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## SPY PROBER BACK IN WASHINGTON



CHIEF INVESTIGATOR of the House Un-American Activities Committee Robert Stripling (left) and Rep. Richard M. Nixon, committee member, examine some microfilm documents discovered on the Maryland farm of ex-Communist Whittaker Chambers. Nixon returned to Washington in a dramatic flight from a ship in the Caribbean. (International)

## Mead Corporation Announces \$17,000 Bonus To Employees

The Mead Corporation is distributing Christmas gifts to employees in the amount of \$387,000 under the provisions of the 1948 Christmas Gratuity plan voted by the Board of Directors and announced by Charles R. Van de Carr, Jr., President.

Sylva employees will receive nearly \$17,000.00 within the next few days in recognition of their individual efforts in making 1948 another year of successful operation.

Each Christmas gift check is accompanied by a letter from Mr. Van de Carr, which reads as follows: "As we near the end of another year, the Management wishes to express its sincere gratitude for your loyal efforts in helping to make 1948 a year of successful operations."

"Because it has been a successful year, we are happy that we can again send you this Christmas gift as a token of our appreciation."

"With this gift may we extend our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas."

J. R. Buchanan.

## Deisel Engine Put on Asheville To Addie

The Southern Railway System has installed a powerful three-unit deisel between Asheville and Addie.

The engine, which was put into operation last Sunday, pulls 19 carloads of wood up Balsam Mountain. It makes a daily run between the two stations.

## Helping The Less Fortunate Brings Joy At Yuletide Season

There's something in the air each Christmas that distinguishes it from all the other holiday seasons of the year. Maybe it's Santa Claus with all his reindeer sailing from house to house. Maybe it's the big star that stands in the north which brings to mind the birth of the baby Jesus. It could be a lot of things, but all in all, they add up to one thing—the Yuletide Spirit.

The Yuletide Spirit descends upon the countryside each year with such force that it causes most folks to forget their troubles and humble themselves to the higher Power. The most humble of these seem to be the ones who get great

## NEW YEAR'S DANCE TO BE STAGED BY AMERICAN LEGION

The William E. Dillard Post No. 104, American Legion, will sponsor a square dance New Year's eve in the Legion building, formerly the community hall. The dance will begin at 9 p.m. and continue through 12:00 o'clock.

Music for the occasion will be furnished by the Soco String Band. The Legion building has been remodeled and is equipped with a new oil furnace for automatic hot air heat.

Admission will be \$1.00 per couple or 75 cents for one man and 50 cents for one lady.

## East Sylva Baptist To Present Xmas Program

A play, "No Room In The Hotel", will be given at the East Sylva Baptist church on Christmas Eve at 7 o'clock. The play is under the direction of Ernest Jamison, Jr. Those taking parts are: Reporter, Vernon Jamison; A man, John B. Dillard; A woman, Mary Franklin; Poet, Georgia Jamison; Scrub woman, Thelma Plemmons; Senator, Carl Beasley; Senator's wife, Helen Guffey; Clerk, Mrs. Astor Plemmons, Jr.; Bell boy, Lawrence Plemmons.

Also a short play under the direction of Mrs. Ralph Dillard will be given by the Intermediate class of the Sunday school. The public is cordially invited to come.

# State Forces Start Widening 19A-23

## Shoppers Busy As Santa Time Draws Near

The streets and stores of Sylva have been in a constant mill of people during the past week, most of them doing that last bit of shopping before Santa slips down the chimney tomorrow night.

It is not an unusual sight to see so many people in town. Each Christmas is the same old story. It's something that the average human cannot get around. Santa has to come. In fact, he's been at it for quite some time now and in all probability will continue to do so for a goodly number of years to come.

What with all the added Christmas help all the stores are flooded all day long. The clerks from morning to night sell, and sell some more. But they always manage to live through it and go about their normal jobs following the Yuletide rush.

## W. H. CRAWFORD IS ELECTED SENATOR OF 32ND DISTRICT

W. H. (Gudger) Crawford, Democratic candidate for State Senate, won a sweeping victory in the special election for the 32nd district on last Saturday. Mr. Crawford polled 2020 votes in Jackson County to his Republican opponent Gola P. Ferguson's 575. The vote was light over all the district.

The election was held to name a successor to the late Mrs. E. L. McKee, who won the nomination in the primary over Mr. Crawford by one vote. Mrs. McKee was elected to her fourth term in the November general election.

Mr. Crawford will take his seat in the Senate when the general assembly convenes in January.

## Webster Baptist Present Yuletide Program Tonight

The Women's Missionary Society of the Webster Baptist church is sponsoring a Christmas program and a Christmas tree at the Church on Thursday night at 7:30. Christmas carols will be one of the chief features of entertainment.

The public is cordially invited to come and participate in the singing of Christmas carols.

## No Trains Will Run On Saturday Or Sunday

According to Mr. Herbert Gibson, railway station agent of Sylva, there will be no trains in this vicinity on Saturday and Sunday.

For the first time in history the railway station will be closed on two successive days. The Southern Railway System will close the entire west end of the Murphy branch for Christmas Day and the day following.

## Christmas Tree To Be Held At Addie Church

The annual Christmas Tree occasion will be held at the Addie Baptist Church on Friday night at 7 p.m.

The Rev. Edgar Willix, pastor of the church, will offer the Christmas sermon which will be followed by the distribution of gifts among the members and friends of the church.

The public is cordially invited to join with the service. BOSSAMON'S . . . . . In Sylva

## Sylva Lions Club Honors Hurricanes With Banquet

Red Miller, Guest Speaker, Lauds Gridders For Excellent Season

The Sylva Lions Club went all out in honoring the Golden Gridiron Hurricane of Sylva High with a banquet at the Sylva High School on Wednesday, December 15.

The members of the 1948 Sylva football team that won eight of 11 games and finished in second place in the Smoky Mountain conference had the time of their lives as the Lions dished out ample quantities of food and fun throughout the banquet.

Following the consumption of the dinner prepared by the wives of various members of the club, Lion President Roy Reed introduced the guests, among who were Superintendent of Jackson County Schools Vernon Cope, Coach Tom Young of the Western Carolina Catamounts, Coach Stewart Farmer of Lee H. Edwards High of Asheville, and Bobby Terrell, Sylva Herald Sports Editor.

Lion Charles Pettit introduced Sylva Coach James Barnwell who in turn introduced the members of his football team, commending each one and praising them altogether for a job well done.

Lion Grayson Cope introduced the principal speaker of the evening, Red Miller, Sports Editor of the Asheville Citizen, who addressed the group with an entertaining speech. Miller complimented the team for its successful season, Coach Barnwell for his excellent job of coaching, and the members of the Lions Club for their backing of the team as they did and for "throwing such a swell party for the boys."

Miller stressed the value of sportsmanship and teamwork in athletics and pointed out that the fame of the great Carolina tailback, Charley Justice, was self-admittedly acquired through teamwork and effort.

He praised three Hurricanes, Jack Cunningham, Clyde Bumgarner and Carrol Ashe, for playing great games in the Asheville Optimist Bowl on December 4 and stated that he would like to see more Sylva boys make the grade through the years to come.

Coaches Tom Young and Stewart Farmer both complimented the players for doing a great job through the past season.

## Ballots Must Be In By December 28 Of C. Of C. Directors

New names submitted to the Chamber of Commerce office from which six new directors may be chosen were announced this week. They were: Ed Bumgarner, Wayne Terrell, Roscoe Poteet, Raymond Stovall, C. D. Deitz, Ray Cogdill, H. J. Landis, J. E. Barrett, Roy Reed, Jake Bales, J. A. Gray, Britton Moore, John Echols and Joe Fulmer. Of this group six will be named. A voter, may however, write in a person's name for a director although it is not listed here.

Of the old board the following are listed. One out of four at Cullowhee, W. A. Ashbrook, F. H. Brown, Jr., J. S. Mitchell, and L. H. Higdon.

Three may be elected from the following: T. N. M'essie, Rudy Hardy, G. C. Cope, W. J. Fisher, Dexter Hooper, Ralph Sutton.

## FOOD COLLECTION FOR OVERSEAS TO BE JANUARY 3-10

Rev. W. Q. Grigg, chairman of the Jackson County unit of the Christian Rural Overseas Relief program, announced this week that Jackson county people will be asked to bring their donations of all kinds of food, especially grains, which can be shipped without spoilage, to the various collection centers in the county between January 3 and 10. These collection centers will be announced by the ministers of the churches of the county. Most of them will be at the various churches. The various community collections will be headed by the ministers of the churches of those communities. A North Carolina "Friendship" train will run to Wilmington where the food will be loaded on board a ship for transporting to the millions of hungry people of European countries.

The Jackson County committee is composed of Rev. W. Q. Grigg, chairman; Rev. Wayne C. Deitz, treasurer; Herbert Gibson, in charge of shipping; J. A. Gray, publicity.

## Funeral Rites For Mrs. Madison Held Monday

Wife of WCTC Founder Died At Her Home In Webster At Age 82

Funeral rites for Mrs. Robert Lee Madison, 82, who died Saturday at 7 p. m. at her home in Webster after an extended illness, were held Monday afternoon at 2:30 in the St. John's Episcopal church.

The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, of Franklin, pastor of St. John's, officiated, and burial was in the St. David of the Pines cemetery at Cullowhee.

Pallbearers were John Morris, N. D. Davis, D. D. Davis, C. J. Cowan, J. H. Rhinehart, Walter Allman, Claude McConnell and Dan Cowan.

Honorary pallbearers were: Dr. A. S. Nichols, Dr. A. A. Nichols, W. E. Bird, Dr. D. D. Hooper, Dr. Fred Hooper, L. A. Buchanan, F. H. Brown, Dr. Roy W. Kirchberg, Dr. T. D. Slagle, L. H. Cannon, Joseph Fulmer, W. C. Norton, H. A. Dills, M. Y. Jarrett, Dr. Wayne McGuire, Dr. Grover Wilkes, J. C. Henderson, Judge Dan K. Moore, Dan M. Allison, W. B. Sherrill, W. B. Cope, Glenn Hughes, Dan Tompkins, and Dexter Hooper.

Mrs. Madison, the wife of the co-founder of Western Carolina Teachers College, Prof. R. L. Madison, was a great help and a moving spirit in the work of the struggling college in its early days. She was associated with the music department of the college for many years and did much in helping Mr. Madison in the expansion program.

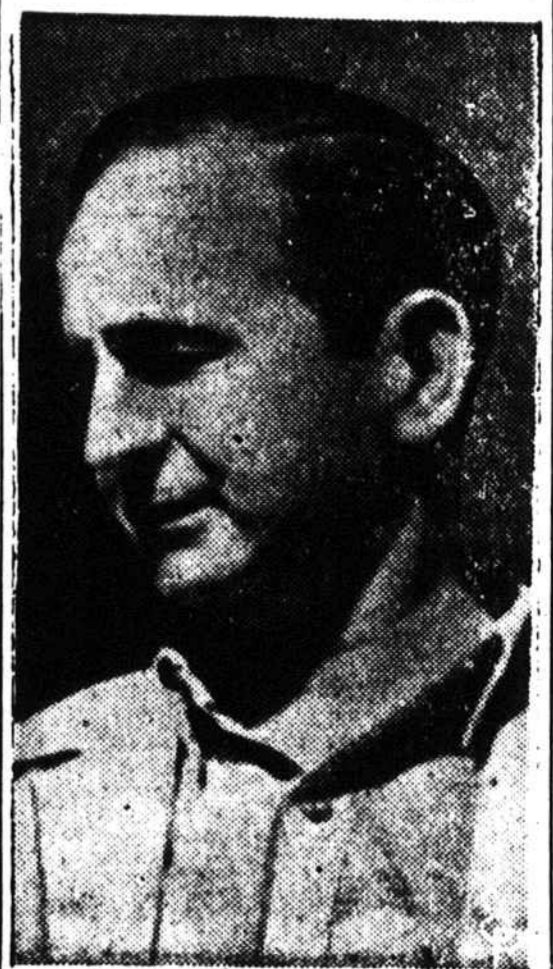
The former Miss Ella V. Richards, she was educated in New York and Pennsylvania. She was married to Prof. Madison in 1891. This beloved couple observed their 37th wedding anniversary just recently.

Surviving are the husband, one daughter, Miss Annie Louise Madison; four sons, Robert Lee, Jr., of Miami, Fla., James, of Chicago, Monroe and Banister, of Cullowhee, and one sister, Mrs. Addie Wilson, of Carey.

Glenn Funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

## Road From Sylva To Balsam To Get 20-Foot Asphalt-Cement Surface, Noland Says

### Still in Control



JOSE FIGUERES COSTA RICAN provisional President Jose Figueres (above) is reported in full control of the government following an invasion from Nicaragua by rebels reportedly under the leadership of ousted political leader Rafael Calderon Guardia. Costa Rica has appealed under the Rio de Janeiro pact for help from the twenty-one Western Hemisphere powers. (International)

Asheville Paving Co. Has Completed; Work To Be Completed By June

State Highway crews and equipment are now at work on Balsam Mountain rounding out the curves and getting ready for the widening of Highway 19-A and 23 between the Jackson - Haywood County line on the top of Balsam and Sylva.

D. Reeves Noland, State Highway commissioner, stated the road will be widened to a 20-foot surface of asphalt and cement. The completion of the work is expected by June of 1949.

After the State makes the road ready for paving, the Asheville Paving Company, which has a contract with the State, will go to work on the actual paving process. The two bridges at the local airport will be replaced after July 1 from Federal funds.

After this job is completed, Mr. Noland said the Highway Department expects to widen the road between Dillsboro and Franklin.

## FEDERATION PAYS ANNUAL DIVIDEND

The Board of Directors of the Farmers Federation, in a meeting Wednesday, declared the 30th consecutive semi-annual dividend on common and preferred stock payable January 1 to all stockholders, it was announced by James G. K. McClure, president of the organization.

The directors announced that the Farmers Federation Hatchery will begin operations immediately for next year's baby chick program. Mr. McClure stated that there are more than 20,000 stockholders of the Federation in eighteen Western North Carolina counties at present. The Federation, which markets more than \$3,000,000 worth of produce for the Western North Carolina farmers annually, has provided modern services including eight freezer-locker plants, a modern poultry processing plant, and Skyline Cooperative Dairies, for the farmers of this area.

Health Office Notice

The Jackson County health office in the court house will be closed Friday, Dec. 24 through Monday, Dec. 27.

Also they are giving new toys and a fruit basket to approximately 75 needy children. These toys were gathered by each member of the club bringing one or more to the last meeting. A committee composed of Claude Campbell, W. T. Brown, Jr., Edwin Allison, and W. T. Wise is in charge.

## COPE THANKS GROUPS FOR USE OF BUILDINGS

Had it not been for the splendid spirit of cooperation and helpfulness of the people of the various churches, and civic organizations in allowing the Jackson County school Board the use of their buildings for class rooms during the latter half of last and the first part of this season, our children would have been without facilities of any kind for carrying on their school work. For this splendid cooperation the Jackson County School Board wishes to express its deep appreciation. We realize that it was a great sacrifice on your part to have your buildings used so publically. The citizens of Jackson County also appreciate your help.

Vernon W. Cope, Superintendent

## Lions Fill Fruit Baskets For Needy Children

The Sylva Lions club at their last meeting completed their Christmas project plans. This year they are filling baskets for the blind people in Jackson County.

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## Local Dime Board Collects \$152.80 For Christmas Cheer

A total of \$152.80 was donated to the local dime board during its time of operation preparatory to Christmas holidays. The board was sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary of the William E. Dillard Post No. 104 with all of its 48 members alternating at the board.

With the donations the Auxiliary filled baskets for sick veterans in Jackson County. The baskets contained flour, sugar, coffee, lard, cereal, bacon, beans, soap, candy, oranges, grapes, nuts, cake and

canned milk. These baskets will be delivered Thursday.

The Auxiliary also sent money to the Veterans Hospitals in Swannanoa and Oteen.

Last Wednesday a group from the Auxiliary helped to wrap presents at the hospital at Swannanoa. The group included: Mrs. Lawrence Cordell, Mrs. Dan Moore, Mrs. John Parris, and Mrs. R. U. Sutton.

The Auxiliary wishes to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their cooperation and donations.