

## Krusz Heard By Big Crowd In Talk On Commerce Work

**Organization Has Vital Place In Community Life; Is Good Investment**

"The Chamber of Commerce in a Changing World" was the subject of Harry J. Krusz, president of the North Carolina Chamber of Commerce Executive Association, when he appeared before members of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and visiting guests at a dinner meeting held Wednesday night in the Allison building of the Methodist church.

Congressman Monroe M. Redden and Mrs. Redden were among the several distinguished guests present. Congressman Redden expressed for himself and Mrs. Redden appreciation for being invited to be present at the meeting and for the scheduled trip to several Western North Carolina towns. He told of his experience in Washington, his fondness for his work as Representative from this district, but said, "there is no place that can take the place of Western North Carolina with me."

Mr. and Mrs. Krusz, Congressman and Mrs. Redden, and a number of the local Chamber of Commerce officials were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McKee at High Hampton Inn for lunch Wednesday.

Mr. Krusz, a recent comer to North Carolina, opened his address by commenting on the beauties and greatness of this section of North Carolina. Like so many people of the Piedmont and Eastern sections of the state, he said that he had never known or realized the many things Western North Carolina has to offer. He said that in the past Western North Carolina has been shut off from the rest of the state by something like an "iron curtain" in the Asheville area, and that it is the business of the Chambers of Commerce in this section to remove that curtain by advertising and boosting Western North Carolina, by which means she will tell others of the grandeur in scenic beauty and business opportunities with which Western North Carolina is so richly endowed.

Among the pertinent remarks concerning Chamber of Commerce organizations Mr. Krusz stated that the time has come for all of us to think in bigger, broader terms about local community and business development and that Chambers of Commerce are non-profit organizations working every day in a hundred and one different ways on a hundred and one different subjects in efforts to secure better business in a better city. They seek new methods of assisting citizens, plan for tomorrow's progress, and guarantee an extra dividend of courteous, enthusiastic and efficient service.

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## State School Superintendents In Conference At Cullowhee

The annual superintendents' conference which opened at Cullowhee last night is expected to bring approximately 200 North Carolina public school superintendents to Western Carolina Teachers College. The conference will continue through Friday.

Presiding at the opening session will be Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction. Dr. H. T. Hunter, president of WCTC, will extend the welcome. Greetings will be brought by R. L. Fritz, president of the NCEA; Reid Ross, president of the department of superintendents of NCEA; and Mrs. H. T. Hunter, president of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers. T. G. Pullen, Jr., superintendent of public instruction for the state of Maryland will make the main address.

On Thursday morning Dr. Henry Highsmith will lead a discussion on "Supervision"; W. F. Credle on "School Building"; and Dr. N. C. Newbold on "Negro Education."

## Sylva Pharmacy Gets Certificate Of Merit

The Certificate of Merit, awarded by the Rexall Drug Company of Los Angeles, California, for exceptional community service, was received today by the Sylva Pharmacy, at Main street, Sylva, N. C.

Mrs. G. K. Bess, partner of the drug store, said that the certificate is awarded each year to a few selected Rexall drug stores by the International Association of Rexall Clubs and the Rexall Drug Company for outstanding performance during 1946.

"The certificate will be hung on the wall of the drug store", said Mrs. Bess. It states that the store and its staff have rendered exceptional service to the community, and to fellow Rexallites, thru unselfish participation and wholehearted cooperation in the ideals of drug store service.

## Mayor Says 2nd Water Check-up To Be Made

Mayor Jack Allison announced this week that a second check-up on water users is in progress this week and next week and that those who received slips to get plumbing repaired during the last survey may expect to have water discontinued if they have not done so. Thirty days have elapsed since the first check-up. Also water users who have not paid water rents are warned that water will be cut off if bills are not paid.

It was also announced by Mayor Allison that during the first week parking meters were in use a total of \$103.42 was collected from meters, and \$29 was collected from violators.

## Examination Announced For Rural Carrier

The United States Civil Service has announced an examination to fill the position of rural carrier at Sylva, North Carolina. The examination to be held at Sylva, N. C. Receipt of applications will close August 28, 1947. The date of examination will be stated on admission cards mailed to applicants after the closing date for receipt of applications.

The salary of rural carrier on standard daily route of 30 miles is \$2020 a year, with an additional \$20 a mile a year for each mile or major fraction thereof in excess of 30 miles.

For further information regarding the examination those interested should see Mr. Felix Picklesimer, local secretary of the Civil Service board at the post office in Sylva.

## Thomas Mitchell wrecks Truck Near Old Mill Inn

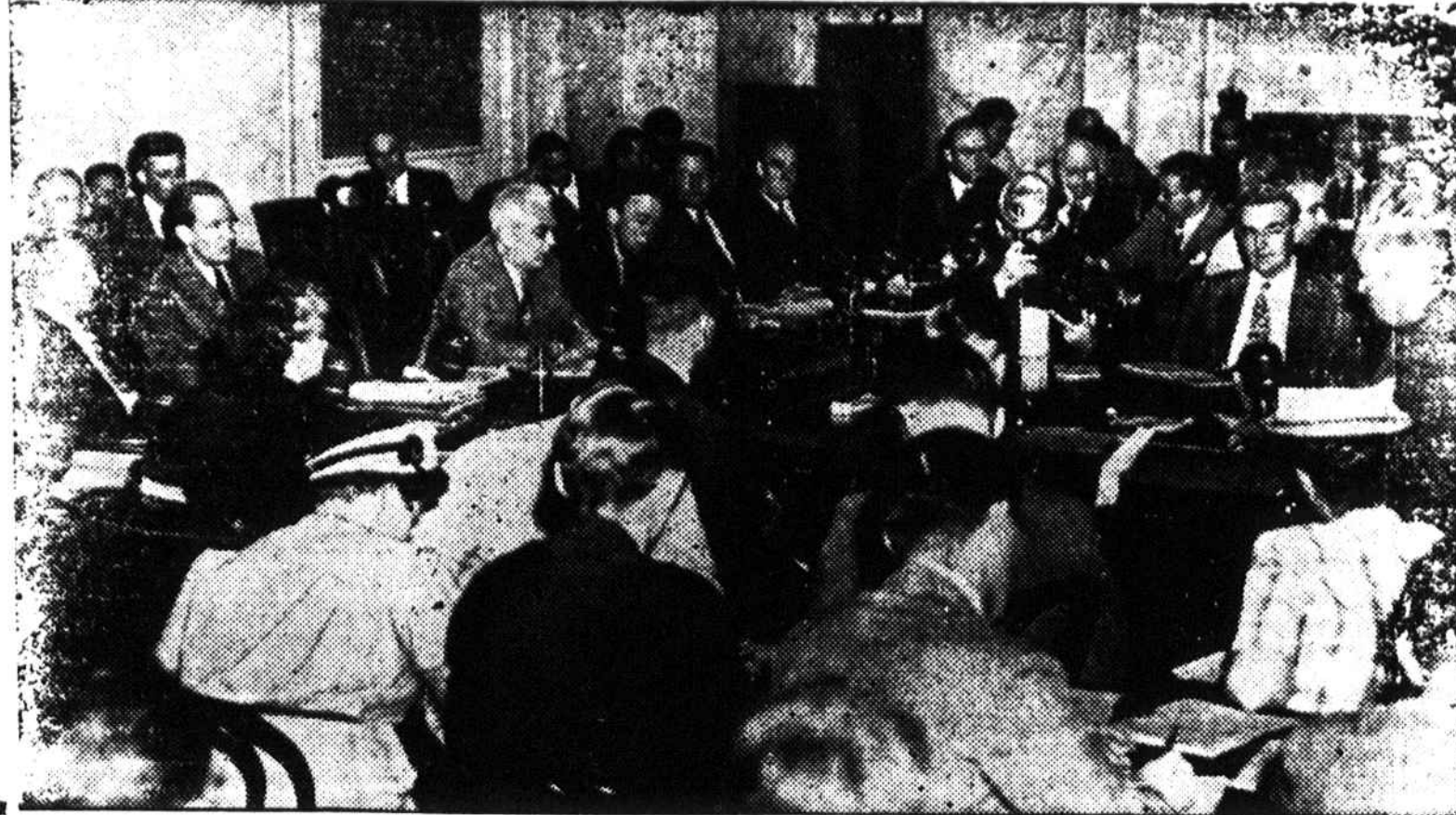
Driving a GMC truck, Thomas Mitchell ran off highway 19-A at Old Mill Inn early last Thursday afternoon, damaging the truck he was driving and severely injuring James Conner, 22, of Dillsboro, who was fishing on the creek bank near the highway. Conner was taken to C. J. Harris Community hospital in Sylva with fracture and had not been released this week.

Mitchell, 23, has been kept in custody in the Jackson county jail awaiting developments of the injuries Conner received. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

The truck, not in running condition, was pulled into Sylva by wrecker.

Little Dan Moore returned Sunday from visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Coy Coulter, in Pikeville, Tenn.

## HUGHES AIRCRAFT INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY



MINUS ANY OF THE WIDELY ADVERTISED Hollywood beauties, the curtain goes up on the first act of the Senate War Investigating Committee's probe of wartime contracts given the Howard Hughes Aircraft Corporation. It's a serious beginning, with Merrill Meigs, Chicago newspaper executive, on the stand (at right), in the Washington hearing room. Meigs was a former War Production Board Aircraft Division official. Senatorial committee members, shown left to right at the table are: Carl Hatch, New Mexico; Homer Ferguson, chairman, of Mich.; Harry P. Cain, Wash.; George W. Malone, Nev.; and Owen Brewster, Me. (International)

## DAYTON TALKS ON STATE'S FINANCES

### WILL APPEAR IN PLAY



Ella Beth Hurst, who played Lady Cheworth-Lynn in "Stepping Sisters" and Norah in "Lombardi, Ltd.," again has the lead in the "Theatre Of The Sky" production of "Lost Horizon," when the curtain rises Friday night at 8:30 p. m. Miss Hurst appears as Helen Briac, who was once a pupil of Chopin. "Lost Horizon," the most elaborate production of the summer season in Sylva, will have its professional stage premiere on Friday night in Sylva elementary school auditorium.

## "LOST HORIZON" TO BE PRESENTED BY THEATRE IN THE SKY

An elaborate production of James Hilton's famous novel "Lost Horizon" will be presented by the "Theatre In The Sky," of Waynesville next Friday, August 8th, at the Elementary School Auditorium in Sylva. The presentation is under the direction of Maurice Geofrey and this is the professional stage premiere of the play which was dramatized for the stage by Ann Coulter Martens and Christopher Sergel. The production here was arranged by special permission of Mr. Hilton and the Chicago publishers of the play and is sponsored by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

The leading role of Conway who finds the legendary Shangri-La will be played by David Cromwell. The part was originally played by Ronald Colman in the screen version of the play. Mallinson, Conway's impetuous young friend, will be played by Frederic Gadette and Grace Shiner and Donald E. Vogt appear as Miss Brinklow, the missionary and Mr. Barnard, the financier. Cromwell is here from New York and has appeared with several of the leading Summer Theatres in the East and Gadette comes from the famous Geller Theatre in Hollywood.

George Kenyon plays the role of Chang the philosophical Chinese Lama and Ella Beth Hurst appears as Helen Briac, the lovely English girl who was once, unbelievably, a pupil of Chopin. Jean Ann Bradley plays Lo Tsen, the Chinese girl who falls in love with Mallinson.

Robert Dayton, assistant director of the budget of the State of North Carolina, was guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Sylva Rotary club Tuesday evening. Mr. Dayton gave some facts and figures on the fiscal affairs of North Carolina which were of much interest to his hearers. Having served on the budget commission under several governors, Mr. Dayton is probably the best informed of any one in the state on this subject. It was of particular interest when he told the Rotarians that North Carolina would be free of debt by 1951, and that the financial status of the state is one of the best in the nation today.

Since North Carolina has no ad valorem tax, the budget is made up on estimated income from the various sources, such as sales tax, gas tax, franchise tax, income tax and special privilege tax. The amount derived each year from these sources is controlled by economic conditions. All appropriations have to be guided by this same rule.

North Carolina is spending \$64,000,000 a year for schools alone, with only \$35,000,000 a year being collected from sales tax. The income tax last year was \$54,000,000, and gas tax another \$35,000,000. Several millions come from other sources.

By reason of the State's sound fiscal policy and its many services rendered the people, many new industries have been attracted and have settled in the State recently, the speaker said.

Mr. Dayton came here at the invitation of Ralph Sutton and John McDevitt, members of the program committee. He is vacationing in Western North Carolina at this time.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT SPONSORS SMOKY MOUNTAINEERS

The Western North Carolina Farm hour will present the Smoky Mountaineers, featuring Hoke Jenkins, king of banjo; Jack and Curley Shelton, recorders of Blue Bird and Decca Records; Bennie Simms, champion old-time fiddler; and Sleepy Brainstorm, base fiddle; and the Mountaineers Quartet in a program of music at the Sylva elementary school auditorium Saturday night, August 9, under the auspices of the Sylva Fire Department.

Admission 25 and 50 cents for benefit of the fire department. Show starts at 8 o'clock.

## Improvements In Garage Building Begun This Week

Hooper Motor Co. began construction of improvements in the garage building early this week. It has been announced that plans are to put in a new floor in the entire garage and construct new rest rooms.

Mrs. Margaret Russell and children of Dillsboro left Tuesday for a two weeks' visit with relatives in Atlanta, Ga.

## FUNERAL RITES FOR W. E. ROBINSON

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at Long Branch Baptist church near Dillsboro for William E. Robinson, who died Tuesday at Harris Community hospital, following an emergency operation which he had undergone about ten days ago. Burial was in Franklin cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Margie Keever Robinson; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Robinson; one sister, Mrs. R. E. Parnell; and one brother, Albert Robinson, all of Dillsboro.

## Grant Beer Licenses

At a meeting Monday the Jackson county commissioners granted an on premises beer license to Larry Muil and William Collins, owners and operators of Maple Springs Cafe, two miles east of Sylva. Also granted were off premises licenses to George Lewis for Bird's cafe and Mrs. Love Owens, owner and operator of the Old Mill Inn at Dillsboro.

## NEW LION PRESIDENT



San Francisco, July 31. (Special)—Fred W. Smith, Ventura, California, is the new president of the International Association of Lions Clubs. He was advanced by unanimous vote from the first vice-presidency at the 30th annual convention of the Association which closed here today. Smith succeeds Clifford D. Pierce, of Memphis, Tenn.

## Dairy Extension Office Sets August 14 Meeting

According to a letter received by M. L. Snipes, county agent, from the office of dairy extension, Raleigh, the meeting to determine farmers' interest in the establishment of artificial breeding units will be held in Sylva on Thursday, August 14, at 10 a. m. instead of on August 12 as it was mistakenly reported to The Herald last week.

At the meeting there will be a discussion of artificial breeding, its cost to the farmer, and the type of local organization needed through which to operate the system. If there is sufficient interest shown by farmers of this county, a local breeding association can be formed which will be governed entirely by its members.

## Annual County Farm Tour Scheduled To Be Held Wednesday

### Dr. and Mrs. Ashworth Resign At WCTC; To Go To Alabama State Teachers College

Dr. William A. Ashworth, professor of economics at Western Carolina Teachers College, Mrs. Ashworth, and their daughter, Betty Jean, have gone to Florence, Alabama, where Mr. and Mrs. Ashworth will be employed at Alabama State Teachers College. Dr. Ashworth has been head of the Business Education Department at WCTC for the past eight years. He will also be head of the business department at Alabama Teachers College.

Mrs. Ashworth was secretary to Dr. H. T. Hunter, president of WCTC for four years. She, tentatively, has been given the position of assistant registrar at the college where she and her husband will be employed.

### Hunter Sets Date For Fall Quarter Opening at WCTC

According to Dr. H. T. Hunter, president of Western Carolina Teachers College, classes for the Fall quarter will begin on September 13. Orientation for freshmen will be held on September 8. Registration for freshmen and transfer students will be on September 11, medical examinations for former students on September 12, and registration for former students and medical examinations for Freshmen and transfer students will be held on September 12.

The final examinations for the fall quarter will be given on November 24, 25, and 26.

The present summer school session will end on August 29 when final examinations will be given then.

### Camp Fire Girls Return From Camp

Seven girls from the local Camp Fire council, Edith Moore, Jean Cogdill, Anne Cathey, Leah Sutton, Patsy Buckner, Audrey Jane Jones and Gail Webber and Linda Sloan of Waynesville, returned to their homes Sunday from Camp Toccoa, Ga., where they spent the past two weeks in the encampment with about 100 other girls from other parts of the country.

While there they had courses in campercraft, dramatics, swimming, horseback riding, tennis and other subjects as well as enjoying overnight camping trips, parties of various natures, and many other things that go with regulated camp life.

## Beacham Employed To Head Sylva High Music Department

Out of twelve applicants Nichols R. Beacham, of Augusta, Ga., was chosen Monday to fill the position of band instructor and head of music instruction in Sylva elementary and Central high schools, W. H. Crawford, school superintendent, announced early this week.

Mr. Beacham, his wife, and four children expect to move to Sylva as soon as they are able to procure a house, probably in about two weeks. Mr. Beacham stated he and his family were interested in making a permanent home in Sylva and he accepted the position with that intention.

Having had twelve years of experience in music direction, Mr. Beacham was the best qualified of all the candidates for the position. Superintendent Crawford said. Mr. Beacham has degrees of Bachelor of Arts from Furman university, Master of Arts from Duke university, and Bachelor of Music from Michigan and Holmes university. During his career he

### All Day Trip To Start At 9:30 A. M.; Will Visit Farm Projects in County

A Jackson county farm tour will be held on Wednesday, August 13, M. L. Snipes, county agent, announced this week. The tour will start from Emory McCoy's store in Glenville at 9:30 a. m. and go to Big Ridge where there will be a chance to inspect the farm of David Pruitt, including his farm water system, farm, house, hay crops, and beef cattle. Other stops on Big Ridge will include the Irish potato field of John D. Davis and the farm water system of Deitz Fowler.

Mr. Snipes suggests that everyone planning to make the tour bring a sandwich lunch to be eaten picnic style at Cullowhee. Stops in the Cullowhee-Speedwell area include the Frank Brown farm to inspect hybrid corn, the J. Steadman Mitchell farm to study pasture improvement, and the Henry L. Taylor farm to inspect a modern can house, beef cattle, sheep, and pasture improvement. There will also be a chance during the day to inspect strip cropping, forage crops, dairy cattle, and dairy equipment as well as to make other farm observations.

It is hoped that as many people as possible will go on the tour to see what some of the farm families are doing to improve their farm operations.

Anyone desiring transportation for this tour should meet at the courthouse at 8:30 a. m. on the day of the trip, Wednesday, August 13. Everyone driving a car on the tour from the vicinity of Sylva and having extra room is asked to please come by the courthouse so that those not having transportation may have a way to go.

## LARGE DELEGATION WILL ATTEND RAIL ROAD HEARING

Jackson County is much concerned over the possibility of losing passenger trains Nos. 17 and 18 which the Southern Railway has applied to the State Utilities Commission for permission to discontinue. A hearing on the matter will be held in Asheville Wednesday, August 13, and a large delegation of town and county officials, Chamber of Commerce members, and other interested citizens plan to appear to voice their protest along with similar groups from all the counties which the Murphy branch serves. Jennings A. Bryson, Commissioner of Finance, will head the county group, Mayor Jack Allison the city group, and Felix Picklesimer the Chamber of Commerce members.

### Cagles Attend Funeral Of Insurance Executive

Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Cagle of Cullowhee attended the funeral of Mr. R. A. Patten in Washington-Salem last Friday. Mr. Patten was state manager of the Mutual Benefit Health and Accident Association and the United Benefit Life Insurance Co. Mr. Cagle has been connected with the companion companies for the past six years as special representative, and only recently was promoted by Mr. Patten to district supervisor.