

SCHOOLS CONSIDER RESOURCE-USE EDUCATION

FUNERAL RITES FOR JOHN A. PARRIS HELD HERE MONDAY P.M.

Oldest Jeweler In Point Of Service In United States, Expert Craftsman

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Sylva Methodist church for John Alvis Parris, 73, who passed away at his home Saturday afternoon following an illness of several months. Rev. W. Q. Grigg and Rev. C. M. Warren were the officiating ministers. Interment was in Keener cemetery.

Son of the late Rufus and Hannah Jane Parris, he was born Aug. 19, 1874, near Dillsboro and has been a life-long resident of the county. He came from Dillsboro to Sylva about forty years ago and since then has been engaged in the jewelry business here. In length of time in the trade he was the oldest jeweler in the United States, having been in this work for 54 years.

Mr. Parris was a member of the Sylva Methodist church, the Sylva Lions club, the Masonic order, and the Knights of Pythias.

Active pallbearers were John Wilson, Jr., Ernest Wilson, Jr., Dexter Hooper, Felix Picklesimer, James Cannon, Tom Wilson, Jr., Neil Crawford, Dr. Charles Z. Candler, Jr., and Ray Orr. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Lions Club.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Myrtle E. Parris; one son, John A. Parris, Jr., of New York, Associated Press diplomatic correspondent at the United Nations; and two brothers, Allen Parris of Sylva and Dock Parris of Dillsboro.

At the age of 16 Mr. Parris became interested in the craft of watch and jewelry repair and engraving. A German jeweler, located in Dillsboro at that time, became interested in the young boy and after a few instructions he was able to dismantle and reassemble watches and clocks. He began repairing watches for his boyhood friends and this led him into a field of craftsmanship which he followed for 54 years, remaining actively at work until 10 days before his death.

His art for engraving became known when he engraved on the back of a watch a likeness of the first steam locomotive to run into (Continued on page 11)

Cullowhee High Seniors Elect Officers For Year

At a recent meeting of the senior class of Cullowhee High school the following officers for the year were elected: president, James Wike; vice president, Jessie Flake; secretary, Arbie Cook; treasurer, Darrel Tilley; reporter, Bill Bauer.

Drury Predicts Smoky Park Travel Record To Be Set

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—Newton B. Drury, head of the national park service, in an interview while here said that the Great Smoky Mountains National park may break all attendance records for the travel year.

Before entraining here for Washington following a conference at Gatlinburg with North Carolina and Tennessee park-minded groups Drury said he was "firmly in accord with recommended improvements."

"The National Park Service heartily agrees with the suggestions from the two citizens' groups that would improve the park and provide new access roads and trails into hidden mountain wonderlands," he said.

Restoration Advocated
"The first thing we need to do, however, is to restore existing roads and trails in the Smokies. The remarkable interest shown by citizens in the two states will go far toward achieving major improvements and will serve as a guide for the national park officers."

Mr. Drury, Sen. Tom Stewart (D., Tenn.), and Rep. Monroe Red-

GRAND PRIZE WINNING 4-H CLUB EXHIBIT



The Cope Creek 4-H Club exhibit at the annual Achievement Day fair, held last Saturday in the community building, won the first and grand prize. A part of the exhibit of canned fruits and vegetables, preserves and jellies, home baked bread, cakes and pies, fresh fruits and vegetables, and needlework is shown in the above picture.

This club consists of a large group of boys and girls but only four of the members were present for the picture. Shown in the picture, left to right are: George Conrad, assistant county agent; Nancy Hartman, Earline Hurst, Leah Sutton, and Shirley Hartman. Miss Sossamon, home agent stands at the right back.

—Photo by Donnahoe

LYCEUM COMMITTEE AT WCTC REVEALS PLANS FOR YEAR

Cullowhee — Mrs. Lillian Buchanan, chairman of the Lyceum committee of Western Carolina Teachers college, has announced the general program aims of the committee for this year.

"For one thing," said Mrs. Buchanan, who is also the school's librarian, "instead of just emphasizing religion for one week, as has been done, we want to spread it over the year, having one outstanding religious leader come here each quarter."

She added that as many denominations are represented in the college, the religious speakers would be from various denominations.

Other attractions the committee plans to have here are a glee club, possibly from a large college, a prominent speaker on current affairs, an important play, and art exhibits which will include things of interest to students studying several different phases of art.

Merchants Vote To Discontinue Closing

Shoppers of Jackson county can indulge themselves six days a week from now on as the majority of the Sylva merchants voted last week to discontinue the half day closing on Wednesdays. The stores remained open all day yesterday for the first Wednesday since the closing period began in the early summer.

Jackson Coal and Lumber Firm Making Additions To Plant

Messrs. Dan Bryson Hooper and Hoyt Roberson, owners and operators of Jackson Coal and Lumber company have started a building and expansion program at their plant near the depot. A large machine room is under construction, which when completed will house modern woodworking equipment for the building of cabinets, store fixtures, and other custom work.

These progressive young business men have already repaired and painted the office and store rooms of the firm. The old shed in the center of their lot has been removed, making more room for loading coal and materials.

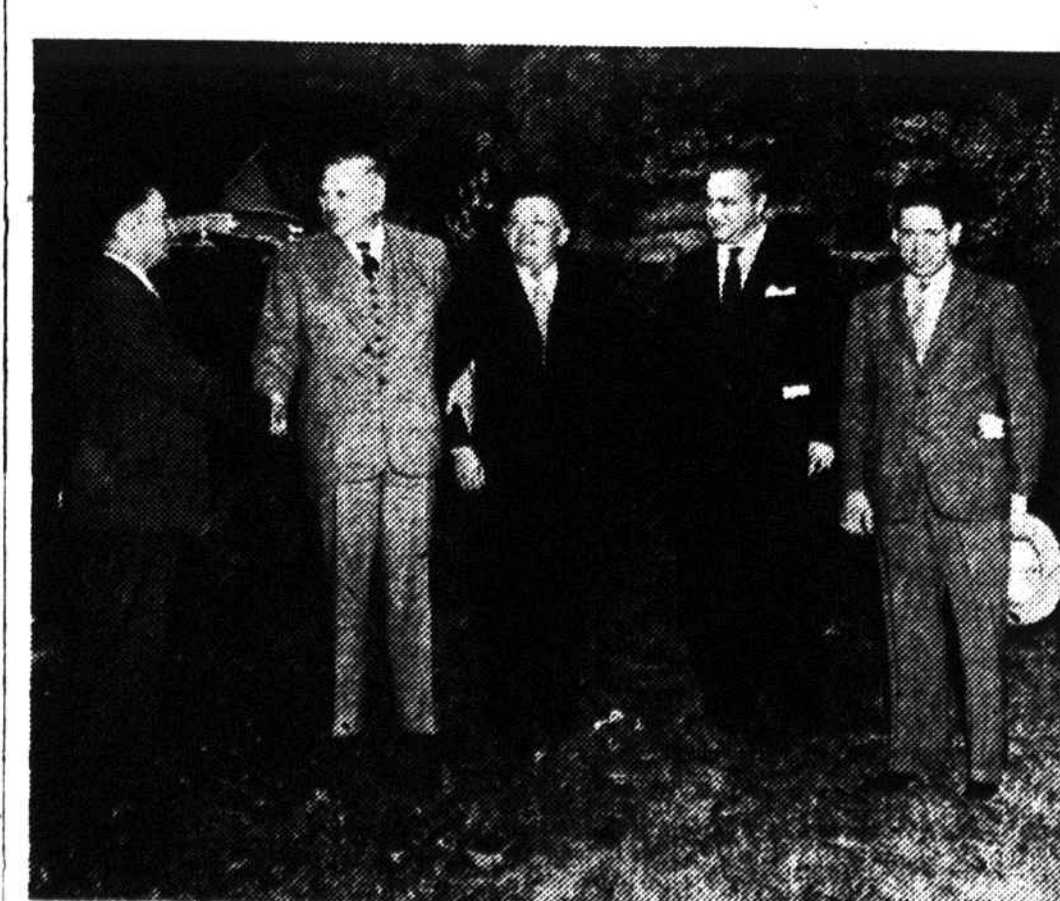
LEGION SPONSORS "BLAZE OF NOON" AIR MAIL PICTURE

Paramount's "Blaze of Noon," a picture of the Air Mail service in its early days, will be shown at Ritz Theatre, Thursday and Friday, October 16 and 17, under the sponsorship of the William E. Dillard Post of the American Legion. Proceeds of the picture will go to the benefit of the proposed memorial building fund. Six outstanding stars, Anne Baxter, William Holden, Sonny Tufts, William Bendix, Sterling Hayden and Howard Da Silva, will appear in the thrilling scenes, supported by other talented actors.

Chamber of Commerce Directors Will Meet

The board of directors of the Sylva Chamber of Commerce will hold their regular meeting tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the office at Lloyd Hotel. This meeting has been moved up one night due to conflicting meeting tomorrow night, according to an announcement by Felix Picklesimer, president of the organization.

Jackson Citizens Greet Governor



When Governor R. Gregg Cherry and his secretary, John Harden visited the Cherokee Indian Fair last Friday, several Jackson county citizens were on hand to greet them. Felix Picklesimer, president of the Chamber of Commerce is shown shaking hands with Governor Cherry. To the Governor's right are Charlie Price, Sylva postmaster, John Harden, private secretary to the Governor, and J. A. Gray, editor of The Herald.

Photo by Donnahoe.

MURPHY-ASHEVILLE TRAINS ON EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Western North Carolina is now officially in the Eastern Standard Time zone, and our railroad will use this time. For years all private business and individuals have used Eastern time but the railroads have operated from Asheville west on Central time. The two times caused considerable confusion. Now that the new Eastern Standard Time belt has been pushed West all trains on the Murphy Branch will use Eastern time. Trains West from Asheville will use Eastern time to Knoxville. The new time became effective Sunday.

Train No. 18, Murphy to Asheville, has been set up 15 minutes and now leaves Sylva at 8:30 instead of 8:45 a. m., according to an announcement of Mr. Herbert Gibson, local agent. This train now reaches Asheville at 10:30 instead of 10:45, giving passengers 15 minutes more time in connections with Trains No. 28 and 22. No. 22 goes East to Winston and Goldsboro and No. 28 South to Columbia.

Educational Seminar Held At Sylva Church

About 50 women from the Methodist churches of the Waynesville district met at the Sylva Methodist church last Friday in an all-day meeting to attend the fall educational seminar for the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Waynesville district.

Mrs. W. B. West of Waynesville presided. Speakers heard during the session were Mrs. C. A. York of High Point, conference secretary of missionary education, who spoke on "World Evangelism," and Mrs. Jessie D. Ames of Tryon, conference secretary of Christian social relations and local church activities, who told of the United Nations program, emphasizing the part that Christian social relations could play in it.

A luncheon was served at the noon hour by the Carrie Rhodes circle of the local society.

Fifteen Western Counties To Have Rigid Fire Control

A more intensive forest fire control program will become effective in 15 western North Carolina counties this fall, State Forester W. K. Beichler announced today. Speaking for the Department of Conservation and Development, Mr. Beichler said the Tennessee Valley Authority was joining the state in this project to help further forest development and watershed protection in the Valley portion of the state.

"Fifteen of our counties," he said, "lie wholly or in part within the watershed of the Tennessee River. TVA has agreed to help finance a fire control demonstration in these counties. We welcome the opportunity because it will enable us to afford better protection to those counties than would otherwise be possible. We estimate it will take \$123,000 a year to do a thorough job in that same area. State and county funds, plus federal Clarke-McNary money now available for the area, amount to about \$90,000; TVA will supply \$20,000, making \$110,000 for the year. This is \$13,000 short of actual requirements but it is also approximately \$45,000 more than we have ever had for this area before."

Responsibility for protecting the 1.6 million acres of forest lands outside federal ownership in the 15 counties rests with the State Division of Forestry and Parks. Limited funds have permitted protection of only 1.4 million acres, and even here it has not been adequate. Foresters find that almost 500 fires still occur in these counties in an average year; they burn about 3 percent of the total forest area. With adequate protection it should be possible to

State and Federal Agencies To Plan With Local Citizens In Development of Resources

Jackson Farmers Can Now Get Phosphate

D. C. Higdon, Chairman of Jackson County AAA, announces that AAA phosphate is now available to farmers of this county; and it is hoped that several cars of phosphate will be received in the county at an early date. There is an acute shortage of freight cars at this time and it is difficult to get phosphate and lime shipped into the county, however, the county committee is doing its best and a shipment of phosphate is expected this week.

Mr. Higdon also states that seed for winter cover crops is still available and anyone wishing to receive Ryegrass or Austrian Winter Pea seed can get a purchase order for these seeds at the AAA office. Any farmer may get seed for a cover crop regardless of the amount of material he has previously received through AAA in 1947.

DIESEL ENGINES PULLING FREIGHT ON MURPHY LINE

In the Southern Railway's constant effort to improve service on all its lines the inauguration of the use of diesel power for freight service on the Murphy line began Saturday. The diesel is only being used as far west as Addie at the present time. Two round trips from Asheville to Addie were made Saturday and again on Sunday. Railroad officials say that the Diesel will pull double the tonnage of one 600 class steam engine. It is expected that Diesel power will be used all the way through to Murphy in the near future, pulling the same tonnage that the two steam engines are now pulling.

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SYLVA SCHOOLS WILL TAKE PART IN STATE FIRE DRILL OCT. 2

In part of the observance of National Fire Prevention Week the state of North Carolina will carry out a program that no other state has ever attempted. This will be a fire drill in every school in the state at 11 o'clock on Thursday, October 9. The State Insurance Department, State Labor Department, State Board of Education and the Governor's office are all cooperating in the movement.

Jackson county school are preparing to take their part in the drill. An outstanding speaker has

Dr. H. T. Hunter Will Welcome Visitors, Bird To Talk On Resources

Cullowhee—A conference on resource-use education will be held Saturday, October 4, starting at 10:30 a. m., on the campus of Western Carolina Teachers college.

Some topics to be discussed are the way in which we are using our natural, social and human resources, the planning needed for bringing new industries into this area, raising the level of income and improving the diet and health of the people, and the opening of new avenue for the use of leisure time in Western North Carolina.

Representatives from health, welfare, extension, forestry and soil agencies, and from industry, churches, newspapers, and P.T.A. are being asked to consider with school people how they can best increase the emphasis on conservation and resource-use in their community and school programs.

Following an address of welcome by Dr. H. T. Hunter, president of the college, W. E. Bird, dean of the college and a member of Governor Cherry's state committee on resource-use education, will talk on "Western Carolina's Interest in Resource Use," in which he will give an overview of what has been done in the field up to now.

R. L. Weaver, program director, North Carolina Resource-use Education Commission, will discuss "North Carolina Plans for Resource-use Education."

William McGlothlin, Training and Educational Relations Division, T.V.A., will tell of "T.V.A.'s Stake in Resource-use Education." Superintendent Clyde A. Erwin of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction will talk on "Resource-use and the Public Schools of North Carolina."

After adjourning for lunch, the conferees will meet again at 1:30 p. m. to make plans for the future. Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, Chairman, Resource-use Committee Public School Program, will preside.

The work to be discussed and planned by the conference is in line with Governor Cherry's statewide plan for promoting interest and action in resource-use education.

For convenience in operation the North Carolina Resource-use Education Commission is dividing the state into several districts, each district being centered in a college, and cooperating with certain public schools which will be especially chosen for the purpose. Western Carolina Teachers college and Appalachian State Teachers college at Boone, will be centers for Western North Carolina districts.

Dean Bird is chairman of the local college committee which will be responsible for promoting the program as it operates with individual schools in this district. Other members of the committee are Miss Cordelia Camp, director of the training school in Cullowhee; Dr. Carl D. Killian, head of the education department of the college; Miss Nellie Bond, critic teacher in French and social science in the Cullowhee training school; and Tyson A. Cathey, teacher of geography at the college.

Sylva Girls Attend F.H.A. Meet Saturday

Mrs. Porter Scroggs, Home Economics teacher at Sylva High school, and Bleaca Dee Parris and Clarice Hoxitt, members of the Future Homemakers of America, went to Asheville Saturday and represented the local chapter at the district meeting of the Future Homemakers held at Lee H. Edwards High school and attended by 500 girls from 20 Western North Carolina counties.

been secured by the Sylva Fire Department for the occasion here in Sylva.