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A JOB WELL DONE

Although Jackson County received some adverse publicity in connection with the Jack Hall and wife murder case, we can feel proud of the fact that through the alertness of our law enforcement officers the mystery has been solved and the guilty parties placed behind the bars for safe keeping.

The nature of the hideous crime was such that it demanded solving at once. Sheriff Middleton and his officers realized this and wasted no time in running down the guilty men. They are to be congratulated for their fine job of breaking the case so quickly. The people of all Western North Carolina can feel a certain degree of satisfaction in knowing that their lives and property are more secure by having a group of alert officers whose very presence acts as restraints on those who might be tempted to rob, murder, and commit other crimes.

GOOD PROGRAMS

The Lyceum committee of Western Carolina Teachers College, headed by Mrs. C. C. Buchanan, deserves much credit for the high type of programs they have been able to secure for the college this year. Within the past two weeks two outstanding men in their fields of work have been brought to the college to appear on the lyceum program. The most recent was Hon. Frank Darvall, first secretary of the British Embassy, who talked on the Commonwealth of the British Empire. His message was very informative and enjoyed by the large audience that heard him. On April 21 Dr. Gerald Wendt, Editorial Director of Science Illustrated and former Science editor of Time, Life, and Fortune magazines, appeared on the program.

With such programs as the above the college will add prestige to the institution as well as provide a broader field of knowledge for its student body and community at large.

We commend the committee and the college on this fine work they are doing and the spirit of cooperation as a part of the outgrowth it engenders.

ADVERTISING SYLVA

The Herald publishers have received much favorable comment on last week's issue in which much space was given over to National Baby Week, through news stories, pictures, and attractive advertisements of local merchants. One of our progressive merchants, who made up a very attractive window display of baby merchandise, stated that he had no more than completed the window when a lady purchased a \$14 bill of this merchandise to be sent to a relative's baby in Germany. She saw items that had been hard to get so she made her purchases. The window was put in in connection with the Baby issue of The Herald in observance of National Baby Week, April 27-May 1.

The Herald believes that the progressive merchant attributes his success in business, as well as life in general, to the amount of time, money, and energy he puts in it. Not often does it—just happen. Success is determined by the way we tell the public of our wares, by advertising in the local newspaper, by window displays, and by courteous treatment of customers when they visit the store. By these means of advertising the merchant is not only advertising his own store, but he is advertising Sylva as well. The Herald appreciates its business, we believe the merchants appreciate their trade, and we know the citizens appreciate the advantages made possible by the merchants, business and professional institutions in Sylva. Let's all get together, pull together for a bigger and better Sylva and Jackson county.

Inside Washington

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON — Diplomats are watching with interest the possible reaction that President Truman's new foreign policy will have on the attitude of Soviet satellite states toward the United States.

Some foresee the possibility that those nations will become even more restrictive in their domestic controls, such as the lessening of democratic liberties. Others anticipate that the various governments may become more amiable, at least in paying lip courtesy to America.

So far, little information has been given the peoples of countries like Yugoslavia and Poland of the aid policy toward Greece and Turkey. Even the Moscow radio, which is an influential source of news in the Balkans, has said little about the aid plan, presumably uncertain what the effect of the news would be there.

Meanwhile, United States officials are letting the matter rest, trusting that in time the news will be heard. They foresee a powerful weapon in diplomacy if Greece is restored to something like normal prosperity while the Russian satellite states have a tough time making ends meet.

The proposed direct relief appropriations mean that aid will be withheld from unfriendly states. This policy is likely to break down, however, if starvation faces any large segment of the population in such states, since success of the American plan depends on the hope that the masses, finding nothing to gain in Communism, ultimately will force a return to democratic ways.

The Russian conception of "who won the war" was stated bluntly by the Soviet embassy Bulletin, official voice of Moscow in Washington. The Kremlin-inspired periodical stated: "In the world struggle against Fascism—the second world war—the Soviet army made the greatest contribution."

The Bulletin went on to say: "The theater of war over which the Soviet army struggled had an area roughly six times that of all the other theaters of war where Allied troops battled the German-Fascist coalition.

"It is also a fact that the human losses sustained by the Soviet army were more than six times the losses of all other Allied armies combined."

No mention was made of the billions of dollars in war material poured into Russia at a time when the Red forces were fighting with their backs strictly to the wall.

The Smithsonian Institution, which houses many objects associated with the progress of civilization, has become the possessor of a device linked to one of modern man's most awesome demonstrations of destructive power.

Norden bombsight No. 4120, used when the Army Air Forces dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945, recently was presented to the institution.

Dr. Alexander Wetmore, secretary of the Smithsonian, remarked in accepting the historic bombsight that he hoped there never again would be a conflict requiring the use of such an instrument.

The bombsight was one of the war's top secrets. It was responsible for the remarkable accuracy achieved not only in the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki but in the orthodox attacks which helped smash Germany's war potential.

The presentation was made by A. C. Buehler, president of the Victor Adding Machine company, which aided in developing the infallible "sighting machine." Buehler said he shared Wetmore's hope that the bombsight in the museum and all the others in existence would never again be used for purposes of carnage.

However, Gen. Carl Spaatz, commanding general of the air forces, who attended the ceremony, warned that the nation, even in peace, must maintain the "know-how" which was a vital weapon of victory.

It happened at a big league baseball park. "Two men are outside," some one reported to the manager. "They say they want passes; claim to be friends of the umpire." "Throw 'em out," said the manager, "no umpire has two friends."—Uplift.

There is nothing so true that the damp of error have not warped it.—Tupper.

The Everyday Counsellor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

Character is caught, not taught. Parents should remember that in selecting schools for their children. They should further remember that even in this modern industrialized world, character is more important than specialized training.

I am constantly receiving letters of inquiry from business houses concerning young people who have applied to them for positions. Invariably it is the character of the applicant with which they are concerned. Following character comes personal habits, associates, family background. All of this means that parents should be most careful in the selection of schools to which their children are sent, and should certainly know something of the teachers under whose influence they are. A letter from a parent seeking advice on a preparatory school on my desk now, and provokes this column.

In the first place, it is my conviction that children, if they are going to college, should receive their pre-college education in schools at home if possible. The home influence, if it is good, should be retained as long as possible. Too many parents are sending their adolescent sons and daughters to

boarding schools "to get them out of the way," and to avoid parental obligations in adolescence. But if the home is broken, and it is necessary to select a boarding school, then by all means one should be chosen where character training is emphasized, and where teaching of religion is a part of the curriculum.

If the boy or girl is not going to college, but to a business school, the standing of the school in the community should be thoroughly investigated. Discover if the head of the school and faculty are "church people." Are they men and women of fine character? If the school takes the boy or girl away from home, be sure to investigate the boarding place and the character of those who live there.

There are many schools where the administration and faculty realize the importance of character training, and place it foremost in their course of study.

It is during the first eighteen years of life that character is largely determined. It is caught, not taught, from parents and teachers, from associates. It is not learned from textbooks. The best textbook on character is still the Bible. Its place here is not questioned.

so that the county's quota of \$400 may be attained. At present the quota is short about \$100. We are anxious to complete the drive, Mr. Poteet said.

LOOKING BACKWARD

From the Files of The Ruralite of 15 years ago

Sylva Collegiate Institute is having commencement exercises this week. Thirteen young men and women are in the graduating class. Miss Edna Allen is valedictorian and Miss Lois Keener of Franklin is salutatorian. A. J. Hutchins, superintendent of the Carlton schools will deliver the address.

Carr Hooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Hooper of East LaPorte left Tuesday for the Philippine Islands, where he will teach English in the 11th grade of a high school. Mr. Hooper is a graduate of Western Carolina Teachers College and the University of North Carolina and for the past four years has been principal of Sylva Elementary school.

A. V. Washburn, of Wake Forest college, former Sylva boy, was made president of the N. C. collegiate press association at the final session of the organization at State college Saturday.

URGED TO COMPLETE CANCER FUND DRIVE

Roscoe Poteet, chairman of the Jackson county campaign for collecting funds for the Cancer drive, has announced an appeal to the community chairmen to complete their work this week, if possible.

NO APPETITE

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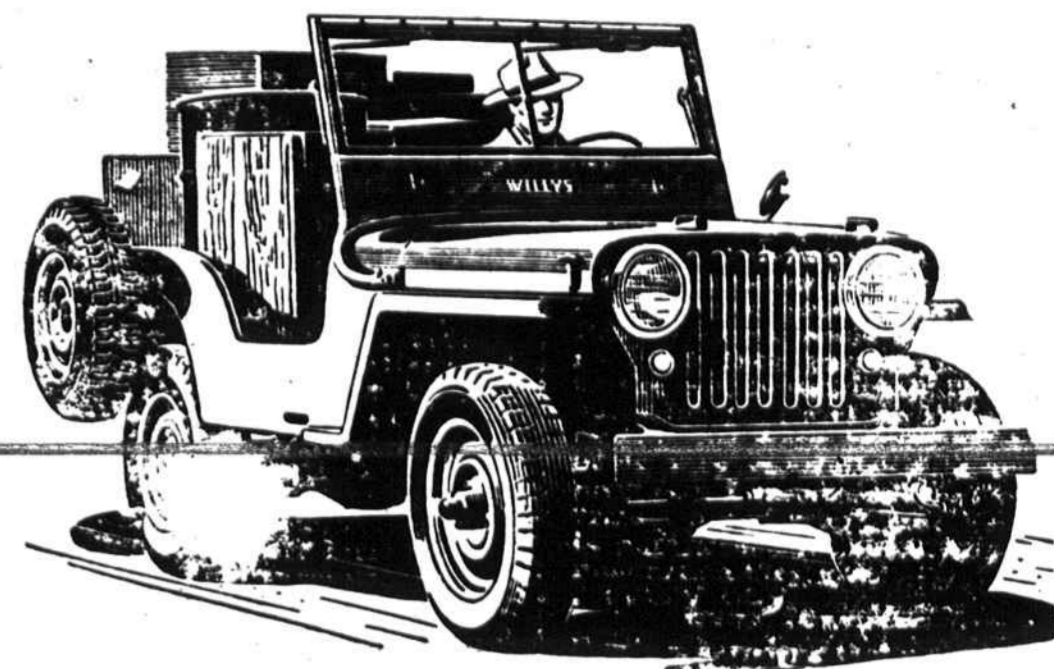


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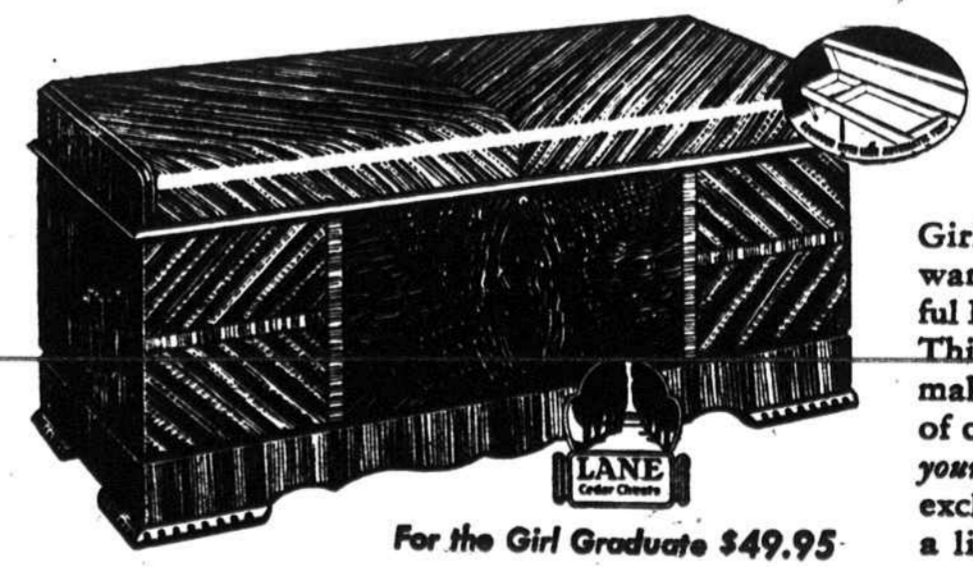
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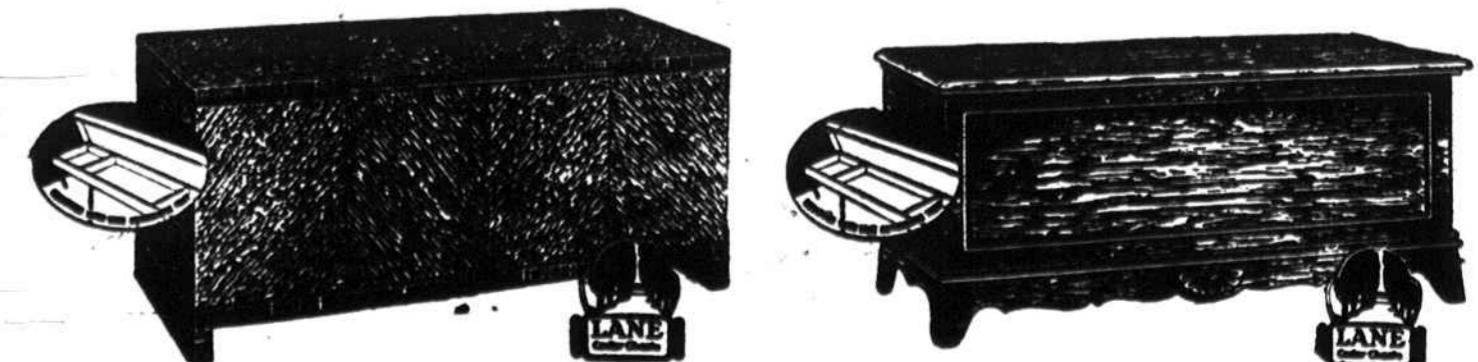


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