

# Truman Tells Congress Nation Faces Grave Dangers

## Committee On Resource-Use To Sponsor Home Week For WNC Farmers

Program Plans To Bring Farm Men and Women to WCTC For Farm Courses  
(By Al Booze)

The Western North Carolina Area Advisory Committee on Resource-use Education voted in Cullowhee Monday to sponsor a Western Carolina Teachers College Farm Project, a farm-and-home week for the people of Western North Carolina, early in August.

Tentative plans call for bringing a select group of farm men and women, from the state's western counties, to Western Carolina Teachers college for a series of courses in practical farming and in problems relating to farm life.

An executive committee was appointed to work out details of the project, and to secure the cooperation and support of the State Agricultural college in Raleigh, and of the state and federal departments of agriculture.

The executive committee, acting on a motion by J. A. Glazener, Brevard and Transylvania county farm agent, asked Dean W. B. Harrill of W. C. T. C., chairman of the committee, to contact key persons in Raleigh next week. Dean Harrill will leave for Raleigh Saturday, where he will confer with I. O. Schaub, extension service director, and Dr. J. H. Hilton, director of the experiment station of the State Agriculture college, and J. Warren Smith, vocational agriculture director, State Department of Education.

It was emphasized at the conference which was held on the campus of W. C. T. C., that the project would not in any way conflict with the State College's Farm and Home week in Raleigh. W. C. T. C. has been designated by the State Resource-use Education Commission as the center for its program in this part of the state.

As presently planned, the project will offer, through W. C. T. C., morning courses for farmers in practical, up-to-date methods of farming, particularly in dairying, forestry, crop rotation, and soil conservation, and, for the women, various home economics courses. Afternoons will be devoted to field trips, probably under the guidance of Steadman Mitchell, farm manager of W. C. T. C., and president of the Jackson County Farmer's Cooperative. Lectures and entertainment will be offered in the evenings.

The practical, down-to-earth character of the project was emphasized throughout the meeting. To illustrate the type of courses the committee has in mind, Dean Harrill told of a question a farmer had raised in discussing the project with him. "I'm interested in dairying," the farmer said, "but if you're going to tell me in the classes how I can start a dairy with fifty thousand dollars, I'm not interested in coming. I want to know how I can get started in dairying with a small farm, a bull and a heifer, and a little money."

"That's what we want to do," said Dean Harrill. "We want to

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## FHA Ownership Borrowers Review Progress of Past Year

FHA Farm Ownership Borrowers were guests of the Glenville School and Principal Watson on Thursday, March 11. The occasion was the annual business meeting of all borrowers in Jackson County who purchased farms through the Farmers Home Administration. The purpose of this annual meeting is to review the activities of each farm family during the past year. The program theme for the day was "Making the Farm and Home a Full-time Job Through a Balanced Livestock and Crops Plan." Official figures were presented to the group by J. C. McDarris but

## ANNUAL MEETING OF FEDERATION STOCK-HOLDERS MARCH 19

The Farmers Federation will hold its annual stockholders' meeting for Jackson County in the Sylva warehouse Friday, March 19 at 2:30 p. m. it has been announced by James G. K. McClure, president of the organization. Reports on the activities of the federation during the past year will be made and committees for Jackson County will be elected. Nominations will be heard for the office of director. They will be elected at the general meeting of the federation in the Buncombe County courthouse in Asheville on March 27.

Refreshments will be served and entertainment will be furnished by the Farmers Federation string band. Highlights of the meeting will be the awarding of 60 baby chicks.

## SCOUTS GIVEN CONSIDERATION FOR PROMOTION

CHEROKEE—The Smoky Mountain district board of review considered seven Boy Scouts for high scouting awards at a meeting in Qualla hall Friday night.

Scout John B. Tyndall, troop 2, Cherokee, was reviewed for Star rank. Scouts Jack Reese, Alvin Stiles, Claude McFalls, Bobby Myers, all of troop 1, Franklin, were reviewed for Life rank.

Eagle Scout Jimmy Bales of troop 1, Sylva, was reviewed for his Silver Eagle palm, three ranks above that of Eagle Scout and one of the highest awards in the scouting program.

These awards will be made at the next district court of honor, to be held in Sylva April 8.

## FARM BUREAU TO MEET SATURDAY

Frank H. Brown, Jr., of Cullowhee, president of Jackson County Farm Bureau, has announced that the March meeting of the organization will be held in the courthouse in Sylva, Saturday, March 20, at 11:00 o'clock a. m. Regular business matters will be discussed. All members are urged to be present.

## Baby Swallows Open Safety Pin

Dennis Childers, 13 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Childers of Erastus, swallowed an open safety pin on Tuesday, March 16. He was brought to the C. J. Harris Community Hospital and the pin was successfully removed by Dr. R. W. Kirshberg. The baby is resting comfortably and doing fine.

## Town Ministers To Conduct Easter Sunrise Service At 6:15 A. M.

There will be an Easter sunrise service at Keener cemetery, beginning at 6:15 o'clock Easter Sunday, March 28. The whole community is invited, and the service will be conducted by the ministers of the town. The music will be under the direction of Mr. N. R. Beacham, and the High School Glee Club and Band will assist in the service. It is customary for the ministers of the town to alternate in bringing a message for the sunrise service. This year Rev. W. Q. Grigg will be the speaker; Rev. W. H. Wakefield will read the scripture lesson; and Rev. C. M. Warren will lead the prayer.

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Presbyterian Pastor



REV. W. H. WAKEFIELD, pastor of the Sylva Presbyterian church, will be master of ceremonies at the ground-breaking for the new church soon to be started in Sylva. The program has been announced for next Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock in which the pastors of the Sylva churches and other groups will participate.

Since coming to Sylva last fall Mr. Wakefield has been actively engaged in plans for the building of a home for the congregation with the result that actual construction work is about to be started.

The members of the Episcopal church have very graciously allowed the use of their building for the Presbyterian services.

## PROGRAM ANNOUNC'D FOR PRESBYTERIAN GROUND-BREAKING

Pastors Of Community To Have Part In Ceremony Tuesday Morning at 10:30

The pastor and officials of the Sylva Presbyterian congregation have announced the following program for the ground-breaking ceremonies for the starting of the new church building to be held on the church lot Tuesday morning, March 23 at 10:30 o'clock.

The doxology, members of Sylva high school glee club. Invocation, Rev. C. M. Warren, pastor of the Sylva Baptist church. Remarks by Mayor Jack C. Allison. Sextet, "Thanks Be To God," Sylva high school. Members of the Sextet include, Joyce Clayton, Madge Henson, Mary Cole Stillwell, Eddie Lou Terrell, Bleakadee Parrish and Nettie Jean Bradley. Scripture and prayer, Rev. Paul P. Thrower, pastor of Camp Green Presbyterian church, Charlotte, and former pastor of the Sylva group.

Sermon by Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary, Asheville Presbytery. Breaking of the ground: Elders, J. Vernon McHan, J. A. Gray, Jackson F. Dunn, and Martin C. Cunningham, and Ministers.

Removal of the broken ground: Little Johnny McHan and others. Hymn, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

Benediction, Rev. W. Q. Grigg, pastor Sylva Methodist church. Master of ceremonies, Rev. W. H. Wakefield, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend.

## Sees Russia As A Menace To World Peace

Asks For Universal Military Training, Selective Service Act

In a twenty minute speech before a joint session of the Congress and heard by millions of anxious listeners all over America at 12:30 yesterday, President Truman asked Congress to pass laws which in his judgment are vital at this time if peace is maintained and a war with Communistic Russia is averted.

Mr. Truman reviewed events which have taken place since the end of World War II, the efforts put forth by this and other nations through the U. N. to establish peace and order throughout the world, and told how one nation, meaning Russia, had resorted to the veto power in the U. N. 32 different times to block establishment of peace and order. Not only has Russia blocked the peace efforts in the U. N. organization, but she has embarked upon a path of aggression, Mr. Truman stated. With this menace now facing the Democracies of the world, Mr. Truman said that it is the responsibility of America to be prepared with the military strength with which to combat this menace. In order to do this Mr. Truman asked the congress for immediate passage of the Marshall plan which would render economic aid to the liberty loving peoples of Europe. He also asked that a Universal Military Training law be enacted and that Selective Service act be restored in order to bring our armed forces up to maximum strength. He stated that voluntary enlistment has failed to provide the men now needed in the armed forces. The president feels that war with Russia can be averted if a real show of strength by America is exhibited at this time.

## SCOUT AWARDS ARE MADE AT CHEROKEE HALL

CHEROKEE—One hundred and thirty-two persons witnessed the awarding of 74 merit badges and a number of other high scoring awards at the Smoky Mountain district court of honor in Qualla hall.

The Rev. Tom Houts, Cullowhee, presided over the honor court. Don L. Tyndall was court clerk scout.

The tenderfoot investiture ceremony was conducted by Avery Means, field scout executive, Daniel Boone council. Fourteen new scouts were invested with the traditional scout candlelight and log ceremony.

Elder Rogers of the Mormon church presented the second class awards of three scouts.

P. A. Willetts of Cherokee, district commissioner, presented the first class award to Anson Mitchell, Troop 14, Cullowhee.

Sam H. Gilliam of Cherokee, presented 74 merit badges to 34 scouts from Macon, Swain and Jackson counties. Scouts Alvin Stiles, Troop 1, Franklin; Bobby Myers, Troop 1, Franklin, and Donald Rose, Troop 2, Cherokee, each received six badges to set a district record for the year.

Five scouts received their star awards, third highest rank in scouting. Freeman Bradley of Cherokee, presented these to Charles Ensor, George Craig, Robert Hyatt and Donald Rose of Troop 2, Cherokee, and Albert Edwards, Troop 7, Highlands.

The second highest rank in scout work, life, was awarded by John Edwards, Franklin, to Lambert Heoper, Troop 1, Sylva, and Tudor Hill and Harry A. Holt, Jr., of Troop 7, Highlands.

Franklin and Highlands tied for the awarding of the attendance plaque and Troop 14, Cullowhee, won the district advancement award.

Mead Corporation Head



SYDNEY FERGUSON, Mead president of The Mead Corporation, with offices in New York City, is expected to arrive in Sylva Wednesday morning, March 24, for his first visit to the Sylva plant. Mr. Ferguson's purpose in coming to Sylva at this time is to inspect the plant here, and to talk to the foremen of the Sylva Division which he will do at noon Wednesday. The Sylva plant has undergone considerable expansion during the past two years and to see this is also an object of Mr. Ferguson's visit.

## REDDEN POINTS OUT PARK NEED OF MORE FUNDS

WASHINGTON, March 16—Rep. Monroe M. Redden said today he intends to bring to the attention of congressional appropriations committees the fact that lack of funds is forcing a layoff and change of jobs for a group of employees of Great Smoky Mountains National park.

Terming the situation "typical" of the misfortunes being suffered by the park because of tight federal purse strings, the Hendersonville congressman indicated he will see that members of the appropriations committees of both houses of congress "get the facts," along with a word of caution against holding the park's budget to an irreducible minimum.

It was revealed at park headquarters in Gatlinburg a few days ago that seven employees have been placed on leave without pay until July 1 because the park service did not have enough money to pay their salaries. Although it was understood most of the men will be able to continue temporarily as laborers or fire guards, jobs that pay considerably less, they will displace present holders of these lower bracket jobs.

"This is just the sort of thing we have feared might happen," Rep. Redden commented. "Certainly there is no justice in this situation either for the park or the individuals concerned. We are working hard for rehabilitation and improvement of the Great Smoky park. This sort of thing leads to debilitation instead."

"I intend to take up this matter directly with members of the house appropriations committee, as well as the appropriations committee in the senate, in order that they can see first-hand what results from denying the park enough money for even skeleton operation. Adequate personnel must be provided. It is the poorest kind of economy, it seems to me, to let the personnel situation fall to a point where even the park's present meager facilities cannot be fully manned. That is why the joint Carolina-Tennessee committee on park development has recommended in its long-range improvement program that the park staff be substantially increased. It is a responsibility congress must meet."

BOSSAMON'S . . . . . In Sylva

## Hennessee And Meekins Named As Delegates To National Convention

## AUTO INSPECTION LANE TO OPEN HERE MAY 2-13

The Motor Vehicle Department in Raleigh announced this week that an inspection lane would open in Sylva May 2 and remain in operation through May 13. The town of Sylva has agreed for the department to use the section of paved street in the city park for the lane.

The Mechanical Inspection program requires every vehicle registered in North Carolina to be inspected once during 1948 and twice each year thereafter.

Vehicles which pass the test are given a blue sticker of approval, pasted on the windshield. Those which do not pass the test get a rejection sticker, and the owner is allotted sufficient time to make the necessary repairs. A fee of \$1 is charged for each vehicle inspected.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR LINDBERG HELD AT CULLOWHEE

Memorial services for Florida Lindberg, violin instructor at Western Carolina Teachers College, were held at the Cullowhee Methodist church Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. Mr. Lindberg died Sunday evening at 9:30 from a heart attack. The body lay in state at the church from 10 to 11 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. R. T. Houts, Jr., officiated and Masonic rites were rendered.

The body will be interred in San Antonio, Texas, former home of the deceased.

Surviving are the widow and a son by a former marriage.

Mr. Lindberg came to WCTC at the beginning of the 1946-47 term. He was highly trained in his work.

## Sylva H. D. Club Plans Curb Markets For Farmers Of County

On Monday afternoon the Sylva Home Demonstration club met for the first time in a few months at the Community House. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Harry Hastings presided. Routine business was attended to, the roll reviewed and other things done to put the organization in working order again.

Miss Mary Johnston, the new Home Demonstration agent, met with them. She spoke on the Symptoms of Malnutrition and How We Can Remedy Them.

The club went on records favoring a curb market in Sylva where the farm people can bring their produce to be sold. This is one of the projects that Miss Johnston is going to work to see accomplished. The meetings are held the third Monday afternoon in each month.

## Col. John A. Wagner Is Nominee For Congress, Truman's Civil Rights Program Criticized

In convention here Friday, March 12, twelfth congressional district Republican delegates from 10 Western North Carolina counties nominated Col. John A. Wagner, of Asheville, retired army officer, as the party's candidate for congress from the 12th district.

Turning to the men who will have a voice in selecting the party's candidate for the presidency, committee members elected William C. Meekins of Asheville and W. C. Hennessee of Sylva as delegates to the GOP national convention in Philadelphia in June.

Both will go to Philadelphia unpledged and without instruction from the district, it was said.

In the only open reference to presidential aspirants, Sim A. Delapp of Lexington, chairman of the state GOP executive committee said that Dewey—supported by the state delegation in 1944—is gaining in strength throughout the state but that there is a "lot of open-mindedness" on the quest of who the Old North State will support this year.

By resolution the convention condemned the civil rights demands of President Truman as "insincere" and an "effort to win the Negro votes in a few Northern States."

The resolution "deplored" the "tendency of the administration to pass laws aimed at the Southern States especially, but which in effect are robbing all states of their inherent rights and conferring more and more power upon the central government at Washington."

Dropping to the state level, the resolution lashed out at the record of the Democratic party in North Carolina because of its "treatment of the public school teachers" who are paid such "scandalously low" salaries that they are "being driven by the hundreds from their profession, or are compelled to go to other states where their talents are more appreciated."

"We resent as cheap political chicanery the efforts to stir up racial strife in the South on the part of the present administration and we believe that the so-called civil rights demands of the president are not sincere but only an effort to win the Negro votes in a few northern cities."

"We believe that this is an invasion of states' rights and that these questions can best be solved by the individual states," the resolution continued.

It declared that if the Republican party is entrusted with the government of this state "our first effort will be to see that the teachers of our children shall be adequately paid."

Fate J. Beal of Charlotte, secretary of the state executive committee, who with Mr. Delapp attended the convention, called for "courage, vision and defense of human rights" on the part of the

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## Snipes Says Young Farmers of County Making Fine Progress

By M. L. Snipes, Jackson County Dem. Agent

Sixty-five young farmers, taking agricultural training, along with their supervisor, W. T. Brown and assistants, T. A. Jackson, John Farley and Roy Fox, attended a forestry demonstration on pruning and thinning, conducted by John Gray, Extension Forester, Friday afternoon on the Will Nicholson farm near Cowarts. Mr. Gray stated that he had never had a group of young farmers to attend a demonstration who showed more interest and were more attentive than this group of young Jackson farm-

ers. This progressive young group of farmers are making splendid progress on their individual farms and are making sound long-time plans. They have around 18,000 young pine seedlings to set out within the next two weeks. This, of course, is only one phase of long-time planning.

This group of farmers is taking an active part in the affairs of their neighborhood, community and county. They are cooperating and aligning themselves with the worthwhile movements, such as the Jackson County Farm Bureau.