

Mead President Reviews Progress Of Sylva Plant

Sylva Band And Glee Clubs Voted Very Good In WNC Music Festival

Director Beacham Hopes To Take Students To Southern Festival

The Asheville Music Festival was attended by the Band and Glee Clubs of the Sylva Schools March 19-20 at Lee H. Edwards High. Their performances were voted VERY GOOD by a committee of Music Directors and Excellent considering the FIRST YEAR. Two items have the privilege thus of going to the State Festival but most Western Carolina Bandmen are cutting this privilege due to misunderstandings in the judging system this year.

Mr. Beacham hopes to be able to work out plans for attending a Southern Regional Music Festival in Atlanta in May or at least to play in two or three of the High Schools in Atlanta where he used to be Director of Music. Miss Janice Holden on drums and Mr. Jimmy Stovall on cornet will be featured in concerts they will give, as well as Neill Wilson on trombone solo. All of these and others did wonderful work at the Festival.

April 12th the Canton Band under the Direction of Bob Matthews, former music director and pianist for Billy Sunday over 20 years, will play a school matinee and a night performance between shows at the theater. After this the Music Dept. of Sylva will give them a big party and entertain them in their homes. The Spring Music Concert of local talent will follow about two weeks after the Canton Band on April 12th. The Band will broadcast over WHCC from the local studios this coming Sunday unless one of the churches takes the hour. If the church takes the hour the band will take the next Sunday period, April 4.

It is expected that our new uniforms will come within a few days.

SYLVA BAPTIST TO GIVE ANNUAL EASTER CANTATA SUNDAY

The Choir of the Sylva Baptist church, under the direction of Mrs. E. P. Stillwell, will render the Easter Cantata entitled "Crown After Cross" by Fred B. Holton, at 7:30 p. m. Sunday. A gracious invitation is extended to the public to attend and enjoy this beautiful Cantata. The members of the Choir are as follows:

Sopranos — Mrs. John R. Jones, Mrs. Chester Scott, Mrs. Crawford Smith, Mrs. Porter Scroggins, Mrs. Leo Cowan, Mrs. W. T. Brown, Misses Edna Allen, Peggy Painter, Nettie Jean Bradley.

Altos — Mrs. Roger Dillard, Mrs. J. B. Enley, Misses Sadie Luck, Mary Cole Stillwell.

Tenors — Dick Greene, Tommy Davis, W. C. Hennessee, C. M. Warren.

Basses — J. T. Gribble, W. J. Fisher, Claude Jones, John Echols, Chester Scott.

Bank To Be Closed Easter Monday

Officials of The Jackson County Bank have announced that this bank will be closed all day Monday, March 29, "Easter Monday", which is a legal holiday.

Half Million Forest Trees Distributed To WNC Farmers

Much Of Tree Seed Gathered In Jackson, Made Plants 25,000

A half million forest trees were distributed today to more than 250 farmers and other landowners in the fifteen Tennessee Valley counties of Western North Carolina.

GROUND BROKEN FOR NEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BUILDING

Members of the Presbyterian congregation and a number of visiting ministers, and friends of the church gathered on the lot, recently purchased for the erection of a church building, at 10:30 Tuesday morning for "ground breaking" ceremonies. A very impressive program was carried out. The program opened with the singing of the Doxology, under the direction of N. R. Beacham. The invocation was given by Rev. C. M. Warren, pastor of the Sylva Baptist church.

"Thanks Be To God," was rendered by Sylva High school Sextet, which included Mrs. Joyce Clayton, Misses Frankie Fisher, Mary Cole Stillwell, Eddie Lou Terrell, Bleakadee Parrish, and Nettie Jean Bradley.

The Rev. Paul P. Thrower, now pastor of the Camp Green Presbyterian church in Charlotte, read the scripture and offered prayer. Rev. Mr. Thrower organized the Presbyterian congregation in Sylva in June 1941 at which time there were just 12 members. The membership now is around 50.

Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive

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CO-FOUNDER OF DILLSBORO



WILLIAM ALLEN DILLS, late of Dillsboro, and co-founder of the town of Dillsboro, will be among the early settlers of the community whose memories will be honored on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in an Easter service at Parris Cemetery. Mr. Dills, father of Mrs. Minnie Gray, and Mrs. A. H. Weaver, of Dillsboro and Mrs. E. L. McKee, of Sylva, is buried in the Parris cemetery and his grave along with the other graves of the cemetery will be decorated on this occasion. This memorial service is most fitting at this time since it falls on Mr. Dills' birthday.

STRONG SUPPORT IS RECEIVED FOR CHEROKEE DRAMA

CHEROKEE—Plans for summer presentation here of a drama depicting the life of the Cherokee Indians and early settlers in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park region were much nearer realization following a meeting Thursday of the Cherokee and Pioneer Drama committee and representatives of a number of counties in the Western North Carolina Associated Communities area in charge of underwriting financial quotas which had been assigned to those counties.

Six counties reported that their quotas had been met. They are Buncombe, Haywood, Jackson Swain, Cherokee and Henderson.

The Cherokee community, which has been assigned the task of raising a fourth of the \$65,000 seen necessary to build an amphitheater and stage the drama the first season, reported that the amount had been fully pledged.

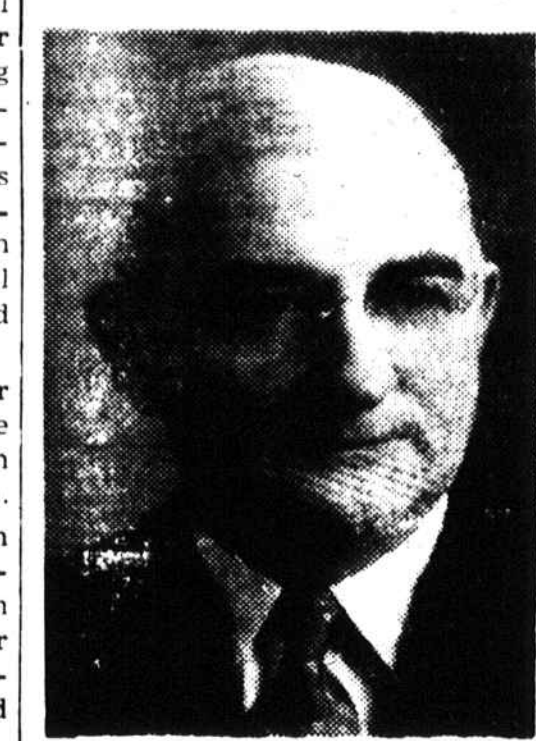
An official decision on whether to go ahead with the project was withheld until reports on financial quotas are received from Transylvania, Madison, Macon, Clay and Graham counties, the remaining ones in the 11-county area which is expected to back the drama plan.

A tentative business basis for financing the project was worked out after the group conferred here Thursday with Harry Davis, assistant director of the Carolina Playmakers at the University of North Carolina, and Albert Q. Bell, who built the "Lost Colony" theater on

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Plant Here To Become One Of Major Units In Corporation's System

Candidate For Governor



Charles M. Johnson, Democratic candidate for Governor, has been kept busy these recent weeks with speaking engagements in counties surrounding Raleigh, but he is now preparing to broaden his schedule that will, before the May 29 primary, take him into practically all sections of North Carolina.

Actually he has not yet officially launched his campaign for that will come with the announcement of his platform. At the time of the announcement of his candidacy Mr. Johnson stated that his platform would be made known at the proper time.

Native Woods Other Than Chestnut To Be Used In Future; River Pollution Problem Being Attacked

The new equipment being installed in the plant of the Sylva Division of The Mead Corporation will overcome the present raw material limitation imposed by the process of using chestnut wood exclusively in the manufacture of shipping container-board, stated Mr. Sydney Ferguson, president of the huge corporation, during the course of his visit to the Sylva plant yesterday.

MEETS EMPLOYEES

In making this, his first visit to Sylva, Mr. Ferguson stated that the purpose of the visit was to become better acquainted with the men and women employed in the corporation. Mr. Ferguson spent the greater part of Wednesday morning going through the plant, meeting and talking with the men. Other reasons for his visit were to inspect the Sylva properties and to review the progress made in the Sylva Mill modernization program which has been under way for the past year and a half and is now in full swing.

HIGHLIGHTS OF VISIT

The highlights of his visit, Mr. Ferguson stated, were visiting every department in the mill and meeting the large number of employees; meeting with the office staff at a noon luncheon for an informal discussion of routine operation problems; and the dinner meeting with the supervisory staff, wood procurement personnel and guests held at 7:30 p. m. in the Allison building of the Methodist church. Discussion with this group centered on the financial situation of the Corporation, particular attention being given to costs and earnings for the year 1947. Mr.

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Tommy Buchanan, 21, Killed When Speeding Car Strikes Rock Building At Dillsboro

Eugene Hooper, Driver Of Car, Slightly Injured, Buchanan Funeral Friday

Funeral services for Tommy Buchanan, 21, who was killed in an automobile accident at 10:10 p. m. last Wednesday night, were held at the Scott's Creek Baptist church Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock with the pastor, Rev. B. S. Hensley, officiating. Burial, with military rites, was in the Old Savannah cemetery.

Patrolman C. D. Lindsay, of the State Highway Patrol, who investigated the wreck said that the car, being driven East on Highway No. 19-A went out of control and smashed into the rock building used as a Coca-Cola bottling warehouse at Dillsboro. Young Buchanan was thrown through the windshield of the Ford convertible in which he was riding with Eugene Hooper, of Cullowhee, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hooper. Hooper was treated for slight injuries at the Harris hospital and released immediately. Young Buchanan died on the way to the hospital.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom E. Buchanan of Sylva; five sisters, Mrs. Paul Echols, of Bryson City, Mrs. Clyde Fowler, of Murphy, Mrs. James Wallace of Charlotte, and Misses Selma and Jo Buchanan at the home.

Garrett Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Stovall And Fricks Open New Store Today

Sylva's latest clothing and ready-to-wear establishment will open its doors to the buying public this morning. Messrs. Phil Stovall and Frank Fricks are the owners and managers of the new Men's Store, located in the remodeled building formerly occupied by Stovall's Cgfe. A complete line of men's and boy's ready-to-wear will be carried. Also a line of sporting goods.

MERCHANTS TO MEET THURSDAY TO DECIDE CLOSING HALF-DAY

Boyd Sossamon, president of the Sylva Merchants Association, has called a meeting of the merchants for 4 o'clock this afternoon (Thursday) in the City hall for the purpose of deciding on whether the stores will have a half-holiday each week this summer, and if so what day will be chosen for the closing period.

All merchants are urged to be present and make known their wishes in the matter.

Founders Of Dillsboro To Be Honored In Easter Memorial Service Sunday At 2:30 P. M.

Following the Easter service at Parris cemetery in Dillsboro Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock there will be a service in commemoration of the birthday of the late William Allen Dills, according to Mrs. Minnie Gray, daughter of the late founder of the town of Dillsboro, whose birthday falls on this Easter Sunday, and in commemoration of the early settlers who aided in the upbuilding of the town of Dillsboro.

Graves of the Confederate soldiers will be decorated with confederate flags. The Rev. W. Q.

Grigg and the Rev. W. H. Wakefield will conduct the Easter services. The Rev. Thad Deitz, a friend of the late Mr. Dills and friend of those whose names will be eulogized, will conduct the memorial service.

The names of those whose memories will be honored are: Confederate veterans—F. M. Cathey, J. M. Candler, W. A. Dills, John W. McLain, Rufus Parrish, J. C. Watkins, R. H. Jarrett, Founders of Dillsboro—Frank Allison, T. B. Allison, Ervin Allen, C. F.

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Drive Against Rabies Promoted Here

On Saturday, March 13, Charlie Thomas, health Sanitarian for Jackson, Haywood, Macon and Swain counties, together with Dr. Smith, of Whittier, John Phillips, of Cullowhee, Candler Reagan, of Qualla and Cherokee, Mack Hall of Greens Creek, and Charlie Crawford of Beta, met at the courthouse for final instructions and rulings concerning the intensive campaign for the vaccination of all dogs against rabies in Jackson county.

Among the facts brought out which are important to everyone are the following:

It shall be the duty of the owners of every dog to have same vaccinated annually by a rabies inspector.

It shall be the duty of the health officer to appoint a sufficient number of rabies inspectors to carry out the provisions for vaccinations.

The vaccination of all dogs in the counties of the district shall begin on April 1st and shall be completed within 90 days from the date of beginning.

The fee for vaccination is \$1.00 per dog if it has had previous vaccination. If no previous vaccination the fee will be \$1.50.

It shall be the duty of the sheriff and his deputies to assist the rabies inspectors in the enforcement of vaccination against rabies.

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inspectors to make a thorough canvass of the county and frequently thereafter to determine if there are any dogs that are not wearing the metal tag provided for the dog after its vaccination.

If dogs are found not wearing tags the sheriff shall notify the owner to have same vaccinated by a rabies inspector and to produce the certificate provided within 3 days. If the owner fails to do this he shall be prosecuted in accordance with the law.

If the owner of the dog not wearing the tag cannot be found it shall be the duty of said officer to destroy said dog.

It shall be the duty of any dog born after the annual vaccination period or any dog not six months old at the time of vaccination period to take the same when it becomes six months old.

All dogs shipped or otherwise brought into this State shall be securely confined and vaccinated within one week after entry and shall remain confined for two additional weeks after vaccination unless accompanied by a certificate issued by a qualified veterinarian.

The county health officer may declare quarantine against rabies in any designated district when in his judgement this disease exists to the extent that the lives of per-

sons are endangered and all dogs in said district shall be confined on the premises of their owner or in a veterinary hospital.

BOSSAMON'S In Sylva

PASSENGER TRAINS ON MURPHY LINE STOPPED SUNDAY

Sunday was the last run for Murphy to Asheville passenger trains Nos. 17 and 18 in the railroads effort to conserve coal which is dwindling caused by the widespread soft coal strike now in progress.

Mail is being carried by motor vehicles now with little change noticed in the schedule.

Outgoing mails from Sylva leave about 10:30 a.m. 2 p.m. 5:30 p.m.

The passenger train discontinuance was announced by the Southern Railway last week after the government requested the elimination of "unessential" train service because of the miners' walkout.

Hennessee Planing Mill To Start Operations April 1st

Mr. W. C. Hennessee, owner and manager of the W. C. Hennessee Lumber Company, Inc., who operates sawmills located in Western North Carolina and North Georgia has announced that the Company's new planing mill will begin operations about April 1.

7 PARK EMPLOYEES GET LOWER JOBS AS FUNDS MELT

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—Seven employees of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, who were relieved of their positions because of a shortage of funds, have all taken lower positions, Supt. Bair Ross said.

"No one has actually been laid off so far," he said, "I know of only one man who is going to quit, and I understand he wants to take another job."

This is B. F. McCamey, formerly ranger-naturalist, who expects to go west for the summer.

Supt. Ross explained that there are a number of temporary positions on which men are now employed because of the fire season, and there is considerable turnover in these positions.

The shortage of funds, he said, occurred in the account for administration, protection, and maintenance. This was partly due to the fact that at least three men who resigned during the year had considerable annual leave to their credit. It was not anticipated in the budget, Supt. Ross said, and the extra cost amounted to several thousand dollars. Men replacing them had to be paid during the same time. The total park personnel now number 126.