

Engineers' Report Shows School Of Poor Construction

Sylva Elementary Students Will Use High School For Remainder Of School Year

No Plan In Sight For Relief For Next School Term As Building Will Still Be Unfit For Use

The Jackson County Board of Education has announced temporary plans for carrying on the work of the Sylva elementary school since the building was ordered closed last week as unsafe for further use. The high school building will be used by both high school and elementary with the high school students going to classes for the first three days of the week, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and the elementary students coming in on Thursday through Saturday. It will be possible to carry on the work and get in the necessary hours by holding longer periods, school authorities announced. Classes will assemble at 8:30 and school will be dismissed at 4:40 each day. It may be possible that school will run a week or two longer this spring.

The Board realizes that this is a very unsatisfactory arrangement, but it appears to be the best solution of a bad situation. The 550 elementary students will overcrowd the high school building which will retard progress as well as not having familiar class rooms to use. Some classes will have to use the vocational building.

DAVIDSON COLLEGE CHOIR TO SING AT WCTC MARCH 9TH

(By Al Booze)

Cullowhee — Davidson college's 50-voice male chorus will sing in the Western Carolina Teachers college auditorium Tuesday evening, March 9. The chorus is directed by Dr. James Christian Pfehl, director of music at Davidson.

This engagement, which will be the final one of the chorus in its tour of the South, is being sponsored by the Lyceum committee of WCTC.

JACKSON COUNTY ARC CHAPTER HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The Jackson County Chapter American Red Cross held a meeting at Carolina Hotel on February 20, 1948, at 9:00 a. m. and elected the following officers for the year:

Dr. G. Wilkes, chairman; Mrs. E. L. McKee, vice-chairman; W. E. Bryson, treasurer; A. J. Dills, secretary; Dr. W. P. McGuire, disaster chairman. Miss Alice Benton, first aid and water safety; Mrs. Carl Phillips, home nursing; Miss Cordelia Camp, junior red cross; Mrs. H. E. Ferguson, production; Mrs. W. B. Harrell, nutrition; W. C. Hennessee, home service chairman; and A. J. Dills, home service secretary.

Mrs. Laura Williams Taken By Death In South Carolina

Funeral services for Mrs. Laura Cooksey Williams of Gaffney, S. C., were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Cannon's Camp Ground Methodist church in Spartanburg county by the Rev. R. C. Pettus and the Rev. J. G. Huggin. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Williams was the mother of Fred M. Williams of Sylva and made her home here with him for six years. She was well known and loved by many friends here and was an active member on the Sylva Methodist church during her residence here.

Mrs. Williams was the daughter of the late William and Nancy Cooksey of Cannon's Camp Ground and the widow of J. Hart Williams, a pioneer textile executive of Spartanburg county. He was superintendent of Beaumont Mills at Spartanburg. Mrs. Williams had been ill for several weeks and died at the Cherokee county hospital in Gaffney. The body remained at the M. W. Bobo Funeral Chapel until 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon when it was taken to the church.

Surviving are two sons, Fred of

Park Lunch Room Under Management Of Gaither, Orr

The Park Lunch room on Main Street, which has been operated by Mr. Willie Monteith on a commission basis for the past several years, is now under management of the owners, Messrs. Jimmy Gaither and Chester Scott. Mr. Gaither and Mr. Richard Orr will be in active charge of the eating establishment, with Mr. Orr in Sylva all the time and Mr. Gaither part time. These men operate a cafeteria in Brevard which they will continue.

Mr. Gaither told a Herald reporter this week that the Park is to be completely renovated and modernized. The owners took over on Monday.

Mr. Monteith has not announced plans for the future.

American Legion To Meet Friday 7:30 P. M.

The William E. Dillard Post No. 104 of the American Legion will meet at the courthouse Friday night, February 27 at 7:30 o'clock. Commander W. Q. Grigg has announced that there will be showing a picture, a combat bulletin, of fighting during World War II. In addition there will be a short talk on some of the Legion work by the District Commander.

All members and veterans who are not members are urged to attend.

Prizes Offered Members Of 4-H Club In Electrical Contest

Nantahala Power Co., Westinghouse Firm Offer Scholarship, Trip, Medal

Announcement has been made by M. L. Snipes, Jackson County Farm Agent, and W. W. Sloan of the Nantahala Power and Light Company that a contest sponsored by the power company in which 4-H Club boys and girls in five counties will have an opportunity to win a \$100 scholarship, as first prize and \$50 as second prize. The counties include Jackson, Macon, Swain, Cherokee and Graham. The prizes are offered by the power company, but the contest will be conducted by the Extension service in each county. There will be a first prize for a boy and a girl, also second prizes for a boy and girl.

These two first prizes will go to one boy and one girl in a five-county area for finding better ways to do things on the farm or in the home by the application of electricity.

Second prizes in the area — one to a boy and one to a girl — will be \$50 gold wrist watches.

In addition, the boy and the girl

Employees Of Sylva Laundry Go Out On Strike Monday A. M.

Young mer Or, Small Farm Makes His Efforts Pay

James E. (Jake) Battle of the Cullowhee community enrolled in the Sylva Veterans Farm Training program and is now busy looking over his small farm trying to find more ways to improve it.

When Mr. John F. Corbin, director of the Sylva program brings out new lists of improved practices Jake isn't worried in the least for he is usually one step ahead on all approved farm practices.

Since entering farm training at Sylva school he has added running water to his home, underpinned the dwelling with stone, painted the outside and redecorated the inside, screened a large porch, doors, and windows, reseeded his lawn and has shade trees well spaced.

Farm land is never idle around Jake's farm. Cover crops are turned under for crops this year and eight acres have been seeded for legume hay. An acre of tobacco was his pride crop last year. Jake contends that if we are to succeed in farming in Jackson county we will have to grow tobacco and truck crops.

ROTARY SPEAKER



REV. MALCOM WILLIAMSON, pastor of the Waynesville Presbyterian church and past president of the Waynesville Rotary club, addressed the members of the Sylva club at its regular weekly meeting Tuesday evening which observed the 43rd anniversary of Rotary International.

Rev. Mr. Williamson reviewed the history of Rotary from its meager beginning on February 23, 1905, when Paul Harris, its founder, gathered a few business men of Chicago about him in weekly meetings, principally for fellowship. These men rotated their meetings from office to office, thus the name Rotary was derived. Mr. Williamson told of the phenomenal growth of the organization and its contributions to world understanding, and the great part it is now playing in connection with the work of the United Nations for World Peace.

Attend Lincoln Day Dinner In Winston

North Carolina Republicans gathered in Winston-Salem last Saturday for their annual Lincoln Day dinner meeting and to her Senator Dewey Short, Republican of Missouri, speak. Messrs. R. F. Jarrett, W. C. Hennessee, and H. E. Monteith, from Jackson county attended the meeting.

Mrs. Childers Receives Business School Diploma

Relatives here have received announcement that Mrs. McAlene Davis Childers, recently was awarded her diploma from the McKenzie Business school in Chattanooga, Tenn.

After a two weeks' vacation with her parents here Mrs. Childers will return to Chattanooga where she will be employed. She and Mr. Childers, who also holds a position in Chattanooga, reside on Bailey Avenue in that city.

Mr. James T. Davis spent the past week-end with his daughter and son-in-law in Chattanooga.

Picket Line Thrown Around Entrance To Close Entire Plant

A group of the employees of the Sylva Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company went out on strike at 8 o'clock Monday morning and immediately established a picket line in an effort to prevent workers who wished to continue on their jobs from entering the building. The line failed in this effort Monday and Tuesday as less than half the employees were out. The plant was closed down completely Wednesday morning when several dozen union employees of the local industrial plants joined the laundry workers on their picket line.

In an effort to ascertain the trouble behind the strike The Herald secured statements from both the Management of the Laundry and the Union, both of which follow:

"Regarding the strike that has

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GUERNSEY COWS MAKE RECORDS



Peterborough, N. H. — Three registered Guernsey cows, owned by A. B. Slagle, Franklin, N. C., have completed one official and two outstanding Advanced Register records that were supervised by the North Carolina State College and reported to The American Guernsey Cattle Club for approval and publication.

For the official record, Belmont View Orpha produced 1635 lbs. of milk and 576 pounds of butterfat, starting her record as a junior two-year old. She is the first daughter of the registered Guernsey sire, Buttercup's Louise's King.

Freckles of Belmont View produced 12148 pounds of milk and 635 pounds of butterfat as a nine-year old, and she is sired by the outstanding Guernsey, Wanda's Sentry of Garden Creek, that has twenty-two sons and daughters in the Performance Register of The American Guernsey Cattle Club.

El-Manor Dawn, as a seven-year old, produced 13839 pounds of milk and 820 pounds of butterfat and she is the first daughter of the registered Guernsey sire, Appin's Ideal.

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Speaking Contest Finals Will Be Held In Raleigh

The State finals of the 1948 Soil Conservation Speaking Contest will be held in Raleigh, March 26 when the nine district winners will compete for \$550 in Savings Bonds being offered to the first, second, and third place winners, according to J. Frank Doggett, Extension Soil Conservationist at State College.

Mr. Doggett stated that the district contests will be held on March 19, which will be preceded by the county contests on March 12, and the school contests, March 5.

More than 5,000 contestants are expected to take part in the contest, Mr. Doggett said, adding that these contestants will come from virtually every county in the state. The contest is being sponsored by the North Carolina Bankers Association and is the first time that high school students from every county have been eligible to compete.

The first prize winner in the State contest will receive \$400 in U. S. Savings Bonds and an all-expense trip to the 1948 Annual Meeting of the State Bankers Association. The Bankers Association is furnishing \$200 of the first prize. Warren S. Johnson of the Peoples Bank and Trust Company in Wilmington and president of the N. C. Bankers Association, and Gordon Hunter of the Peoples Bank in Robeson and chairman of the agricultural committee of the Bankers Association, are each providing \$100.

The second place winner will receive \$200 in U. S. Savings Bonds, and the third place winner a \$50 Bond, Mr. Doggett said.

Higdon Urges Farmers To Check Lime Needs

D. C. Higdon, chairman of the Jackson County AA, requests that farmers who wish to order lime this year place their order as soon as possible. Due to the small appropriation received for Jackson county this year some farmers who have taken phosphate or seeds may not be able to get lime for their farm. However, if your farm needs lime come to the office and check your farm sheet. The cost of the lime to the farmer is \$1.95 payable at the time the order is placed.

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Contractors Used Poor Grade Materials, Shoddy Workmanship Shows Up In Building

MISS MARY JOHNSTON COMING AS NEW HOME AGENT FOR COUNTY

Miss Mary Johnston is expected Monday, March 1, to begin her duties here as Home Agent for Jackson county. Miss Johnston comes to us from her latest place of work, Charlotte, highly recommended for this position. Miss Johnston has had extensive experience both as home agent for the Farm Security program during the time it was in operation, as well as home agent with the Extension Service of the State, having served in Henderson county for 10 years. Although Miss Johnston is located in the Piedmont section of the state, being familiar with Jackson county and hearing of the vacancy here, asked to be transferred to Jackson county.

Miss Frances Dillingham of Buncombe county, who was to have begun her duties as home agent for Jackson county the first of February, resigned to accept the position as dietitian of Norborn hospital in Asheville.

Estimate \$5000 Cost For Only Temporary Use, Six Rooms Can Never Be Used Engineers Report

The following is a complete copy of the report of the engineer and architect of the firm of Colburn & Weiss, engineers of Asheville on the condition of the Sylva elementary school building which was presented to the Jackson County Board of Education last week!

Board of Education
Jackson County
Sylva, N. C.

Dear Sirs:

In accordance with the request of Mr. Crawford, your Superintendent, we, the undersigned, made a general examination of the subject building as detailed as possible in approximately three hours time on Wednesday, Feb. 18, 1948. The following is a list of the principal items found which indicate questionable construction or definite structural weakness.

(1) EXTERIOR WALLS (a) These walls are built of clay tile back-up with 4-inch brick veneer. The veneer is bonded into the tile with brick headers every eleventh course. Good practice and many building laws require bonding every sixth or seventh course.

(b) Mortar used in all masonry is lime mortar of very poor quality.

(c) Fractures have occurred in the front and two end walls of the building. The fracture of the wall on the north end is the most serious. All fractures apparently extend from the top to the bottom of the walls.

We did not determine during this inspection whether these fractures are caused by settlement of the footings, thrust from truss expansion, other internal forces, or are the result of some combination of these. In our opinion these walls can only be put in permanent sound condition by rebuilding them entirely with good quality mortar, proper bonding of brick to tile and all joists and rafters securely tied into the walls. Soil condition and bearing value should be determined before wall is rebuilt as present condition is questionable and new footings might be required.

(2) INTERIOR MASONRY PIERS AND SUPPORTS: (a) A general examination indicated that the foundation piers are well built with the exception of mortar used

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and the remainder by the 11 western counties. Jackson county is asked to provide about \$2,000. If the necessary funds are raised this year, the drama will be presented this July.

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Group From 11 Counties Met in Andrews Tuesday, Local Men Attend

Seventy members of Western North Carolina Associated Communities, representing 11 western counties, gathered in Andrews Feb. 24, to discuss such subjects as the proposed Cherokee Indian drama, a Western North Carolina industrial survey, tourist advertising, the Brevard music festival and the WNC fair.

It was decided at this meeting to sponsor a presentation of an historical drama with music, based upon Cherokee Indian lore, patterned after the successful production, "The Last Colony", held each year at Roanoke Island, N. C.

The scenario outline of the drama to be titled "The Cherokees", begins with the time of Sequoyia and ends with the return of the Eastern Cherokee Veterans after World War II.

It is estimated that an initial outlay of \$65,000 will be required. After the first year the project will be self-supporting. Of this amount \$25,000 will be provided by Cherokee, \$20,000 by WNCAC

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State 4-H Club Leader Meets With County Clubs

O. H. Phillips, county agent at large for 4-H club work of the State, together with M. L. Snipes, Jackson county farm agent, met the 11 clubs of the county recently and organized a new club at Wilmot. Mr. Phillips gave illustrated lectures and demonstrations on interesting subjects, particularly gardens to the boys and girls.