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Western Carolina Will Celebrate Homecoming Day On Next Saturday

The annual homecoming at Western Carolina Teachers College will get under way at ten o'clock Saturday morning, marking the fifty-second year of the foundation of the institution by Prof. Robert L. Madison and a group of citizens of Cullowhee.

Featuring the celebration will be the presentation to the college of the portraits of the three presidents of the school at 11:30 A. M. by the various class officers, and their acceptance by D. Hiden Ramsey, chairman of the board of trustees. Following that Mr. Ramsey will conduct the ceremony honoring Prof. Madison, Dr. Frank P. Graham, Mrs. E. L. McKee, and Governor Hoey, the four people for whom the college has named its new buildings.

Lunch will be served free to the alumni and guests of the college at one o'clock in the college dining hall.

At three o'clock the Homecoming football game will begin on Hunter Field between Western Carolina and High Point College.

Jonathan Woody, president of the alumni association, will preside at the annual banquet at 6:30 at which time Mrs. E. L. McKee will be the principal speaker. Mrs. Gullley and Mrs. Fisher are in charge of the special music for the occasion. The day will close with the alumni dance in the Breese gymnasium.

Those who have watched the growth of the college under the present administration know that its expansion in every direction has been little short of phenomenal. The school has increased in value since he became president from a plant valued at \$200,000 to one worth approximately 1,500,000 dollars. The enrolled college students have increased from less than 50 in the fall of 1938 to approximately 500 during the last year. The graduates have grown from eight in the normal class of August, 1924, to the degree class of 1944 in 1940. Furthermore, the personnel of the faculty has grown during this time from a membership of twelve to 41 teachers. The present administration has also witnessed the standardization of the college, its acceptance by the North Carolina College conference, and its admittance to the American Association of Teachers' Colleges. At present it is being considered for admittance to the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities.

Western Carolina Teachers College is rapidly and definitely assuming a commanding place in the educational leadership of Western North Carolina!

When the orchestra plays "Home Sweet Home" at midnight as the finale of the day's colorful program, the fifty-second homecoming celebration at Western Carolina Teachers College will come to a close.

Chapman Speaker At Annual Dental Meeting

Dr. W. Kermit Chapman, of Sylva, president of the First District Dental Society of North Carolina, presided at the twenty-first meeting in Waynesville, Monday and Tuesday, and delivered the annual address, on Monday.

The meetings were held at Hotel Gordon.

Oyster Supper

The Qualla P. T. A. sponsored an oyster supper on Saturday night, October 18, in connection with an operetta, "The Madcap", given by the school. The proceeds from the supper will be used for the purchase of books.

GEORGE BRYSON INTERRED HERE LAST TUESDAY

George W. Bryson, native of Sylva, and a member of one of Sylva's first families, died at his home in Biltmore, Sunday night, following a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Bryson, who was 60 years of age, had been in ill health for several months. He was a son of the late Capt. A. W. Bryson, one of the earliest residents of Sylva, and grew to young manhood here. He later engaged in business at Canton, at Sunburst, in Tennessee, and last in Biltmore.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Maude Davis Bryson, formerly of Bryson City; four daughters, Mrs. Hubert Teal, Raleigh, Mrs. Dan Luther and Misses Gertrude and Joyce Bryson, of Asheville; four sons, Robert A. Bryson, Raleigh, George W. Bryson, Jr., Fort McPherson, Bill Bryson, Knoxville, and Charles Bryson, Asheville; one granddaughter, Martha Teal, Raleigh; one sister, Mrs. Carrie McKee, of Brevard, and one brother, R. Edward Bryson, Asheville.

Mr. Bryson was a Mason and a member of the Methodist church, in Sweetwater, Tennessee. Funeral services were conducted at Berrynan Funeral Home chapel, in Asheville, Tuesday morning, by Rev. F. O. Dryman, and interment was in the Keener cemetery in Sylva, Tuesday afternoon.

LETTER FROM JOHNNY PARRIS IN LONDON

The following excerpts from an interesting letter written by Johnny Parris, overnight editor for the United Press, in London, to his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Parris:

"I hope that you are well and happy. Had a letter from Jean this last week with some pictures that she took while down there with you all. They are very good. I certainly would love to be there. Those mountains look wonderful.

Here it is so early in the morning and in just another hour I will be off work and will be on my way home to get some sleep. I rather like this new shift which is from midnight until 8:00 A. M. I was made overnight editor several weeks ago and New York office is rather pleased with the job I am doing. I have had quite a number of congratulatory cables from them saying that my dispatches were well and were getting good play throughout the country.

Yesterday, we had our regular Sunday baseball game—or soft ball, I should say, at Regent Park. The American Newspaper Correspondents played members of the U. S. Army and Marines from the embassy here. Yesterday's game was the best we have had. The British Broadcasting Company came out to do a broadcast of it. We went into the ninth inning trailing by four runs. It looked like we were beat. Walter Kerr of the New York Herald Tribune came up and hit a home run. That put us just three runs behind. Then Charlie Collingwood of Columbia Broadcasting Company got a hit. Bill Giblin of the American Red Cross and Bill Downs of United Press struck out. That made two outs and us still three runs behind. Bob Lewis, of the American Red Cross, playing second base for us, got a hit and drove Collingwood in. Bill White of the Herald Tribune got a single. That put the tying run on base and I came up to bat. The first ball came over just a wee bit high on the outside and I stepped into it, really got hold of it and slammed it over the right fielders' head for a home run and the old ball game

AS WORLD EVENTS UNFOLD

By DAN TOMPKINS

AN AMERICAN naval ship is torpedoed with the loss of eleven lives. An American freighter flying the flag of the United States, is sent to the bottom of the South Atlantic. Another American-owned merchantman, flying the flag of our sister Republic of Panama, it attacked and sunk. "Piracy," says Secretary Hull. "Piracy," says President Roosevelt. "Millions of Republicans are determined that the ugly smear of extreme isolationism be wiped from the face of their party," says Wendell Willkie. And the number of isolationists in and out of Congress grows smaller day by day. Millions of people are re-learning the fundamental principles of international law and decency, of foreign policy, upon which our country based itself from the beginning. Millions of people are learning the fallacy of the doctrine with which we were continuously inoculated, and which kept us out of the League of Nations, the doctrine that men and nations can live unto themselves alone.

JAPANESE newspapers, by front page editorials, and otherwise, are trying to work the Japanese people into a lather, with stories of encirclement of the empire by Russia, England and America. That followed a great exodus of German tourists and diplomats into Tokyo, and the successes of German arms in Russia. Add it all up, and it is easy to see that Germany is trying mightily to force the issue between America and Japan in the Pacific area. But, the conservatives in Japan are still fearful of the results. The Japanese papers fail to tell their readers that if there is an encirclement of Japan, it was brought about by war-like attitudes, and aggressive campaigns of the Japs against their neighbors and our friends. America would like nothing better in the Pacific than to have peace in the Orient, with free trade for all nations and friendly intercourse between us and the Nipponese. But, Japan, an Axis partner, and the beginner of the present age of aggression, would have none of it.

MOSCOW still holds out, with the Germans some sixty miles away from the great city; and the Russian stand is believed to be holding the German onslaught back from the city, and the snows have come again as the great and ancient ally of Russia. It is probable that Moscow will hold out until spring. But, the German successes further south are a cause of worry and alarm. As town after town and city after city falls, the Germans are drawing closer to the Caucasus with its vast stores of oil.

GERMAN troops and supplies have crossed the Mediterranean to Africa, and it is believed that an assault upon Tobruk is in the offing, which if successful would give the Germans an Atlantic base, only 1,800 miles from the American continent.

MOSES MADE OFFICER IN SCHOOL GROUP

Adam C. Moses, superintendent of Jackson county schools, was named as vice-president of the western district North Carolina State School Board Association, at a meeting of the association in Asheville, Monday night. Jack Messer, of Haywood, was elected president of the group.

crowd went wild and I was proclaimed the hero of the day. I was then called to the BBC microphone to say a few words since I am also captain of the Correspondents team. It was some fun. I got four hits out of five times up yesterday and have been hitting for that average in all the games we have thus far played. We are due to play the Embassy team again

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P. T. A. HEARS MRS. LUTHER IN TIMELY TALK

An inspiring address by Mrs. Allen Luther, of Asheville, State Chairman of Education for Home and Family Life, was the principal feature of the meeting of the Sylva Parent-Teacher Association, Tuesday night. Mrs. Edgar Duckett, president of the local association, presided at the meeting, which was held in the evening, in order to encourage the presence of as many of the fathers of school children as possible.

Rev. G. C. Teague led a devotional, reading the passage of Scripture in which Jesus is described as "growing in stature and in favor with God and man", and using it as a basis for discussion of the normal growth of a child, physically, mentally, and spiritually.

A report of the district meeting at Canton was made by Miss Annie Louise Madison. Miss Joan Barrett favored the group with a piano solo, "Amaryllis". Announcement was made of a meeting of P. T. A. workers of this county, to be held at the Sylva school on November 7, and those attending the meeting were invited to have dinner at the school cafeteria.

When the attendance count was made, Miss Belzora Holden's primary grade, Mrs. Freeze's elementary grade, and Mrs. Claude Campbell's high school room were found to be the attendance winners.

Mrs. Dan M. Allison, chairman of the hospitality committee invited all those present to go to the home economics room for refreshments, where coffee and sandwiches were served.

ARMISTICE DAY CELEBRATION IS BEING PLANNED

William E. Dillard Post, American Legion, the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, and other organizations are planning a celebration of Armistice Day in Sylva.

The tentative plans include a parade, of veterans, National Guardsmen and others, the decoration of all the stores and the streets with bunting and American flags, patriotic addresses, a dinner for former service men and women, and the widows of veterans, and a football game at night on the high school gridiron.

Ed Bryson, commander of the Legion post, and John R. Jones, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, together with committees that have been or are to be appointed, will work out the details.

The Town of Sylva, through Mayor Gibson, has expressed a desire to make the day as enjoyable as is possible, and the town will co-operate with the Legion and the Chamber of Commerce in the effort.

STUDENTS WANT NEW FOOTBALL STADIUM

There is a movement on foot among the boys and girls of Sylva High School to secure a football stadium for the institution. There has been a great deal of interest in the sport here in recent years, and the crowds attending the games is increasing rapidly.

The boys and girls point out that a stadium would further stimulate interest in the sport and in the school not only among the younger people of the community, but also with the older ones.

Texas Magnesium Plant Calls For Raw Material From Olivine Deposits

W. N. C. METHODISTS HOLD CONFERENCE IN WINSTON - SALEM

The Methodist preachers of Western North Carolina, their wives, and a large number of lay delegates from this part of the State, are meeting this week in Winston-Salem, for the annual Western North Carolina Conference.

Rev. and Mrs. A. P. Ratledge left Monday morning. Rev. and Mrs. Walter Lee Lanier left on Monday also, while Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Gentry left Webster on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Ratledge has completed four years at Sylva, and if the usual custom is followed, he will be sent to another charge this year, and another minister designated for Sylva. It is believed that Mr. Lanier will return to Cullowhee. Mr. Gentry, although he has been at Webster but one year, expects to be sent elsewhere, as he has so requested, due to the health of his young daughter, which he believes will be improved by a lower climate.

MISS COLLINS TAKEN BY DEATH AT CLYDE

Miss Nell Collins, 64 died at her home in Clyde, Monday of a heart attack. Miss Collins was the daughter of the late Joseph A. Collins, and Mrs. Collins, who moved from Webster to Clyde years ago. Mr. E. L. McKee, of Sylva, is her Uncle, and Mrs. Hannah Hall, of Cullowhee, her aunt. Funeral services were conducted at Clyde, Tuesday afternoon.

CANTON MEETS SYLVA HERE FRIDAY NIGHT

A real high school football game will be staged on the local gridiron, when Sylva High meets Canton, Friday night.

A feature of the game will be the arrival in Sylva of the Canton High School band, of 60 pieces, which is coming under the sponsorship of the Lion's Club of Sylva. The band and players will arrive about 6 o'clock and will go to the Community House, where the Sylva P. T. A. will serve sandwiches and drinks to the young visitors from Canton.

BOY IS WOUNDED WHEN MISTAKEN FOR GROUNDHOG

Gerald Cowan was shot and severely wounded about five o'clock Saturday afternoon, when he was accidentally shot by John Wesley Buchanan. Mr. Buchanan stated that he mistook the boy for a groundhog, when he saw him moving through the weeds. The young man is the 14 year old son of Mrs. Oliver Cowan, and the accident occurred when Mr. Buchanan was hunting near the Cowan home, on the East Fork of Savannah creek.

Mr. Buchanan brought the boy to Sylva where he was treated at the office of a local physician, and then taken to a Franklin hospital. About fifteen shot gun shot took affect in the boy's abdomen.

MUTTON

Raymond Garris of Rt. 1, Deep Run, Lenoir County, has mutton for the larder, wool for the market. He recently bought eight grade ewes and a purebred Hampshire ram.

(By Dan Tompkins)
A plant for the production of magnesium, recently authorized by the Office of Production Management and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, to be erected in Austin, Texas, has already called upon producers here to furnish raw materials from North Carolina olivine, it has been revealed. It was tactically admitted that the supply of raw materials in Texas is inadequate for the operation of the twelve million dollar plant, and the operators turned to North Carolina olivine as a source to supply the two-thirds additional raw material for that plant.

It has also been revealed that another plant, already authorized, has made the same request for raw material from North Carolina olivine. The trouble is that the freight to these plants would be more than the value of the raw material; and, as the Governor of North Carolina stated to a group recently, North Carolina has been feeding the cow too long already, and somebody else milking her. We want to milk this cow in North Carolina.

Not a single defense industry of any appreciable size has been located in Western North Carolina. We are confident that in the instance of olivine for the production of magnesium, we have everything that the government could wish. We have unlimited supplies of olivine. We have sulphate deposits of known extent from which we can produce all the sulphuric acid necessary for producing the magnesium sulphate from the olivine. Our materials are available. They are in close proximity to the railways. They are located along excellent roads. We have the water power necessary for all the electric energy that would be needed. We are close to the great manufacturing centers. And, we are confident that we have the process already developed for the production of metallic magnesium from olivine.

But one thing is now needed, it is pointed out here, and that is an investigation by competent authority of the processes, which we confidently believe would lead to approval of the entire project.

Mr. Arthur H. Bunker, Chief of Aluminum and Magnesium Branch, Office of Production Management, in a letter to Senator Bailey, states: "We have given considerable attention and thought to the possibilities latent in the olivine deposits of North Carolina in the manufacture of magnesium. I can assure you that the difficulties in this regard are by no means confined to the availability of power but stem in the conversion of magnesium silicate into the chlorine on a large and continuous scale."

Mr. Julius H. Gillis, at the pilot plant of the Olivine Products Corporation at Webster, has already done what the authorities said was impossible, and is daily producing magnesium sulphate from olivine ores on a commercial basis, by treating the olivine with sulphuric acid. He has repeatedly asked the Office of Production Management to send experts to Webster for a demonstration of his further process of converting magnesium sulphate into magnesium chloride. Mr. Bunker, it was remarked here today, may have given considerable thought to the possibilities. In fact it is a safe bet that he has done so; but it is pointed out that so far he has not gone sufficiently into the exploration of the possibilities to send experts to Webster to see with their own eyes that it can be done.

In the meantime organizations and individuals in Sylva are continuing to press for a

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