

47 Seniors To Graduate From Sylva High School

May Term Of Jackson Superior Court Opens Monday, May 18; Judge W. H. Bobbit Presiding

O'Dear And Messer Will Go On Trial For Slaying Mr. And Mrs. Jack Hall

The May term of Jackson County Superior court will convene Monday morning, May 19 with Judge W. H. Bobbit, of Charlotte, presiding, and Hon. Dan K. Moore, of Sylva, representing the State.

The murder charge against Earl O'Dear and Robert Messer for the hammer slaying of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hall on Sunday night, April 20th, will be tried at this term. O'Dear and Messer were arrested by county and state officers on Wednesday the 23 and lodged in jail at Sylva and Bryson City. Messer was held in the Sylva jail and after questioning by the officers admitted his part in the crime late Thursday evening. O'Dear made his confession in the Bryson City jail late the same night. They told of hiring Mr. Hall, local taxi operator, to take them from the bus station in Sylva to Lonnie O'Dear's home and how they struck Mr. and Mrs. Hall on the head with large machine hammers about one fourth mile from the O'Dear home on the old Dillsboro and Sylva road. Also told the officers where they threw the hammers in Scotts Creek, which were later recovered and are being held as evidence. They then told of their trip to Knoxville by Asheville and return to Sylva the following evening.

This trial will probably attract more attention and a bigger crowd than any ever held in the county. Both men are being held in jail outside of Jackson county.

Only a few other minor cases are on the criminal docket for trial at this time.

Mexican President Given Warm Welcome On Washington Visit

Washington laid out its biggest welcome mat this week for President Miguel Aleman of Mexico as the young 43-year old chief executive of our Southern neighbor arrived for a three day visit with President Truman as the chief host.

Aleman arrived Wednesday at 4 p. m. aboard President Truman's private plane on his good will visit primarily, but some officials said it may result in a loan to Mexico to aid her in postwar industrialization. President Truman was a guest of the Mexican president a few weeks ago.

Barker Announces For Governor

DURHAM, May 4—Oscar G. Barker, representative from Durham county in the last five sessions of the General Assembly, today formally announced as a candidate for Governor of North Carolina subject to the Democratic primary in 1948.

Barker led a successful fight in 1947 Assembly for higher salaries for public school teachers and State employes. He is widely known throughout the State for his interest in public education. The comprehensive program indicated in his formal announcement emphasized this interest and his further insistence upon the expansion of the State's Medical Care program.

A life-time resident of Durham county, Barker is a graduate of the Duke Law School, and is an active Baptist layman. He is a Mason, and a Shriner.

Fred McLain Leaves For Okinawa

Fred McLain, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. N. McLain left Monday for Oak Ridge to spend a couple of days with his sister, Mrs. R. L. Cantrell, and brothers, George and Jimmy McLain. He went to Knoxville Wednesday, from where he will go by plane to San Francisco. He will go from there by boat to Okinawa, where he will be employed by the Jones Construction Co.

GOING TO GERMANY



Mrs. Viola Deitz, above, will go to Fort Hamilton, N. Y. May 12, to receive final clearance for her trip to Germany where she will join her husband, 1st Sgt. Thad B. Deitz, who is stationed at Deggen-dorf, Germany with American occupation forces.

SYLVA BAND WILL PARADE AND GIVE CONCERT FRIDAY

The Sylva High school band will make its first public appearance in parade Friday, May 9th at 2 o'clock. From the school house they will follow Main street to Hooper Motor Company, returning from there to Massie Furniture Store where they will stop for a short concert. They will then return to the school house and at 2:30 will give a program at the county-wide teachers meeting which meets at the school at this time.

SOCIAL SECURITY FOR VETERANS

"How will the changes in the Social Security Act which were made during the last session of Congress benefit veterans?"

The amended Social Security Act now provides Old-Age and Survivors Insurance benefits for survivors of certain veterans of World War II. Changes in the law make it possible for a veteran's dependents (under conditions which are specified in the law) to claim Old-Age and Survivors Insurance benefits in case he should die—or has died—within a limited period after his discharge from military service.

Osbornes and Guests Make Extended Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Mark R. Osborne, Jr., of Cullowhee, had as their guests Wednesday night, Mr. Osborne's parents, Rev. and Mrs. M. R. Osborne, Sr., of Orangeburg, S. C., and a cousin, Hon. Henry K. Osborne, of Spartanburg. The party left Cullowhee today for Louisville, Ky. where they will attend the graduation of Rev. Millard H. Osborne, son and brother of the Osbornes, who will graduate from Southern Baptist Seminary on May 2. They will then go from Louisville to St. Louis, Mo. to attend the 1947 session of the Southern Baptist convention.

Wesleyan Methodist Church To Have Revival

Beginning Sunday May 4 and lasting through Sunday, May 18 The Wesleyan Methodist church of Tuckaseegee will have a series of revival services. Evangelist Rev. E. L. Gunby, of Easley, S. C. will conduct the services each evening at 7:45 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend. The pastor of the church is Rev. Everett M. Turner.

47 SENIORS WILL RECEIVE DIPLOMAS TUESDAY, MAY 13

This Is First 12th Grade Class To Graduate Since The Extra Grade Added

Forty-seven seniors will receive diplomas next Tuesday night in the finals of the first 12th grade graduation program of the Sylva high school.

Those to receive diplomas are as follows:

Charmie Ruth Garrett, Viola Margie Brooks, Rebecca Ann Wilson, Thelma Joy Poteet, Barbara Jo Cooke, Victoria Oleta Howell, Nancy Ann Owens, Rachel Anna Laura Sutton, Nora Lee Shields, Ila Mae Buchanan, Pearle Ashe, Billy Allen Sutton, Thomas Reavis Lyons, Philip A. Jones, James A. Gray, Jr., O. H. Martin, Jack W. Cope, Vernon J. Jamison, Paul V. Mathis, James R. Arrington, Wendell Guy House, Charles F. Warren, Mildred Mae Cable, Jessie Snyder, Mary Sue Revis, Inez Monteith, Ruth Hyatt, Doris Christine Casada, Naida Marion Seaman, Eric Jean Foxx, Hilda Louise Hoyle, Mabel Evelyn Crawford, Arbara Sue Ensley, Edith Josephine Sims, Geneva Louise Shultz, Stella Mae Revis, Lela Jean Phillips, Jack B. Ensley, Annie Belle Cole, Mary Bess Henry, Mack Crawford, Barbara Anette Bess, Alec Southard, Jr., James Kent Coward, Hal Wilson, Douglas Jordan, and Jim Ryan.

Savannah Students Will Give Operetta Tuesday

An operetta, "Goldilocks' Adventure" will be presented at the Savannah consolidated school Tuesday evening, May 13 at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium. Fifty-two children, chosen from the first through the seventh grades will participate in the program.

Several Hundred Acres Of Forest Lands Burned

A fire on Big Ridge burned over 200 acres of forest land Monday and Tuesday before it was brought under control by county fire warden, fire crews, and local citizens.

Two fires in the Canada area burned over 100 acres of forest the first of the week. Fifty acres were burned over near Beta the first of the week. These were extinguished by the fire warden and local citizens.

Miss Houston Graduates At Ft. Sanders Hospital

Cadet Nurse Nettie Houston, a member of the graduating class of Fort Sanders hospital, the exercises of which were held Thursday evening at the First Baptist church, Knoxville, Tenn.

Miss Houston is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Houston of Tuckaseegee. Among those going over for the graduating exercises were Mr. and Mrs. Houston, Mrs. Randill Addis, Mr. and Mrs. George Stephens, Mrs. Ruby Wilson and her three children.

Sylva Women Visit Sister On Birthday

Mrs. Carl Buchanan, Mrs. Belle Buchanan, and Mrs. Ellen Bryson went to Asheville last Thursday to be with Mrs. Ed Divilbis, a sister of the last two named, on her birthday. The three sisters had dinner with another sister, Mrs. R. P. Potts, at her home in West Asheville. They returned to Sylva Thursday evening.

Visit In Virginia

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Moses and two daughters, Kitty Ray and Sherlie, of Erastus, and their son, Charles Moses of the Merchant Marine, and Mr. Del Stewart, brother of Mrs. Moses, have returned to their home after visiting relatives in Norfolk and Portsmouth, Va. They were accompanied by Miss Eloise Blackburn of Norton who visited her aunt, Mrs. Harold Cook and family in Portsmouth.

SYLVA HIGH HONOR STUDENTS



Miss Mary Bess Henry, above left, is valedictorian of the graduating class of the Sylva high school, having completed her high school work with an average grade of 94.07. Miss Henry is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Henry of Sylva and Bryson City. Miss Pearl Ashe, right, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ashe, is salutatorian of the class, having attained an average grade of 91.69 for her high school work. The two young seniors will deliver their addresses at the graduation exercises Tuesday night.

SPECIAL MATINEE WILL BE HELD AT RITZ ON MONDAY

Next Monday afternoon at 2:15 o'clock the Ritz Theatre will have a matinee showing of the picture, "Song of the South." This is done because the management realizes that nearly everyone wishes to see this show and the dates conflict with the commencement exercises on both Monday and Tuesday evening. The matinee will give a number a chance to see it in the afternoon and still attend the graduation exercises. It is hoped that many will take advantage of the matinee and thereby relieve the congestion of the crowd at the evening hours.

S. S. Convention Will Meet Sunday At Locust Field Baptist Church

The Tuckaseegee Baptist Sunday School Convention is scheduled to meet Sunday afternoon, May 11 with the Locust Field Baptist church. The program will start promptly at 3 o'clock. This is 30 minutes later than usual due to so many Mother's Day programs in the various churches. The program will be shorter than usual.

Hon. Hugh Monteith will be the principal speaker, using for his subject, "Youth Delinquency." All schools in the association are urged to be represented for this important meeting.

Mrs. J. W. Buchanan Observes 85th Birthday

Mrs. J. W. Buchanan celebrated her 85th birthday on Monday, April 28, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Leatherwood, at Dillsboro. No special affair had been planned but many friends and relatives called during the day. She received a number of lovely gifts and also many who could not call remembered her with cards of greeting.

Mrs. Buchanan has recently been quite ill and her friends will be glad to know that she is much improved.

Higdon Cautions Farmers On Over Planting Leaf Acreage

D. C. Higdon, chairman, Jackson County Agricultural Conservation Association Committee, today cautioned all tobacco growers in Jackson County against overplanting their farm acreage allotments this year.

"Growers who harvest any acreage of tobacco in 1947 in excess of their farm acreage allotments are subject to marketing quota penalties and will not be eligible for full participation in Government price support loans," Mr. Higdon added.

In connection with price support loans, Mr. Higdon emphasized that any acreage harvested in excess of the farm acreage allotment will make all the tobacco produced

NEWLY ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS WILL TAKE OFFICE FRIDAY P. M.

In the municipal election held Tuesday Jack C. Allison was elected mayor, receiving 97 votes. Board members elected were: R. R. Nicholson, Jr., 97; Edward H. Baldridge, 96; Lloyd W. Cowan, 97; Dr. Harold S. McGuire, 95; and Joseph F. Wilson, 97.

Cullowhee Seniors To Present Three-Act Farce

A three-act farce, "One Mad Night," will be presented by the senior class of Cullowhee High school, Friday evening, May 16, at 8 o'clock in Hoey auditorium. The comical "insane" characters, together with the careless handling of the make-believe atomic bomb, will give you a full evening of fun and laughter.

Characters playing are: Mrs. Klutz, Marietta Milkap; Don Cutter, Loyall Bryson; Lucile Marcy, Doris Ensley; Mrs. Finch, Edna Earle Sutton; Gertrude Finch, Lowaine Mashburn; Depression (a negro maid), Betty Wood; Wing (Chinese valet) Jesse Flake; Mr. Hyde, Olin Jackson; Mr. Burke, Clifton Taylor; Priscilla, Elizabeth Chester; John Alden, Furman Hooper; Lady Macbeth, Jessie Ray Bryson; Danny Siletto, Dennis Norton; Dr. Bunni, J. R. Dills.

Mrs. C. D. Killian is class sponsor.

Mrs. Hugh P. Smith Will Have Recital

Mrs. Hugh Preston Smith will present her music pupils in their annual spring recital on Tuesday morning, May 13, at 11:40 o'clock in the Hoey auditorium of Western Carolina Teachers College. Sixteen pupils will present a varied program of musical selections.

The public is invited to attend the recital.

Annual Commencement Starts Sunday With Baccalaurate Sermon At 2:30 O'clock

GLENVILLE HIGH COMMENCEMENT TO BE MAY 16 AND 17

Graduation exercises for Glenville High school will be held Friday evening, May 16, in the school auditorium, the speaker of the evening being Rev. W. Q. Grigg, Valedictorian, Padgett McCoy, and salutatorian, J. T. Reid, will give their commencement addresses.

Presentation of diplomas will also be made at this time to the following members of the graduating class: Alice Rogers, Cornelia Breedlove, Louise Weaver, Aileen Bryson, Mildred Merrill, Padgett McCoy, J. T. Reid, Tom Bryson, Kenneth Fowler, Harold Bryson, Thomas William Hunter, and Willard Monteith.

The baccalaurate sermon and program will be Sunday, May 18, at 2:30 p. m. with Rev. C. M. Warren speaking.

Mr. Kenneth Terrell is class sponsor.

Food Handlers To Meet In Waynesville May 13 Through 16

The District Health department will sponsor a food-handlers school to be held at the Armory in Waynesville May 13 through 16. The first three days are for everyone connected with food handling in any manner. Friday, May 16, has been set aside for operators only.

Identical classes are to be held twice each day for the benefit of operators and employees, to enable entire staffs to divide their duties so that all may attend.

Henry Brothers Return To Western N. Carolina

Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Henry and two daughters, Lynda and Sharon, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Henry and three children arrived Saturday from Detroit, Mich. and will make their home in Western North Carolina. The two brothers have been in Michigan for 18 years. They are opening a tourist court on Soco Road near Waynesville. Fred Henry and family will reside in Sylva and Frank Henry and family will live at their new place of business.

Mother's Day Program To Be Held At Lovedale Church

Mother's Day will be observed with an all-day program at Lovedale Baptist church Sunday, May 11.

Sunday school will begin at 9:45 a. m. to be followed by the regular worship service by the pastor, Rev. F. P. Blankenship.

Scott's Creek Church To Have Special Service

On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11, the Scott's Creek Baptist church will have a special program honoring both the mothers and the babies of the church.

Special music will be rendered by the choir and fitting recognition will be given to the mothers and babies.

In the absence of the pastor, Rev. B. S. Hensley, the message will be delivered by Rev. T. F. Deitz.

The church has set a goal of 325 for Sunday School next Sunday morning.

Students To Give Class Day Program Monday At 8 P. M. In Auditorium

The annual commencement program of Sylva high school will begin Sunday, May 11, at which time the Baccalaureate sermon will be preached at 2:30 p. m. in the elementary auditorium by Rev. L. R. Akers, pastor of the Methodist church of Bryson City.

The program Sunday will include processional; invocation by A. C. Reynolds; vocal duet, Jenneane Bryson and Betty Jean Paxton; anthem, "Praise Ye the Father," Glee Club; recessional.

Class night exercises will be held Monday evening, May 12, at 8 o'clock in the elementary auditorium with the following program in which all members of the Senior class will participate: Class prophesy (dramatization); Class history, Naida Seaman; Class will, Hal Wilson; Class gift to the school, Kent Coward, class president; Gifitarian, Barbara Bess; Class poem, "High School Memories," Guy House.

Special numbers by the Glee club will include, "Come to the Fair," "Trees," "By the Bend of the River," and "Blue Danube."

Jean Moses, Mary Cole Stillwell, and Eddie Lou Terrell will present piano solos.

Graduation exercises will be held Tuesday night, May 13 at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium. Miss Mary Bess Henry, as valedictorian and Miss Pearle Ashe, as salutatorian of the class will deliver their addresses. Complete arrangements for the principal speakers of the evening have not been made. Special music will be furnished by the Glee club.

Presentation of diplomas will be made by Superintendent A. C. Moses. Other awards for the year will be made at this time.

Marshals for the commencement program, chosen from the Junior class on the basis of scholastic rating are: Chief, Betty Ann Queen; Charles Stillwell, Jimmy Bales, and Marsha Gibson.

8th Graders to Have Outing

In celebration of completing the work of Elementary school the 83 members of the 8th grade of Sylva elementary school will go to Cherokee picnic ground today (Thurs-) day for an all-day outing and picnic lunch. The students will be accompanied by their teachers, Mrs. Juanita Davis, Mrs. Mae Fortner, and Mr. John Crawford.

Upon their return to the school their certificates of promotion will be presented to them in their class rooms by their respective teachers.

HODGES NAMED ON W. C. T. C. BOARD

Brandon P. Hodges, of Asheville, will succeed D. Hiden Ramsey, general manager of the Citizen-Times, as a member of the board of trustees of the Western Carolina Teachers College at Cullowhee.

Mother Of Sylva Man Passes In Walhalla

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Corbin were called to Walhalla, S. C. last Friday by the death of his mother, Mrs. Cobb, who had been sick for some time.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist church in Walhalla at 3 o'clock. Going down from Sylva for the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Brown, Misses Mary Henson and Hattie Hilda Sutton, Edwin Allison, George Painter, and Willie Painter.

Eastern Star To Have Meeting At Dillsboro

There will be a regular meeting of Oec Chapter No. 139 Order of the Eastern Star Wednesday evening, May 14 at 8 o'clock in the Masonic hall at Dillsboro. All members are urged to be present.