

The Jackson County Journal

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SYLVA, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1942

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Services For Holy Week And Easter Planned In Churches of Community

Plans have been made for impressive services in the churches of Sylva on Sunday. Beginning at seven o'clock in the Keener cemetery will be a sunrise service in which all the churches will participate. Rev. MacMurray Ritchie, pastor of the Cullowhee Methodist church, will speak. Rev. G. C. Teague, pastor of the Sylva Baptist church, will read the story of the Resurrection, and prayer will be offered by Rev. R. G. Tuttle, pastor of the Sylva Methodist church. The combined choirs of the Sylva churches will sing the Easter music, and the band from Western Carolina Teachers College will furnish the instrumental music. In the event of rain, the service will be held in the Methodist church. There will be special Easter services at 11 o'clock in both the Baptist and Methodist churches.

At five thirty in the afternoon the Sylva Choral Club will sing an Easter cantata, to which the public is invited. The club has been working on this cantata for several weeks, under direction of Mrs. Charles Gulley, of the music department at Western Carolina Teachers College.

During the week there have been a series of services especially for the young people at the Methodist church. On Monday night at a supper service, there was a general discussion of Christian subjects led by Rev. R. G. Tuttle, and on Tuesday night Mr. Tuttle answered questions asked by the young folks. The two circles of the Woman's Society of Christian Service served the meals on these nights. On Wednesday night there was a candle-lighting and consecration service, and tonight the Lord's Supper will be observed the young people taking the communion together.

A group of young people will be admitted to the Methodist church Sunday morning.

General Lauds War Service Of Buchanan

Brigadier General George L. VanDeusen, in a letter to the editor of The Journal, gave high tribute to the war record of M. Buchanan, Jr., whose funeral was held here last week.

General VanDeusen was the commanding officer of the 105th Field Signal Battalion, of which Marcellus Buchanan was supply sergeant, during the First World War.

General VanDeusen is now in command of the signal corps school, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. His letter follows:

"Headquarters, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, Office of Commanding General.

March 30, 1942
Dear Dan: I was in Washington, D. C. for several days last week and on my return found your telegram informing me of Marcellus Buchanan's death. I am indeed sorry to learn of Buck's passing. His loyal and able service during the last war deserved a better reward than he received on this earth. It is sad to see so many of our old comrades leaving us and a new generation becoming 'veterans' in their place.

Please convey my deepest sympathy to Buck's family and my regret that I was unable to attend the funeral.

I trust that Mrs. Tompkins and you are well and happy. We are all busy turning over signal men. There are over 13,000 at this post now, but we can't turn 'em out fast enough to meet the demand."

Sincerely yours,
G. L. VanDeusen,
Brig. Gen. U. S. Army."

Keep 'em Flying—Buy Defense Bonds and Stamps.

Mrs. Dillard Has Position At Army Post

Mrs. Helen Dillard, who has been in charge of the Jackson County Recreation Center for the past several years, has been placed in charge of Soldier Activities at Camp Sumpter, Monroe, North Carolina, as supervisor, it was learned today. "This is an advancement for Mrs. Dillard," said Mrs. Ara Hamlin, District WPA Recreation Supervisor who continued, "She has proved her ability by developing one of the best recreation programs in the district."

Miss Sophia Bishop, who has been associated with Mrs. Dillard in the Jackson county project, as physical activities leader, has been transferred to New Bern, where she will serve as physical activities leader in one of the Defense Housing projects.

Members of the Jackson County Recreation Lay Committee, meeting at the home of Mrs. E. L. McKee on the evening of March 25, made plans for the sponsorship of the continued, limited recreation program, although it has been determined that appropriations for WPA assistants will be greatly curtailed.

Mrs. McKee stated that in an earlier conference with officials from the WPA district office she had been advised that the need in military and defense areas for recreational leadership had necessitated calling upon non-defense areas for trained personnel in this work.

It was decided for the present to continue the pre-school play center at the Community House, with Mrs. Banks and Mrs. Buchanan in charge. Lex Young will continue as attendant for the grounds and building. Mr. John A. Parris was appointed as sponsor-supervisor to check the building and property and to assist with such activities of the program as he has helped to carry on in the past. Mrs. Hamlin, from the Asheville office, will work closely with the local committee and will supervise the program for the present, it was stated.

The members of the committee expressed regret at losing their supervisor, and wished her continued success and advancement in her new work, for which her work in Sylva has trained her.

'Funzapoppin' Show Here On April Eighth

"Funzapoppin", a three act comedy, accompanied with musical specialties, will be presented at the School auditorium in Sylva, next Wednesday evening, April 8, under sponsorship of the Sylva Woman's Club. The proceeds will go to the funds of the Community Hospital. The play will be directed by Miss Helen Shemeall.

There are twelve main speaking parts, which will be taken by leading amateur actors and actresses of Sylva. They are Marjorie Baldrige, Betty Blair; Bobby Hall, Vic Trueman; Jim Cannon, Bobby Blair; Mary Benson, Bridget O'Brady (Irish Maid); Noracella McGuire, Ambrose (colored cook); Myrtle Poote, Gabbie Gooney (gossip); Bertie Alma Brookhyser, Mrs. Snappett (landlady); Margaret Wise, Trudi Browne; Helen Stovall, Mrs. Worthington Browne; Herman Bailey, Sylvester Fogg III; Hugh Monteith, J. Edgar Dunwiddie; Margaret Roane, Aunt Ida from Idaho; Mrs. Paul Ellis will be the accompanist.

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Easter In A Warring World

By DAN TOMPKINS

Once again the glad Easter season has rolled around. Despite the cataclysms that men bring upon themselves and God's beautiful world, the seasons continue to come and go, as they have done since the constant stars sang together on the morning of Creation.

As Easter comes, in a world that is called upon to sacrifice that truth and justice may not be blotted out for centuries, and mankind turned backward to again begin his weary, toilsome, tortuous trek back toward civilization, the Cross gathers new lustre about its sacred head; and the garden of Gethsemane draws us more and more toward the prayers and sweat and blood of the Redeemer, so generously spent that we might live and live more abundantly.

As men by millions are placing their bodies, made in the image of God, between their civilization and the new onslaught against the rights of men and women and little children to be free and happy, the Cross of Jesus towers above the wrecks of time, and Easter brings us to new contemplation of the glory of the Resurrection.

From out of the dim distance of antiquity comes the voice of Job, inquiring: "If a man die, shall he live again?" And then the mind of faith asserts: "I know that my Redeemer liveth."

The avowed followers of the Nazarene have often made a sorry mess of things in this sorry world, with their eternal bickerings, division of creed, attempted enforced conformity, and decadent neglect of the great things of this life for the small and comparatively trivial. But there are three homely shrines of humility about which every sect of trinitarian Christians can meet on common, holy ground, and worship a common, holy God—the Manger-Cradle in Bethlehem, the Rugged Cross of Golgotha, the Empty Tomb in the Garden of Joseph of Arimathea.

Another year, a frightful year is passed, and once more we come to the Easter season. More of our friends and those we love have gone on with the innumerable caravan of the sons of men, that is journeying into the Somewhere. They sleep beneath the storm-tossed seas; in the frozen northland, under the tropical sod of the islands of the Pacific, under the wind-swept prairies, amid the dusty ruins of ravished cities, beneath the poppies of France, along the fjords of Norway, under the sands of the desert, and upon the peaceful hilltops of the pleasant countryside. We too, are one year nearer our fast approaching dissolution.

There is no reasonable explanation of the miracle of life and death. We know not, by the light of reason, but that our bodies shall return forever to the dust from which they came, and that we shall nevermore behold the faces of those we have loved and lost.

We have no hope but in the Tomb in the garden of Joseph of Arimathea. But, looking upon that Empty Tomb, from which the Nazarene, by the power of His own might, raised Himself from the dead, we know, by faith in the redeeming power of the Lion of the tribe of Judah, that our bodies shall be raised incorruptible, and we can say with Job: "Yet in my flesh shall I see God."

Be of good cheer. The Land of Promise is ahead of us, where our frustrated hopes will find fruition, where our puny efforts will become mighty works, where we shall again greet those we love, where the scars upon our hearts shall be obliterated, where our wounded spirits shall be healed by the Balm that is in Gilead, where all tears shall be wiped from our eyes, and where there shall be no restraining, angry seas to bind us to the islands of our exile.

This is the message of Easter. These are the glad tidings proclaimed by the thundering silence of the Empty Tomb. Once again all Christendom gathers about its sacred precincts to worship, to wonder, and to hope. In His own good time, the Christ who arose from the Tomb and cast off the body of death, can and will command the earth and the sea to give up their dead. All nature proclaims the return of eternal spring, summoning the dead things to life again, and hails the Mighty Conqueror. Hosts of angelic choirs chant His praise, and the dying and distraught race of men find in Him their only hope.

WILLIAM SAUNOOKE DIES AT CHEROKEE

William Thomas Saunooke, leading Cherokee Indian, died at his home near Cherokee Sunday evening after an illness of several weeks. Saunooke, who lived a long and useful life in the Cherokee Nation, is survived by his widow, Minnie Saunooke, and the following children: Edward, of Oteen; Conwey of Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. Sevier Crow, Mrs. Mack Sneed, and Evelyn Saunooke, all of Cherokee; and Osley,

SYLVA MAN IS MADE CORPORAL RECENTLY

The family of Joseph C. Thompson, who is stationed at the Army Air Base at Albuquerque, New Mexico, has received notice that he has recently been promoted to the rank of corporal.

Corporal Thompson is a son of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Thompson of Sylva township. He has been in the service since August 1941.

a professional wrestler, of Boston, Mass. Surviving also are fourteen grandchildren.

CLAUDE MORRIS IS IN BRITAIN FOLKS TOLD

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Morris have received a message from their son, Claude Morris, that he has landed safely in Great Britain, where he was sent by the government in the Expeditionary Force for the defense of America. His home is in Sylva.

The U. S. Navy plans meals by determining quantity and kind of each food needed for a balanced diet.

Opening Of Ritz Held Yesterday In The State's Finest Theatre Building

Plan Sendoff For Forty Five Men Monday

Forty-five young men from Jackson county will leave Sylva next Thursday morning, April 9, for induction into the United States Army at Fort Bragg. The bus bearing the selectees will depart from the Community House at 7:30, Eastern War Time it is stated.

A going away party for the soldiers is being planned by the American Legion, and other civic and patriotic organizations. Hot coffee and doughnuts will be served the men by members of the B. H. Cathey Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Two men in the group are volunteers. They are Elcie Lovdahl and Ernest Burch. The other forty-three are selectees. They are: Ralph John Connor, John Clayton Pressley, Martin Patrick Broderick, Dewey Clarence Henson, Clyde Emerson Townsend, Walter Osten Cogdill, Daniel Clifton Franks, Claude R. Nelson, Floyd Emory Austin, Been Lee Long, Jack Charles Logan, Garland Wikle, Relis Brooks, John Gossett Ensley, Harry Koren, John Charles Chrismaric, Bill Wright, Alvin Asbury Cogdill, Franklin Francis Turkal, William Lenor Enloe, Woodrow Wilson Smathers, William Fain Taylor, Homer McMahon, John Talmang Wood, Thurman Eston Lawes, Leonard John Hicks, Edward Thomas Pitts, James Loyd Rogers, Clifford Weaver Buchanan, Columbus Allison Crisp, Hardy Luther Duvall, Harley Haywood Palmer, Ernest Troy Bryson, James Paul Swayngim, Thomas Marion Wright, Jack Shepherd, James Frank Cowan, Hyman Dan Sutton, Thomas Weaver Nation, Cadeskey Catolster, George Eugene Monteith, John Arthur Echols, Enloe Frizzell.

Tribute Paid Memory Of Claywell Hyde

A crowd of nearly one thousand persons from all parts of Jackson county gathered in the school auditorium in Sylva, Sunday afternoon, to pay tribute to the memory of Claywell Hyde, first man from Jackson county to sacrifice his life in the present world conflict, at a memorial service held under the sponsorship of William E. Dillard Post, American Legion. Claywell Hyde's parents, his brothers and sisters, his widow and child were all present for the service, and members of his class at Sylva High school, Mrs. Chester Scott, one of his teachers, Edward Bryson, commander of the Legion Post, and Walter Ashe, Legion Adjutant, occupied the rostrum. Members of the Legion and other veterans attended in a body, and occupied seats near the stage.

Claywell Hyde lost his life, along with 125 others of his shipmates, when an American hospital ship was sunk by the Japanese in the Java sea on March 1.

Judge Felix E. Alley of Waynesville, spoke at the service. He said that Mr. Hyde will be remembered 100 years from now, as well as now being the best known young man in Jackson county.

The judge said that men from North Carolina, especially those from the western part of the state, have always distinguished themselves in the wars in which our country has been engaged, and gave as the reason for this the North Carolinian's love of freedom. Judge Alley said there

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The Ritz, Western North Carolina's newest theatre, held its grand opening last night. Constructed and equipped by the Massie Theatres, owners and operators of theatres in Sylva, Waynesville, Bryson City and Gatlinburg, the Ritz represents a \$100,000 investment, and is by far the finest theatre in Western North Carolina, and is surpassed by few theatres in the entire South.

Work on the construction of the Ritz began last fall. The architect who designed the building is H. I. Gaines of Asheville. The general contractor was Junaluska Supply Company, of which Jerry Liner is general manager, and the work was done under Mr. Liner's personal supervision. Martin Electric Company furnished and installed the electric fixtures and the wiring. R. E. Miller of Waynesville installed the plumbing. Pritchard Paint and Glass Company of Asheville furnished and installed all the glass and similar work in the building. The seats came from American Seating Company, of Atlanta. Supplies were from the National Theatre Supply Company, Charlotte, and the tile work was by Blue Ridge Tile Company, of Asheville.

A large part of the entire work was the heavy and extensive excavation necessary before the building could be erected, and this work was done by Ferguson and Parks, of Sylva.

Located on the East end of Main Street, opposite Hotel Carolina, the new theatre will serve all this part of North Carolina as its principal motion picture palace and play house.

Negro Breaks Into House Here Sunday

Sheriff Leonard Holden and Policeman John O'Kelly arrested Carson Harper, Sylva negro, in a house on Freeze hill here which contains the belongings of the late Mrs. W. M. Fowler, about 6 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Policeman O'Kelly said that he saw the negro near the house as he passed by on his way to town and decided later to go back and investigate. In the meantime he picked up Sheriff Holden and they went back together.

When the sheriff and police man reached the house they found a window broken. The sheriff crawled through the window, which was at the back, while Policeman O'Kelly went around to the front of the house.

O'Kelly said that when he looked in at the front he saw the negro, and after the sheriff opened the front door they searched the house and found him in one of the rooms. He had five tow sacks with him.

The negro, two weeks ago, had completed serving a two-year sentence for breaking and entering.

Odell Dillard In Hospital

Odell S. Dillard is very seriously ill in Aston Park hospital, in Asheville, his friends will regret to learn. Mr. Dillard, a native of Scott's Creek township in this county, has taught in the schools here, and was for several years county superintendent of Jackson. Later he was superintendent of Madison county schools, and is at present principal of the Candler High School, in Buncombe county.

Mr. Dillard is suffering from stomach ulcers and complications, and his condition is described as very grave.