

## Escaped Prisoner Slain By Officer, Two Others Captured

### Farmers Are Urged To Observe Fire Prevention Week

The U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Extension Service are again cooperating with the National Fire Protection Association in the observance of Fire Prevention Week to be observed from October 3-9.

Fire hazards are more numerous on farms than in towns and cities, and farm fires are frequently more serious because organized fire-fighters are farther away. Those are two major reasons rural residents should participate seriously in Fire Prevention Week.

Rural residents of Jackson County are being urged to observe Fire Prevention Week by removing as far as possible the following fire hazards:

1. Careless smoking habits
2. Defective or dirty chimneys and heating plants. Defective or dirty lamps and lanterns.
3. Children playing with matches.
4. Accumulations of debris.
5. Improper storage of gasoline and kerosene.
6. Defective electrical equipment and frayed cords.

Don't be careless or indifferent about fire hazards. Fire is always ready to accept your invitation to destroy you . . . so don't invite it.

Thirty persons are going to die by fire in the next 24 hours—and 10 of the 30 will be farm residents. That happens every day. Fire never stops killing and destroying.

The sponsors of Fire Prevention Week say you can prevent 90 per cent of the fires which otherwise might strike your farm or your home. Fire safety is easy . . . just help yourself by eliminating the common fire hazards during Fire Prevention Week and throughout the year.

### CONFERENCE SENDS PASTORS BACK TO JACKSON CHURCHES

The Western North Carolina Methodist Conference, meeting in High Point last week, made no changes in the pastors of the Methodist churches in Jackson County. Returning to their same work for another year are: Rev. W. Q. Grigg, Sylva and Dillsboro churches; Rev. Rev. R. T. Houts, Jr., Cullowhee; and Rev. J. J. P. Kincaid, Webster.

### Legion Dance Team First Night Winner At Cherokee Fair

The American Legion Square Dance Team of Sylva was judged the best team on the floor at the opening night of the Cherokee Indian Fair on Tuesday night. This places them in the finals which will be held Saturday night. Competing in the finals will be Bryson City, the winner in the finals last year, the Sylva team and the

### Sylva Students Given Lesson On Work Of Fire Prevention

Fire Prevention Week was observed by a special program at the Sylva School Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, with Fire Chief W. B. Cope in charge of the demonstration by the fire department.

Mayor Jack Allison talked to the students and faculty members on the importance of Fire Prevention which annually takes thousands of lives and destroys millions of dollars worth of property.

The Mayor said that "Fire Prevention Week was first inaugurated in 1911, having its beginning when the Fire Marshals Association of North America suggested that the 4th anniversary of the great Chicago fire of 1871 be set apart for bringing before the public the much-needed lesson of fire prevention.

## Democratic Rally Set For Saturday, October 16

### CRAWFORDS GIVEN DEED OF TRUST



"We have been waiting for this moment for the past eight years," said Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Crawford, of Glenville, as they were handed the cancelled deed of trust to their farm which they purchased through the Federal Home Administration Loan plan. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford are shown in the above picture receiving the deed from Mr. W. T. Brown, Jackson County F.H.A. supervisor.

When the Crawfords applied for a loan of \$3500.00 to buy their farm the appraisers were unimpressed, but later agreed to ap-

### TOURIST FOLDERS TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN FLORIDA BY GROUP

The group of Jackson County Legionnaires going to Miami, Fla., for the National Convention Oct. 16, including Felix Picklesimer and Dexter Hooper of the Chamber of Commerce, will take a large number of Jackson County tourist accommodation folders for distribution while there. With this in mind the Chamber of Commerce is preparing to have a new tourist accommodation folder printed for this purpose which will be up-to-date. Chamber officials said that the list will be revised immediately and if any one who is not now listed wishes to be listed send your information to the Chamber of Commerce, Sylva, at once as the copy will go to the printer not later than Tuesday, October 12. If you are already on the list and do not wish to remain please make this known.

Please attend to this important matter at once. These folders will be left in Chamber of Commerce offices in a large number of Florida cities which will mean much advertising for our local people.

### Attend Dental Meet, Mon.

Drs. Harold and Patsy McGuire attended the First District Dental Society meeting held in Shelby Monday, Oct. 4.

winnings Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights, making five teams to compete for the big win.

### Redden, Alley To Speak, Barbecue And String Music

Jackson Democrats are formulating final plans for starting off the county campaign looking toward the November election with a big county-wide rally in Sylva on Saturday, October 16, it was learned from Dan M. Allison, chairman of the Democratic executive committee here yesterday.

Mr. Allison said that the rally, to be county-wide, will consist of a barbecue and speaking which will be held at the community house at 4:30 p. m. Congressman Monroe M. Redden, a candidate to succeed himself and former Judge Felix E. Alley, of Waynesville, will be the speakers for the occasion.

There will be plenty of delicious barbecue and good mountain music, Mr. Allison said.

### PLANS ARE GOING FORWARD FOR 4-H, AND HOME CLUB DAY

Achievement Day will be held Saturday, October 23rd, at the Community Building and the Sylva Supply Barn. Exhibits may be entered by any individual or group in Jackson County. The exhibits will be displayed in the Community Building except all livestock including poultry, will be located at the Sylva Supply Barn.

All items should be brought to the community building and arranged for display Friday afternoon except cut flowers and livestock which may be brought in early Saturday morning. This will be necessary in order that judging can be completed early Saturday morning and the building opened to the public.

Space will be provided for individual exhibits and all farm men, women, boys and girls throughout the county are urged to bring as many items as possible for display and make this an outstanding Achievement Day.

### Sylva Guest Today



JOE W. GRIER, newly-elected commander of the American Legion, Department of North Carolina, will visit Sylva today, Oct. 7, and will meet with the Legionnaires of the District at 8 o'clock this evening.

Grier, one of the most able young attorneys of Charlotte, is a 1937 graduate of the University of North Carolina. A former clerk to Senior Circuit Judge John J. Parker of the Fourth Circuit of Appeals. He served four years during World War II.

He was decorated with the Bronze Star medal for heroic action in the Luzon invasion. Overseas 30 months, he also served in the Solomons campaigns and established AA defenses at Clark Field in the Philippines.

### Webster Postmaster 34 Years, Mrs. Eugenia Allison Retires

Mrs. Eugenia Allison retired Friday as postmaster at Webster which was once the county seat of Jackson, after serving her neighbors in this position for more than 34 years.

She recalled on her last day of work that she received one dollar a day when she took the job.

During the time she was in the post office she had 10 vacations, nine of them spent with a daughter in Florida. Otherwise she was absent from work only a month, that because of illness.

At the time she began her duties Joe W. Rinehart was carrier on the route between Sylva and Webster. He used a two-horse hack but because of bad roads was sometimes forced to carry the mail on his back. Mr. Rinehart was succeeded by J. A. Almond, who recently retired after serving 28 years. The present carrier is Lawrence Middleton.

Mrs. Marjorie Penland has taken over the duties of postmaster.

Mrs. Allison is the former Miss Eugenia Moore, daughter of the late Daniel K. Moore of Clay county and Callie Dickey Moore of Cherokee county and a sister of the late Judge Frederick Moore. Her husband was the late Bragg Allison, Jackson county native who was the first white child born in the Webster community. She has two children, Dan Allison of Sylva and Mrs. Maurice F. Carlton of Wauchula, Fla.

### HOME COMING AT WCTC TO BE HELD SAT.

All plans are in order for the annual homecoming program at Western Carolina Teachers college which will be held Saturday. The alumni and friends will be guests for the day of celebration.

The program begins at 2 p. m. with open house when all three dormitories on the campus will be opened to guests. Madison Hall is first on the list from 2 to 2:30, then Robertson Hall from 2:30 until 3:00. Last is Moore Dormitory for girls from 3 until 3:30.

Following open house the Alpha Phi Sigma will be host to the alumni at a tea in Moore Parlor at 4 p. m.

At 6:15 the Alumni Banquet will be held in the college dining hall with Mr. Jonathan Woody, president of the First National Bank of Waynesville and president of the Alumni, presiding at a business session. A committee of five will be appointed to determine the candidates for the Distinguished Alumni Award.

At 8 p. m. the festivities will be highlighted by the football game between the Western Carolina Catamount and East Tennessee State from Johnson City, Tennessee.

Following the game a dance will be held in Breese Gymnasium which will last until midnight.

Those who plan to attend the Alumni Banquet are asked to notify Miss Helen Hartshorn, Alumni Secretary, WCTC, at once.

### Republicans To Hear Candidate For Senate Here October 14th

Joan A. Wilkerson, attorney of Washington, N. C., and Republican candidate for the U. S. Senate, will be the principal speaker at a meeting of Republicans of Jackson County to be held in the courthouse on Thursday night, October 14 at 8 o'clock.

The Republican candidate for Governor of North Carolina, George M. Pritchard, attorney of Mars Hill, will speak in the courthouse in Sylva Saturday, October 9 at 2 p. m.

BOSSAMON'S . . . . . in Sylva

### Ralph Davis, 37, Shot Through Heart By Sheriff

Sheriff Middleton Commended By State Prison Authorities

Ralph Davis, 37, one of three escaped prisoners from a State Highway rock quarry gang near Webster on last Thursday, was shot and killed as he attempted to escape after being halted by Sheriff Griffin Middleton early Saturday morning.

Davis had served 14 years of prison totaling 130 years and had spent 12 years of this time in solitary confinement. He had been termed as Public Enemy No. 1 of North Carolina.

Following his death on Saturday State Prison Authorities commended Sheriff Middleton on having rid the State of this enemy.

Davis was sentenced in 1934 from Iredell county to two 30-year terms for second degree murder and three ten-year terms from Rowan county for highway robbery and larceny.

He made his escape on Thursday along with Jack Howard, 23, and Sam Autry, 28, when they overpowered guards and drove away in a state truck with one of the guards, Bert Buchanan, seated in the cab with them to keep other guards from firing on them.

After driving the state truck up two dead end roads they met Mr. R. O. Vance in his automobile and forced him and Buchanan to ride with them in Mr. Vance's car, going up another dead-end road. At this point they left the car and escaped into the woods, leaving Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Vance standing by the roadside. Howard and Autry were captured by Prison camp guards on Friday in the vicinity of where they escaped.

Sheriff Middleton said that Davis went to the County Home early Saturday morning, rousing Mr. John Shepherd, the keeper, telling him that he had been robbed of his car, and clothing and asked for some food and clothing. Mr. Shepherd, suspecting that he was the escaped prisoner, took him in and gave him food and clothing and while he was eating he called the sheriff, who lived only a short distance away. Davis left, however, before the Sheriff arrived but he was met by Mr. Middleton

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### FIRST BAPTIST TO HAVE REVIVAL OCTOBER 11 - 21

Rev. C. M. Warren, pastor of the Sylva Baptist Church, has announced a series of revival services to begin Monday, October 11 at 7:30 p. m., which will continue through Thursday, October 21st with services each evening at 7:30, except on Sunday when there will be morning services also.

The preacher for this series of services will be Rev. W. P. Milne, Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Aulander, N. C.

The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend this revival meeting.

Rally Speaker



MONROE M. REDDEN, Democratic Congressman from the 12th North Carolina District, will be the principal speaker at a county-wide Democratic rally to be staged here Saturday afternoon, Oct. 16, according to an announcement by Dan M. Allison, executive chairman.

### Membership List C. Of C. Announced

The Chamber of Commerce has received membership checks from the following firms: Tatem Sky Club, Belk's Department Store, Professional Drug Co., Sessam, Furniture Co., Hotel Lloyd, The Jackson County Bank, W. C. Hennessie Lumber Co., The Sylva Herald, Cogdill Motor Co., Massie Furniture Co., Schulman's Department Store, Jackson Furniture Company, Builders Supply & Lumber Co., Dan Allison, Sylva Supply Co., Sylva Coal & Lumber Co., Reese-Hampton Motor Co., Inc., Allison Bros., Buchanan Auto & Electric Co., Stovall's 5c 10c Store, Jackson County Farmers Cooperative, Hooper Motor Co., Velts Cafe and Mead Corporation.

Also the following individuals have joined: Dr. and Mrs. Roy W. Kirckberg, Realis Sutton and J. F. Fricks.

According to President Woody R. Hampton, the membership drive will end around the last of this month. All who have not already joined are urged to send in check at once so that the drive can be completed as soon as possible.

Memberships that have already been sent in are now posted in the Chamber of Commerce office window.

### Santeetlah Bear Hunt Drawing To Be Oct. 12th

The North Carolina Wild Life Commission has announced that a drawing will be held in the courthouse in Waynesville Tuesday, October 12 for those wishing to be placed on the Santeetlah bear hunt list. Jackson County bear hunters will take note of this and be on hand for the drawing.

### Two Injured In Auto Wreck On Balsam Road Monday

George Joiner, Jr., 39, a summer visitor at Lake Junaluska, suffered a broken right arm and leg, and suffered cuts and bruises in an automobile accident Monday morning as he was driving West on 19A five miles East of Sylva. A colored maid, Annie Mae Dasher, 52, suffered cuts and bruises. Both were taken to Harris hospital for treatment.

Mr. Joiner was on his way to his home in Camilla, Ga. to return the colored maid who had been cooking for he and Mrs. Joiner at Lake Junaluska during

the summer. Mr. Joiner stated that he lost control of his car, a 1947 Studebaker, when he hit wet pavement and skidded into an on-coming truck, driven by James Henry Green. The car then struck a rock on the road-side throwing both occupants to the pavement, the truck wheels passed over Mr. Joiner's arm and leg.

The truck was damaged only slightly and Mr. Green was unhurt. The Studebaker was damaged considerably.