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College Summer School Plans Released; To Be Popular And Profitable

Dean W. E. Bird has today released plans for the 1941 summer school which indicates one of the most popular and profitable summer quarters in the history of Western Carolina Teachers College.

According to the announcement, the summer school will open June 14 and close July 24. Besides the regular academic courses for the benefit of undergraduates and teachers working for higher certificates and for degrees, the workshop idea, begun last year by the Guidance Clinic, will be continued, besides special work offered in hobby shops and in special tutoring courses.

The workshops and hobby shops will be designed primarily for principals, superintendents, supervisors, class room teachers interested in guidance, audio-visual education, reading, and problems of high school English.

What is a Workshop? It is one of the most vital features of progressive American educational institutions. It has none of the earmarks of the "educational fad," "short cut methods" in learning, or "academic frills." It is not especially concerned with research, with curriculum building, or with improvement in classroom recitation. It is a democratic vitalized, practical way of providing individual freedom and opportunity for men and women, whose past experience in teaching has made them conscious of the problems of their professions, to work with one another toward sound, practical solution of those problems.

Briefly, it resembles a laboratory. It provides complete release from the strictures and limitations of the conventional classroom method and gives opportunity for direct attack of the teacher's problem with every facility placed at his disposal. The teacher is the workman in the "open shop" with all the tools, the materials, and the expert artisans of the shop at his command.

The general plan proposed for the series of workshops at Western Carolina Teachers College for the summer school is to provide three units each in several fields of interest. Each unit of a particular series will require two weeks for completion, providing, wherever desired, a full credit of two semester (or three quarter) hours. The student will not be able to carry more than one workshop course at a time since each course demands a full-time two-weeks period. A student wishing to take only one such unit with other regular academic, or professional courses may do so by special arrangement.

The first of these series of workshops will be in the nature of clinics dealing with the problems of (1) Reading, (2) Vocational Guidance, (3) Audio-Visual Education.

The second series will deal with problems in administration and supervision (1) Problems in County School Administration; (2) Problems in Local School Administration; (3) Problems in Supervision.

The third series will deal with the problems of health, safety, and first aid—(1) Health Education; (2) Safety Education; (3) First Aid.

The fourth series deal with the problems of the English teachers; (1) Problems in Teaching Poetry, (2) Problems in Teaching Composition, (3) Extra-curricular Activities of the English teacher.

The college believes that hobbies for teachers are a vitalized aid, especially for those who would remain young in spirit and attitude. Hobbies should be worthwhile. Consequently, the college has planned to set up a shop for directing students who wish to learn certain new hobbies with which they are already acquainted.

Hobbies in which work will be scheduled include metalcrafts (copper, aluminum and pewter),

County Grand Jury Completes Its Job In Record Time

The Jackson County grand jury finished its job in record time. The body passed more than 100 bills of indictment, visited the county institutions, inspected the county offices, and brought in its report on Tuesday afternoon, after having begun its session shortly before noon on Monday. Judge Alley stated to a representative of this paper that he had never seen a grand jury do its work so well in so short a time and with so little expense to a county.

In its report the jury especially commended the work of Richmond Deltz, who has charge of the janitorial service at the court house and jail; commended all the county offices, and the prison camp, and made certain recommendations.

Mr. Thomas A. Cox was foreman of the jury, and the other members were, Dave Bishop, Lloyd Hooper, Garland Ashe, John Wood R. L. Bryson, T. F. Buchanan, T. N. Massie, Lyndon Cabe, John C. Morris, Frank Green, B. R. Leopard, Lloyd Coggins, Ed Fisher, C. W. Ashe, Lee Cook, W. T. Collins, and Allen Adams.

The report as made to Judge Alley follows:

We have visited the County Home (by committee) and report as follows:

The Building is in good shape, we found the inmates well cared for and plenty of provisions on hands. We recommend that Crestote be used around the base boards of the main building and rooms as a protection against bugs. We found the tools in good condition and the barn well cared for.

We find all the offices in the Court House in excellent shape and the officials courteous and obliging. We visited the Jail and found it to be in as good a shape as possible, finding newly painted rooms as recommended by the last Jury Report and sufficient heating at time of visit.

We have found the janitorship of the Court House and Jail efficient and commend him for his care of the same.

We found that the recommendation of the last Grand Jury in regard to the lighting system in the office of the Register of Deeds and Clerk of the Court had been carried out and that these offices were well lighted by the same.

We have visited the prison camp, at Whittier, and found the same in perfect condition. Sanitary conditions are excellent.

JUDGE FELIX E. ALLEY TO SPEAK IN WEBSTER

Judge Felix E. Alley will deliver his famous speech: "Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Son of Man," at the Webster Baptist Church, at 2:30 Sunday afternoon. The public is invited to the service.

basketry and chair bottoming, leathercraft, woodcarving, collecting of flowering plants, collecting or minerals, pottery and outdoor sketching. More may be arranged if no special obstacles are in the way and if there are available sponsors.

All hobbies will carry two semester (three quarter) hours' credit. Each will be scheduled under the supervision of one person, and sponsored by a competent instructor. Work will be largely independent and individual. Certain hobbies will consist of collecting and classifying things; others of creating or making things. All hobby courses will run throughout the six weeks. A shorter period of time may be allowed upon special approval of the director followed by a satisfactory piece of work.

College To Include Public School Music In New Curriculum

The Curriculum Committee of W. C. T. C. recently voted to include public school music in its curricular set-up as one of the majors and minors toward a degree.

This major or minor will be included in the curriculum in the 1941-42 catalogue. It requires a minimum of fifty-four quarter hours for a major and forty-five quarter hours for a minor.

The courses outlined will be: first year, nine hours of music theory; second year, fifteen hours of music theory and about twenty other one hour courses such as chorus, glee club, band, orchestra, and instruments.

Practice teaching will be required of all students majoring or minoring in music. This will be done in the training school under the supervision of the music teachers of the college. Those taking the work will be given a certificate for teaching music in the elementary grades and in high school.

At the present the prospects are large for next year. It is believed that even by the spring quarter this year students may be allowed to begin work on their degree.

W. C. T. C. has a splendid staff of teachers who can handle this work with excellent results. Those in the music department are Mrs. Charles Guiley, voice; Mr. George Tracy, piano and band; Mrs. Virginia Gustafson Fisher, orchestra and violin.

BOY SCOUTS START ANNUAL ENROLLMENT OF ADULT MEMBERS

The tenth annual enrollment of Adult Members of the Boy Scouts throughout Western North Carolina started Monday, February 17 and is continuing through Saturday the 22nd. Fred M. Waters of Hendersonville is chairman of the council wide committee which is composed of E. A. Smyth III, of Hendersonville, J. H. Woody of Waynesville, Harry W. Love and R. F. Moody of Asheville, and B. C. Burgess of Spruce Pine.

J. S. Conley of Franklin will direct the enrollment in Macon, Swain and Jackson counties, which is the Smoky Mountains district of the Daniel Boone Council. He will be assisted by John Orr of Bryson City, W. E. Ensor of Cherokee, E. J. Duckett of Sylva, Will Hays of Highlands, and Dean W. E. Bird of Cullowhee.

The Adult Memberships together with the allotment from the Asheville Community Chest furnishes the funds through which Scouting is supervised and promoted in the fourteen counties of Avery, Yancey, Mitchell, Madison, Buncombe, Henderson, Transylvania, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain, Clay, Cherokee and Graham. The budget for this year is \$12,471.06.

The officers of the council have made plans for an expansion of Scout Activities during 1941 which will result in the organization of more Scout units and give more boys an opportunity to take part in the Scouting program. Transylvania and Madison counties are organizing district committees, which means that now all the counties in the council area have district organizations. To take care of the enlargement in organization and the expected increase in membership and activities the council plans to add a third man to the staff this spring.

Mr. Waters, president of the council, points out that while last year this council had 1953 scouts, there were over 15,000 boys between the ages of 12 and 16 that would have been Scouts if they had had an opportunity.

In addition to the organizing of new units an enlarged program of activities has been planned. One of the chief items is the development of the Boy Scout Reservation, a tract of 635 acres in Haywood, purchased by the council last summer.

Husband, Wife Die Within Three Days In Savannah

W. A. Wilson, 79 year old citizen of Savannah township and his wife, died within three days of each other. Mr. Wilson died on February 3 and Mrs. Wilson three days later, on February 6. The funeral of Mr. Wilson was conducted at Zion Hill Baptist Church, on February 4, by Rev. Ernest Jamison. That of Mrs. Wilson on Feb. 7, Rev. Mr. Jamison and Rev. W. C. Green officiating. They were interred side by side in the church cemetery at Zion Hill.

They are survived by four sons, A. Calvin and Charles Wilson, both of Gay, Leander Wilson, of Minnesota, and John Wilson, of Tennessee, by two daughters, Mrs. Polly Ann Solesbee, of Tennessee, and Mrs. Frank Hyatt of Gay, and by other relatives and many friends.

Rites Are Held For Mrs. Will Ridley

(Mrs. R. O. Higdon)
Funeral rites for Mrs. Minnie Wilson Ridley, who died on Thursday of last week, were held at the Zion Hill Baptist Church on Friday. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Ridley, who was born in 1914, was married in August, 1931, to Will Ridley, by whom she is survived, together with five children, Priscilla, Aquilla, Magaline, Christine, and J. T. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wilson; two sisters, Misses Mary Etta and Ruby Wilson, three brothers, Leo, Charlie R., and Andrew Wilson, and grandfather, Mr. Alfred Johnson, also survive.

Mrs. Ridley was a devoted Christian and will be greatly missed in her community. Her suffering was borne with great patience and fortitude.

Rev. Mr. Sorrell, Rev. Joe Bishop of Macon County, and her pastor, Rev. Ernest Jamison, of Sylva, conducted the funeral services and paid beautiful tributes to her life.

MRS. FISHER TO BE PRESENTED IN SERIES OF RECITALS

Virginia G. Fisher, violinist of our faculty, will be presented in a series of three violin recitals during the week of February 23 to March 2. George Tracy will accompany at the piano.

The first of these recitals will be on Sunday afternoon, February 23, at 3:30 p. m., in the college auditorium. The students, faculty and general public are invited to attend.

Mrs. Fisher's second appearance will be an evening concert at Asheville Teachers College, February 28. From there she and Mr. Tracy will go to Chapel Hill, to play a Sunday afternoon concert in the Graham Memorial Building of the University of North Carolina on March 2. She was engaged early in the fall by the Graham Memorial Concert committee to present one of their bi-monthly concerts featuring various artists of the south.

Mrs. Fisher will play the following program in Cullowhee on February 23:
Sonata in D Major --- Handel
Concerto in A Minor --- Glazounow
La Plus Que Lente --- Debussy
Pavane --- Ravel
American Violin Concerto --- Gusikoff-Machan

MISS CAMP TO ATTEND N. E. A. MEET

Miss Cordellia Camp, head of Grammar grade education in the college, will attend the meeting of the National Educational Association in Atlantic City, February 22 to 27, the only representative from Cullowhee to attend the meeting this year.

PROF. MADISON RECOVERS

Professor R. L. Madison, who has been ill for some time, has returned to the campus at Western Carolina Teachers College.

Railway Express Delivery Service Begun In Sylva

With Alvin Ridley in charge of the service, the Railway Express Agency began delivery of express within the corporate limits of Sylva on February 15.

Mr. H. Gibson, the agent, has been working toward that end for several months, making surveys to show the company the necessity for the service. A call to the express office will bring the truck to pickup any packages to be sent by express from Sylva to any point. Packages received here will be delivered promptly without charge.

Will Henson Dies In Hospital Here

Will Henson, 45 year old War Veteran and citizen of Cullowhee, died at the Community hospital, yesterday afternoon following a three days' illness.

Mr. Henson, a son of the late Sam Henson, and a member of a pioneer family of this county is survived by his widow, two young daughters, Agnes and Jo Anne Henson, by his mother, one brother, Burke Henson, of Washington, six sisters, Mrs. Bob Moore, Mrs. Frank Norton, Mrs. Tom H. Simpson, Mrs. Bob Ward, Mrs. Lawrence Ramsey, and Mrs. Lydia Caldwell, all of Cullowhee, and by a large number of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday morning at 11 o'clock, at the Cullowhee Baptist church, with Rev. Fred Forrester and Rev. P. L. Elliott, officiating. Interment will be in the Cullowhee cemetery.

W.C.T.C. STUDENTS HEARD TODAY ON STATION WNOX

Cullowhee (Special)—Students from the college and training school of Western Carolina Teachers College were heard this afternoon over radio station WNOX, Knoxville, from 2:45 to 3:00 EST, in a broadcast entitled, "An interview with the Past," in which four students talk with Benjamin Franklin about present day problems.

The students taking part in the broadcast were Revis Frye as Benjamin Franklin, Elizabeth Ann Hunter, Jane Elliott, Joe Lance, and Willie Howard as the four student interviewers. Vincent Wright announced the program which was directed by Winnie Murphy Killian.

The program was recorded at the college by Vincent Wright, Hans Hanson and Ray McClung using the recently acquired recording facilities of the guidance clinic of the college.

The committee in charge of these broadcasts is composed of Mrs. Killian, W. E. Bird, John S. Seymour, Mrs. J. W. Fisher, E. H. Stillwell, and Miss Helen Patton.

FOUNDERS' DAY IS OBSERVED BY QUALLA P.-T. A.

The Qualla P.-T. A. met Friday, Feb. 14, at the Qualla school. The program was on Founders' Day. Mrs. Raymond Sutton, District President, of Sylva, gave a most enlightening talk on the "History and Purpose of the P.-T. A." Mrs. Dan Allison of Sylva gave an inspiring talk on Mrs. Burney and Mrs. Hurst, founders of the P.-T. A. and carried out the candle service. Mr. A. C. Moses, superintendent of schools, spoke on "The School the First Line of Defense." Following this, refreshments were served and the meeting adjourned.

SINGING CONVENTION AT WEBSTER MARCH 2

The Jackson County Central Singing Convention will meet at the Webster Baptist Church on the First Sunday in March. Rufus Phillips is president of the convention, and Vernon Hoyle secretary.

Cole To Receive Sentence On Plea Of Involuntary Manslaughter Saturday

Charge Of Murder Against King Is Continued

Other cases in Jackson County Superior Court yesterday are as follows:

The case of Grover King, young Barker's Creek man, charged with the murder of John Harley McDowell, Sylva Negro, on the morning of November 17, was continued because Hon. Dan K. Moore is King's attorney, and he is in Raleigh, representing Jackson County in the General Assembly.

Raymond Mace, whose home was described by officers as the worst small bootlegging joint in this community, was sentenced to serve 12 months on the roads on one count of a bill of indictment, and prayer for judgment was continued on the other counts.

Barney Van Eachern, male shoplifter, who carried off an overcoat and his pockets full of merchandise from a Sylva store, a few weeks ago, was sentenced to 12 months on the roads.

Carson Harper, young Sylva Negro, drew an 18 months sentence for having broken and entered the Sylva Supply Company's Store, on Christmas Day, about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and carried away a sackfull of cigarettes.

Victor Carter, forger of the name of W. E. Grindstaff to a check, which he got a Sylva merchant to cash, was sentenced to 12 months on the forger's charge.

Cecil Buchanan, young man of a good Jackson County family, charged with kidnaping his uncle and forcing him to drive him 16 miles, of robbery with firearms, and assault, entered a plea of guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and Judge Alley sentenced him to serve a term of five years, but placed him on probation, the sentence to go into effect at any time if he shall violate the terms of the probation by breaking any of the laws of the state or drinking intoxicants.

Thomas Tolley, wanted on a charge of breaking and entering and of larceny, was called and failed. Officers stated that he had broken into another store since being released on bond and had fled. An instantanoid and instantan capias were ordered issued.

Joshua Williams, charged with perverting an automobile after his driver's license had been revoked, was allowed to pay a fine and costs; accumulated bad sentences against him, which he will have to serve, if he is not of good behavior, and if he is again found operating a motor vehicle in 12 months.

The school funds of the county were enriched by at least \$1100 in fines imposed upon 22 persons pleading guilty of operating motor vehicles while intoxicated. Each of the following had his driver's license revoked for twelve months, drew a fine of \$50 and the costs, and 90 day road sentence, suspended for three years during good behavior when he pleaded guilty. The 22 were, Mach Adams, Albert Shook, Harry Hamilton, Clarence Painter, R. H. Bales, Harold Lindrums, G. J. Dekker, Artillus Stamey, S. A. Wilson, Fred Moody, Robert M. Cabe, Cameron Coggins, John Potts, Dillard Moore, R. B. Hyatt, Luther Stimson, Curtis Wood, Hal Stevens, Clyde Reed, Glen Clayton and Spurgeon Nicholson.

H. J. Lowe drew a \$50 fine for reckless driving.

The school funds profited to the extent of \$300, a cash bond put up by Paul Ashford and James L. Welch, from over in Tennessee, who were caught in this county by Patrolman Ervin, with approximately 75 gallons of bonded liquor.

Charge Of Murder Against King Is Continued

C. C. Cole, driver of the death car that struck down Garland McMahan, 25-year-old WPA truck driver, while he was walking on the highway near Dillsboro, on the night of December 5, entered a plea of guilty of involuntary manslaughter in Jackson County Superior Court yesterday, and the evidence was heard before Judge Felix E. Alley, who will pass sentence on Cole on Saturday of this week. A young brother of the deceased stated that he and his brother were coming to Sylva to the picture show, walking on the left side of the highway, he on the shoulder and his brother near the edge of the concrete, when the car, coming from toward Dillsboro, swerved to the left of the road, struck his brother down, dragged him some 150 feet, and without checking its speed, proceeded in the direction of Sylva. Within a few minutes, Cole and Clyde Ledford, the other occupant of the car, were arrested by Chief of Police Griffin Middleton and Patrolman O'Kelly, and placed in jail. The officers stated that the two men were intoxicated at the time of the arrest, and Sheriff Holden told the court that Cole was drunk when he talked with him in the jail later in the night. Both men denied any knowledge of the accident; but the next morning Cole sent for the Sheriff and admitted that he had struck something, but didn't know that it was a man. Ledford plead guilty of forcible trespass, and the prayer for judgment was continued in his case. There was no evidence that he had driven the car, and all the evidence on the point was to the effect that Cole was driving when McMahan was killed.

MOBILE RECRUITING UNIT OF ARMY TO BE HERE NEXT WEEK-END

The United States Army Mobile Recruiting Unit will be in Sylva, on February, 28 through March 1, for the purpose of accepting applicants for enlistment in the regular Army.

This unit, accompanied by Sergeant Charles C. Wilson and Sergeant Carl D. Stover, is equipped to carry out the examination and shipment of applicants to enlistment stations. A moving picture, showing life in the Army will be shown on Friday night at a place not yet designated. Free of charge and everyone is invited.

A few choice vacancies exist in the Philippine Islands and a few in Panama and Hawaii, for those who desire foreign service. There are also vacancies in the States for those who do not desire foreign service.

Men who are subject to call under the selective service act will have an excellent opportunity to select their station and branch of service by enlisting for three years.

SYLVA P.-T. A. HEARS MRS. H. T. HUNTER

Mrs. H. T. Hunter, Founders Day Speaker at the Parent Teachers Association meeting in Sylva, Tuesday afternoon, spoke on the "Children in Our Midst." Stressing the importance of child training, Mrs. Hunter declared that citizenship is not an accident; but is the product of sustained care in the home, school and church.

Mrs. Dan Tompkins, in charge of the program, paid tribute to the founders of the association and read a short history of the Parent - Teachers Association movement. She pinned red carnations on Mrs. J. F. Freeze, Mrs. Mary Cowan and Mrs. D. M. Hall, the three past presidents who were present at the meeting.

Fairmont State college, Fairmont, W. Va., has been broadcasting over the Fairmont radio station for nearly 12 years.