

## Mrs. E. L. McKee Passes Suddenly At Home Here

### Indian Dinner Features Age-Old Delicacies

Probably the most remarkable and the greatest array of Indian foods ever prepared in this area was spread before some 75 or 80 guests in the restaurant of the Museum of the Cherokee Indian here Sunday.

Although the number attending was held down somewhat by a general rain in Western North Carolina, the excessive moisture did not affect the quality or quantity of traditional Cherokee delicacies.

While the Oconoluftee River rushed past outside, visitors glanced at the menu and helped themselves. The menu, incidentally, was printed in English with the Cherokee language equivalent opposite.

All in all, you had some 38 items to choose from. Those attending found the sassafras tea much to their liking, ate large pieces of roast bear and rather apprehensively nipped at the barbecued rattlesnake.

Perhaps unique among the breads was chestnut bread which vegetables differed only in their preparation from those you grow yourself or buy in the market.

Fruits included wild blackberries, huckleberries, persimmons, opossum grapes and others. Roast deer and turkey gobbler supplemented the already mentioned meats.

If still thirsty after some spice-wood tea, you might drink sumac-ade or hickory nut milk. Bread? Take some molasses bread or that made of wild potato or hominy to mention a few. Still hungry? Hickory nuts, hazelnuts, walnuts, chestnuts and butternuts were also on the bill of fare.

Those attending were let in on something that will probably come to them only once in a lifetime and they sensed it. And it's important, and a great credit to the Indian cooks—that all came home with full stomachs.

Of great interest and reverence was the invocation, delivered by the Rev. Ben Bushyhead in his native Cherokee tongue.

Samuel E. Beck of Asheville, founder of the museum, presided and introduced H. E. Wheeler, director of the museum, who was master of ceremonies.

Joe Jennings, superintendent of the Cherokee reservation, said that in all his years in Indian work, the feast embraced the most remarkable array of Indian food he had ever seen.

Bernham S. Colburn of Asheville spoke on the museum collection. His collection, it will be remembered, formed the nucleus for that of the museum.

### Tourist, Parks And Drama Project Backed By WNCAC

Promotion of tourist bureau project, road and park improvements in Western North Carolina and production of Cherokee drama during summer were endorsed by the Western North Carolina Associated Communities in quarterly session at Cherokee Tuesday.

The group approved the proposal of projects committee, headed by Francis J. Heazel of Asheville, that the tourist bureau project be pushed to completion during the summer season.

The WNCAC also voted to participate in requesting resumption of road improvement work in the national forests in Western North Carolina.

A joint meeting of Western N. C. Associated Communities and North Carolina Chamber of Commerce Executives will be held in this area next spring, probably at Bryson City, it was learned from the meeting Tuesday.

Sylva men attending the meeting at Cherokee included Frank Brown, representative elect, R. U. Sutton, Woody Hampton, pres-

### GRATITUDE TRAIN, TOYS POUR IN



SMILING HAPPILY, Emanuel Celestine Cardinal Suhard, Archbishop of Paris, points to one of the dolls among the toys donated to the "gratitude train" by French children. His Eminence visited the train during its stop in the French capital. The toys are France's way of thanking the U. S. for the "Friendship Train," which carried gifts to them. (International)

### Firemen Selling City Auto Tags

Sylva firemen have the 1949 supply of city auto tags on hand and started them on sale December 1, so that when motorists change their state tag they can also put on their city tag. The city tags are \$1.00 each and all funds go to the firemen's fund to help provide equipment and other things needed in fighting fires.

Headquarters for the tags is at Campbell's Electric shop on Main street.

If you wish a certain tag number, such as your phone number, you should apply early. All of the firemen will be out selling tags during the next few days.

### Leaders Of State & Nation Send Wires To McKee Family

Mr. E. L. McKee and family have received hundreds of telegrams and letters of sympathy from top officials of the state and nation expressing regret at the passing of Mrs. McKee. Governor Cherry wired: "Please let me join with your many friends throughout the state in expressing sympathetic understanding at the passing of your dear wife. Gertrude Dills McKee lived a useful life and was a loyal public servant of our state. R. Gregg Cherry, Gov. of North Carolina."

Similar wires were received from Senator Hoy, Senator-elect Broughton and Senator Umsted, Congressman Redden and many other State officials.

### American Legion And Auxiliary To Have Christmas Party

A Christmas party will be given by the American Legion and the Auxiliary at the American Legion Hall, Friday, Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. B. S. Hensley will bring the Christmas message. Also featured on the program will be special Christmas music by members of the Sylva High school band. Everyone will join in the singing of Christmas carols. A committee from the Auxiliary will serve light refreshments.

### Funeral Services Held For Corporal Canipe

Funeral services for Corporal Jolly P. Canipe with burial in the National Cemetery in Salisbury were conducted at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 24.

### U.D.C. To Have Memorial Service For Mrs. McKee

The Christmas party of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, which was planned for Thursday evening, will not be held, but the chapter will hold a memorial service for their beloved member, Mrs. E. L. McKee, at the home of Mrs. Dan Tompkins Thursday afternoon at 3:30.

### American Legion Auxiliary Send Gifts For Veterans

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary have filled 31 gift boxes to be sent for veteran patients to the gift shops at Swannanoa and Oteen veteran hospitals. A box will also be sent to Fayetteville hospital. Any member who has not already done so will please send their gifts immediately to Mrs. Q. K. Bess at the Sylva Pharmacy.

### Special Election Is Required To Name New Senator

J. R. Morgan, a member of the state board of elections, told The Herald Tuesday that Section six of the general election laws sets out that an election be held in all five counties in the senatorial district to name Mrs. E. L. McKee's successor as state senator.

This district, composed of five counties, has two senators. W. B. Hodges, of Hendersonville, was elected along with Mrs. McKee on November 2.

The procedure, as prescribed by election laws, sets out that the executive committees of the parties name a candidate from Jackson county, under the rotation system of the district. The Governor will set the date for the election, and the ballots will be printed by each county, and the election held in Jackson, Haywood, Transylvania, Henderson and Polk.

The candidate will come from Jackson county, since this is Jackson's time to nominate one of the two senators. Jackson, Polk and Transylvania alternate every third term, while Haywood and Henderson alternate every other term.

Speculation here is that Governor Cherry will set a date for the election as soon as possible.

### Gardner-Webb College Receives Gift In Memory Of Mrs. McKee

Gardner-Webb College, of which P. L. Elliott is president, received a check as a gift to the Endowment Fund in memory of Mrs. E. L. McKee, word of which was received by Mr. McKee Wednesday in the form of the following letter:

Shelby, North Carolina  
November 30, 1948  
Honorable E. L. McKee,  
Sylva, N. C.  
Dear Sir:  
It is difficult to express the sorrow and sadness in one's heart when a dear friend goes home. Words are but feeble things.

Gardner-Webb College today received a check from Mrs. O. Max Gardner, Ralph W. and O. Max Gardner, Jr., as a gift to the Endowment Fund of the College in loving memory of your wife.

At the request of the Gardner, the Board of Trustees of the College has today directed that the name of "Mrs. E. L. McKee" be perpetually enshrined in the "Book of Memory" as a living memorial to her, and as a constant reminder of her devotion and service to the cause of education in North Carolina.

Very truly yours,  
Aileen Jones Gamble,  
Associate Treasurer.

### Western Regional Nutrition Committee Meeting To Be Held At Battery Park Hotel, Dec. 4

Registration for the annual Western regional meeting of the State Nutrition committee will begin at 10 o'clock in the Battery Park Hotel Saturday morning Dec. 4. The meeting will be held in the Sun Dial room from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Luncheon will be held in the Pine room at the S and W Cafeteria, Asheville.

### Christmas Bazaar

The Ladies of the Presbyterian church will hold their annual Christmas bazaar on Saturday in the vacant room next to The Sylva Herald office. A large variety of lovely and useful articles will be for sale—suitable for Christmas giving. All articles are hand made and of a wide variety from which to choose.

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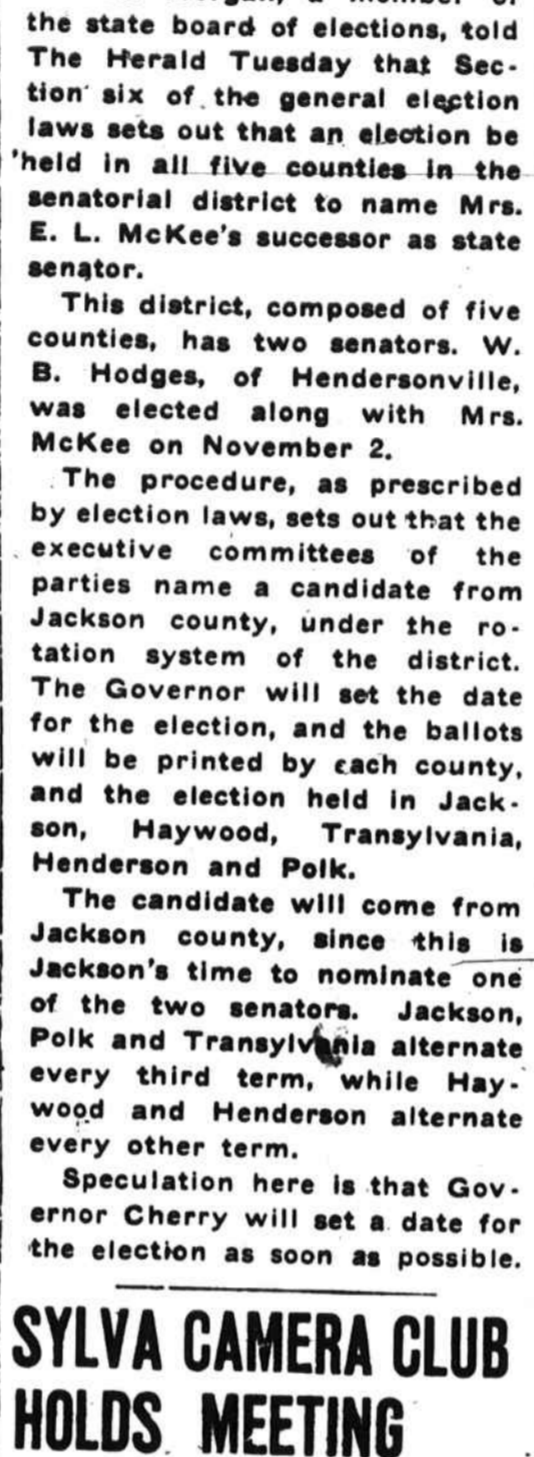
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### Sylva Curb Market Closes For Winter Months, Shows Profit

Miss Mary Johnston, Jackson County Home Demonstration agent, announced this week that the curb market in Sylva, sponsored by the home demonstration clubs and farmers of the county, will be closed until early next spring. The reason for closing, she said, is because the farm families who supplied the produce are now out of surplus items and being an open market it is now too cold to hold the sales.

The market was started on August 14 this year and operated each Friday afternoon from 2 until 5 o'clock, and during this short period of time, Miss Johnston stated that a net profit of \$600 was realized from the sale of fresh vegetables, fruits, chickens and eggs. This is a remarkable record, considering that only about 15 farm families supplied produce for the market. The purpose of starting the market was to provide a market for the farmers who had surplus produce. The demand was greater than the supply and it is expected that more farm families will take advantage of this market when it opens next spring.

### Kirk-Davis Co. 100 Per Cent Membership In American Legion

Kirk-Davis Chevrolet Company now has 100 per cent membership in the American Legion, it was stated Wednesday by a member of the membership committee. The last veteran employee of the company signed up Tuesday to make the 100 per cent record.

Membership committee members stated that it is hoped that by December 11 there will be other firms and stores that will report 100 per cent membership.

Our post has a fine record, stated the official, but if everyone will work together for the next two weeks, we can about double our membership, they stated.

BOSSAMON'S . . . . . In Sylva