

## 3 PLANE CRASH VICTIMS BROUGHT TO SYLVA

### 350 WCTC Alumni Return For Home-Coming Events; Is Largest Attendance

**Johnathan Woody Of Waynesville Named Temporary President**  
BY AL BOOZE

CULLOWHEE—Johnathan Woody, president of the First National bank of Waynesville, was named temporary president of the Alumni Association of Western Carolina Teachers college at the group's home-coming banquet here Saturday night.

A member of the class of 1914 and a past president of the association, Mr. Woody was elected by acclamation and will serve until the organization holds its annual election in June.

John Worth McDevitt, college bursar and an alumnus, was appointed temporary secretary of associations by W. E. Bird, acting president of the college.

About 350 alumni were here for home-coming day, and 135 of these attended the banquet and the business session which followed. This was the largest attendance at an alumni dinner in the school's history, Mr. McDevitt said.

Among those present at the banquet were president Emeritus Robert Lee Madison, Webster, founder and first president of the college; Prof. A. C. Reynolds, second president of the school; and William C. "Uncle Will" Norton, only living member of the school's original board of trustees.

John Denton, class of '37, traveled the greatest distance of any alumnus to attend the meeting. He came from Aruba, Netherlands West Indies, where he is employed by the Standard Oil company. Tom Ballou, Nashville, after driving 50 miles back Friday night to officiate at a football game, drove all night to bring his family to the gathering.

Three members of the class of 1898, the oldest class represented, were present. They were Frank H. Brown, Cullowhee, Associate Professor of chemistry at WCTC; Dr. D. D. Hooper, president of the Sylva Rotary club, and Miss Roberta Rogers, Cullowhee.

Following the business meeting the alumni saw their football team, the Catamounts, beat the Lenoir-Rhyne Bears, 13-7, before packed stands. After the game they attended an informal dance for themselves and students at Brees gymnasium.

### Calendar of Events

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3**—The Woodmen of the World will meet in the W. O. W. hall at 7:30 P. M. Jeff Hedden, council commander.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3**—The Beta Parent Teacher association will meet at 2 P. M. Mrs. Allen Ginn, president.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3**—The Gaynelle Murray Circle will meet with Mrs. W. C. Hennessee with Mrs. J. F. Corbin leader. Mrs. Jesse Buchanan, president.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3**—The Carrie Rhodes circle will meet with Mrs. Dennis Berkeley at the home of Dr. Patsy McGuire. Mrs. Raymon Stovall, chairman.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4**—The Rotary club will have a dinner meeting in Allison building at 6:30 P. M. Dr. D. D. Hooper, president.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5**—The Halcyon club will meet with Mrs. Grayson Cope at 7:30 P. M. Mrs. Claude Campbell, president.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5**—The Lions club will have a dinner meeting in the high school cafeteria at 7:00 P. M. T. Walter Ashe, president.

### Hickory Men Impressed With Sylva and Area

While up for the Catamount and Bears football tussel at Cullowhee Saturday night Dr. Chas. L. Hunsucker, John L. Stroupe, attorney, Wade Bridges, of the Hickory Daily Record, L. H. Warlick and David L. Howard, of the knitting mill industry, of Hickory, spent Saturday night here at Lloyd Hotel and then visited points of interest in Sylva and vicinity Sunday. They were very much impressed with the city and surrounding area. While here they made a number of pictures of the courthouse and views from the area extended the party the court-ney of showing them about.

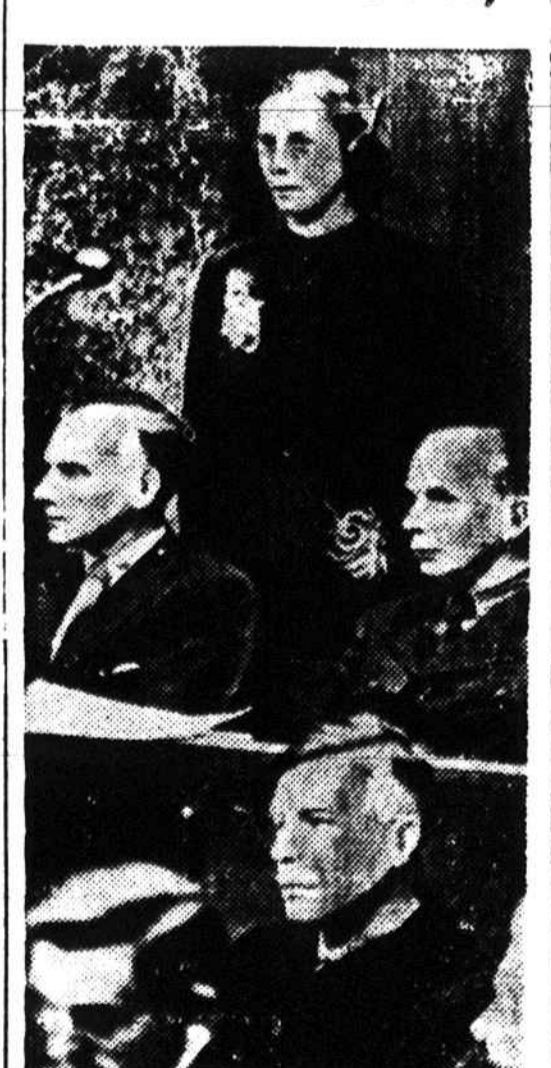
After their visit here they then drove through the park and the Indian Reservation, returning over Soco Gap route.

### FUEL OIL DELIVERIES AFFECTED BY OIL TANKER SHORTAGE

Standard Oil Company of New Jersey is notifying its heavy fuel oil customers on the East Coast that due to the acute shortage of tanker transportation, it is forced to reduce its current deliveries to both the marine and industrial trade.

It was stated that, although the Company had no doubt of its ability ultimately to bring supplies in balance with demand, for the time being the quantity it can produce locally and transport from other refining areas, plus its inventories, is insufficient to meet current needs. This may mean some delay in the sailing of steamships and some curtailment of operations of industrial plants. It is hoped, and the Company has urged since last May, in view of the tight supply situation, that users of heavy fuel who have standby equipment or can convert to other fuels, will do so for their own protection, as well as to help the general petroleum supply picture.

### Pleads Not Guilty



**INDICTED** with other former officials of the "Race and Settlement Office", Inge Viernetz pleads not guilty in the courtroom at Nuremberg, Germany in the first row are defendants Rudolf Creutz (left) and Konrad Meyerhelling. They are accused of war crimes; crimes against humanity and the forcible abduction of children. (International)

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6**—The Dillsboro Masonic lodge will meet in the Masonic hall, Dillsboro at 7:30 P. M. Ed Bumgarner, W. M.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced that 1,

### SYLVA LADIES OPEN GREEN HOUSE AND NEW FLOWER SHOP

**Will Have Formal Opening Saturday 2 To 5 O'clock**

Miss Jane Coward and Miss Dorothy Williams, owners and operators of Jane and Dot's Flower Shop will have the formal opening of their new shop and green house from 2 to 5 o'clock Saturday, November 1. An invitation is extended through an advertisement in The Herald to the general public to visit Jane and Dot's Plant Shop on their opening day and whenever they can.

The Misses Coward and Williams started a plant shop about 18 months ago, more or less as a hobby, which grew into a retail plant shop of potted plants and bedding plants. Their new shop will carry a complete assortment of potted and bedding plants in season, cut flowers, either corsages or flowers for decoration, also funeral arrangements.

The green house building recently completed was ready made by Lord and Burnham of Irvington, N. J., one of the largest manufacturers of green houses and equipment in the United States. The green house is 13 1/2 by 36 feet, all glass. Heat is provided from an oil burning furnace.

The storage and display house is 12 by 24 feet with workroom up stairs and 5 by 6 foot refrigerator and furance in the basement.

Miss Lucy Hedden and Miss Williams, who recently took training courses in flower arrangements in Atlanta and Charlotte, will be in charge of the shop.

### Attend Meeting Of WNCAC Group In Murphy

Felix Picklesimer, president of the Jackson county chamber of commerce, Paul Kirk, member of the board of directors, and Raymond Sutton, member of the North Carolina National Park, Parkway and Forestry Commission, attended the quarterly meeting of the Western North Carolina Associated communities on Hiwassee Lake near Murphy yesterday.

### Sheriff Takes S. C. Escaped Prisoner

Acting on a report of a strange man in the Savannah section Sheriff Griffin Middleton and Supt. Meadows, of the Whittier Prison camp, went to that section last Friday evening and picked up a young white man, who turned out to be Leonard Morgan, 22, an escaped convict from a road crew at Spartanburg, S. C. South Carolina officers returned the man to Spartanburg on Saturday. He escaped in July and had been dodging officers since. He was serving a seven year term.

### Addie PTA Planning Halloween Carnival For Young People

A program of entertainment for the young people of the Addie school and community is being arranged by the Addie Parent-teacher group. A meeting was held Friday at which time further plans were made for the carnival. The program will be held in the school building at 7:00 o'clock Friday evening, October 31.

The program will consist of music by the "Happy Ramblers", String Band of Macon county, a beauty contest, refreshment stand, cake walks, guessing contests, fish pond, bingo and other attractions. The public is cordially invited.

### Singing Convention To Meet Sunday, Nov. 1

Announcement has been made that the Central Singing Convention will meet at the Buff Creek Baptist church at Addie on Sunday, Nov. 1. All singers and those who love singing are invited to attend. R. D. Phillips, president.

335,000 long tons (50,812,054 bushels) of United States grain and grain products were exported in September of this year.

### TEARS FOR RETURNED WAR DEAD



**UNABLE TO CONTROL HER TEARS**, a Gold Star mother is comforted by a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion as she views a coffin containing the body of returning war dead in Chicago. Impressive ceremonies in Soldiers Field marked final tribute to the first American dead brought to the U. S. from foreign cemeteries. (International)

### Eight Jackson World War II Dead Expected To Arrive Soon

#### Ship Arrived in New York Carrying Remains Of Men From Belgium

Of the 6,200 World War II dead which arrived in New York Sunday on board the army transport Joseph V. Connelly, eight were from Jackson county. The bodies are being returned to the United States in accordance with the wishes of the next-of-kin. The Jackson county bodies will be sent to Charlotte with other North Carolina dead to be distributed to their various homes. This will require from 10 to 15 days, army officials stated. Each body is in a bronze metal casket.

The names are:  
Pfc. Woodrow Coggins, USA, Mrs. Ethel S. Coggins, Erastus.  
Pfc. Thomas B. Cowan, USA, Hanson T. Cowan, Webster.  
Pfc. George R. Ensley, USA, Mrs. Mamie I. Ensley, Dillsboro.  
Sgt. John C. Frizzell, USA, Charlie Frizzell, Webster.  
Pvt. Blaine Queen, USA, Jasper Queen, Cherokee.  
Pfc. Vernon G. Sneed, USA, Cam Sneed, Cherokee.  
Sgt. Gilbert R. Stiles, USA, Hix C. Stiles, Dillsboro.  
Pfc. Lyman L. Jones, USA, Mrs. Maybelle Jones, Gay.

The William E. Dillard Post of the American Legion is preparing to give military funerals for those who request this kind of service. Relatives of three of the above have requested this service.

### HAMMOND ORGAN INSTALLED BY BAPTIST CHURCH

Members of the Sylva Baptist church are proud of the new Hammond organ which they recently purchased and which was installed Tuesday by the Dunham Music Company of Asheville. The new organ, one of the latest manufacture, will add much to the music of the church. Mrs. E. P. Stillwell is the organist.

Plans are under way to have a professional Hammond organist come to Sylva for an organ recital in the near future, according to an announcement by the pastor, Rev. C. M. Warren. The pastor extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend worship service and to hear the new organ.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Pyatt and daughter and son, Lynn and Eddie Boy, of Lenoir spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Buckner.

### Strato Freight Line's DC-3 Cargo Plane Found In Caney Fork Section Of County

#### Cabinet Meeting Of District 31A To Be Held at Dillsboro

There will be a district cabinet meeting of Lions International District 31A at Jarrett Springs hotel, Sunday, November 9, according to an announcement of local Lion officials. The cabinet is composed of the district governor and 11 members, of which Jennings A. Bryson, of Sylva is a member. District 31A includes all clubs West of Charlotte and all club presidents and secretaries have been invited.

#### Simpson Heard By Newspaper People

The members of Western North Carolina Newspaper Association met in regular monthly session at the S & W Cafeteria in Asheville Saturday night and heard R. W. "Deacon" Simpson, former managing editor of the Tampa Tribune, and one of the Nation's outstanding newspaper men, talk on the Trends of Modern Newspapers. After his address the group entered into a round-table discussion of news handling.

The Western Association includes all non-daily papers from Hickory to Murphy. Some 40 newspaper people from 12 papers were represented.

Mr. Simpson, now retired, makes his home in Waynesville.

The Herald was represented at the meeting by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gray and Mrs. J. H. Wilson.

#### State Dentist In Jackson County For Five Weeks

Dr. James E. Ethridge, state dentist, is spending five weeks in the schools of Jackson county. He spent last week at John's Creek; this week he is working at Tuckaseegee and Cashiers; the 3rd week he will work at Glenville; the fourth week will be spent at Quail and the fifth week will be divided between Barkers Creek and Wilnot.

#### Local Health Office To Be Closed Thursday

The Jackson county health office will be closed all-day Thursday, November 4, due to the absence of the health officers; Dr. Mary Michal, and Mrs. Alma McCracken, who will be in Charlotte at that time attending a meeting of public health officers of North Carolina.

#### On Stricken Plane



**A SURVIVOR** of the flying boat Bermuda Sky Queen, Marie Laborde of Newton Center, Mass. is shown on her arrival in Boston aboard the Coast Guard cutter Bibb. The plane she underwent aboard the plane is mirrored in her unsmiling face. (International Soundphoto)

#### Webster School Will Have Halloween Carnival

The annual Halloween Carnival will be held at the Webster High school building on Thursday evening, October 30, at 7:30 P. M. The proceeds are to go for various improvements for the school.

#### Plane Enroute From Charlotte To Gainesville, Missing Since Oct. 16

The bodies of three men, killed in the crash of the ill-fated private cargo plane of the DC-3 type, owned and operated by the Strato Freight Lines, of Pittsfield, Mass., and which crashed in the mountainous section of Caney Fork, some 20 miles southeast of Sylva, were brought to Moody Funeral Home here late Wednesday evening. The men killed in the crash were: Saul E. Karnish, Mountville, Mass., pilot; Robert Piper, formerly of Osawatimie, Kans., co-pilot; and Dwight Coulter, of Pittsfield, Mass., an executive of the company.

Discovery of the plane was made by Sheridan Phillips, of this county, who was bear hunting in the section. He reported the find to State Highway Patrol C. D. Lindsay, who with Sheriff Griffin Middleton and other officers went immediately to the scene of the wreck, arriving there about noon. After driving their cars to a point some 10 miles above East LaPorte, the men continued the journey in two jeeps.

Pilots Raymond Nealon, William Miller, Al Cockrill and Harry Francis, of Pittsfield, who had been making an intensive search for the air, learned of the find in Gainesville, Ga., and after flying to Greenville for contact with Army headquarters, also helping in the hunt, flew on to Sylva, landing here about 4 o'clock. They stated that the plane left Charlotte at 7:14 Thursday night, Oct. 16, for Gainesville, Ga., with a cargo of 40,000 day-old chicks for delivery at that point, and that no word had been heard of the plane since that time until this morning, although both Army and Navy planes had participated in a wide search over South Carolina and Georgia, and had planned to begin a search over this area this week.

The ceiling was only 500 feet when the two-engined plane left the Charlotte airport on a rainy night. It had flown to Charlotte from Pittsfield with the chicks, which is a run made several times weekly by the line.

#### MEN KILLED INSTANTLY

Mr. Frank Moody of the Moody Funeral Home, who helped recover the bodies, said that it was his opinion that the men were instantly killed in the crash. He stated that the plane struck the ground 300 to 400 yards under Rhinehart Gap near the Jackson-Haywood county line and that the wreckage was scattered over a wide area. One of the men had been thrown out of the plane, landing some 200 yards out in front of it and that crates containing the baby chicks were strewn about, many of them on top of the body, as well as a limb of a nearby tree. The bodies of the other two men were wedged in the cockpit and were hard to get out, Mr. Moody said. The bodies were in very bad condition, having been dead for nearly two weeks. The odor made it almost impossible for the men to handle the bodies.

In the group with Mr. Moody, Sheriff Middleton and other officers were about 25 men or more of the Caney Fork community and some going up from Sylva, who helped carry the bodies on stretchers some 2 1/2 miles to the Jeeps. They were then brought out around six or seven miles to the waiting ambulances. The bodies reached Sylva about 6 o'clock.

The area in which the plane fell is quite isolated, being about eight miles from the nearest residence, which accounts for no report of a crash, as would have been had it been near any homes.

Mr. Phillips and a party of six or seven bear hunters were attracted to the scene of the wreck by their dogs. They had gone into this area to start their hunt and immediately on being turned loose the dogs rushed to the wreck, attracted by the odor.