

Sylva Gets Little Snow While Surrounding Areas Are Covered 5 To 12 Inches Over Week-End

Roads Through Park
Closed, Other Highways
In Good Condition

Sylva had only a light snowfall during the week-end flurries which brought heavy snowfall to Haywood county, the Smoky Mountains National Park, and the Highlands section of Jackson county.

Haywood had a fall of from 5 to 12 inches and Park Service officials reported 20 to 24 inches on the higher peaks of the mountains. Newfound Gap, in the heart of the Park, had 20 inches with varying depths, while drifts blocked the highway to Knoxville causing the halting of traffic over this highway until weather conditions improve.

Skiing in the Park has been at its best during the past few weeks, with parties from Knoxville, Sylva, Asheville, and other sections enjoying this sport on Sunday. Eleven members of the Sylva Senior Scout troop, with Harry Ferguson as leader, enjoyed this sport Sunday afternoon. The ski run starts at Indian Gap and winds its way down the Tennessee side of the mountain. Highway snow plows cleared the road enough for cars with chains to be able to get to the ski start on the Newfound Gap-Clingman Dome Sky Line road.

A party came from Atlanta Sunday morning to see the snow covered mountains. Not being used to mountain driving, they were unable to go all the way to the top, but reported that they got a big thrill from the distance they were able to travel and considered their long drive worthwhile.

Highways in Jackson county remained open and no accidents have been reported. Clearing skies and rising temperatures followed the week-end of cold and snow. A few days the first of the week saw the temperature remain below freezing all day, with intermittent snow flurries, just enough to keep the blithesome youngsters, as well as some of the more staid youngsters (shall we call them?) in good spirits.

Fire Damages Candler Cottage On Main Street

The four-room cottage on Main street belonging to Mrs. C. Z. Candler and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Perkins, caught fire late Wednesday afternoon, but quick arrival of the Sylva Fire Department prevented the blaze from consuming the structure and spreading to adjacent buildings. The fire which is reported to have started from an overheated flue in the living room, was discovered by Dr. C. Z. Candler, Jr.

The house, which was recently completed, was considerably damaged by water, as was the contents. No estimate was given on the loss.

Symphony Orchestra Will Give Three Concerts Here March 20

The North Carolina Symphony orchestra will be heard in Sylva at three free concerts on Wednesday, March 20, according to an announcement by Mrs. Grover Wilkes and Mrs. Paul Ellis, who have been instrumental in securing the performances of the orchestra here. Concerts are scheduled for 10:30 a. m., 2:00 p. m. and 8:30 p. m.

Contributions and subscriptions for annual membership from business and professional men and from organizations in the county will finance the appearance of the Symphony. More than forty-five subscriptions were obtained by Mrs. Ellis and Mrs. Wilkes, who began their work last August.

The Symphony orchestra, which is the first State Symphony in America, is supported by the Legislature and from contributions from citizens. It provides statewide tours, giving everyone an opportunity to hear this type of

NEW ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH WORKERS IS SET UP FOR THIS AREA

Dr. H. C. Whims Elected
President Of Group
In Western Counties

In an effort to coordinate the activities and problems of health agencies throughout Western counties, the Western North Carolina Public Health Workers association was set up at an organizational meeting held Friday, February 21, at the Buncombe county courthouse. Dr. H. C. Whims, Buncombe county health officer, was elected president and other officers named to serve were: William A. Broadway of Asheville, state district sanitarian, vice-president; and Mrs. Helton Hearn, western district secretary of the state board of health, secretary-treasurer.

Committees were named to draw up by-laws for the organization and to form groups, whereby health environmental problems might be studied and applied to this section. Twenty counties from Burke to Graham and Cherokee, form the group.

The next meeting of the organization has been set for May and will be held at Lake Lure.

Those attending from Sylva were Charlie Thomas, sanitarian for Jackson and Swain, Mrs. Juanita Phillips, Jackson county board of health secretary, and Mrs. Lina Padgett, county nurse.

Ross Orders Park Roads Closed To Motor Traffic

All roads into the Great Smoky Mountains National Park have been ordered closed to traffic by Superintendent Blair Ross, of Gatlinburg. The roads will remain closed until further notice, pending improvement in weather conditions and melting of snow and ice. Ross said 20 inches of snow had fallen at Newfound Gap with more snow falling.

The order closing the park roads came after Mrs. B. S. Cunniff of Indianapolis, Ind., was found frozen to death Monday near Elkmont by men operating a snow plow. Her sister, Dr. Urbana Spink, also of Indianapolis, survived all night exposure to the snow and elements after their car skidded off the highway.

LOWER VOTING AGE MEASURE KILLED

A measure to reduce the voting age of North Carolinians from 21 to 18, if approved by the people in referendum, was killed Tuesday by a House committee on constitutional amendments.

Conducted by Benjamin Swalin, the State Symphony encourages native talent and offers opportunities for qualified musicians. Mr. Swalin is American born, and has trained in this country and in Europe. In developing this type of Symphony presentation, he has explored a new field, and has made North Carolina one of the foremost states in progressive music. A budget of \$65,000 annually is needed to operate the Symphony and, with shortages in the Legislature appropriations, support must come from individuals.

Firms and individuals who made possible the appearance of the orchestra in Sylva are: Sossamon Furniture Co., Schulman's Department Store, Jarrett Springs Hotel, Mead Corporation, Jackson Furniture Co., Sylva Supply Co., Massie Furniture Co., Sylva Her-

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Phone Executive Testifies For Lillenthal



APPEARING BEFORE the Senate Atomic Energy Committee to testify in behalf of David W. Lillenthal's appointment as head of the Civilian Atomic Commission, Chester L. Bernard (left), New Jersey Bell Telephone executive, is shown answering questions of Sen. Kenneth McKellar. Bernard, who helped write the controversial Acheson-Lillenthal atomic report, said he considered Lillenthal to be "one of the greatest individuals I have ever met." Sen. McKellar is violently opposed to the appointment of Lillenthal. (International)

CITIZENS OF JACKSON INVEST OVER \$38,000 IN SAVINGS BONDS

January sales amounting to \$13,738,547.50 in U. S. Savings Bonds in North Carolina exceeded any previous month's sales since the Victory Loan in 1945, according to an announcement by Allison James, State Savings Bonds Director in Greensboro, issued through Jackson county Savings Bonds chairman, Mr. R. L. Arial.

Of the \$13,738,547.50 total sales, \$8,570,770.00 was in Series E Bonds, \$862,377.50 was in Series F Bonds, and \$4,305,400.00 was in Series G Bonds.

The people of Jackson county invested a total of \$38,103.50 as their part in the state's E, F and G sales achievement; \$22,725.00 was in Series E Bonds, \$10,378.50 in Series F, and \$5,000.00 in Series G.

Mr. Arial stated that January has always been a "fat" month for F and G Bond sales and for large denomination sales of E Bonds to investors who want to acquire the annual limit early in the new year. "However," he said, "we didn't expect it to be such a record-breaker. The people of North Carolina and Jackson county are making an excellent beginning for the new year in setting aside Savings Bonds for their future security. Farmers, business and professional men and women and all others will be doing themselves as well as their state and nation a good favor, by regularly investing in Savings Bonds in 1947, and holding on to them," Mr. Arial stated.

Executive Committee Daniel Boone Council, Scouts Hold Meeting

The Smoky Mountain District Committee meeting, Daniel Boone Council, Boy Scouts of America, was held Friday evening, February 21, at 7 o'clock at the Jarrett Springs hotel, with W. C. Hennessee, district chairman, presiding.

Reports from various operating committees throughout the district were heard and objectives were set up for the first half of 1947.

Prof. Madison Shows Improvement From Sudden Illness

Professor R. L. Madison, founder of Western Carolina Teachers College and president-emeritus of the institution, who celebrated his 80th birthday on February 17, suffered a sudden attack of a kidney disorder Friday night. However, on Wednesday he was reported to be slowly improving and able to be up part of the time in his chair. Friends regret to hear of Professor Madison's illness.

84 Years Young



LOGAN CARNES, life-long resident of Dillsboro, was honored on his 84th birthday—February 2 at the home of his granddaughter in Waynesville. Mr. Carnes remains quite active and in good health despite his age.

State Support Of Jackson's Schools Is 88.10 Per Cent

The State supplied 88.10 per cent of the funds spent on Jackson county schools for operation of the schools during 1945-46.

Operating costs of the county schools for the period amounted to \$266,074.25. of this amount the state paid \$234,422.03. The county paying \$31,652.22 or 11.9 per cent of the total cost.

These figures were disclosed in a report released Saturday by the office of controller, division of teacher allotments and general control, and were based on information from county and city school budgets for 1946-47.

FELIX PICKLESIMER IS RE-ELECTED CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HEAD

At a meeting of the newly elected board of directors of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce on last Friday night Felix Picklesimer was re-elected president of the organization to serve for another year. Paul Kirk was named vice president and Dr. Harold McGuire, secretary-treasurer. The directors, including the above officers, are Harry Ferguson, W. C. Hennessee, Boyd Sossamon, H. E. Monteith, W. R. Enloe and Woody Hampton.

The board will meet the first Friday night in March to appoint committees and map out plans for the year's work. The membership drive will be held around May 1.

The North Carolina Division of Forestry operates three types of tractor and fire plow units—the light, medium and heavy units, the usage of each depending on the forest type.

SOSSAMON'S . . . in Sylva

JACKSON CLOTHING WILL RELIEVE MUCH SUFFERING ABROAD

NEW WINDSOR, Md. — The Church World Service Center here has received 1,505 pounds of relief goods from the Sylva Lions and Rotary clubs. The goods came in last week and included clothing, shoes, bedding and other vitally needed relief goods. The goods have already been sorted and packed for shipment overseas.

"The gift from Sylva will be helpful in relieving the suffering brought about by war and winter weather upon millions of helpless people overseas. While we sit in our warm living rooms, thousands roam the cold, dark streets of war-devastated Europe searching in vain for some small morsel of food and a place where they can spend the night protected from the bitter cold-midwinters."

The gift items were donated by the people of Jackson county.

Cullowhee-East LaPorte P.T.A. Will Have Joint Meeting This Evening

The Cullowhee Parent-Teacher association members will be guests at the East LaPorte school on Thursday evening, February 26, in a meeting that will begin at 7:30 o'clock, to be held in the East LaPorte school building. Mrs. Edith Laws, president of the association, will preside.

Children from the East LaPorte community, who attend the Gertrude Dills McKee training school, will take part on the program which will feature the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Parent-Teacher organization, by Mrs. Barney and Mrs. Hearst. The program will include a talk by Miss Fannie Goodman on Founders' Day; dedication by Mildred Adams and Olin Jackson; an acoustic by Bobby Adams, Troy Zachary, Carrie Burrett, Ruth Houston, Barthel Bryson, James Cole, Billy Zachary, Lockin Middleton, Frieda Jo Adams, Ina Wike, Dan Barnes, and Emma Lou Houston; a son, "My Tribute," by Jimmie Wike, Dennis Ray Hamilton, Christine Walker, Orville Wike, Clarence Wike, Jimmie Adams, Jane Adams, Daphne Hopkins, and Anne Hampton; piano solo, "Polonaise" by Jo Anne Sutton; poems by Mildred Teague, Vernal Wike, David Long, Ola Belle Smith, Max Robinson, Murriel Ashe; piano solo, "Spinning Song," Marjorie Woody; and a poem, "The Golden Year," by Manley Bryson.

All parents in East LaPorte and Cullowhee are urged to attend.

Sylva Lions Club Plans Ladies' Night, March 12

The Sylva Lions club will entertain with Ladies' Night on Wednesday, March 12. The place has not been set for the meeting at this time.

Boyd Sossamon, chairman of the program committee for Ladies' night, stated that the program will be announced through the next Lions bulletin.

Tompkins' Bill To Emancipate Cherokee Indians Is Rejected By Senate; House Passed The Measure

NANTAHALA POWER
COMPANY TO BUILD
DAM IN MACON CO.
Other Developments
Planned By Company
For This Section

The Federal Power Commission has approved the application of the Nantahala Power and Light Company for construction of the proposed Queens Creek hydroelectric project in Macon county, according to an announcement by J. E. S. Thorpe, president of the power firm.

Mr. Thorpe said construction of the project will begin as soon as materials and equipment can be assembled.

The Queens Creek project is located 17 miles East of Franklin. The dam will be 65 feet high and 405 feet in length. It will be constructed of rock and earth.

The powerhouse containing one hydroelectric unit of 2,000 KVA capacity will be located on the Nantahala river at Beechertown. The distance in elevation between the surface of the water and the center line of the pelton wheel will be 1,005 feet, making it one of the highest head units in Eastern America.

The new dam will create a reservoir covering about 36 acres and impounding 1,020 acre-feet of water.

It is understood that this is one of a series of developments which the company anticipates.

Sportsmen Are Pleased Over Wildlife Bill

RALEIGH, Feb. 25 — Hunters and fishermen in North Carolina, along with just plain dirt farmers, spent a happy week-end, pleased over the prospects of the proposed North Carolina Wildlife Federation's legislation becoming written into law this week.

This bill, before the current legislature, would separate the Game and Inland Fisheries Division from the State Department of Conservation and Development and set up a new department solely in the hands of those most interested in the future of the State's wildlife resources.

Both Federation members and non-members were elated last week to see the bill overwhelmingly passed by the House of Representatives with its fate now left in the hands of the Senate. A Senate committee report is expected Wednesday and speedy and favorable action on the Senate floor is contemplated.

If the bill passes, as now seems

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Sen. Frank M. Parker Of Buncombe County Leader Of Opposition

Representative Dan Tompkins' resolution memorializing congress to emancipate the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has received an unfavorable report by a senate committee. Leading the opposition was Senator Frank M. Parker, of Buncombe.

The senate education committee voted an unfavorable report after 10 Indians from Cherokee voiced their protest at an hour-and-half hearing. Senator Parker arranged the public hearing and made a motion for the unfavorable report. Senator Baxter C. Jones, of Swain was the only vote against Parker's motion.

The Tompkins' resolution was unanimously passed by the house. It would memorialize congress to enact suitable legislation "freeing the Cherokee Indians from restrictions and restraints of the Bureau of Indian Affairs."

Led by Tribal Chief Jarrett Blythe, the Cherokee party included Assistant Chief Henry Bradley, Jack Jackson, Arzene Thompson, Charlie Hornbuckle, Robin Welch, Freeman Bradley, Mrs. Emily Walkington, Mrs. Mollie Arneach and Mrs. Melitta Sneed.

Rep. Tompkins said his resolution was inspired by "simple justice to a great people," and argued that "these Cherokee Indians are capable of managing their own affairs." He denounced the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and accused it of unnecessary meddling in affairs of the Cherokees. He read one telegram from an Indian with combat service who complained he was "a citizen everywhere in the world except at my own home, where I am supervised by the bureau."

Mr. Tompkins declared that the Eastern band of Cherokee Indians is the only group that has a guardianship and has to listen to the dictatorship of a bureau in Washington.

Chief Blythe said his tribe appreciated Rep. Tompkins' efforts in their behalf but said they would not accomplish the results desired by the sponsor. He reminded the committee that the federal government spends about \$300,000 annually for the education and health of the Cherokees, and said his tribe will not object to this bill if the state will provide the same quality of services.

The beekeepers of Surry county plan to form an association, according to W. A. Stephen, Beekeeper for the State College Extension Service.

Ninety-eight per cent of the forest fires that burn in North Carolina each year are man-caused fires.

A. J. Dills Announces Plans For 1947 Red Cross Drive

Plans and leaders for the 1947 Red Cross Fund Drive, which is scheduled for March, have been announced by A. J. Dills, chairman and executive secretary for the local chapter.

Mr. Dills states that each leader selected to solicit funds have full authority to conduct their work as they deem fit and to appoint as many helpers as is necessary to carry the drive to a successful climax.

While the quota set for Jackson county is not as high this year, as was given them during the war, there is still much work to be done and funds must come from the public. Veteran hospitals and military centers use Red Cross personnel to contact the man still in service.

The following leaders have been named for the 1947 drive:

Sylva high school, Wm. G. Crawford; Sylva elementary school, W. V. Cope; Barkers Creek elementary, Demorris L. Cowan; Dix

Creek, A. C. Dillard; Dillsboro, Lillian J. Madison; Beta, Gertie Moss; Addie, W. G. Dillard; Willets, Mrs. Jimmie Sutton; Balsam, R. O. Higdon; Wilnot, Irene Raby Clayton; Qualla, Lois E. Martin; Cullowhee, C. A. Hoyle; W. C. T. C., Bill Ashbrook; White Rock, L. J. Smith; Tuckasee, Fannie M. Brown; East La Porte, Mrs. Homer Wike; Rocky Hollow, Mrs. Maude Sherrill; Sols Creek, Daphne Nicholson; Wolf Creek, Mrs. Pearl Rigdon; Tennessee Gap, Mrs. Olivia Galloway; Rock Bridge, Clara B. Webb; Glenville, F. I. Watson; Cashiers, G. T. Hampton; Double Springs, Virginia Brown; Webster, Frank M. Crawford; Savannah, Alliney H. Bryson; Colored Consolidated, J. William Wade.

Ten plants making tanning extract in North Carolina in 1938 used 168,000 cords of chestnut wood, and 17,500 cords of hemlock and chestnut oak bark.