

MERCHANTS TO START HALF-DAY CLOSING WEDNESDAY

British Embassy Official To Be Speaker At WCTC April 29

Frank Darvall Will Speak On Topic Of World Importance, Substitutes For Ambassador

College Had Hoped To
Have Ambassador Visit
Campus At This Time

Mr. Frank Darvall, First Secretary of the British Embassy, will speak in Hoey Auditorium, Western Carolina Teachers college, 1:30 p. m. April 29. The topic of his talk has been announced simply as "The British Commonwealth and Empire," which, he says, "Will leave me free to concentrate on those aspects of the matter which seem to be most topical and important at the time of my visit."

Originally, it had been planned for Lord Iverchapel, British Ambassador, to come to the college, but due to the pressure of official business, he was compelled to cancel his engagement, designating Mr. Darvall to come in his place. United States Senator Clyde R. Hoey was instrumental in securing Mr. Darvall's visit. The college had previously been working through Senator Hoey to get Lord Iverchapel.

Mr. Darvall has had wide diplomatic experience, has made many addresses in the United States, and is said to be an effective speaker. His experience in the United States includes attendance at Columbia University, where he received an A. M. degree, and British Consul for Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming. From 1939-45 he was Deputy or Acting Director, American Division, Ministry of Information in London.

The young First Secretary—he was born 1906 at Reading, Berkshire, England—is prominent in international affairs. He was Associate Secretary, Department of International Studies and Cultural Co-operation, Geneva, Switzerland 1931-32. In 1933 he was Director, Geneva Students International Union, Geneva, Switzerland.

He was Lecturer in Economics and History, Queen's college, London, 1933-36. From 1936 to 1939 he was Public Relations Officer, English Speaking Union of the British Empire, in London.

In addition to Columbia University, Mr. Darvall graduated from the University of Reading, England (B. A.) and the University of London (B. A. and Ph. D.).

Seeds Valued At \$11,496.22 Have Been Received

D. C. Higdon, chairman of Jackson County AAA, has announced that the farmers of this county have been furnished pasture seeds during the months of January, February and March in the amount of \$11,496.22. The seeds available for pasture seeding are as follows: Ky. bluegrass, orchard grass, red-top grass Korean lespedeza, white clover, and ladino clover. These seeds are available to any farmer whose 1947 Farm Plan has been approved by the County Committee to include pasture improvement. Orders are issued at the County AAA office and can be filled by any dealer whose seed meet the specifications of germination required by the government.

Alfalfa seeds is also being offered farmers through the AAA office this year. The price of alfalfa is 54c per pound, the government pays 44c per pound and the farmer pay 10c per pound.

Rev. M. P. Reed Leaves For Month's Study At Louisville Seminary

There will be no Presbyterian worship service in Sylva until Sunday evening, May 11, at 7 o'clock. This is due to the fact that the pastor, Rev. Milton P. Reed, of Bryson City, left Monday for Louisville, Ky., where he will do a month's graduate study at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary.

Jackson's Red Cross Drive Is Far Behind

Jackson county has raised only 62 per cent of its quota of \$2,118 in the current Red Cross fund drive. According to Fund Chairman A. J. Dills this is the first time during World War One or World War Two that Jackson county has failed to raise its quota. Several sections have not been heard from and have made no report at all for this drive. The only school communities so having reached their goals are: far having reached their goals are: Rockridge, Wolf Creek, Dillsboro, Western Carolina Teachers College, and Beta.

Those who intend to give but have failed to do so will please make your donation at once. The Red Cross must CARRY ON. Please bring your donation to the Jackson County Bank or hand to A. J. Dills by the 15th of April.

Waynesville Pastor To Assist In Baptist Study Course Here

A study course will begin at the Baptist church on next Monday night, it has been announced by H. J. Ball superintendent. Rev. L. G. Elliott, pastor of the first Baptist church of Waynesville, will teach the Ten Commandments. The meeting will begin at 7:30 Monday evening and will meet at this time each evening through Friday.

PRIMARY FOR CITY ELECTION CALLED FOR APRIL 19TH

There has been considerable upset in the coming town election since the last issue of The Herald which has resulted in the board of aldermen calling a Democrat primary to be held Saturday, April 19. This was made necessary since two tickets have been filed. The primary is for the purpose of nominating a mayor and five board members, which is really an election since the Republicans did not file a ticket this year.

The order calling the primary is published elsewhere in this issue of The Herald. The order states that Grayson Cope has been named registrar for holding the primary. Mr. Cope has the registration books which are now open for registration and which will be closed Saturday, April 12. This Saturday is the last day you can register to vote in this Democratic primary. Your name must be on the city books to qualify you for voting. You may already be registered on the regular county books but this will not qualify you for the city election.

St. John's High School Prom To Be Held April 16

WAYNESVILLE, (Special)—St. John's High School will conduct its fifth annual prom Wednesday, April 16, in St. John's Auditorium from 9:00 p. m. till midnight. Harvey "Tuck" Ray, senior, and Grace Furtado, junior, will reign as prom king and queen.

The committee in charge of preparations for the fete are Sally Wages, Atlanta, chairman; Ann Mormino; Shirley Silvers, Canton; Ralph Feichter; and Charles Shackleton.

Admission to the prom is restricted to St. John's high school students, their escorts, and parents of the students. Formal dress will be worn by the ladies. The men are free to wear either formal or informal attire.

DEATH CLAIMS UNGLE TOM LEDBETTER AT G. J. HARRIS HOSPITAL

Prominent Citizen
Of Cullowhee Had
Been Ill Sometime

Thomas C. Ledbetter, 75, son of the late William and Louise Haynes Ledbetter of Buncombe county, died Tuesday afternoon at 4:20 in the G. J. Harris hospital here following a long illness.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2:30 at Cullowhee Baptist church. The Rev. Mark R. Osborne, Jr., will officiate and burial will be in the church cemetery. Members of the East Laporte Masonic Lodge will have charge of the graveside rites.

Mr. Ledbetter was born in Buncombe county where he lived for many years before moving to Cullowhee in 1907. He was a well known farmer and community leader, a highly respected citizen, and known to his many friends throughout the county as "Uncle Tom." He represented Jackson county in the general assembly of 1937. He was a member of the Baptist church and the Masonic order.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Ella Knight Ledbetter; one daughter, Mrs. Irene Cook of Pendleton, Ore.; two sons, A. P. Ledbetter of Waynesville and J. C. Ledbetter of Delray Beach, Fla.; three brothers, Will Ledbetter of Macon county, Robert C. Ledbetter of Haywood county and Horace Ledbetter of Hazelwood; two sisters, Mrs. Susie Erwin and Mrs. Adelle Wells of Haywood county; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Garrett funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

Baptist Pastors To Meet At Franklin Church

The Western North Carolina Baptist Conference will meet with the First Baptist church in Franklin Monday, April 14, at 10:30 a. m. The theme for the year: The New Testament Church; theme today: The New Testament Church Vitalized.

The program for the conference is as follows:

10:30 Devotion by Rev. Gordon Scroggs; 10:45 Business and Introduction; 11:00 "In Power" (Acts 2: 1-13) by Rev. T. Earl Ogg; 12:00 Message—The Church Vitalized in Its Program (Acts 2: 41-47) by Rev. M. L. Lewis; 12:30 Benediction and lunch.

Afternoon Conference

1:30 Devotion: 145 Round Table discussion, "The Effectiveness of a Vitalized Church Program, led by Rev. C. M. Warren; 2:30 Music; 2:35 Message by Rev. T. F. Deitz; 3:15 Adjourn.

Jackson Veterans Study New Farm Methods

G. I. s Taking Keen Interest In Hybrid Corn, New Potatoes

The Veteran's Farm program under the direction of Mr. J. F. Corbin is going ahead in a big way. The director, Mr. Corbin, states that the attendance is good and keen interest in the new improved methods of farming is being shown among the G. I. trainees. They are now busily engaged in planting potatoes, many of the boys putting in new and improved practices never before engaged in.

The class will shortly take up latest trends in corn production. Recent research in the development of adapted hybrids and better fertilization and spacing has pointed the way toward greatly improved corn yields. As a result of this study many of the Future Farmer students as well as the Veteran farmers are planting hybrid seed for the first time in Jackson county. Those of the two groups to plant heretofore brought together.

Figure In 'Wedding Party' Death



FOLLOWING A GAY WEDDING PARTY in a Detroit, Mich., tavern, owned jointly by Mrs. Margaret Rowan Chmiel, 42 (left), and her husband, Frank, Mrs. Chmiel's bludgeoned body was found in the street. Arthur Depoutier, 21 (right), who was described as one of the celebrants, is being questioned by police after a blood stained auto tool was allegedly found in his car. Mrs. Chmiel had three children. (International)

New County Board Education Organizes, Aerial Chairman

The new County Board of Education, consisting of R. L. Aerial, J. H. Morris, W. R. Enloe, Frank H. Brown, Jr., and Edward Fowler, held its initial meeting at ten o'clock Monday morning, April 7, in the office of A. C. Moses, County Superintendent of Education. Mr. Moses acted as Secretary of the meeting.

The new members of the Board first took the oath of office. For the purpose of opening the meeting, Mr. Aerial was named temporary Chairman. The meeting was then opened for business. R. L. Aerial was elected permanent Chairman and J. H. Morris was named Vice-Chairman. The Board then considered and passed on several matters.

It is requested that all those desiring to be considered for the position of County Superintendent of Education do so by filing written application to the Board in care of Mr. A. C. Moses, County Superintendent on or before Wednesday, April 16.

The Board adjourned until April 17, at which time another meeting will be held and applications for the position of County Superintendent will be considered. The Board also hopes to be able to name committees for the several districts in the county at that time. After the April 17 meeting, teacher elections will be considered by the County Board of Education.

LILIUS JEWELRY CO. IS NAME OF NEW FIRM TO OPEN STORE HERE

Edward J. and A. G. Lilius, brothers, of Waynesville, have just opened a modern jewelry store in the Ritz Theatre building on Main street. The business will be known as the Lilius Jewelry Company, carrying a complete line of jewelry, silver ware, china and other items of this line of business. They will also have a watch and jewelry repair department. Mr. A. G. Lilius will make his home in Sylva and be in charge of the business here. Mr. Edward J. Lilius will continue to manage the Waynesville store which they have.

CHARLIE CAMPBELL'S CIRCUS COMING TO TOWN APRIL 25TH

We are to have a circus in town, yes, Charlie Campbell and his partners, John Loy and Ernest White will bring their big circus for one day on Friday, April 25. They will give two performances—3 and 8 p. m. Mr. Campbell and his partners own the King and Franklin circus and recently purchased the Roy Acuff Smoky Mountain canvas show and equipment. The tent, the largest of its kind in the states, is puncture proof, fireproof and waterproof. Four large trucks and semi-trailers were included in the purchase. Watch for further announcements about the show.

Decide To Pool Efforts With Chamber Of Commerce For Greater Work This Summer

Local Phones Jingle, Long Distance Out

The Bell Telephone employee's strike now gripping the nation's telephone communications has not affected Sylva locally as the community is served by an independent system. Long distance, however, has been curtailed by the strike and the Western Union is splicing in to help take care of business otherwise handled over long distance phone calls. The local Western Union office reports a 100 per cent increase in messages since the phone strike began Monday morning.

Father Of Sylva Woman Taken By Death

S. R. Johnson, father of Mrs. Dan Allison, passed away Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock at his home in Franklin, Tenn. He had been in ill health for several months, but became worse Monday morning when they notified Mrs. Allison of his condition. She and Mr. Allison left at once for Franklin.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Another daughter, Miss Eva Johnson, is well known here, having taught in the Sylva Elementary school.

EASTER OBSERVED BY LARGE CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Although the early morning showers kept some away from the sunrise service at the cemetery Sunday morning the remainder of the day was a perfect spring day which saw unusual attendance at the churches for the 11 o'clock Easter services. Not in years have the churches been so packed with Easter worshippers. Every church was well filled, and good attendance was noted at the evening services.

The pastors brought inspirational messages of the Easter occasion as applied to life today, pointing out that the meaning of the risen Christ remains down the centuries the greatest promise to mankind. Gratitude for the peace and plenty that the nation enjoys, on this, the second anniversary since the closing of the war, despite the turmoil in the world at large, was stressed by the pastors.

There was nothing to mar the Easter parade in all its glory of color and hope and plans of the most optimistic in the perfect weather conditions.

Many families were reunited when the children came home for the holiday, and friends and relatives got-together for a few social hours; neighborhood children hunted eggs on the lawns making it a most perfect and happy Easter Sunday.

Forty-Seventh Anniversary Of Submarine Service

Charleston, S. C., April 10.—April 11 marks the 47th anniversary of the submarine service in the United States Navy, announcement was made at the Sixth Naval District headquarters that the USS TRUMPETFISH, one of the Navy's latest submarines would visit Charleston for the Azalea Festival. From the far-off Aleutians, Pearl Harbor, and Midway to Charleston is a long journey, but it is one that has been made by the vessel that will put into this port on April 20 and be open for public inspection at the Columbus Street pier during the Festival week.

Only One Membership For Both Groups; Will Restrict Advertising

A large group of the members of the Sylva Merchants Association met in the City Hall Friday afternoon to discuss plans for work of the Association during the coming year and to get a date for the summer half-day closing. The group voted to start the half-day closing on Wednesday, April 16, at 1 o'clock and continue to close each Wednesday at 1 o'clock through August 27, at which time they will go back to full six days per week open for business. No change was made in opening and closing hours which are—open at 9 a. m. and close at 5:30 p. m., except on Saturday closing is 6 p. m.

The organization voted to combine its efforts with those of the Chamber of Commerce this year. This is something that has not been done before and the members feel that to do this both organizations can accomplish more for the progress of Sylva and Jackson county. There will be only one membership fee for both organizations, which will be set by the Chamber of Commerce, starting May 15.

The Merchants will keep their organization as one unit in so far as it benefits the members. They have agreed to have a luncheon meeting once each month at which time problems facing the organization will be discussed and acted upon.

Restrict Advertising

The merchants voted to place restrictions on miscellaneous advertising, that is advertising which individuals, groups, or organizations who come into town and solicit advertising to be carried in folders, booklets, handbills, etc. An advertising committee has been appointed to pass on this type of advertising and all persons who wish to solicit in the town of Sylva must first get a permit from this committee. The organization is having cards printed, stating the rules and regulations governing miscellaneous advertising. These cards will be placed in the stores for the convenience of those wishing to secure a permit for making solicitations for this kind of advertising. These cards are to be taken to the advertising committee who will pass on them and if favorable the applicant will be given a special permit which he, or she, must present to the merchant or business firm when calling on them for an advertisement.

Dennis Barkley Leaves F. S. A. To Be With Veterans

Mr. Dennis Barkley, who for the past four years has been office manager of the Farm Security Administration in Jackson county, has resigned this position to accept the position as director of Veterans Farm Training in the Savannah area of the county, which position he has already assumed. He will relieve S. D. Alexander of Mecklenburg county, who has resigned.

Families Move Into New Homes, Apartments

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Baldrige, and small son, Eddie, moved into their new home on Brendle street Tuesday. The house, recently completed by William B. Dillard, local contractor, was purchased from Mr. Dillard by Mr. Baldrige.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Thompson have taken an apartment in the home of Mrs. W. E. Grindstaff.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brunette have moved into the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. John Corbin on College street.