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Founder Of WCTC Will Be Honored At Annual Dinner At The College Tonight

Professor R. L. Madison Marks 82nd Year As He Sees Dreams Realized

Today marks the 82nd birthday of Professor Robert L. Madison, President Emeritus of Western Carolina Teachers College. He will attend the college's annual dinner in his honor tomorrow evening. The dinner is following his birthday one day due to the concert of the First Piano Quartet.

In 1889, young Professor Madison of Virginia came to Cullowhee and began what is now recognized as one of the best teacher colleges in the state. Beginning in a crude frame building with only 18 students, he had an enrollment of 100 students before that first year was out.

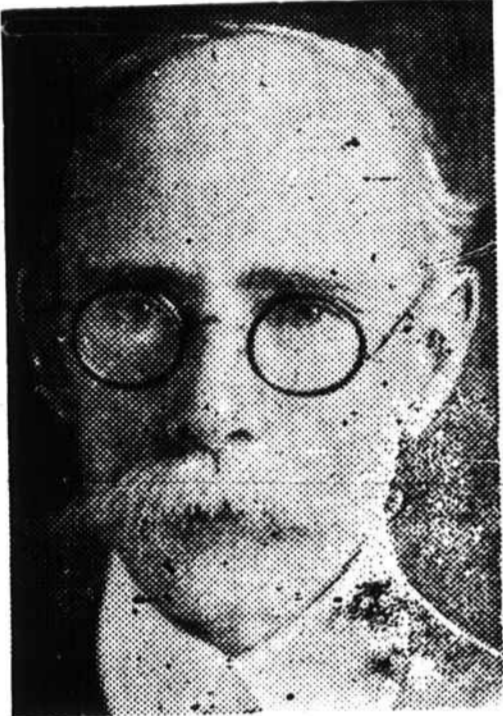
During those first hard years Professor Madison cherished the dream of establishing a school for teacher training in the beautiful Cullowhee valley. So, in 1893, he wrote to the Hon. Walter E. Moore of Jackson County and induced him to introduce a bill in the Legislature to grant state aid to the Cullowhee school. This measure was approved and the following year saw the first of a large number of students to graduate from Cullowhee with teaching certificates valid anywhere in the state.

For sixty years now, Professor Madison has watched his dream come true. Western Carolina has grown considerably since that humble, yet magnificent, beginning and now it appears as if a building program, unsurpassed in the history of the school, is about to be realized. When asked for his reaction to this recommendation, he stated that he was very glad to hear of this liberal appropriation. He was sure that it would be needed and well spent. He also stated that he had every reason to be proud of Western Carolina Teachers College.

All his life Professor Madison has been composing poetry and since his retirement from active duty at the college in 1939 he has been doing a concentrated amount of it. Recently his sight has been failing and he has been faced with the difficulty of composing and remembering his poetry until his daughter can put it on paper for him. He does most of his work while relaxed in an easy chair in his study. The past few days he has been experimenting with a new style of writing, he starts every line of the poem with the letter 's' and rhymes the second and fourth lines.

The reading of some of his poetry, some musical numbers, and speeches will make up the major part of the program tomorrow evening. At the dinner the students will present Professor Madison with a bill of credit from the Sylva Pharmacy. This gift of the students will supply him with cigars, candy, stationary, shaving supplies, etc. Following the dinner he is expected to attend the concert of the First Piano Quartet.

Honored On Birthday



PROF. R. L. MADISON, 82 years old today, will be honored at a dinner party Friday evening by the faculty and students of Western Carolina Teachers College, the institution he founded and saw grow from a school of a few students to the four-year accredited State College it is today. Prof. Madison's many friends wish him much happiness on this occasion. Although quite feeble he makes regular trips from his home in Webster to Sylva and Cullowhee.

FUNERAL RITES FOR PFC. BUMGARNER AT WILMOT WEDNESDAY

Funeral services for Private First Class Gerald Clayton Bumgarner, 20, killed in action on Okinawa May 14, 1945, were held Wednesday at 1 o'clock p. m. in the Holiness church at Wilmot.

Cousins of the deceased war hero were pallbearers and members of William E. Dillard Post 194, American Legion, conducted the graveside rites. The body arrived in Sylva Tuesday and was taken to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bumgarner of the Wilmot section of this county.

Pfc. Bumgarner served with the First Division, Seventh Regiment, U. S. Marine Corps.

Survivors include the parents and three brothers, William, Kermit and Harry Bumgarner, all of Wilmot.

Mrs. L. R. Taff Ill In Greensboro Hospital

Word has been received at Cullowhee of the critical illness of Mrs. L. R. Taff, wife of professor Taff on Western Carolina Teachers College staff. Mrs. Taff is now in St. Leo's hospital in Greensboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Taff have a young son 13 weeks old.

Mrs. Phillips Ill

"Aunt Sallie" Phillips, 72, is critically ill at the home of Mrs. W. L. Henson. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

HALL ANNOUNCES PLANS COMPLETED FOR ROUND DANCE

David M. Hall, local attorney, and Robert Allison, young business man of Sylva, announced completed details for the big "Round Dance" to be held in the American Legion home Saturday night for benefit of the Jackson Polio Fund drive.

Mr. Hall has secured the free services of a popular 10-piece orchestra for the occasion. In fact, Mr. Hall stated, everything in connection with putting on the dance is being donated so that all the ticket sales may go directly to the polio fund.

Tickets are now on sale at \$1.25 per person, or door admission of \$1.50 if tickets are not bought in advance.

SYLVA CUB SCOUTS HAVE ANNIVERSARY DURING SCOUT WEEK

The Sylva Cub scouts observed National Scout week last Wednesday night with a Blue and Gold anniversary party at their hall in the Allison building of the Methodist church. The Cub scouts are entering their second year of cubbing under the direction of Britton Moore, cubmaster and Tom Wilson, assistant cubmaster.

The hall was decorated in the cub colors of Blue and Gold. Four tables, each representing one of the dens, were decorated by the cub scouts and their den leaders. The winning table was presented a nine pound birthday cake, complimentary to the cubs, given by Best's bakery of Asheville. Den one's table represented a farm, headed by den chief, Tommy Reed, and Den four, representing a camping scene, and headed by Mack Monteith, were judged winners for the evening. The judges, Dan K. Moore and Hugh Monteith, were special guests of the evening. Den two displayed a fort scene, under the direction of den chief Franklin Fricks, and Den three, a scout campfire under supervision of den chief, Dicky Wilson.

Following the advance of colors, Charles Baker Reed was grad-

F. H. A. EMBLEM SERVICE PRESENTED AT CULLOWHEE MOTHER - DAUGHTER BANQUET

The Cullowhee chapter of the Future Homemakers of America had a Mother-Daughter banquet on January 27 in the Clothing Laboratory of the Home Economic department.

After each guest was seated Clara Jo Phillips, our F.H.A. president, gave the welcome.

June Brown, Karene Bryson, and Gladys Pressley were initiated in to the Cullowhee chapter.

As our theme, we used the five stages of a girl's life; first was babyhood, second was girlhood, third was youth, the fourth was adulthood, and the fifth was old age. For babyhood we served orange juice; for girlhood, we served a packed lunch; for youth, cake and ice cream which might represent that which is eaten at the corner drug store or for parties or for wedding receptions was served. We served mints and salted nuts for adulthood, and coffee for old age.

During the program the F.H.A. emblem service was given by Louise Tilley, Carol Hamilton, Ann Hampton, Eloise Stephens, Joann Henson, Bette Jeanne Reagan, Clara Jo Phillips, and Cossette Blake. Mr. C. A. Hoyle, our principal, and Mr. W. E. Bird, president of WCTC, sang mountain ballads. The Future Farmers of America advisor, Mr. Shelton, told us about work in FFA.

Clara Jo Phillips, our president, was toast-mistress, Cossette Blake gave a toast to the mothers, and Mrs. H. V. Reagan, our chapter mother, gave the response.

The banquet closed with the F.

FEBRUARY TERM OF JACKSON SUPERIOR COURT OPENS MON.

Judge Dan K. Moore To Preside Over His First Term In Home Town

The regular Criminal term of Jackson County Superior Court will open here Monday morning, February 21st with Judge Dan K. Moore presiding over his first first court at home since becoming Judge of the 20th Judicial District. He has been holding court over the District, being in Waynesville this week.

Solicitor Thad D. Bryson, Jr., of Bryson City, will represent the State.

The criminal docket contains only one murder case for trial at this time, which is that of Homer Green, charged with the fatal stabbing of Judd Stanberry.

A large number of traffic violation cases are to be heard at this time.

GUILFORD COLLEGE HEAD TO ADDRESS WCTC GRAD. CLASS

The speakers for the commencement programs at Western Carolina Teachers College have been chosen, President W. E. Bird announced.

Dr. Clyde A. Milner, president of Guilford College, will speak to the graduating seniors at their final exercises on June 6 and Rev. Harold A. Bosley, Dean of the Divinity School at Duke University, will deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon on June 5. Approximately 116 students will receive degrees from the college this spring.

uated to regular scout rank. The group sang club songs, and games were played. Jane and Dot's Flower shop presented the boys a floral piece using the blue and gold theme and the cubs gave it to Mr. Moore and Mr. Wilson for their untiring efforts in promotion of cub scout work.

Approximately forty boys and parents were present for the program.

Ice cream, cup cakes, and soft drinks were served.

Orchid Queenlet



FLOWER-BEDECKED Karen Lydie Merkel, 4, manages to smile coyly after her selection as Queen of the orchid show at Miami Beach, Fla. Karen, who lives in Bryson City, wears a lei of orchids sent from Hilo, Hawaii. (International)

HEALTH UNITS ARE INADEQUATE SAYS STATE OFFICER

In writing to the local health officer Dr. J. W. R. Norton, Secretary and State Health Officer, of Raleigh, has this to say about local health units:

"Through you, and by way of many contacts with North Carolinians since assuming office last summer, I have been apprised of the concerted demand among our citizens for more adequate health service at the local level. Clearly, our local health service is distressingly limited. What we are accomplishing is little more than a gesture in the face of what needs to be done.

As a consequence of all that I have heard and learned, I have stated that the first move in the direction of a serviceable public health program for North Carolina must be the development of better local health units. It is universal sentiment, well founded in fact, that the local communities cannot finance improvement of these units alone. A conclusion, in which I concur, is that the State has an obligation to increase its financial assistance to local health departments.

In October, I appeared before the State Advisory Budget Committee hearings and presented a conservative request for funds to augment the work of the local health departments. The figure represents close to the minimum of what is required to begin a constructive program. Today, it is my reluctant duty to report that the Committee has not honored the request for additional funds. Not a penny's increase from the 1948-49 sum has been authorized. Here is the story:

Expenditures, 1947-49, Actual, \$47-48, \$175,000, Est. '48-49, \$175,000; Requested 1949-51, Est. '49-50, \$1,825,000, '50-51, \$1,825,000; Recommended 1949-51, Est. '49-50, \$175,000, '50 \$175,000.

Not an additional dollar of State aid has been recommended for the general health and school health service aspects of local health work.

This means that there can be no "go forward" in local health activities. This means that we will have to ignore growing demands for increased service by public health nurses; for stepped-up programs of restaurant sanitation; for more attention to our water supply.

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Group Among 200 Honored At Special Dinner Given By Farmers Federation

Former Jackson Lady Dies In Raleigh

Mrs. Betty Snyder Parris, 54, of 3413 Hillsboro Street, Raleigh died February 1st after a lingering illness. She was a native of Whittier. Funeral services were conducted at the home and burial was in Mnotlawn cemetery.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Joe Blow and two granddaughters, Joann and Barbara Blow, of Raleigh; the father, R. G. Snyder, of Sylva; two sisters, Mrs. Allen Sutton, Sylva and Mrs. Vaughan Smathers, of Hendersonville.

Mrs. Parris was a graduate of Western Carolina Teachers College and taught in the public schools of Jackson and Wake counties. She resigned her school work early in the fall due to ill health.

HENDERSONVILLE ALL STARS AT WCTC POLIO BENEFIT GAME

Coach Tuck McConnell has announced that his Catamount basketball team will play the Hendersonville All-Stars in a polio benefit game at Cullowhee Monday evening at 8 o'clock. A preliminary game between Sylva High and Cullowhee High will be played at 7:00 o'clock.

These games promise to be thrillers and will also be the last home game of the season at Western Carolina. The entire proceeds will go to the Jackson County Polio Drive. Admission will be 50 cents per person.

Brown Griffin is manager of the Hendersonville players.

CRAWFORD'S JAILER AND J. P. FEE BILLS PASS SENATE

A bill introduced February 1st, by Senator W. H. Crawford regarding certain fees for the jailer and Justice of the Peace of Jackson County, have passed the Senate and will be referred to the House for action. While The Herald has not been furnished with a copy of the bill it is understood that it provides a salary of \$300 per month for the jailer and certain increase in fees in Justice courts.

Representative Brown had Jackson County included in a bill introduced by Robert Long of Swain prohibiting the keeping in captivity of bears. The bill has been referred to committee.

The average net income from farming per person on farms was \$716 in 1948, or six per cent more than the 1947 average.

Farm And Home Week Dates At WCTC Set For Aug- 22-26

Farm and Home Week for Western North Carolina farm men and women will be held the last week in August at Western Carolina Teachers College according to final plans announced by the committee in charge of arrangements at a recent meeting at the College. Twelve counties in the Western section of the state will benefit under the program.

Governor Kerr Scott will be invited to give the opening address on Monday evening, August 22. Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will introduce Governor Scott. The meeting will close at noon on Friday, August 26, with a summary of the activities by Dean I. Q. Schaub of the Extension Division of N. C. State College and J. Warren Smith of the Department of Vocational Education.

In the mornings during the week, classes and lectures will be held and farm and home tours into adjoining counties will be conducted under the direction of County Farm and Home Agents in the afternoons. The evenings will be occupied with lectures and entertainment. The counties which will be represented at the meeting are Graham, Clay, Cherokee, Swain, Jackson, Macon, Haywood, Transylvania, Buncombe, Henderson, Madison and Yancey. Rooming and boarding facilities for ten representatives of each of the counties will be furnished. In addition to the official delegates a great number of farmers and their wives are expected to commute for the daily programs.

Farm Agent Announces Dates For County Work Stock Clinic

County Agent M. L. Snipes has completed arrangements for a number of work stock clinics in the county for the purpose of bringing to the farmers expert assistance regarding the health and usefulness of their animals at little cost. These clinics are to be held on the following dates and places:

Friday, February 18—Cashiers (Fowler's Store)—9:30 a. m.; Alton Holden's Store—11:00 a. m.; Nathan Norris's Farm—1:30 p. m.; Mrs. Gorda Moody's Farm—3:00 p. m.
Tuesday, Feb. 22—Glennville School—9:30 a. m.; Deitz Fowler's Farm—11:30 a. m.; Jess Brown's Store—1:30 p. m.; John's Creek School—3:00 p. m.
Wednesday, February 23rd: Speedwell (Hopkin's Store) - 9:30 a.m.; Cullowhee (Bridges) - 11:00 a.m.; D. C. Higdon's Farm - 1:00 p.m.; Sylva Supply Co. (Barn) - 2:30 p.m.; Beta (Blanton's Store) - 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 24th: Gay (Community Building) - 9:30 a.m.; Webster (Rhinehart Store) 11:30 a.m.; Qualla (Gateway) - 2:00 p.m.

A registered veterinarian will be at all clinics to examine and treat horses and mules for internal parasites, also to check teeth, etc. The veterinarian will treat animals at these clinics for a very small fee, and farmers should be sure to bring all their workstock to one of the scheduled clinics.

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