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Hoey Address Graduates Before Crowded House Last Tuesday Evening

"In this dark hour in history, go forth to do whatever task your hands may find to do, no matter how humble, with faith in your country, faith in her institutions, faith in the perpetuity of the Republic, and faith in God", Governor Clyde R. Hoey advised that 51 graduates of Sylva High School, before an immense gathering of citizens Tuesday evening. "And remember", said Governor Hoey, "no matter how limited the means possessed by your parents, each of you is a millionaire in the heritage that our ancestors bought and paid for with their toil and blood, and have handed down to you. No people anywhere have had a richer heritage than that which you possess. It is valuable above all computation, more precious to us than life itself." The former Governor advised the young people to remain in North Carolina, for, he said, nowhere will you find greater opportunity to exercise your capacities than in your own State.

Governor Hoey was introduced by Mrs. E. L. McKee, and prior to the exercises at the school was the guest of Mr. McKee at the Sylva Rotary Club luncheon, at Hotel Carolina.

The exercises opened with the graceful and thoughtful salutatory by Miss Margaret Bird. The Sylva High School chorus sang two selections, "Villia" and "By the Bend of the River."

Miss Maxine Reagan delivered a magnificent valedictory address.

The diplomas to the graduates and the certificates to the seventh grade students, were presented by Superintendent A. C. Moses.

Principal Louis Hair presented achievement medals. That for athletics, went to Miss Helen Jones; for athletics, Hadley Kilpatrick; dramatics, Margaret Bird; citizenship, John Hyatt; commercial courses, Maxine Reagan and Ethel Reed; scholarship, Maxine Reagan; Twentieth Century Club medals for essay, Maxine Reagan; short story, Joan Barrett.

Certificates for perfect attendance during graded school years were presented to Bonnie Tolley and Walter Dillard.

The graduates who received diplomas are: Herman Bailey, Sylva; Milas Crawford, Sylva, R 1; John Robert Mills, Sylva, R 1; Roy Ensley, Sylva, R 1; Weston Ensley, Sylva, R 1; Hubert Ferguson, Whittier; Robert Ferguson, Whittier; Homer Franklin, Sylva; David Howell, Whittier; Fred Holcombe, Whittier, R 2; John Hyatt, Jr., Whittier; Coleman Jones, Sylva; Hadley Kilpatrick, Sylva; Rex Muse, Sylva; Wade Messer, Sylva, R 1; Jack McClure, Sylva, R 1; Troy Martin, Dillsboro; Sam Pruett, Dillsboro; Walter Warren, Jr., Sylva; Kenneth Ward, Whittier, R 2; Annis Robinson, Sylva, R 1; Dora Beasley, Sylva; Margaret Bird, Sylva; Kathryn Cogdill, Balsam; Ozell Crispe, Sylva, R 1; Dorothy Dalton, Sylva; Gypsy Dietz, Dillsboro; Ruth Dietz, Sylva; Irene Dillard, Sylva; Lucille Ensley, Sylva, R 1; Mamie Ensley, Sylva; Mildred Ensley, Sylva, R 1; Ruth Freeman, Whittier; Birdie Galloway, Whittier; Nannie Sue Hedden, Sylva; Inez Howell, Whittier; Helen Jones, Sylva, R 1; Mary Katherine Monteith, Sylva; Mary Moon, Sylva; Bertie Moore, Sylva; Kathleen McGinnis, Sylva; Elizabeth Osborne, Dillsboro; Maxine Reagan, Whittier; Christine Ridley, Sylva; Pearl Sherrill, Whittier; Betty Stafford, Sylva; Mildred Watson, Dillsboro; Agnes Wilson, Sylva.

The exercises began with the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. George B. Clemmer, at two o'clock Sunday afternoon.

On Monday night the commencement play, "The Little

U. S. Supervisor Of Indian Affairs Speaks Here

Samuel Thompson, supervisor of Indian education in the United States, who is visiting at the Cherokee reservation, and former Governor Clyde R. Hoey were among the guests at the Sylva Rotary club which met Tuesday night at the Carolina Hotel.

Mr. Hoey spoke briefly after being introduced by E. L. McKee, but in order to be at the high school in time to address the senior class at the graduating exercises, he was forced to leave prior to the program.

Mr. Thompson was the speaker of the evening. A man of wide experience and great knowledge, Mr. Thompson brought out several interesting facts in connection with the war in Europe. He compared Hitler's campaigns with those of Alexander the Great and showed where in many ways they are similar.

"Hitler and his forces must and will be defeated," he said, "but obviously either he or some of his generals are good students of history."

Mr. Thompson was of the opinion that in spite of the dark days through which we are now passing, eventually right will triumph and our nation will be greater than ever. He stated that whether we liked to believe it or not, it is a fact that from the dawn of history, the world has moved forward on wars, and this is just another one.

Other guests besides Messrs. Hoey and Thompson were the Rev. T. F. Deitz, of Beta, A. C. Moses, superintendent of Jackson county schools, and Dan Tompkins, editor of the Jackson County Journal.

CITY OFFICERS ARE INSTALLED MONDAY

The board of aldermen for the town of Sylva, were installed at the city hall, Monday evening, and proceeded to organize by electing W. J. Fisher, Jr., as chairman of the board. Charles M. Reed was reelected town clerk; Griffin Middleton, chief of police, and John O'Kelly, patrolman.

The street committee is composed to W. T. Wise, W. J. Fisher, and Walter L. Jones. W. E. Grindstaff, W. T. Wise and S. A. Carden compose the water committee.

The committees were appointed by Mayor Herbert Gibson, immediately after he was installed for this third term as mayor.

Annual Bible School To Begin On Monday

The annual vacation Bible School at Sylva Methodist church will begin Monday morning at 9:30, with Mrs. D. M. Hall director. The teachers are Miss Mary McLain, intermediate; Mrs. A. P. Ratledge, juniors; Mrs. Phil Stovall and Mrs. Harry Lawrence, primary; and Mrs. Dan K. Moore, Mrs. Paul Ellis, Mrs. Robert Fisher, and others.

The school is for children from four years of age through the intermediate department. The sessions of the school will be two hours in length for five days each during the next two weeks.

"Clodhopper", was presented before a large audience. The play was directed by Mrs. Chester Scott and the principal characters were John Robert Dills, Geneva Frady, Maxine Reagan, David Thomas, Hilliard Revis, Dorothy Mae Ledford, with Kate Harris playing the lead as, "The Little Clodhopper."

The class day exercises were held Tuesday afternoon.

Last Rites Are Held For Mrs. Ensley At Beta Church

Funeral services for Mrs. Coleman Ensley, will be held at Scott's Creek church, today at 2:30. Rev. Thad F. Dietz and Rev. L. W. Crawford will conduct the obsequies. Mrs. Ensley died at her home early yesterday morning, following a long illness. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett Henson, and was a member of one of the county's oldest families.

Mrs. Ensley is survived by her husband, two sons, Bedford and Humphrey Ensley, four daughters, Mrs. Carl Campbell, of Canton, Mrs. Albert Anderson, Mrs. C. A. Crawford and Mrs. T. C. Bryson, Jr., by one sister, Mrs. Sallie Phillips, and by a number of grandchildren and other relatives.

QUALLA

(By Mrs. J. K. Terrell)

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Cade died last week. She was buried Thursday at the Sherrill Cemetery, Olivet.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Troy Gunter, a daughter, Effie, on May 18.

Rev. W. E. Andrews preached at the Methodist church Sunday morning. His subject was "Belonging." He was accompanied by Mrs. Andrews.

Several Qualla folks attended the commencement exercises at Sylva High School. They are gratified at the honors conferred on the Qualla graduates, as reported in last week's Journal.

Mrs. Paul Ferguson attended the District Conference at Haystack on May 13.

Miss Gertrude Ferguson spent the week end with relatives in Canton.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hoyle, Mrs. Thad Beck and daughter, Barbara, made a trip to Cleveland, Tennessee Sunday, returning Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hughes called at Mr. J. K. Terrell's Sunday.

Plans Are Laid For Red Cross Sewing For British Relief

A number of Sylva women met in the Home Ec Room of the Sylva High school, Wednesday afternoon, and made plans for sewing for the Red Cross for garments for Britain and her allies.

Mrs. E. L. McKee presided at the meeting, and it was decided that the sewing room will be open each Tuesday, at ten o'clock in the morning. Miss Louise Henson, home economics teacher will have charge of the sewing, Mrs. T. N. Massie bandage making, and Mrs. Walter Jones, of the knitting.

All materials will be furnished by the American Red Cross. The garments will be cut at the sewing room, and the sewing and knitting can be done either at the school building or at home, as the individual women find most convenient.

Mrs. Harry Hastings is general chairman for Red Cross production for the county.

Cogdill Moving To New Building Today

The Cogdill Motor Company, local Dodge and Plymouth dealers, is moving to its new quarters in the building, just completed at the eastern intersection of Mill and Main Streets.

The building, which is two stories of brick, adjoins the Standard Filling Station, which is also owned and operated by the Cogdill Motor Company. It has offices, store rooms, display rooms, parts rooms, and garage and repairs rooms.

Charles M. Reed III

Charles M. Reed, town clerk of Sylva, and one of the town's best known citizens, went to an Atlanta hospital for diagnosis and treatment, last night. He became ill at the town hall Tuesday afternoon, and was taken to his home. Mrs. Reed and Alderman Walter L. Jones accompanied him to Atlanta.

WCTC Band Making Contribution To College, Community

The band at Western Carolina Teachers College, under the direction of Mr. George Tracy, has been making a contribution to college and community life in Cullowhee, Sylva, and the county.

For many years the county has had no band, neither has the college, and on many occasions when a band would have added much to the pleasure of the people, one has either had to be imported, or none was used.

The need of a band at Western Carolina has been apparent for a long time, and with a competent leader and director like Mr. Tracy, the work has been making rapid progress.

No longer can Western Carolina be called one of the few colleges without a band.

COLEMAN LUCK WILL CONDUCT SERVICES

Mr. Coleman Luck will bring the message and conduct the service at the Methodist church Sunday night next, the service starting at 8 P. M.

Mr. Luck is an advanced student at the Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas, and will be engaged during the summer vacation in evangelistic work among the young people in Texas. He will arrive today for a short vacation with relatives in Sylva.

MRS. PADGETT IS NEW COUNTY NURSE

Mrs. Earl Padgett will succeed Mrs. Wesley Vrabel as county nurse, on June 1, it was learned today. Mrs. Vrabel has been transferred to Haywood county, where her husband practices law, having an office in Canton.

Mrs. Padgett, a native of Jackson county, is a daughter of J. C. Hayes of Qualla, and is a graduate nurse with a great deal of experience in the work. She and her husband live in Sylva.

Cast And Production Staff Western Carolina Players



This group is giving a production of "You Can't Take It With You" at Cullowhee tonight, and at Rabun Gap College, Rabun Gap, Ga., Saturday night. This play won the Pulitzer Prize in 1937 and is the third Pulitzer Prize play the Western Carolina Players have produced.

Two Objectives In Battle Of Crete Keep World On The Alert

Two objectives that may seriously affect the outcome of the great war, loom large in the thinking of the world as it watches the mighty conflict being waged for the Greek island of Crete, in the Mediterranean. First and foremost, Crete is the outer defense of the vital Suez canal. If the German invasion of the island dislodges the British and Greeks, a most serious menace to Suez and all of the Mediterranean area will have

been created, and the task of the British Empire in defeating the Germans will have been greatly increased. Also, it is believed that the landing of thousands of troops in parachutes and motorless gliders, is a practice maneuver for the contemplated invasion of Great Britain itself. The island of Crete, located as it is off the German-occupied Greek mainland, is ideal for trying out the new kind of invasion across the narrow seas.

The attack began when a number of German troops, unlawfully clad in the uniform of New Zealand soldiers, began to silently descend upon Crete from the skies. For three days now the battle has been gaining in intensity. Thousands of Ger-

mans have been shot down, other thousands killed after they landed, and many more thousands sunk into the seas when the British navy attacked their convoys, attempting to land them from ships to reinforce the glider and parachute troops.

Each day the battle has gained in intensity, and the Germans, following their well-known tactics of mass attack, with utter disregard for the loss of their soldier's lives, continue to pour men into and against Crete. The attack is but a new form of the mass attack of world war days, described to this writer, back in 1918, by a British soldier, who said, "They were coming over like the waves of the ocean. You'd think the dead

had come to life. We killed them by the thousands, and still they came, wave on wave." The only difference between then and now is that they are coming from the skies and by ships, rafts, small boats; and as the first come and are killed, the mass attack from sea, sky and air continues to intensify.

If the tactics prove effective in Crete, the belief of the German command that Britain can be invaded in that manner will have been proved to their satisfaction and we may expect to see it tried out against the "right little, tight little island."

In the meantime, the entire French Empire seems to be thrown into the scale against Britain. At least the puppet gov-

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Building New Entrance To Sylva Being Held Up Pending Its Relocation

Threshers Should Get License From Register Of Deeds

Raleigh—North Carolina has more than 70,000 farms growing wheat to be threshed. This information was secured from operators of threshing and combine machines, who are required by law to report all acres and bushels threshed. These records have been of great value to the State in that only through this means could the Crop Reporting Service convince the government that North Carolina made good yields of grain.

In addition, the Department of Agriculture thresher records provide acceptable evidence for farm allotments, comparing very favorably with the Farm Census records reported to tax listers. When such records are not secured, much valuable evidence is missing. In order to secure good records, we must have the cooperation of growers, threshermen, and county Register of Deeds. Since farmers are entitled to this advantage and as the law requires it, all should take active steps to insure maximum reports being obtained.

This year's prospective operators should get permits from their Register of Deeds immediately, for only a nominal fee is made for threshing license. While private operators must have licenses, no fee is charged. Farmers should also insist on such records being kept and reported as required by the State law.

A large number of Transylvania County farmers are realizing the value of potash particularly on the black bottom soils of the county.

The construction of the new entrance to Sylva over Highway 23 and 19 from the east, is being held up by Commissioner Percy B. Ferree, pending a survey to test the feasibility of a relocation.

The present plans, and the ones upon which it was believed that the new road would be immediately constructed, call for leaving the present highway at a point opposite Brookside Court and coming into Highway 107 near the store building of John B. Ensley. However, Mr. Ferree, after hearing objections from property owners along the present highway, has ordered a new survey, and is attempting to work out a plan for leaving the present highway a short distance nearer town, and then following the same route, coming into 107 at the same points as was originally planned.

Mr. Ferree has taken this aspect of the matter up with city and Chamber of Commerce officials, and there has been no objection raised, provided the change is feasible from an engineering standpoint. However, the city and chamber officials have urged that the construction get under way at the earliest possible moment.

Fight Inside Party In State Looms Over Committee Post

An internal fight among democrats of North Carolina is growing more intense over the post of National Committeeman. R. J. Reynolds, Jr., of Winston-Salem was offered as a candidate for the service post, shortly after the recent death of A. L. Folger. The party leaders who were opposed to the idea advanced former Governor Clyde R. Hoey, and the fight was on.

Lon Folger, National Committeeman and Congressman, died after an automobile accident, as he was on his way to Person county to make a commencement address, and Dick Reynolds cast covetous eyes upon the Committeeman position. Reynolds, a member of one of North Carolina's wealthiest families, has not long been active in politics. He jumped into prominence when he made a large loan of money to the Democratic National Committee a short time before the last election, thus filing a financial need in the Roosevelt camp.

One Dr. Ralph McDonald, erstwhile candidate for governor and leader of a most liberal group, is said to be most active in promoting Dick Reynolds. That is strange coming from the McDonald, who a few years ago was rather mouthy against the corporations. Since then, the Hoey administration got Dr. Ralph placed as associate director of extension at the University of North Carolina. Operating from that base, Dr. Ralph has been extending his political machinations rather rapidly. Just where he stands in the present administration is a problematical matter. It was said back in last year, that there were some political debts to McDonald piling up. But now McDonald and the administration appear to be working at cross purposes in the National Committeeman fight. At any rate, wherever and whenever politics is mentioned in North Carolina, the name, if not the person of Dr. Ralph is sure to come up.

It is generally agreed that the eleventh Congressional District is voting almost solidly for Hoey and against unnatural Reynolds-McDonald combination.