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**ROBERT W. HARRIS, 61, INDUSTRIALIST AND BANKER DIES UNEXPECTEDLY**

Robert W. Harris, 61, of Asheville, vice-president of the Jackson County Bank and the Harris Clay company of Dillsboro and Spruce Pine, died unexpectedly in an Asheville hospital Monday morning at 5 o'clock. He had undergone a major operation about a week before but seemed to be in good condition until shortly before his death.

The younger of two sons of the late Col. Charles J. Harris of Dillsboro and Asheville, founder of the Harris Clay firms and prominent business man of Jackson County, Mr. Harris was born September 27, 1886, in Denver, Col. His mother was the former Miss Florence Rusk of Saginaw, Mich.

As a child Mr. Harris attended school in France, and Brown Nichols preparatory school at Cambridge, Mass., before entering Yale

University. He served as a navy lieutenant in World War I and was stationed for some time at Brest, France, due to his proficiency in the French language.

When about fifteen years of age Mr. Harris came to Dillsboro and spent most of his vacations here until his marriage when he moved to Asheville. Though living in Asheville he had maintained the family home in Dillsboro, and his business interests in Jackson county brought him to Sylva and Dillsboro almost every week.

He was a nephew of the late Dr. William T. Harris, U. S. Commissioner of Education, who is still considered one of the foremost educators this country has known, and of Mr. David Harris, one of the leaders in educational circles of his day in St. Louis, Mo. The deceased's father was not only a fine business man but a scholarly gentleman, loved and respected by the people of this, his adopted county.

Mr. Harris, in addition to his business interests, was active in civic affairs and in Yale alumni activities in Asheville. He had an extensive knowledge of and interest in the kaolin business and had long been a member of the American Ceramic society.

Survivors include the widow, the former Miss Marina Woods Bell of Nashville, Tenn., and a nephew, Joseph Meade, of Atlanta, Ga.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in All Souls Episcopal church, Asheville, and interment was in the family plot in Riverside cemetery.

**MAYOR'S COURT HAS ACTIVE WEEK HERE**

There was an unusually heavy docket at the last session of the Mayor's Court, held last Saturday at 11:00 a. m.

The following were convicted for public drunkenness: John Bryson, costs, \$9.60; Farley Stevens, costs, \$9.60; Johnny Middleton, costs, \$9.60; Mort Stevens, costs, \$9.60; Walter Hoyles, costs, \$10.60; Clair Carter, costs, \$10.60; Walter Messer, costs, \$9.60; Grover Rodes, work four days on the streets; Eugene Tillie, Tuckasee, 30 days; Ralph Nelson, Kentucky, 30 days; Lon Deitz, cost, \$9.60.

The chief of police announced that 41 arrests have been made this month and five persons sentenced to road terms.

**JACKSON COUNTY N.C.E.A. MEMBERS HAVE BANQUET**

On Friday evening of last week the auditorium of Allison building formed a most unique setting for the annual banquet of the Jackson county unit of the North Carolina Education association.

The circus theme was used in the decorations, programs and refreshments. Circus rings with animals and clowns formed the central decoration for each table and placed about in the room were many other animals and balloons.

As the guests entered the building they were given one of four animals, monkeys, tigers, giraffes and elephants, to wear and were divided into the different groups and were seated at the table in this manner. The Home Economic girls from the Webster school, who served as waitresses, wore clown hats.

Among other items of food were pink lemonade, popcorn and ice cream cones, suggestive of the circus. Baskets in the form of clowns, giraffes and pink elephants filled with popcorn were given as favors.

During the dinner and following it an interesting and entertaining program was presented as follows: Blessing, W. V. Cope; Welcome, Mrs. Dan Tompkins, president; animal games; solo, Mrs. Ben Cathey accompanied by Miss Margaret Candler; performances by the majorettes from the Sylva school; humorous reminiscences from his own experiences, C. A. Hoyle; singing contest by the animal groups.

The meeting was closed by the group singing "Good Night, Ladies."

Mrs. Elizabeth Reed was chairman of the dinner. She was assisted by the Home Economic department of the Webster High school. The decorations and tables committee were Mrs. George Evans, Mrs. Charles McMahan, Miss Hicks Wilson and Mrs. John Norton. Mrs. Lois Martin was chairman of entertainment. She was assisted by the Qualla teachers. The programs were made by the business education department of Webster school, under the supervision of Mrs. Weldon Shuler.

**Pre-School Clinic To Be Conducted At Courthouse**

Superintendent of Jackson county schools Frank M. Crawford, has announced a pre-school age clinic to be conducted in the courthouse in Sylva today, Thursday, May 29, beginning at 1 p. m. It has been announced that in addition to the health examination and immunizations, a dental clinic will also be carried on at the same time.

The purpose of the clinic is for examining children who will enter school this fall so that the parents of the child may know if it has certain health handicaps which would retard the child's progress in school if not found and corrected beforehand.

A committee from the Sylva Parent-Teacher Association will be on hand to assist with the clinic. Refreshments will be available for the children to keep them from becoming too restless.

**Farmers May Get Purchase Orders For Bagged Lime**

D. C. Higdon, Chairman of Jackson County AAA, states that farmers may now secure purchase orders for bagged lime. The cost of the lime is \$7.00 per ton, of which the farmers will pay \$4.30 and the government will pay \$2.70 per ton. Any farmer who has not taken his entire 1948 farm allowance in other materials may come to the AAA office and get his purchase order for lime.

Mr. Higdon also states that both 18% phosphate and 45% phosphate are now available.

**Home Demonstration Clubs At A Glance**

The Home Demonstration Clubs in Jackson county, including approximately 335 members, have and are accomplishing much toward improving health problems and health conditions. Cashiers club is continuing their fine work with the Cashiers Clinic which they have promoted for some time. Cope Creek club is particularly interested in helping to equip the Sylva High School Home Economic department. Beta club donated \$5.00 for the Cancer Fund, and all fourteen clubs are interested and active in making progress not only in their respective communities but throughout the county.

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