

## Founder Of Western Carolina Teachers College Will Mark 80th Anniversary February 17

### Robert Lee Madison Remains Active In Educational Affairs

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Professor Robert Lee Madison, founder and president emeritus of Western Carolina Teachers College, will celebrate his 80th birthday anniversary, February 17, at his home at Webster.

In 1889 Prof. Madison came to Cullowhee and began in a little one room log cabin what grew into Western Carolina Teachers College. Among the former students he has taught he is regarded as a wonderful teacher and a man of great personality.

Besides being revered as the founder of W. C. T. C., Prof. Madison is held in high esteem by the people and especially the children of this college community. He is a familiar figure at the post office and store with his shopping bag full of surprises, especially chewing gum and candy. The children practically haunted his footsteps. To them he was a Santa Claus without whiskers and red suit.

Since retiring from active duty, Prof. Madison has spent most of his time working on poetry. He now has enough poetry ready for a book which he plans to have published soon. These poems are quite familiar to Mr. Madison's friends, many of them have been read and enjoyed on most all special occasions.

Despite his eighty years, Prof. Madison enjoys good health and gets about quite freely. He is a familiar figure on the streets of Sylva where he goes weekly to shop. His only handicap is his failing vision, but this does not seem to dull his energetic spirits.

Prof. Madison has always been honored in the community as the founder of W. C. T. C. This college will be a living memorial to his tireless efforts in bringing to Jackson county, Western North Carolina, and Cullowhee, in particular, an educational system that will live through the years to come. But to the many people everywhere he is remembered as the "grand old man of the mountains" who had a cherry smile and a kind word for everyone.

The people of Cullowhee join together in saying:

"This special note of Birthday cheer  
Brings fond congratulations  
To one who, every day all year,  
Deserves appreciation."

### Dairymen Interested In North Carolina

RALEIGH, Feb. 11 — Several hundred dairymen from outside the state, notably residents of cold-weather states, in the past two weeks have written the State Division of Advertising about the possibility of dairy-farming in this state.

Most of them are established in the dairying business already, but a number of them are dairy employees seeking a new opportunity.

## Secretary Krug Pledges His Support To Park Development

A delegation of 60 North Carolinians, including leaders from Swain, Jackson, Haywood, Buncombe, and other Western North Carolina counties, and state officials, presented Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug a plan for further development of the Park, and additional construction on the Blue Ridge Parkway. The recommendations of the suggested improvement program, and the order preferred was presented Friday afternoon in Washington in the Interior Department building.

Secretary Krug said the projected program was "splendid" and one that should be made available to every member of Congress, since the money to carry out any program would have to come from Congress. "It isn't that we disagree with your recommendations, but the fact that we do not have the money."

Secretary Krug said he felt the Park was getting a proportionate share of funds set aside for na-

### Judge Rules Talmadge Is Legal Governor Of State Of Georgia

Superior Court Judge Walter Hendrix ruled Wednesday that Herman Talmadge's election as governor by the state legislature of Georgia was legal and that he was constitutionally holding the Georgia executive offices which he seized last month.

The decision was expected to be appealed within a few days to the state supreme court. The decision came four weeks from the day the general assembly elected Talmadge in a night session, and swore him in at 1:55 A. M. and sent a committee to escort him to the governor's office.

## FUNDS FOR SCHOOL LUNCH ROOMS CUT

Clyde A. Erwin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, has sent out form letters to the county superintendents explaining the critical situation facing North Carolina's school lunch program. In brief the schools of the state have had a tremendous increase of students patronizing the lunch rooms and now that Federal funds have been slashed for the program it appears that an increase of from 5c to 10c for meals will become effective March 1.

Mr. Erwin stated that because of the inadequate federal funds available and the faint hope of getting any additional appropriations we are asking the schools to assume the responsibility of making up the deficit caused by the exhaustion of federal funds for reimbursement in order to operate the remainder of the school year for the benefit of the children of our state. Some schools may have difficulty in doing this; others will not. In view of this situation the following suggestions are offered:

1. Increase the charge per pupil meal 5 to 10 cents effective March 1 in order to make up the deficit. Make parents and citizens of the community aware of the situation so they will cooperate and work with you.

2. Reduce the free meals to a minimum. Many families are really able to contribute a small amount of cash (if not the full charge per meal), or if confronted with the critical situation that we now face, may find it possible to send produce for the use in the school lunch program so their children can share in supporting it.

3. Carefully check the operating costs. Labor cost might be reduced by using fewer workers or reducing wages. Food costs should be checked carefully to insure use of the less expensive foods. Food waste should be reduced to a minimum.

## EX-CONVICT STEALS FOUR AUTOMOBILES, BEHIND BARS AGAIN

A man giving his name as Joseph A. Callahan, wanted by the F. B. I., was arrested near Cashiers on Monday, February 3, by Sheriff Griffin Middleton, and deputy sheriff, Frank Allen. The Jackson officers brought Callahan to Sylva where he was lodged in jail and later released to F. B. I. officers, who had four charges of automobile theft against him.

At the time of his arrest, Callahan was driving a 1941 Mercury car with an out-of-state license plate, Sheriff Middleton stated. He admitted the theft of the car, which he said was taken at Greenwood, S. C., and later admitted the theft of a 1939 Chevrolet, a 1946 four-door Chevrolet, both in Seneca, S. C., taken to Birmingham, Ala., where they were sold. He also told of stealing a 1946 DeSoto four-door sedan at Bluefield, West Virginia, which was later recovered in Greenwood, S. C.

Callahan, a veteran of more than two years service, has served two terms in Federal penitentiaries for former crimes. He will be tried in Federal court at Greenville, S. C., for the series of aforementioned thefts.

### STATE MOVES ROCK CRUSHER TO ADDIE

The State Highway and Public Works Commission has moved the rock crusher from Delwood, Haywood county, to Addie, to begin crushing stone for the county roads. Crushed stone will also be available for individuals for driveways and other uses. Lee J. Smith is superintendent of the project, with John W. Romigh as assistant.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Romigh and their wives are stopping at Glenn's Tourist home.

## FEBRUARY TERM OF SUPERIOR COURT TO CONVENE MONDAY

The February term of Jackson county Superior court will convene Monday, February 17, with Judge W. H. Bobbit, presiding, and Dan K. Moore, representing the State. This will be Mr. Moore's first term of court in his home county since his election as solicitor for this district. He held his first court in Waynesville last week.

This will be a two-weeks term for hearing both criminal and civil cases. The case of Corsey Brown, charged with the killing of Eulas Hoxit, will be tried at this term. Hoxit was killed on Sunday, June 10, of last year, as he sat in his automobile on the road side in the Tuckaseegee community. Witnesses stated that Corsey Brown fired a shot gun at Hoxit from 50 to 75 feet away. Persons talking with Hoxit at the time narrowly escaped injury.

Other cases to be tried during this term include violations of the prohibition laws, driving intoxicated, etc.

## MRS. BROWN INJURED WHEN FRIGHTENED HORSE RUNS AWAY

Mrs. Charlie Brown, 29, of Tuckaseegee is in the C. J. Harris Community hospital suffering from injuries received Monday when a horse she was holding bolted and dragged her approximately fifteen feet.

Mrs. Brown, the former Miss Lilly Ashe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Estes Ashe, had gone with George Frady, a neighbor just below her home, to help load hay on a sled. She was holding the reins when the horse apparently became frightened and ran. Mrs. Ashe was thrown across the sled and dragged with it. Her head hit a tree before Mr. Frady could overtake the horse. She was brought to the house and a doctor summoned but due to the nature of her injury she was brought on to the hospital.

Mrs. Brown remained unconscious throughout the night and hospital authorities state that she is suffering from a possible concussion. She received slight bruises about the face and head. Mrs. Brown's husband had gone

### Irgunist Doomed



CARRYING out of the death sentence against Dov Gruner (above) in Jerusalem was expected to set off a new outburst of violence in the Holy Land by the Palestine extremist group, Irgun Zvai Leumi. Gruner repeatedly refused to sign an appeal to the Privy Council to stay the execution (International)

### McCall Is Held In County Jail On Larceny Charge

Vollie McCall is being held in Jackson county jail on charges of breaking, entering, and taking goods from various summer homes in the Cashiers community. Sheriff Griffin Middleton made the arrest and stated that the homes were entered at various times during the fall and winter. The Sheriff's department has recovered a number of articles taken from the homes which had been sold in Jackson and adjoining counties.

### Suit Against County Commissions To Be Heard Monday 2 P. M.

A suit recently instituted against the Board of County Commissioners of Jackson county to determine whether they have legal right to refuse to issue beer licenses for retailing beer in the county, which was to have been heard before Judge Bobbit in Waynesville last Friday, has been transferred to the Jackson county Superior court and will be heard by Judge Bobbit Monday, February 17, at 2 o'clock p. m.

## YOUNG HAS CHANCE TO RECOVER AFTER ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

S 1-c Frank Young, who is stationed aboard the USS, W.M.S., New York, was brought to the C. J. Harris Community hospital Monday afternoon, suffering from self-inflicted gun shot wounds through the chest.

Seaman Young, whose home is in Bakersville, was on leave and was visiting his wife at the home of her mother, Mrs. Bowman in Cherokee when the incident occurred. He was shot by a .22 automatic pistol, the shot completely passing through the chest area. Hospital authorities state that the bullet missed vital chest organs and that the condition of the patient was fair.

### Additional Volunteers For Rabies Vaccination

The County Health Department has announced the names of two additional volunteers for the program instituted for the control of rabies. They are Candler Reagan of Whittier and J. C. Potts of Caney Fork.

In an effort to control rabies among dogs of the county, the Health department has appointed several people in the county to inoculate for rabies. The rabies vaccine is obtained through State channels and furnished to the local inoculators who may not charge more than 75 cents for vaccine and inoculation of the animals.

to Longview, Washington, a short time ago, where he will be employed. They have two children, Peggy Sue and Wayne.

# Sylva Division Mead Corporation Is Winner 1946 Safety Trophy

## DIRECTORS ELECTED BY COMMERCE BODY

As a result of recent balloting the following have been elected new directors for the Chamber of Commerce: Harry Ferguson, Harold McGuire, Felix Picklesimer, Reg Enloe, W. C. Hennessee, Boyd Sossamon, Paul Kirk, Woody Hampton and H. E. Monteith. Of the nine members the first three named are hold-overs from the past year, the other six are new members. The directors will meet Friday to elect a president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer, and appoint committees.

The above directors were named from a ballot mailed to the citizens of the town who returned the marked ballots to the office of the Chamber of Commerce.

### RAY F. HEMPHILL JOINS FHA STAFF

Ray F. Hemphill, former supervisor of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Division of the Farm Credit Administration, has been transferred to the Farmers Home Administration with headquarters in Sylva. It has been announced by W. T. Brown, Jr., FHA supervisor.

Mr. Hemphill has had many years' experience in helping farm people, and his addition to the Farmers Home Administration will be an asset to the farm people of the county.

## FUNERAL RITES HELD FOR ROBERT BRYSON

Funeral services for Robert Bryson, 57, who died suddenly Thursday morning while at work, were held at the home of the deceased on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. T. L. Willix and Rev. Ernest Jamison were in charge of the rites, and burial followed in the Wesleyan Chapel cemetery.

Pallbearers were Charlie Bryson, Roy Parker, Joe Roland, Leonard and Harold Fisher and Roy Wiseman. Flowerbearers were friends of the family.

Mr. Bryson, who was apparently in the best of health, was stricken Thursday morning at the Armour Leather Company where he had been employed for a great many years. He died within the hour.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Sarah Bryson; five sons, Robert, Jim, Bill, Richard, and Glenn of Sylva; seven daughters, Mrs. Lambert Leopard of Franklin, Mrs. Joe Roland, Burnsville, Mrs. Roy Wiseman, Swannanoa, Mrs. Roy Parker, Mrs. Harold Fisher, and Misses Lois and Jessie Bryson of Sylva; one brother, Arthur of Sylva; two sisters, Mrs. Rose Stanley and Mrs. Lilly Birch of Sylva, and several grandchildren.

## DEMONSTRATION FARMERS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

The demonstration farmers of Jackson county held their annual meeting at the courthouse here on Wednesday, February 5, at which time they heard a team of State Agricultural Workers talk on the various phases of agricultural work. The team was composed of Dr. E. R. Collins, Dr. I. E. Miles, W. W. Woodhouse and E. F. Goldston. Despite the bitter cold weather a large number of farmers were present. A number of slides and charts were shown and many questions were raised by the farmers which indicated their keen interest in the problems facing them these days. The meeting began at 10 A. M. and was concluded at 4 P. M. It was considered highly successful by all in attendance.

Dan Allison and A. H. Carter left Tuesday for Miami Beach and Tampa, Florida where they will spend a two weeks vacation.

### W. C. T. C. SPEAKER



REV. McMURRAY RICHEY, of Asheville, will appear as speaker on program during Religious Emphasis Week, February 16-23 at Western Carolina Teachers College.

## RICHEY WILL SPEAK ON WCTC RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS PROGRAM

The Rev. McMurray S. Richey, former associate pastor and Director of Christian Education at Central Methodist Church in Asheville, will be the principal speaker during Religious Emphasis Week, February 16-23, at Western Carolina Teachers College. The Rev. Richey is at present pastor of the Brevard Street Methodist Church in Charlotte.

The Rev. Richey will conduct both regular chapel programs here that week, at 1:30 P. M. on Tuesday and Thursday. He will also speak each evening at 7:30 in the Student Union building, and in addition will hold a morning watch program daily in the parlours of Moore dormitory. His main topic will be "Religion and Life."

He has not yet announced his other topics, but a number of discussion topics were submitted to him by a committee composed of the chairmen of all committees concerned and the central program committee. Subjects submitted include "A Spiritual Awakening in College," "A Religion for this New Age," "A New Spiritual Concept for the Individual," and "Our Part in the New World."

Religious Emphasis week has been observed annually at Western Carolina Teachers college since 1941, when the idea was presented to the pre-session conference by Miss Ann Albright, Dean of Women and instructor in the social science department of the college. This year the campus will join the World's Student Christian Federation in a universal day of prayer on February 16, in connection with its own religious program.

During the year 1945, 2,456 forest fires burned in North Carolina.

## March 1 Is Last Date To Enroll For Farm Training GI Bill

WINSTON-SALEM, Feb. 11—North Carolina veterans of World War II, who desire to take co-operative farm training under provisions of the G. I. Bill, must be enrolled for instruction by a vocational agricultural teacher prior to March 1 in order to receive benefits under the Veterans Administration training program.

VA regional office officials, in making the announcement today, said tuition costs and subsistence allowances will not be paid in the case of veterans who enroll for farm training after the end of this month. Enrollment each year hereafter, they said, must be accomplished during January and February of that year if they are to receive financial assistance from the government during their periods of training.

Farm training—a co-operative program of organized instruction and actual on-farm training—will therefore start at the beginning of each crop year.

### Record Shows 229 Days Free From Accidents

The Sylva Division of The Mead Corporation will be presented the annual George H. Mead Safety Trophy at ceremonies to be held at the Ritz Theatre next Wednesday afternoon which will be attended by the management and employees of the local plant and out-of-town guests.

George Harper, Safety Director of the Corporation from the Chillicothe, Ohio, office will present the award. H. S. Baucom, of the Raleigh office of the North Carolina Industrial Commission, will be present to address the gathering. Short talks on safety in industry and films will be shown during the program which will begin at 3:45 o'clock.

The Sylva Division of The Mead Corporation, as winner of the annual safety award, has made an enviable safety record, having completed 229 days without a lost-time accident. This means that the period for the last six months of 1946 were accident free. The Sylva Division operated the entire year with only six lost-time accidents, giving them an annual frequency of 8.6 which is far below their frequency of 39.2 for 1945. This being an industry of a very hazardous nature, the above record speaks well for the safety program of the plant.

The safety work of the Sylva plant is headed by a plant-wide safety committee.

### Savannah School Is First To Complete Polio Drive

The Savannah school, under the direction of A. H. Bryson and his splendid corps of teachers, was the first school in the county to raise and turn in to Mrs. E. L. McKee, county chairman, their quota in the Polio campaign.

Mrs. Gertrude Fisher's first grade won the prize for raising the largest amount, having contributed \$11.80, more than one third of the entire amount, which was \$30.60. This grade will also be given a Valentine party Friday afternoon in recognition of its splendid work. Cookies with Valentine ice cream will be served.

This money was raised on a dime board placed in the hall with sections set off for each grade.

The Savannah school has never failed to go over the top in all the drives to which they have been asked to contribute.

### "COME EARLY" IS THEME OF NEW ADS

RALEIGH, Feb. 11—First tourist advertising of the 1947 season in North Carolina will feature Spring in the mountains, with the early season attractions emphasized. The second series of ads will deal with eastern North Carolina.

The ads are part of the campaign to lengthen the travel season here.

## March 1 Is Last Date To Enroll For Farm Training GI Bill

There are already 8,000 veterans in the state who take farm training. They, and others entering before the March 1 deadline this year, will have their progress reviewed on March 1, 1948, by vocational agricultural instructors and VA agricultural training officers. Evidence of satisfactory accomplishment will be required to permit continuance of subsistence allowances at that time.

Veterans desiring to enroll for agricultural training should contact vocational agriculture teachers at once, VA said.

### MASONS TO HAVE SPECIAL MEETING

The Dillsboro Masonic Lodge will hold a special meeting Friday, February 14, at 7:30 P. M. in the Lodge Hall.

All Master Masons urged to attend.