

## Local School Authorities Feel Pinch As Federal Aid To Lunch Program Stops

### Government Builds Up Huge Lunchroom Program, Then Drops Support

In an effort to relieve the critical situation created by the deficit of Federal aid for the School Lunch room program, different schools of the county are attempting to meet the problem by supplementing funds or increasing the price of the lunches served to the children. Officials state that the number of children eating in the lunchrooms at the increased price has dropped more than fifty percent.

For more than a decade the Federal government has been offering the states assistance to develop and expand school lunch room programs, in an effort to safeguard and promote the well-being of the children. States were encouraged to expand their school lunch program and were required to match the Federal dollar aid dollar for dollar.

The situation summed up is that with the increase in the cost of living and, more particularly, the expansion of the school lunchroom program of twenty-five percent more children this year than last, the sum appropriated will not stretch and cover the needs of the schools. Unless Congress passes a deficiency appropriation now, the states cannot carry on their programs. Sufficient appropriation must be made for next year if the same situation is not to become recurrent.

North Carolina alone shows a deficit of \$1,484,684. A total of 973 schools and 215,017 children were on the program this year and, if sufficient appropriation would be made, an estimated total of 1,250 schools and 320,000 children could be aided next year.

Jackson county, which has heretofore carried on a successful program, is feeling the lack of funds sharply. Individual schools are trying to maintain the standards set up by nutrition experts by adding produce from homes or by making surveys to determine if some article of diet can be eliminated and secured at home. While primarily interested in completing the program this year, they hope to be able to prevent the same situation next year.

Authoritative organizations and organized groups are making every effort to have Congress assure the states of continued support of this program.

### VISITING RELATIVES AFTER 10-YEAR ABSENCE

Mrs. Lee Adams of Pringleville, Oregon is visiting her brother, Norman Williams, and father, John B. Williams of Cullowhee. This is Mrs. Adams' first visit home in ten years, having been called east due to the illness of her sister, Mrs. Ruby Lambert of Woodruff, S. C.

## N. C. Little Symphony Will Give Three Concerts Here March 20

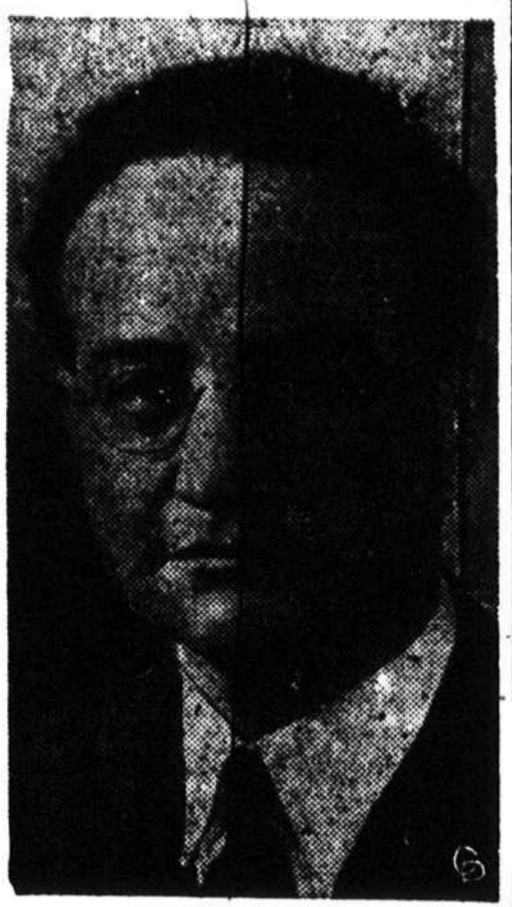
The Little Symphony of the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra will appear in Sylva on March 20th with two programs for school children and one for adults. By the time they have reached Sylva, the players will have given 38 concerts in the State. And there will remain yet 23 concerts between March 20th and the close of the Little Symphony season on April 3rd.

There will not be much rest for the musicians, however, for rehearsals for the Full Symphony begin the following day, April 4th. After several days of intensive rehearsing, the large orchestra will launch its tour with a concert in Reidsville on April 9th.

The Little Symphony, with all its luggage and unwieldy instruments, is able to travel in one bus with two dozen people, including Director Swalin and his wife. The members play in all sections of the State from Morehead City and New Bern to Murphy.

The size of this group is ideal for such music as it plays in the thirty-

## Goes To Moscow



ONE OF SECRETARY of State George C. Marshall's principal advisers for the coming Big Four Conference in Moscow is Benjamin V. Cohen (above) counselor of the State Department. Cohen is one of four men, heading an advisory group of 84 U. S. diplomats, who will attend the important sessions. (International)

## SUGAR STAMP NO. 11 GOOD FOR 10 POUNDS, IS VALID APRIL 1

Housewives will get more sugar on their next sugar stamp according to an announcement of the Office of War Administration Control, which stated Monday that stamp No. 11 in OPA family ration books will become good April 1 for 10-pounds of sugar.

Validation of the 10-pound stamp will mark OPA's overcharge from the 5-pound ration procedure for household users. The current stamp, No. 53 good for 5-pounds, will expire March 31.

Stamp No. 11 will be good through September 30 but OPA said a second stamp good for 10 pounds will be validated July 1 providing sugar imports meet expectations.

## Singing Convention To Be Held April 6

The Central Jackson Singing Convention will hold a song session at the Jarrett Memorial Baptist church, Dillsboro, Sunday, April 6, at 2 p. m., it has been announced by R. D. Phillips of Cullowhee, president of the group.

Several outstanding quartets have been asked to appear on the program and singers are cordially invited to attend the session and participate.

## Lions-Rotarians Stage Annual Basketball Tilt

### Good Show Assured When Two Teams Clash For Scout Benefit

You remember the hilarious evening you enjoyed at the annual basketball game between the Sylva Lions and Rotarians last year when the expert shooting of Ty Hunter and T. N. Massie, coupled with the clownish acts of many with the clownish acts of many other players and the final disappearance of the ball, ended in a 70-70 tie, and brought fun and laughter for a record attendance. This performance will be repeated again next Wednesday evening, March 19, in the High school gym at 8 o'clock.

The opposing teams are planning to put on a bigger show this year with the usual fanfare. The all-stars will be out there again shooting for their individual teams, hoping to pile up a score against each other. Plenty of clowns will be on hand to keep the crowd in an uproar.

This annual contest is being staged for the benefit of the boy scout troops of Sylva. Last year the proceeds amounted to over \$100. It is hoped that the proceeds will exceed that amount this year as the troops have grown in number, and to carry on their work and continue to grow more funds are needed. The scouts are now selling tickets for the game and you are urged to buy one or more whether you plan to attend the game or not.

The game was first scheduled for Thursday, March 20, but since this date conflicts with the appearance of the Little Symphony Orchestra, the game has been moved up one day—Wednesday the 19th.

## Citizens Of County Urged To Complete Red Cross Fund Drive

A. J. Dills, executive chairman of the American Red Cross and leader of the Fund drive, is urging that every citizen in the county cooperate in order that the quota of \$2118 be reached before the end of the month.

Workers have been appointed in each community and have full authority to conduct the drive as they see fit in their area. Schools and school teachers have enlisted the aid of students in order to make a complete coverage of the homes.

The need for financing the Red Cross is as strong today as during the war years since it is still the main contact between servicemen of military areas and homes as well as the various other benevolent services it renders.

## Benefit Easter Egg Hunt And Party

An Easter Egg Hunt and Party for children of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades, and children of pre-school age will be held Saturday afternoon, March 22, at Monteith Park, opposite the Community building, beginning at 2 o'clock.

This unusual occasion for this group of youngsters is being sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, with Mrs. Posey Cathey and Mrs. Dan Tompkins, co-chairmen, to be assisted by other members of the organization. A charge of 25 cents admission will be made to be used to swell the Memorial Fountain Fund.

An added attraction will be rides on a very gentle pony. All rides will be carefully supervised. An extra charge of 5 cents will be made for each ride.

In case of bad weather on the day of the Party, all activities will be held in the Community Building.

Twenty-eight ex-service men, and sixteen civilians. Funds in the amount of \$66 were spent for aid.

Among the services rendered were: inquiries and messages, information, furlough and furlough extensions, report on health of serviceman's family, assistance with claims for disability pension, assistance with insurance claims, hospitalization and financial assistance.

## Rescued From Sinking Ship



ALL THIRTY-NINE PERSONS aboard the freighter Lake Sapor, including the wife and son of the skipper, were saved after the ship struck a reef during a violent storm near Iwo Jima. Some of the crew members climb aboard the rescue ship Colgate Victory, which picked them up and brought them safely to Los Angeles. (International Soundphoto)

## Farmers Elect Directors For Cooperative

A group of Jackson county farmers met at the courthouse Monday and elected directors for the Jackson County Farmers Cooperative for the coming year. The directors elected are: Crawford Shelton, B. C. Buchanan, Lee Bumgarner, J. Stedman Mitchell, J. W. Ashe, J. L. Stewart, J. B. Coates, Blaine Nicholson, Robert Holden, and R. C. Hunter. Dennis Higdon, a member of the local Cooperative is a director of the Allied Farmers Cooperative.

H. L. Meacham, general manager of the Allied Farmers Cooperative for the seventeen western counties, talked to the group on the work of the organization.

## Local Lions Hear International President

Clifford D. Pearce, International Lions president, spoke last Thursday to the Asheville Lions club at their weekly luncheon meeting held at the George Vanderbilt hotel. Mr. Pearce spoke on Lionism and the influence of Lions International in world affairs today. He stressed the need for unity and universal peace, and stated that the Lions clubs which operate in eighteen countries are doing much to create a national brotherhood.

Seven members of the Sylva Lions club were guests of the Asheville group at this meeting. They were O. E. Brookhyser, Cloy Richardson, Jennings Bryson, Roscoe Poteet, Rudolph Hardy, John Henson, and Hugh Monteith.

## Joint Study Course At Webster Church

Sunday evening at 7 o'clock the Methodist and Baptist churches at Webster will join in studying the mission study book, "The Christian Motive and Method In Stewardship," by H. C. Trimble.

The meeting will be held at the Methodist church with Rev. A. E. Fitzgerald, pastor, as leader. Others will join in the discussion.

## OFFICERS TAKE TWO 60-GALLON STILLS

Sheriff Griffin Middleton, deputy Frank Allen, and highway patrolman Charles Lindsay captured two complete copper stills late Monday afternoon in the North Fork section of the county. The stills, each of about 60-gallon capacity, were within two miles of each other. Mr. Middleton said that they had been in recent operation. Seven barrels of mash were destroyed at one of the stills and two barrels at the other.

The outfits were brought in and are now stored in the sheriff's possession. No arrests have been made.

## Jackson County Equalization Board To Meet

The Jackson County Board of Equalization and Review will meet in the County Commissioners' office at the court house on Monday, March 17, it has been announced by Jennings A. Bryson, Commissioner of Finance.

The board will meet only one day for this purpose. Any one wishing to have their property reviewed should meet with the board on this date. This is the only time that adjustments in valuations can be made during the year.

## BRUNETTES BUY THE SYLVA FLOWER SHOP

Announcement has been made of the purchase of the Sylva Flower and Gift Shop by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brunette of Sylva from Mrs. Lucille Painter and Mrs. Anne Dills. The deal was completed Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Brunette state that the name will continue as the Sylva Flower and Gift Shop and that Mrs. Painter will remain with the business for awhile. Mrs. Dills has not made known her future plans.

The Flower shop, located in the first floor of the legal building, has enjoyed a large patronage throughout its operation. Corsages, funeral wreaths, cut flowers, and potted plants are a specialty of the business.

Mr. and Mrs. Brunette have recently moved to Sylva. Mrs. Brunette being the former Miss Ada Moody, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Moody of Sylva.

## Man, Taken In Jackson, Given Three Year Term

Joseph Andrew Callahan of Seneca, S. C. was sentenced in a Federal district court in South Carolina, Monday, to three years in a Federal prison at Tallahassee, Florida, after pleading guilty to transporting stolen cars across the state line.

Callahan was arrested in February in the Cashiers section of Jackson county by local officers and brought to Sylva where he was booked on charges of stealing cars. He admitted theft of the car he was driving and also theft of others, which he said had been taken out of the state and sold.

## Two Veterans Hospitals List 1,304 Patients

At the end of last month there were 785 patients at the Veterans' hospital, Oteen, and 519 at Swannanoa, according to a report from the Veterans Administration. There were 11 men with non-service-connected disorders awaiting admission.

The report also showed a total of 54,334 non-disabled veterans receiving institutional or job training in North Carolina and 4,775 disabled veterans taking training in the state.

## Local School and Health Problems Discussed In All-Day Meet PTA Group

### SYLVA GLEE CLUB TO ATTEND OPERA IN ASHEVILLE FRIDAY

Members of the Sylva High school glee club will go to Asheville Friday to attend the 2:30 p. m. performance of the Gilbert and Sullivan opera, "Pirates of Penzance," which will be sung at the City Auditorium by the Davidson and Queens College singers.

The opera, which is intended primarily for school children, will be under the direction of James C. Pfohl, director of the music department of Davidson college. The company will consist of 76 singers and musicians: an orchestra of 25 pieces and 51 singers. It is being brought to Asheville, as a non-profit venture by the Asheville Children's theatre and the Farmers Federation News.

Miss Alice Weaver, director of the Sylva Glee club, has announced that a background of the opera is being given the students and preparatory work of the music and background is being studied.

Those who plan to attend the performance Friday are: Annie D. Barnes, Nettie Jean Bradley, Wanda Davis, Lois England, Susie Enslley, Joyce Fisher, Eric Fox, Helen Guffey, Jacqueline and Luqueta Holden, Joretta Monteith, Jean Moses, Kate Pannell, Betty Paxton, Naida Seaman, Geneya Shultz, Edith Sims, Mary Stillwell, Rachel Ann Sutton, Eddie Lou Terrell, Mary Lou Jones, Ruth Jamison, Peggy Hurst, Jenneane Bryson, Betty Painter, and Jackie Barnes.

Parents of the students will furnish transportation for the group.

## GEORGE E. LUCE DIES IN COLUMBIA

Mrs. George E. Luce received a message Sunday morning informing her of the death of her husband, George E. Luce, former band director of Sylva High school. Mr. Luce died Sunday morning in Veteran's Hospital, Columbia, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Luce came to Sylva last September and joined the faculty of Sylva High school, to direct the band and she to teach English. When he was taken ill about six weeks ago, Mr. Luce entered as a patient Veteran's Hospital at Columbia.

His death came as a shock to his family and friends as he was much improved when last heard from. Particulars are not known.

Mrs. Luce and Mrs. Dessie Shoemaker, mother of Mr. Luce, left Sunday afternoon for Bowling Green, Kentucky, where the funeral will be held sometime this week, funeral arrangements depending on the arrival of the body in Bowling Green.

## Jackson Farmers Hear Report On Activities of Cooperative

Progress made by the Farmer's Federation during 1946 and future plans and expansions of the organization were outlined at the cooperative's annual Stockholders meeting held Saturday at the Sylva Store.

Brief addresses by members of the Asheville Federation featured the opening of the meeting. Rev. Dumont Clarke, director of the Lord's acre plan for the Federation, told of the work being done in that department and of the growth of the plan throughout the United States. The poultry program of the Federation was explained by Max Roberts, educational director. He stated that poultry raising could be very profitable for the small farmer, and with the use of Federation chicks, profit was an assured thing.

M. L. Snipes, county agent for Jackson county, spoke to the group on the farmer's outlook for 1947 and urged that more beef cattle be raised as an income builder. Figures released at the meeting showed that the Farmers Federation is making steady growth. Sales for the entire western North Carolina organization for 1946 were

### Building For Tomorrow Theme Of Annual Study Course Held Tuesday

The annual study course of the Sylva Parent-Teacher association was held Tuesday, March 11, in an all-day meeting with the president, Mrs. W. L. Jones, in charge. Rev. C. M. Warren was in charge of the devotional using Psalm 19 for his scripture reading.

Following the opening, the meeting was in charge of Miss Bertha Cunningham, Study Course chairman of the association. Miss Cunningham introduced the subject of the meeting, "Building For Tomorrow," and outlined the program for the day as follows: "Health" by Mrs. Alma McCracken, district health nurse; "Parent Education and Family Life," Rev. W. Q. Grigg; "Spiritual Education for the Child," Rev. C. M. Warren; "Equipment of Education," Howard Crawford.

Mrs. McCracken prefaced her talk with a strong appeal for the necessity of recruits for the nursing field, both private and public health nursing. She stated that there is now a shortage of over 3000 public health nurses; also a great shortage of doctors. These needs are keenly felt in almost every community, certainly in our own nearby communities. Wanted today for the nursing profession are young women of high standing, intelligent people (of preferably the upper-third bracket) to go into schools or hospitals of high standards that they may get the best training; go where they can get their college training together with their professional training.

The first of Mrs. McCracken's two-part discussion dealt with the school lunch rooms. From recently compiled statistics Mrs. McCracken reported that of the 7535 lunches served in the Sylva schools, 2007 were free lunches. With Federal aid for school lunches suspended, the schools now face a serious problem of continuing these lunches.

Miss Cunningham, teacher of the 5th grade of the elementary school, reported that during the serving of free lunches attendance of that particular group of students was much better and their work in general was improved.

The second part of Mrs. McCracken's talk was a discussion of the pre-school program which is held each spring for children who will enter the first grade in the coming fall. She stated that a physician from the Health Board will not be available this spring for the pre-school clinics, but it is hoped that a local physician will donate a half day to the work. A nurse from the Board, however, will be present to assist and give recommendations to parents of the children.

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