

July Fourth Celebration Was Successful Event, 5000 Enjoy Big Program

Miss Dillard Wins Title Of "Miss Sylva", Mrs. Collins Draws Ford

Miss Barbara Dillard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Dillard of Sylva, won the coveted title of "Miss Sylva" in the bathing beauty contest staged here following the street parade on July 4th, and Mrs. Dora Collins was winner of the new 1947 model Ford car given in the drawing by the Sylva Lions Club.

Second and third places in the bathing beauty contest were won by Misses Norma Kay Fite, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nash Fite of Valdese, and Barbara Bess, daughter of Mrs. G. K. Bess of Sylva and the late Dr. Bess, respectively.

A crowd estimated around 5,000 witnessed the street parade and other events of the day, held on Mark Watson field and the street dance on Main street in the evening.

The parade was one of the most elaborate staged here in many years, in which many attractive floats were entered by the various business firms. The parade was led by Sylva's high school band, winning much praise and applause from the crowd.

Mayor Jack Allison performed the task of master of ceremonies in a most veteran-like manner, which added to the success of the occasion.

The greasy pig was caught by Paul Beck, brother of Sammy Beck, who gave his time to direct the band for ten days before the 4th celebration.

Sylva won the baseball game from the Hayesville-Hiawasse All-Stars by a score of 2-0.

The airshow was marred some by the rain which came up in the afternoon. The street dance, however, was a big success.

Mrs. Collins presented Mr. Glenn Hooper with a \$50 bill after winning the Ford car. Mr. Hooper, who has lost the sight of his eyes, drew the winning name from the box of 3,000 tickets sold by the Lions Club. The proceeds from the sale of the tickets, after deducting the price of the car, will be used by the Lions in their cooperative program for buying playground equipment for the city recreational park. The town of Sylva is co-sponsor of the project.

Chief of Police Karl Warlick reported only two drunks during the day and they were both picked up at 11 and 12 o'clock that night. No accidents happened to mar the pleasure of the crowd.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jones and children, Claude, Betty Lee, and Tommy, spent the week-end in Biltmore with Mr. Jones' brothers, Clarence and Talmadge Jones, and their families.

Dairymen Using DDT Spray To Eradicate Bacteria Count

In an effort to decrease the bacteria count in milk and improve sanitary conditions on dairy farms, the North Carolina state laboratory of hygiene is furnishing DDT to dairies producing Grade A milk. The DDT, which is prepared in an emulsion of oil, is being distributed through the county health departments of the state and must be applied under health department supervision. Charlie Thomas, sanitation officer, is supervising its use in Jackson and Swain counties.

There are about ten dairies in the two counties which are producing Grade A milk which can be pasteurized, therefore which are eligible to receive DDT. At the first of this week four dairies were sprayed with the solution and Mr. Thomas was rapidly giving the remaining dairymen the chance to use the DDT of their dairy farms. All of them are eager to use the DDT because of the improvement in quality of milk which its use brings.

On Monday morning Mr. Thomas visited the farms of two dairymen, Homer Turpin and Burton Bumgarner, both of whom have

Pipes Being Set For Parking Meters Here

E. M. Lloyd started drilling holes Wednesday on the sidewalks of Sylva for installation of the pipe base for 178 meters recently ordered by the town board. The meters are being furnished by the M. H. Rhodes Company, Inc., of Hartford, Conn., and are expected to arrive next week after which they will be screwed on the pipe.

The cost of the meters is self liquidating, the company getting half of the meter take until paid for. After they are paid for, the city will get all the revenue from them.

Mr. Lloyd also has the contract for installing meters at Bryson City, Franklin, Black Mountain, and Valdese.

District Scout Group To Hold Court of Honor Here Tuesday At 8 P. M.

An unusually large number of Boy Scouts and Scout leaders are expected to attend the court of honor which will be held in Sylva Methodist church on Thursday night. The court will begin promptly at 8 p. m. and will last only one hour.

The court expects to make awards for tenderfoot, second class, first class, merit badges, and star to Scouts from Macon, Swain, and Jackson counties who will attend.

The awards will be presented by the following: Edwin Allison, tenderfoot investiture; W. C. Hennessee, second class awards; Dr. Harold McGuire, first class awards; Herbert Gibson, merit badges; and Jake Bales, star.

Hugh Monteith, chairman of the advancement committee, will preside over the court.

NAMED CHAIRMAN



CHARLES E. RAY was named chairman of the new North Carolina National Park, Parkway, and Forests Development Commission as the group held the initial meeting in Waynesville Monday.

These Men Protect You From Fire, Crime



Shown above are the members of the city fire department, town officials and Asheville and Enka guests made on the evening of the annual dinner put on by the Firemen at Maple Springs Monday, June 30: Front row left to right, Fire Chief Bart Cope, Fitzgerald, Chief of the Asheville fire department, E. M. Salley, Chief Fire department, Enka; and Phil Stovall. Second row, left to right, D. M. Tallent, fire marshal; E. O. Mashburn, honorary chief; David Cagle, Charles McMahan, Ovid Beck, Lloyd Cowan, Boyd Sossamon, Felix Picklesimer, Dick Green, R. O. Wilson, Bud Ensley, police; C. D. Lindsay, patrolman. T. E. Childers, police. G. C. Middleton, sheriff. W. L. Jones, city clerk.

Third row, left to right, Claude Campbell, Dave Sorrells, Jack Allison, Mayor; Woody Hampton, Grayson Cope, Ray Cogdill, Jake Bales. Back row, Joe Wilson, member town board; Karl Warlick, chief of police; Raymond Nicholson, member town board; J. R. Phillips, Charles Campbell, O. E. Brookhyser, and Alliney Bryson.

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Excavation Started For New Memorial Stadium at W.C.T.C.

Work has begun on excavating 18,000 cubic yards of dirt at Cullowhee in preparation for construction in late fall of the proposed Memorial Stadium at Western Carolina Teachers College.

When completed the stadium will seat 5,000 persons. It is to be built at rear of the present Hunter Field to allow space for the proposed Science building. The structure will be of concrete and steel and it will cost approximately \$50,000, half of which has already been pledged. A large part of the pledges have been made in cash.

The stadium committee is composed of Ralph Sutton, chairman; Alice Benton, secretary; R. L. Arriall, treasurer; H. T. Hunter, H. E. Buchanan, W. E. Bird, C. F. Dodson, J. W. McDevitt, and coaches Marion McDonald and Tom Young. The advisory committee is headed by D. Hiden Ramsey, of Asheville.

The stadium is to be in honor of the 26 young men who lost their lives in World War II, and who were at one time students at Western Carolina.

Herman Bailey, Sylva; Harold Z. Bateman, Robbinsville; Thomas Clyde Bowman, Robbinsville; Samuel J. Bristol, Hayesville; Denver T. Bryson, Speedwell; Ralph Thomas Byers, Shelby; Van Buren Carter, West Mills; Earl E. Ellis, Asheville; Robert Gray Hampton, Cullowhee; Richard Hedge, Hendersonville; B. S. Hensley, Jr., Sylva; Jack Holloman, Kinston; Charles Leagon, Black Mountain; Wilford C. Love, Stanfield; John O. Lovedahl, Cowarts; Willard Lovingood, Marble; Charles W. McLaughlin, Whittier; William Messer, Waynesville; Charles E. Myers, Black Mountain; Hubert Queen, Wesser; Elmer F. S. Stahlman, Roy Glenn Watson, Sylva; Lyndon L. White, Guilford College; Cecil Yount, Waynesville; Guy Zachary, Cashiers; and George Ropp, Shelby.

It is the hopes of the stadium committee that all former Alumni of Western Carolina and friends of the college will help in this project. Those wishing to make a pledge can contact Ralph Sutton, business manager of the college, Coach Tom Young, or any member of the committee.

E. M. Lloyd, of Sylva, is the contractor for the excavation. Approximately one-half of the dirt moved will be used to level the newly constructed baseball field.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Allison have returned from a trip to Daytona Beach and other points in Florida and will make their home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Allison.

Crawford Announces Opening Date For All County Schools

Frank M. Crawford, superintendent of Jackson county schools, has announced that all the schools in the county will open August 21 for the 1947-48 term with the exception of Cullowhee Training school which will open when Western Carolina Teachers College begins the regular session in September.

Mr. Crawford said that Christmas holidays will start December 19 and end December 29.

The teacher list for the county will be published as soon as available. Several vacancies have not been filled, Mr. Crawford said.

MAURICE GEOFFREY TO BRING THEATRE IN THE SKY HERE

Plans for the opening here of the "Theatre In The Sky" Company, of Waynesville, on Friday, July 18th, were announced yesterday by Felix Picklesimer, president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, and Maurice Geoffrey, managing-director of the company. The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the presentation of the plays here.

Opening with the sensational Broadway comedy success "Stepping Sisters" by Howard Warren Comstock, the company will present five plays during the summer. Each play will be presented on Friday evenings at the Graded School Auditorium.

"Stepping Sisters" features Electra Ballou, Grace Shiner and Ella Beth Hurst heading the resident professional cast brought to Waynesville from New York, Chicago and Hollywood. Miss Ballou and Miss Shiner, both well known Chicago actresses were formerly with the Mattinee Theatre and the famous Michiana Shores Theatre. Miss Hurst has toured the South, West playing numerous dramatic roles and was premiere ballerina of the "Ballets Castle."

Others in the cast are David Cromwell, leading man from New York, Jean Argyle and Frederic Gadette from Hollywood, George Kenyon, Donald E. Vogt and W. Lawrence Benson, also from New York and Patti Rose, making her return to the professional stage in this production after a retirement of 30 years.

SOSSAMON'S In Sylva

FUNERAL RITES FOR LEE HOOPER TO BE THIS AFTERNOON

Lee Hooper, about 75, of Sylva and Speedwell, died in Grady hospital, Atlanta, Ga., at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Hooper had been engaged in the lumber business in Jackson county for many years and was a well-known farmer. Two weeks ago he fell on the street in Atlanta and suffered a broken hip. He had been in the hospital since that time.

For several years he operated the Pines tourist home at Speedwell.

Surviving are five sons, Col. David Lee, U. S. Army, Oberlin of Lake Alfred, Fla., Glenn of the U. S. Army, Jimmy and Louis of Atlanta, Ga.; one daughter, Mrs. Mildred Trout of Johnsonville, Fla., and a number of grandchildren.

The funeral will be held this afternoon (Thursday) at 2 p. m. at Cullowhee Methodist church and burial will follow at Rogers cemetery. The body will remain at the home of Mrs. R. L. Glenn in Sylva until the time of the funeral.

HOWELL CHILD, HIT BY CAR JULY FOURTH SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

Little Judith Anne Howell, age 6, was run over by an automobile near Qualla on the afternoon of July 4th. She was taken immediately to C. J. Harris hospital in Sylva where it was reported that she was suffering from a fractured skull, but that she would probably be released from the hospital the latter part of this week.

Driver of the car was James Larkin Crewshaw of Pendleton, S. C., who was responsible for bringing her to the hospital. The accident occurred in the middle of the afternoon when traffic was heavy, and it was reported to be unavoidable. When she was run over she was playing in the roadway about fifty feet east of the Cordell house near Qualla.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Reed of Sylva announce the birth of a son, James Ronald, on Thursday, July 3, at the Haywood County hospital. Mrs. Reed is the former Miss Sybil Messer of Waynesville.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Hooper have announced the birth of a daughter, Claudia Marie, on Tuesday, July 1, at the Harris Community hospital, Sylva.

New Park Commission Organizes at Waynesville Meet, Ray Is Chairman

State To Adopt 1947-48 School Budget Today

The state board of education will meet in Raleigh today to adopt a budget for the coming school year. At this time the answer to the question of teachers have been asking since the 1947 general assembly increased appropriation for their salaries, will be forthcoming.

The board's finance committee, which has been studying the budget for several weeks—and particularly the question of a teacher salary schedule—will make its report at the meeting.

Available for operating the schools next year is approximately \$59,000,000 compared with about \$45,000,000 being spent this year. Approximately \$50,000,000 of the total available for operating schools has been earmarked for salaries for the 25,000 teachers and principals.

Two State Groups Map Unified Program For Park Development

The members of the newly appointed commission to direct the recently enacted North Carolina National Park, Parkway and Forests Development Commission were sworn in by Judge Felix E. Alley at the initial meeting of the group in Waynesville on Monday. The meeting was held in the office of Miller and Medford, Senator William Medford being the author of the act creating the commission, which succeeds the former N. C. Park Commission.

The members of the new commission are, Raymond U. Sutton, Sylva; Kelly E. Bennett, Bryson City; Charles E. Ray, Waynesville; C. M. Douglas, Brevard; Francis Hazel, Asheville; E. C. Guy, Newland; Percy B. Ferebee, Andrews, and W. R. Winkler, Boone.

Charles E. Ray was named chairman of the commission, Kelly E. Bennett, vice-chairman; and C. M. Douglas, secretary.

A joint meeting of the North Carolina group and the Conservation Commission of Tennessee was held Monday afternoon, where a unified and consolidated program was started which will be presented to Congress and the National Park Service for immediate execution.

The two-state group yesterday made plans for working jointly for the development of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and will meet again in joint session on August 12th in Tennessee to further formulate plans for presentation to Newton B. Drury, head of the park service, sometime in September.

This is the first time in recent years that officials of the states of North Carolina and Tennessee have gotten together to work out the details of one over-all development plan for the Great Smokies.

The commission heard reports from representatives of the Pisgah and Nantahala National Forests and pledged themselves to work towards a general development program for both forests in this area.

Miss Lucy Bumgarner returned Tuesday from Bridgeton, N. J., where she spent a week's vacation with friends and relatives. While there she attended the wedding of her niece, Miss Louise Hoxit, to Mr. John McCormack, which was solemnized in the First Presbyterian church of that city.

IN OPENING PLAY



GRACE SHINER will appear here Friday night, July 18, in the opening play of the "Theatre In The Sky" which will be given by Maurice Geoffrey, producer and director of the theatre, in five weekly appearances at the Sylva school auditorium this summer. Miss Shiner will be featured in "Stepping Sisters," a New York comedy success by Howard Warren Comstock. Supporting her will be Electra Ballou, prominent Chicago actress and Ella Beth Hurst, noted actress and dancer formerly with the "Ballets Castle."

Tickets for the play are now on sale by the chamber of commerce, the sponsoring organization.

Tom McCoy of Tuckasegee will leave Monday to be stationed with the Navy in Alaska.

Scenes From Operas Playing At Cullowhee Friday Evening

Scenes from Martha and Elijah, completely staged in costume and with a full orchestra, will be presented at Hoey auditorium, Western Carolina Teachers College, on Friday, July 11, at 8:30 p. m. The program will be presented by The Smoky Mountain Music Center, a regular summer feature of the college, and The National Association for Opera.

Summer school students will take minor parts in the production, but the main roles will be played by persons chosen by competitive auditions, which were held in New York, Philadelphia, and Raleigh this spring. The auditions were held and the operas will be sponsored by the National Association for Opera.

"Elijah, a sacred music drama by Mendelssohn, and Martha, a comic opera by Von Flotow, as well as The Chocolate Soldier, a light opera by Strauss, will be presented in their entirety in Raleigh on July 14, 16 and 18. The group is rehearsing here on the invitation of the Smoky Mountain Music Center, and will serve as a laboratory for the Center's opera and dramatic courses. The scenes from Elijah and Martha will be the group's final appearance here.

This Eastern Seaboard Regional Opera Festival, and three other regional festivals, are being sponsored by the National Association for Opera to discover and develop opera talent, and to set up a national program of opera production. Because this festival is being held in the South, 75 per cent of the cast was chosen from the South, and only 25 per cent from the North.

The other regional festivals being held are: The West Coast Festival, Long Beach, Calif.; The South-central Festival, Little Rock, Ark.; and the North-central Festival, Milwaukee, Wis. Participants in the four festivals will be chosen to take part in a National Festival to be held next summer in Milwaukee in conjunction with the Wisconsin centennial celebration.

The performances will be produced by Errol Peters, president of the National Association for Opera, and director of the Municipal Opera of Allentown, Pa. Guy Hutchins, conductor of the Charlotte Symphony, will be assistant director. The sets for the performances in Cullowhee were designed and executed by Miss Charlotte Watson, art teacher at Western Carolina Teachers college.

The following 15 persons, chosen from 200 applicants, will sing roles in Elijah and Martha. Lola Gilbert, mezzo-soprano of New York, will sing "Jezebel" in

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