

## State School Heads Hear Redden Speak on Federal Aid For Public Schools

### School Superintendents Conference At Cullowhee Ends With Banquet

Monroe Redden, congressman of the 12th district from Hendersonville, addressed about two hundred fifty superintendents of public schools of North Carolina who attended the annual superintendents' conference at Western Carolina Teachers College last week when it was estimated that about 90 percent of the state's city and county superintendents were present. The address by the congressman was made at a banquet on Thursday night, the highlight of the entire conference.

The purpose of the meeting was for the discussion of problems pertaining to the supervision of North Carolina public schools and education in general. The conference began Wednesday evening, August 6, and lasted through Friday morning, August 8, with Superintendent Clyde A. Erwin presiding. The Student Union Building was the central meeting place of the conference for the superintendents, and their wives who were guests.

### Dr. Hunter Greets Visitors

The conference was officially opened by five minute greetings by Dr. H. T. Hunter, president of Western Carolina Teachers College, Reid Ross, president of the Department of Superintendents, NCEA, and by Mrs. E. B. Hunter, president of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers. The initial address was made by T. G. Pullen, Jr., State Superintendent of Public Instruction of Maryland.

### Supervision of Schools Discussed

On Thursday the program began with the discussion of supervision of the schools, with Dr. J. Henry Highsmith as chairman. Each supervisor was recognized and each made a ten-minute statement, as follows: "Orientation of Beginning Personnel" by Lissie Pearce, supervisor of Martin county; "Supervision of Health Education by a General Supervisor" by Myrtle Butler, primary supervisor of Winston-Salem; "Promotion by Grades, Problems in Attendance, and the Over-age Child" by Eloise Rankin, supervisor of Mecklenburg county; "Some Aspects of Supervision in Northampton County" by Mary Vann O'Briant, Division of Instructional Service, now supervisor of Northampton county schools and formerly teacher in Bryson City elementary schools; "Supervision in the Southern Area" by Julia Wetherington, Division of Instructional Service; "Supervision of the Health and Physical Education Program" by Charles E. Spencer, Division of Instructional Service; "Supervision—Education's Number One Need" by Dr. J. Henry Highsmith.

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## GI Farmer Training Class Goes on Farm Inspection Tour

John Corbin, agriculture teacher for the veterans farmer training program in the Sylva district, recently accompanied members of the class on a field trip to Haywood, Buncombe, Henderson, and Transylvania counties. The purpose of the trip was for the inspection of apple orchards, dairies, turkey farms, truck growing fields, hybrid corn seed production plots, with special emphasis placed on the visit to the packing houses and marketing systems of Henderson county.

The purpose and cause for the field trip grew out of the young farmers' study of the lack of marketing facilities in Jackson county. "Jackson county farmers and citizens of the county as a whole, are greatly handicapped and will be in the future until a satisfactory outlet for farm produce is provided," said Mr. Corbin. He earnestly solicits the cooperative aid of all the business people of the county in an effort toward providing a satisfactory market for farm produce. "Right now you couldn't sell twenty-five

### Dr. Smith Declines Carson-Newman Offer



Dr. H. P. Smith, acting head of the Social Science department of Western Carolina Teachers College, recently declined an offer of a position at Carson-Newman College as professor of history and social science, according to information released from Dr. Smith's office this week. Carson-Newman College, located at Jefferson City, Tenn., is an accredited Baptist college.

The offer was declined, it was said, because Dr. Smith wished to remain at Western Carolina Teachers College as professor of social science. Dr. Smith has been connected with the Cullowhee college since 1938 as an active and progressive member of the faculty. In declining the position at Carson-Newman College, Dr. Smith stated that he envisioned a great and prosperous future for Western Carolina Teachers College and that he was "happy to have a small part in the building of a greater institution of higher learning in Western North Carolina."

In addition to his teaching duties and committee work at Cullowhee, Dr. Smith is very active in church and community life. He is director of the Cullowhee Baptist Church choir, which is composed of fifty mixed voices from Cullowhee and Western Carolina Teachers College. The choir is widely known for its splendid concerts of sacred music. Dr. Smith is a Mason, a member of the Library Board at the college, and an active civic leader.

### Funeral Rites For Mrs. L. Franks

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Zion Hill Baptist church for Mrs. Lucinda Franks, who died Sunday at her home near Gay.

Mrs. Franks was a life-long resident of Jackson county and was 80 years of age at the time of her death. She is survived by a host of relatives and friends.

### "Here Comes Charlie" To Play Friday Night

The play, "Here Comes Charlie," which was given by the Intermediate girls of Old Savannah church on August 11, met with such approval that the director, Mrs. O. L. Cagle, and her group of girls have been asked to repeat the play. On Friday, August 15, at 8 p. m. the play, "Here Comes Charlie," will again be presented at the Old Savannah church.

Come and bring your friends.

### Annual Phillips Reunion To Be Held at Cullowhee

The annual Phillips family reunion will be held at the home of R. D. Phillips at Cullowhee on Sunday, August 17. All friends and relatives are invited to pack a picnic lunch and attend the picnic.

bushels of beans in Sylva. There are plenty grown here and other vegetables as well, but there is no market for them," Mr. Corbin said.

## ALLISON TO GO AFTER CITY'S NEW STREET WASHING EQUIPMENT

Mayor Jack C. Allison has announced that he will leave Saturday for Orange, Ill., to receive and drive back to Sylva the new street washing equipment purchased in March by the former board of aldermen. The equipment is an Etnyer Street Flusher, mounted on a new Ford chassis. The Flusher was purchased through the North Carolina Equipment Company of Raleigh and the Ford truck from Reece-Hampton Motor company of this city. The truck was driven to Orange early in April where the manufacturer mounted the flushing equipment, which consists of tank, pumps, hose, sprays; etc. The pumps will force 600 gallons of water per minute through the sprayers which can wash a width of 42 feet at one time. The equipment can also be used as an auxiliary fire truck.

Mr. Allison expects to return with the truck about Tuesday.

## Theatre Group Taken to Fontana By Sylva C of C

The entire cast of the "Theatre In The Sky," which plays for five weeks in Sylva this summer, were guests of the Jackson county Chamber of Commerce last Sunday on a well-planned motor boat trip to Fontana Dam. Sixteen members of the cast, including the producer, Maurice Geoffrey, and four members of the Chamber of Commerce, Felix Picklesimer, Homer Davis, Bart Cope, and O. E. Brookhyser, made the trip to the village of Fontana Dam by boat from Almond.

Leaving at 1 p. m. the players and Chamber of Commerce members spent about two and one-half hours on the boat ride from Almond to the Fontana village. On arriving they were met by government representatives and were shown all the points of interest in the village and the government property, including a tour of the dam, which is one of the largest in the United States. The party had dinner in the Fontana cafeteria and left Fontana village about 7:30 p. m. on the return trip, finding the sun almost gone down that time. None of the three boats were equipped with lights for night travel, consequently they were stranded for more than an hour on Fontana lake. Eventually they were able to find another boating party which had lights but who were also lost, so the Sylva men led the way back to Almond and the cars which returned them to Sylva and Waynesville.

## Calendar of Events

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15—The Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet in Allison building at 7:30 P. M. Mrs. Harry Hastings, president.

MONDAY, AUGUST 18—The Sylva Home Demonstration club will meet at Mrs. Ellen Bryson's at 11 o'clock and go for their annual picnic. Mrs. R. U. Sutton, president.

MONDAY, AUGUST 18—The Woodmen of the World will meet in the W.O.W. hall at 7:30 P. M. Jeff Hedden, council commander.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19—The Woman's club will meet with Miss Evelyn Sherrill at 8:00 P. M. Miss Hicks Wilson, president.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19—The Rotary club will have a dinner meeting in Allison building at 7:00 P. M. Dr. D. D. Hooper, president.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20—The Junior Woman's club will meet with Mrs. Dan B. Hooper at 8:00 P. M. Miss Virginia Madison, president.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21—The Dillsboro Masonic Lodge, No. 459, will meet in the Masonic Hall, Dillsboro, at 7:00 P. M. Ed Bumgarner, W. M.

SOSSAMON'S . . . IN SYLVA

## 'EXODUS' REFUGEE HOSPITAL-BOUND



SUFFERING FROM AN APPENDICITIS ATTACK, one of the Jewish refugees aboard a British vessel, anchored off Port de Bouc, France, has just been placed into an ambulance (left) for removal to a nearby hospital. Her husband, shown holding up his hand, accompanied her. The British ship is one of three loaded with refugees from the Exodus 1947, which was intercepted on the way to Palestine and turned back to France. There were some 4,500 Jewish immigrants on the Exodus. (International)

## Sylva Schools Open Thursday, August 21

Sylva Central high school and Sylva elementary school will open August 21, Superintendent W. H. Crawford reminded Sylva school children this week. Registration will take place on Thursday and Friday, August 21 and 22, and classes will begin on the following Monday.

## Sought for Pro's



THIS IS a characteristic study of John W. Meyer, \$10,000-a-year publicity man for the Hughes Aircraft Corporation, whose fascinating expense accounts are a highlight of the Senate investigation of the Howard Hughes company. Meyer is reported currently "out of the country." (International)

## Prof. Reynolds Attends Anniversary Celebration Of Dr. James Y. Joyner

Prof. A. C. Reynolds, a past president of Western Carolina Teachers College, was among other guests given a special invitation to attend the 85th birthday celebration of Dr. James Y. Joyner in La Grange Thursday, August 7. Mr. Reynolds was accompanied to La Grange by his son, Mr. Tom Reynolds, and his brother-in-law, Mr. Charles N. Wood, of Hillsboro.

Dr. Joyner, superintendent of the North Carolina schools 1902-1919, was one of the three pioneers in the founding of a rapidly growing system of public education, along with Dr. E. A. Alderman and Dr. Charles B. McKeever. He was appointed state superintendent by Governor Charles B. Aycock, a man who was greatly interested in the field of education. Dr. Joyner retired as state superintendent in 1919 and went into business where he succeeded again. He headed and pushed forward the interests of the farmers of the state for many years, becoming one of the big tobacco planters of the state.

At the age of 85, Dr. Joyner said, speaking to the large audience in attendance, that he was not retired and that he meant to go forward and called upon every person in the auditorium where he spoke to go forward with him. This challenge was met by an ovation participated in by the more than 300 persons who were able to obtain

## Picklesimer Sees Chance For Theatre Again Next Summer

"The Theatre in The Sky" will close its five weeks engagement here Friday night with the famous play, "Huckleberry Finn". This is a play that will appeal to old and young alike and a large audience is expected to see it. Those wishing seats should arrive early.

"The Theatre in The Sky" is composed of actors from New York and Chicago who have given four excellent performances on the past four Friday evenings. The costumes are as fine as you will see in a large city, and the stage settings have been remarkable. The plays have each been well selected and well presented. The attendance for the first three plays was not as good as it should have been. But the play, "Lost Horizon", given on last Friday night did draw a much larger crowd. A large number of summer visitors have been noted in the audience at each play. Sylva is proud to be able to offer these people this kind of entertainment.

Mr. Felix Picklesimer, as president of the Jackson county Chamber of Commerce which sponsored the Theatre, wishes to thank all who have cooperated by attending the plays each Friday evening. "We hope to have a return engagement next year. Your response to the play Friday night which will be the closing performance of this season, will do much to determine the outcome for next year," said Mr. Picklesimer.

## Inez Cathey Sun. School Class To Resume Work

The Inez Cathey Sunday school class of the Sylva Methodist church will on Sunday, August 24, resume its regular Sunday class meetings after having been disbanded during the summer months. It is hoped that all the former members will be present and all others who will join the class are invited to come. Mrs. J. F. Freeze is teacher of the class.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Shelton and small son, Randall Lee, spent the week-end in Greer and Greenville, S. C., visiting friends and relatives. Mrs. Shelton is the former Miss Bonnie Tolley.

seats in the LaGrange high school auditorium. Many more were unable to hear the program because of lack of seating.

The political leaders of North Carolina were largely present at the occasion, among them Senator Clyde R. Hoey, who was scheduled to make the principal speech. Senator W. B. Umstead, Governor Gregg Cherry, Frank Graham, president of University of North Carolina, Representative John Kerr, and Josephus Daniels, former secretary of the navy.

## Tennessee Endorses N. C. Plans For Smoky Park At Meeting On Tuesday

### Walter Carringer Guest Soloist At Concert In Brevard Friday

Walter E. Carringer, tenor from Murphy, sang at the final concert of the season of the Transylvania Music Camp held at Brevard on August 8. He was guest soloist of the symphony orchestra and he sang "Du Bist die Ruh" by Schubert; "Le Reve" from the opera Manon, by Massenet. Mr. Carringer is a Junior at Western Carolina Teachers College where he has been under the instruction of Mr. Inez Gulley.

Among those going to Brevard for the concert last Friday were Miss Kathleen Davis of Cullowhee and Mr. R. F. Jarrett of Dillsboro.

## Sutton To Start Football Practice Here Friday P.M.

All Sylva high school boys interested in playing football this year are invited to meet in the school gym at 7 p. m. tomorrow, Friday, August 15, by Coach Guy Sutton. This meeting is for the purpose of discussing physical examinations, equipment, and schedules of classes and games.

It has also been announced that William Garrett Buckner, Jr., of Mars Hill will be a member of the high school faculty and will also help with football coaching and physical education. Mr. Buckner finished Western Carolina Teachers College last year and will teach math and science in the Sylva school.

## HOSPITAL NEWS

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Byrd of Bryson City on Monday, August 11.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Franks of Gay a son on August 7. Mrs. Trinidad Du Pree of Cherokee, operative case, is doing nicely. Mrs. Charles Houston, Tuckasegee, is in for treatment.

Arvil DeHart, son of Abie DeHart of Lauada, is doing nicely after an operation.

Mr. Vida Parker of Sylva is in for treatment.

Mrs. Miloy Moore of Glenville, operative case.

Jesse Cochran, Bryson City, is recovering after an operation.

Mr. Lloyd Lee West, Sylva, operative case.

Miss Della Teague of Bryson City is doing well after a major operation.

## Bryson Family Reunion

The annual Bryson family reunion will be held at the Cowee church the fourth Sunday in August, Aug. 23, it was announced this week by members of the family.

## "Theatre In The Sky" Presents Last Play of Season Friday

The immortal story of Mark Twain's boyhood character "Huckleberry Finn" will be the final presentation of the "Theatre In The Sky" on Friday evening at the Elementary School Auditorium in Sylva. The play is under the direction of Maurice Geoffrey and is sponsored by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

"Huckleberry Finn" is based on the episode of the Wilks girls fortune which the King and the Duke are trying to steal. The scoundrels are foiled in their attempt, of course, by Huckleberry and his friend, Tom Sawyer. The play was dramatized for the stage by Jane Kendall and has been successfully produced all over the country. The presentation here is by the request of several of Waynesville's leading clubs.

Bob King, a student at the theatre school conducted by Geoffrey, will play the title role of Huckleberry. After careful selection Geoffrey picked Robert Paul Young, of Waynesville, to play the part of Tom Sawyer. Members of the regular acting company playing principal parts

## Two State Committee Set Up to Push Plans With Park Heads And Members Of Congress

The North Carolina park, parkway, and national forest development commission and the Tennessee conservation commission met in a joint meeting in Gatlinburg Tuesday and officially agreed to make a unified effort for immediate development of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

The North Carolina commission included Raymond Sutton of this city; Charles E. Ray, Jr., state chairman, of Waynesville; William Medford, Attorney for the commission, of Waynesville; C. M. Douglas, State Secretary, of Brevard; W. R. Winkler, of Boone; Dr. Kelly E. Bennett, of Bryson City; E. C. Guy, of Newland; Felix Picklesimer, President of the Jackson county Chamber of Commerce; Francis J. Hazel, President of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, and others also attended the meeting.

An executive committee was named from the Tennessee conservation commission and one from the North Carolina group to work out details of the program to be pushed with national park heads and congress. Francis J. Heazel of Asheville and Paul Mathes of Chattanooga were named co-chairmen of the committee charged with working out details of the program.

Other members of the committee included Dr. Kelly Bennett of Bryson City and Percy Ferree of Andrews, Herbert S. Walters of Morristown, and Charles Puckette of Chattanooga.

## In Full Accord

The large group of Tennesseans, representing virtually all tourist and business interest of the state, were in full accord with the program presented by the North Carolina group through its leader. There was mutual adoption of the program as presented to Secretary Krug of the department of interior and the senate finance committee early this year by representatives of Western North Carolina Associated Communities.

Mr. Heazel in opening the discussion for North Carolina's commission said that the park was within 800 miles of 72 per cent of the entire population of the United States and that the park by actual count had more visitors in 1946 than any other park in the country.

## Low Expenditure

He said that in the face of this tremendous interest the expenditure per visitor for last year was only ten and one-half cents in the Great Smoky Mountains National park while that of all other parks east of the Mississippi an average was 30 cents per person. He said that budget as prepared by the National Park Service.

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