at her book shop, at which Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt was guest of honor. Among the guests were Francis Parkinson Keys; Leslie Frost, daughter Robert Frost; Floyd Bell; and Miss Mabel Boardman, secretary of the National Red Cross.

Mrs. Roosevelt's Christmas story was read in Mrs. Roosevelt's presence and she herself read "The Night Before Christmas."

Miss Albright and Miss Smith also attended a concert by the National Symphony Orchestra on the same evening that Mrs. Roosevelt and Princess Juliana of Holland attended. Miss Albright and Miss Smith fortunately secured seats near them. They also visited the art galleries and libraries in the city, attended a Christmas concert at the Library of Congress, and saw Elmer Rice's new play, "Flight to the West."

Revaluation Starts In Cashier's

Beginning their work of revaluation of all the real property in the county in Cashier's Valley township, last week, the revaluation board will complete the entire county as rapidly as possible. The board is visiting every piece of real property in the county, as nearly as possible, and is classifying and valuing it at present prices, and in keeping with other property in the county. The board is composed of M. D. Cowan, T. C. Ledbetter, and J. C. Hayes.

Allison Gratified With Drive Results

J. Claud Allison, general chairman for the President's Birthday party in Jackson county, expresses himself as being gratified at the response that is being made by the people in raising money to fight infantile paralysis.

The Sylva Rotary Club has donated \$20.00 to the fund. A double-header basket ball game, at the Sylva High School netted \$22.50, and the boxes that have been placed about in the county are becoming repositories for many dimes and other coins.

The plans for the Birthday Ball and Cake Walk are shaping up, with complete cooperation by the people, Mr. Allison said.

The Jackson County Recreation Unit has charge of the decorations for the ball.

Local chairmen are: Cherokee, Bill Ensor; Whittier, A. H. Carter; Dillsboro, W. R. Enloe; Sylva, Louis Hair; Webster, Mrs. John H. Morris; Cullowhee, John Wilson, Jr.

Methodist Hold Night Services

There will be services at the Methodist church in Sylva every Sunday night in the month, it has been decided by the Board of Stewards, breaking a custom of several years standing. The preacher in charge has been holding services at Dillsboro every Sunday evening. Hereafter, the preacher will conduct services in Sylva on the first and third Sunday evenings, and at Dillsboro the other Sundays. Arrangements will be made for the conduct of the services the other Sunday evenings at Sylva.

Several weeks ago, the young people of the church got behind the movement for an evening service, and they have sponsored the services, which have been held regularly since that time.

Aged Former Jacksonian Passes

Charles M. Buchanan, 95 year old native and former resident of Jackson county, passed away at the home of his son, in Lowell, Monday.

Mr. Buchanan was born in this county and lived here until a few years ago, when after the death of his wife, he moved to Lowell to make his home with his son, L. P. Buchanan.

Funeral was held at the Lowell Baptist church, of which he was a member, and interment was in the cemetery in Lowell. Mr. Buchanan had a host of relatives and friends here. He was the oldest member of the numerous and prominent Buchanan family of this county.

Court House To Observe Half Holidays

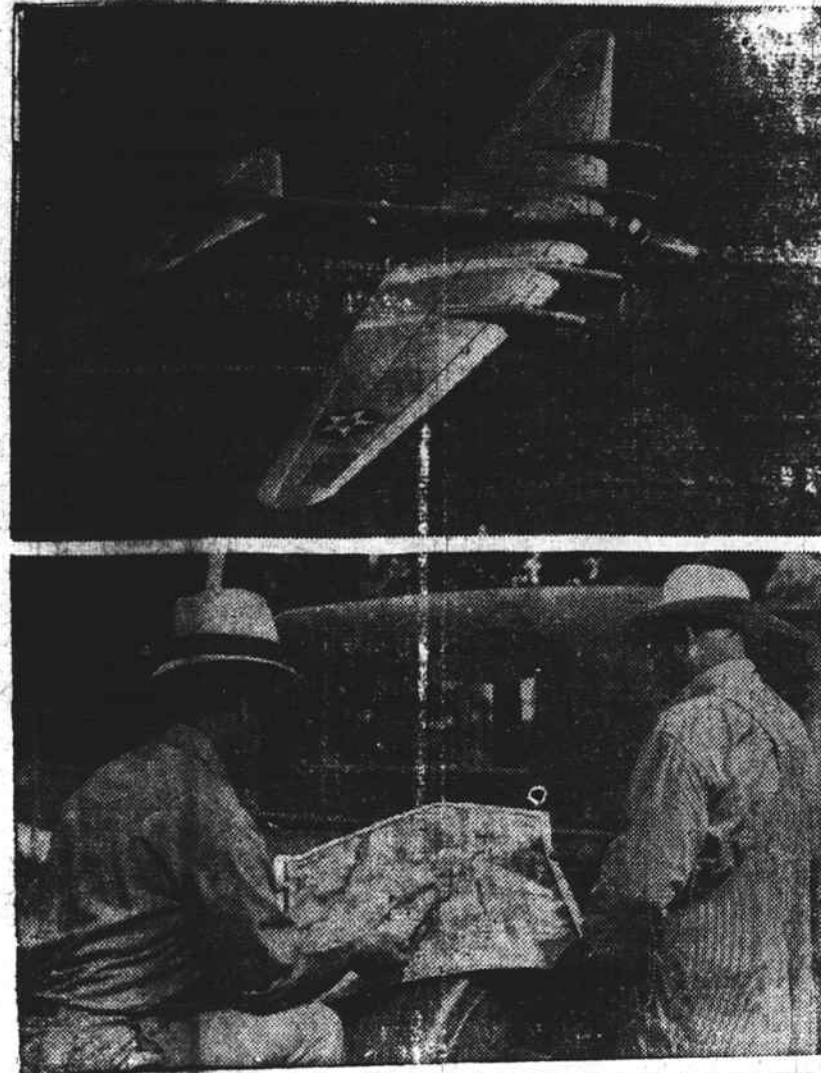
Beginning on Saturday of this week, all offices in the court house will close at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, every Saturday.

This is in keeping with the practice in most of the court houses in North Carolina, and the policy was adopted by the county commissioners by resolution, at their last meeting.

Complete Board Of Health For County

The Board of Health of Jackson County was completed, last week, when the statutory members, T. Walter Ashe, chairman of the county board of commissioners, A. C. Moses, superintendent of schools, and H. Gibson, mayor of the county seat, met and elected Dr. Grover Wilkes, Dr. R. W. Kirchberg, and Dr. W. Kermit Chapman as the additional members.

Two Varieties of Air Defense



America and North Carolina rely on airplanes for National defense and soil defense. Heavily armed planes such as the giant four-motored "flying fortress" at top are frequently seen flying over the State. They help thousands of North Carolina farmers, like the two pictured beside the truck, have been here. The Agricultural Adjustment Administration has made aerial photos of about 40,397 of the

48,740 square miles of agricultural land in North Carolina. Aerial photography in connection with the AAA farm program was started in the State in 1936 and in 1940 performance in the program was checked through aerial photos in 86 counties. As a part of their educational work, county farm agents of the State College Extension Service show farmers how to use the aerial photographs to check their compliance with the program.

FUNERAL RITES ARE HELD FOR T. B. COWAN

Funeral services for T. B. Cowan, member of the Jackson County Board of Education, who ended his own life at his home in Webster, Sunday evening, were conducted Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, at the Webster Baptist church by the pastor, Rev. W. N. Cook, and Rev. Thad F. Deitz, and Rev. J. C. Gentry, Methodist minister at Webster. Interment was in the Stillwell cemetery. Friends and relatives of Mr. Cowan stated that he had been in poor health for about a year, and this is thought to have been the cause of his tragic act. At about six o'clock Sunday evening he stepped into the yard of his home and shot a pistol bullet through his heart. A coronor's jury held that he came to his death at his own hand, following a period of ill health.

Mr. Cowan, who had been prominent in public life in Jackson county for nearly half a century, was 68 years of age. He was born and reared in Webster township, and spent his entire life there. He served as chief deputy sheriff under the late Sheriff J. W. Buchanan. Later he was Chief of Police at Sylva, and after that he was welfare officer for the county for several years. He was serving as a member of the county board of education at the time of his death, and had been its chairman, during several years of service to the county in the educational field.

Mr. Cowan was a member of the Webster Baptist church for a number of years.

Surviving him are his widow, five daughters, Mrs. Frank Bryson, Gay; Mrs. George Gibson, Franklin; Mrs. Leonard Bagwell and Miss Bernice Cowan, Winston-Salem; and Miss Hannah Cowan, of Webster; three grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. James Ashe, Webster, and Mrs. Cora Davis, Enka; four brothers, Robert, James, Ransom, and Hamilton Cowan, all of Webster, and a large number of other relatives and friends.

New Congressman And Reappointment Now Before Assembly

Heads Of Important Committees Go To East

Raleigh, Jan. 15—Not a single one of the chairmanships of the four most important committees in the General Assembly went to the West, unless Victor Bryant of Durham can be considered a Westerner. The East argued that he was from the West, when he and Libby Ward were contending for the speakership, two years ago. And, that may have had something to do with the Ward victory, by a slim margin, for it was the East's turn at the Speakership.

The four important committees are Appropriations and Finance in the House and Senate. Victor Bryant, one of the ablest of the members of the Assembly, and a veteran, was appointed chairman of Finance; and Senator McBryde of Hoke is the Finance Chairman in the Senate. John Kerr of Warren, a second-term, who was conspicuous mostly for his inactivity, two years ago, was appointed Chairman of Appropriations in the House, and Senator William Lee Lumpkin, a member of the General Assembly since 1933, and a leader in the McInald revolt of 1936, drew the pointment in the Senate.

Representative L. L. Burgin, Henderson, a third-term, and a capable legislator, was appointed chairman of Agriculture in the House, giving the post that post for the first time within the memory of anybody except Pete Murphy.

Two committees that are usually relatively unimportant loom larger this year. They are Congressional Districts and Senatorial Districts. Hubert Jarvis of Buncombe, is chairman of Congressional Districts in the House, and Ashe's Austin heads the House committee on Senatorial Districts. Senator Gregg Cherry of Gaston heads the Congressional Districts committee in the Senate, and Senator Sanders of Alamance, that on Senatorial Districts. So the West will have much to say about those matters.

The other mountaineers with more than one term's service, which carries with it a committee chairmanship, drew the following posts:

Penland of Clay, Enrolled Bills; Rogers of Polk, Conservation and Development; Withrow of Rutherford, Justices of the Peace; Palmer of Haywood, House Expenditures; Rogers of Macon, Insane Asylums.

Fifteen Men From Jackson Volunteer

Fifteen young men from Jackson county, all volunteers, left this morning to begin the year's training in the army, under the selective service act.

For the second time Jackson county has had to draft not one, for the required quota and more volunteered their services. A special bus, made up at Sylva, left at 10 o'clock, with Jackson county's fifteen volunteers aboard. Others will be picked up at different places between here and Fayetteville, until the bus is filled.

The fifteen Jackson volunteers are Dennis Roy Ensley, Lyman Hal Keener, Jesse Franklin Buchanan, Lloyd Painter, Finley Denton, John Herschel Ferguson, Ray William Cunningham, Hubert Thomas Barker, Ralph John Connor, Wiley Roger Sorrell, James Cecil Moss, Henry Mathis, Homer Tinsley Shelton, Verlin Hoyle Owen, Ellis Pressley Galloway.

One volunteer, Wilburn Lemuel Norman, was designated as replacement, should any one of the fifteen be turned down upon a physical examination at Fort Bragg. Mr. Norman is at present suffering with measles.

By Dan Tompkins
Raleigh, Jan. 15—If the bill now pending is enacted, North Carolina will have twelve congressional districts, instead of adopting the policy of electing a Congressman at large, as had been advocated, a few weeks ago by certain elements in the State.

The bill, introduced simultaneously in the House and Senate, by Senator Cherry of Gaston and Representative Jarvis of Buncombe, would carve the new 11th district out of the old 10th and 11th, and create the 12th district composed of the counties of Buncombe, Henderson, Transylvania, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain, Clay, Cherokee, and Graham. This would leave Polk, Rutherford, and McDowell, all east of the Blue Ridge, out of the same district with the group of counties with which they are now associated as the 11th Congressional District. The new 12th district would have an approximate population of 160,000, and would be composed of the counties that lie west of the Blue Ridge. It would be an all mountain counties district, and would be the only congressional district in the State composed entirely of mountain counties.

The 10th district would be composed of Avery, Burke, Catawba, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, and Mitchell counties; while the 11th district would comprise the counties of Cleveland, Gaston, McDowell, Madison, Polk, Rutherford, and Yancey.

The bill has strong support, since its introducers are the chairmen of the committees on Congressional Districts in the House and Senate. It had been rumored around Raleigh that the veteran Pete Murphy, of Rowan, sitting on the side lines for the first time in a generation, because he chose to run for Secretary of State against Thad Eure instead of coming back to the House, was in a receptive mood, hoping that the General Assembly would favor a Congressman at Large and that he would be thus honored. There was considerable sentiment to that effect in the Capital City, since Mr. Murphy is one of the elder Statesmen of North Carolina, who has done yeoman service for the State for half a century of patriotic effort. But the west, by reason of population, is entitled to the new Congressman to represent it and not the entire State. That will probably defeat the plan for a Congressman at Large, though Mr. Murphy is a westerner to the bone.

Another bill, similar to that defeated at practically every session since the census of 1930, is in the hopper, to reapportion the House of Representatives, upon the basis of the present population, as is provided by the clear mandate of the Constitution. For a decade, reapportionment has been fighting talk in the General Assembly; but this time, it looks as if the bill will go through, and the balance of power in the House will be shifted from East to West for the first time in all the long and turbulent history of North Carolina. Back in the early days, the boys down East kept the balance of power in their hands by creating a new county in the East every time it became necessary to carve another out of the great West, which was fast becoming populated by the tides of immigration westward. That accounts for the shoe-string counties down in the frog ponds. Since 1930, the balance of power was kept in the East because the East had the votes in the Assembly, and refused to obey the constitutional mandate. This year, one eastern county will gain a House seat, and if the West will present a solid front, which it never has done, the

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