



First Turkish Aromatic Tobacco Sold In County

Newspaper People Are Guests Of W.C.T.C. At High Hampton Monday

President Reid Greets Press And Tells Of College Expansion

Some twenty members of the Weekly Press Association of Western North Carolina were guests of Western Carolina Teachers College at a luncheon given at High Hampton Inn Monday, with President Paul A. Reid, Mrs. Reid, and Mrs. C. C. Buchanan as entertaining hosts. Prior to the luncheon President Reid addressed the Press, gathered in a group in the spacious lobby of the Inn. President Reid expressed his appreciation for the support the press has given Western Carolina and then explained in detail the huge building and expansion program which the College is about to launch. To give the group some idea of the scope of the forthcoming expansion, he compared the three and one half million dollars which the last legislature appropriated for the building program to the two million the State has spent at the Institution from its beginning up to this time for buildings.

The building program calls for a large classroom building, library building, laundry, dormitory and improvements to the grounds and present buildings.

President Reid told the newspaper people that the fall enrollment of 607 students this year is the largest in the history of the institution. He also explained that the freshmen entering college this fall are much better prepared and of a higher type student than the average freshman class heretofore. This indicates that these better students, who formerly went to other state schools, are now turning to W.C.T.C.

Following the luncheon the group were presented to Miss Margaret Truman by President Reid.

Lions Announce All In Readiness For Minstrel

Lion W. T. "Bud" Brown, chairman of the Lions Negro Minstrel committee, has announced that all is readiness for the best show that the Lions have ever given. Those who saw the minstrels in previous years will remember that they saw a show well worth the money. This year the show is expected to be better than ever. It is an entirely new script and all characters are local Lions in blackface.

The minstrel this year will be held Wednesday, October 12, at 8:00 p. m., in the auditorium of the Sylva elementary school. Admission will be 50c for adults and 35c for children under 12. It is fun and entertainment for the entire family, so let's all go to the minstrel show!

The Tar Heel corn crop for the year is estimated at more than 71 million bushels—the largest on record.

Sylva Teachers Are Guests Of Bryson City Teachers On Tour

Teachers of the Sylva schools were the guests of the teachers of the Bryson City schools Tuesday, Sept. 27, in a tour of the schools followed by a period of observation in the respective field of each.

Many helpful displays and projects were viewed in the tours conducted by Mrs. Carrie Abbott, supervisor, and Mr. Melvin Taylor, principal. Our teachers were immensely impressed by the well-kept appearance of the buildings and the well equipped departments. The touch of envy of the super equipment could not dampen the feeling of the profitability of the visit, and each teacher came back home inspired to push the students and patrons of our school to the realization of plans for a greater and better Sylva school system.

16,000,000 VETS TO DRAW TWO BILLION

The Veterans Administration has made public its first calculations on the amounts to be paid to nearly 16,000,000 veterans in the two-billion-eight-hundred-million-dollar special National Service Life Insurance dividend. The maximum possible amount that any veteran can receive will be \$528. Other payments, based on age, groups, will run to lesser sums. The dividend will be paid on both term and converted insurance policies, and will be paid only for the period that the policy was in force prior to the policy anniversary in 1948. No payments will be made for periods of lapse, VA emphasized.

The rates of payment will be: those under 40 years of age at the rate of 55 cents per month per \$1,000 of insurance; those 41 to 45 years of age, scaling down from 52 cents to 40 cents; those 46 to 50, 37 cents down to 25 cents; those 51 to 54, 24 cents down to 21 cents; those 55 and over, 20 cents per thousand.

Applications must be made to receive the dividends, which will be paid in 1950. These application blanks can be secured at any U. S. Post Office.

Rev. Underwood Resigns As Pastor Of Wakesdale Baptist Church

On Sunday night, Oct. 2, at the regular service at the Wakesdale Baptist church the Rev. Jarvis Underwood resigned as pastor effective Nov. 6, on which date he will preach his farewell sermon to his congregation.

Under Mr. Underwood's pastorate the Wakesdale church has progressed very much. There has been a modern church built with a 400 seating capacity auditorium with new seats, two rest rooms, and six Sunday School rooms. There is an indebtedness of only \$300.00 to date on the building. The attendance of the Sunday School has doubled, and the members have accepted the six point record system under his leadership. The Training Union has increased in attendance and won the attendance record last year for the mass meetings of the Baptist churches in the county.

Mr. Underwood, a native of Haywood county, is pastor of Magie Baptist church of his home county.

The church and community of Wakesdale regret to see him leave and wish to express their appreciation through this for his splendid work.

Wakesdale Baptist Church and Sylva Lions Minstrel Show—Oct. 12

18,000 Acres In Jackson Need To Be Put In Trees

The County Farm Agents Office has announced the results of a recent survey of Jackson County forest land, and according to their figures, approximately 18,442 acres of land in the County are in need of tree planting. Of this, 4195 acres are in woodlands that need underplanting.

The County Agents have at their disposal some five times the number of White Pine seedlings as last year, and these White Pine seedlings are an excellent tree for underplanting. White Pine is one of the best trees in Western North Carolina and under favorable conditions it is one of the fastest growing trees in the section.

Applications for free White Pine seedlings are available at the County Agent's office. This year trees seedlings will be available for fall planting if applications are in before the end of October. Other trees available for farm planting this year are Shortleaf Pine, Tulip Poplar and Black Locust.

Mrs. Battle Joins Sylva High Faculty

Mrs. Ben Battle has recently been added to the Sylva High school faculty. Mrs. Battle, a science major of Western Carolina Teachers college, will have classes in English, History, and Mathematics.

Before her marriage on Saturday, October 30, Mrs. Battle was Miss Mary Horne of Lattimore, North Carolina.

Forestry Demonstration Held At Cowarts Tuesday Afternoon

A tree thinning demonstration was held at the farm of Ben Nicholson of Cowarts on Tuesday afternoon. Some 70 farmers and timber growers witnessed the interesting exhibition which took place on one of the State's outstanding farm forests. Mr. Nicholson holds one of the three certificates given by the State for outstanding work in farm forestry.

John E. Ford, Forestry Supervisor for the Western portion of the State told the onlookers that the forest land on the farms of this area are criminally neglected.

MRS. RALPH SMITH HEADS SEAL SALES

Announcement has been made of the appointment of Mrs. Ralph Smith as county chairman of the Tubercular Seal sale and the sales dates which are Nov. 24 through Dec. 25.

Diverting from the former custom of selling seals by personal calls, the chairman and her committee will conduct a complete mail service sale. By this method seals will be mailed to citizens throughout the county who in turn will reply by paying for the seal. A mailing list is now being compiled by Mrs. Smith and her committee.

Through Tubercular Seal Sales much aid is being provided for our citizens. Of the total amount of sales 75 per cent is kept for home use, and 25 per cent is sent to State and National headquarters.

Instead of the money being disbursed thru the local welfare department as has been done in the past, this year a Tuberculosis committee will be set up for this purpose. A meeting of this committee will be called for Oct. 24 at which time Mr. Venable, district field representative of Raleigh will be present to help set up the work of the committee according to State plans.

The Tuberculosis Seal is a project of the Sylva Parent-Teacher Association. Mrs. Dan Moore is president of the association.

MISS MARGARET TRUMAN WELCOMED TO WNC



MISS MARGARET TRUMAN is shown chatting informally with Dr. Paul A. Reid, president of Western Carolina Teachers College, shortly after her arrival at High Hampton Inn Monday afternoon. Miss Truman and Dr. Reid are seated on a settee in one of the Inn cottages before a large group of newspaper people, who were introduced to Miss Truman by President Reid and who interviewed the concert singer. Miss Truman rested for two days at the Inn as guest of the McKees before her concert at Hoey Auditorium at Cullowhee Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

MRS. T. N. MASSIE FUNERAL RITES HELD HERE ON FRIDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Mildred Owen (Billy) Massie, wife of T. N. Massie, Jr., prominent furniture retailer and civic leader of this city, who died early Thursday morning of last week at her home here following a long illness, were held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Sylva Methodist church of which she was a member.

The Rev. W. Q. Grigg, pastor of the church, and Rev. Robert G. Tuttle, officiated and burial was in Green Hill cemetery, Waynesville.

Mrs. Massie was quite active in all civic, educational and religious circles of the community. She was president of the T. N. Massie Young Adult School of the Methodist Sunday class and vice-president of the C. J. Harris Hospital Auxiliary.

Active pallbearers were Dr. R. W. Kirchberg, Dr. David Daniel, Harry E. Ferguson, A. K. Hinds, Leo Reiger and L. E. Sutton.

Honorary pallbearers were (Continued on page 12)

The Western North Carolina Baptist Ministers Conference will be held in Cherokee Baptist Church on Monday, Oct. 10, beginning at 10 a. m. The theme for the day will be "Advancing With Christ." The following program has been planned: 10:00 a. m. Praise and Worship—Rev. Ewell Payne; 10:15 Business and announcements; 10:30, "Advancing In Evangelism by Rev. Otto Parham; 10:55, "Advancing in Teaching" by Rev. C. B. McConnell; 11:20, "Advancing in Training" by Rev. W. N. Cook; and 11:45, "Advancing in Worship" by Rev. S. L. Lamb.

Each pastor is asked to bring his wife and a picnic lunch.

BOSSAMON'S In Sylva

BLOODSHED BOXSCORE ON N. C. HIGHWAYS	
Killed Sept. 27 thru 30—6	
Injured Sept. 27 thru 30—82	
Killed thru Sept. 30 this year	598
Killed thru Sept. 30, 1949	508
Injured thru Sept. 30 this year	6,689
Injured thru Sept. 30, 1948	5,364

Officials Hail Event As "History Making"; One Crop Brings \$1.05 Pound

JACKSON SUPERIOR COURT TO OPEN MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

Jackson County Superior court, for the October term, will convene Monday morning, October 10, instead of Monday, October 17 as reported in this newspaper last week. The term is scheduled for two weeks with the criminal docket being tried during the first week and civil cases coming up during the second week. Judge D. N. Moore, of Sylva, will preside, with Solicitor T. D. Bryson, representing the State.

John E. Henson, Clerk of Court, announced that there are 50 or more cases on the criminal docket for trial at this time.

OVERSEAS GIFTS MUST CONFORM TO REGULATIONS

Residents of Jackson County who plan to ship gift packages abroad this Christmas should first get in touch with the United States Department of Commerce in Atlanta regarding regulations governing such shipments, according to information received here from C. Parker Persons, regional director of that agency.

Every country in the world has some kind of regulation applicable to shipments abroad, Mr. Persons said, and the Department of Commerce can supply copies of them to those interested. Many countries have regulations covering preparation of the packages, and the United States itself tells you what you may and may not export with other conditions of shipment. Any person who plans to send gifts abroad this Christmas should get in touch with the U. S. Department of Commerce, 418 Atlanta National Building, Atlanta, Georgia.

Seven Cases Scarlet Fever Reported In County

The Jackson County Health Department has announced that 7 cases of Scarlet Fever have been discovered in the county. While this is not an unusual number for this time of the year, the Health Department urges that preventative measures be adhered to. Early diagnosis is stressed by the health authorities as important since severe complications can develop as a result of neglected cases.

Symptoms of the disease are a fever, sore throat, and frequently, nausea and headache. Usually within forty-eight hours after onset a generalized rash appears, beginning around the upper part of the chest and spreading downward over the abdomen. The rash shows itself either as tiny pink spots that lie close together or as a uniform redness of the skin. Frequently, both forms of the rash occur together. The tongue often

Five Crops Of 1,435 Pounds Bring Farmers \$1,283.00 At Sale

Jackson County's first Aromatic Turkish Tobacco was marketed early Tuesday morning at the Farmer's Cooperative in Sylva in a sale that saw 1,435 pounds cross the board and bring approximately \$1,283 to the 5 farmers who pioneered the crop in this area.

John S. Wilkins, Southeastern Aromatic Tobacco Representative, commenting upon the sale said, "You are making history here today for Jackson County. From this small beginning you can expect this thing to grow into a very profitable thing for the County."

The sale climaxed the efforts of 5 Jackson County farmers who took a chance on the new crop, but reaped a high profit for their effort. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Farmer of Barker's Creek brought in what the buyers called "tobacco that is as good as is grown in this area." The sale of their crop, which represented one fifth of an acre brought \$289. Other County farmers who were represented in the sale were Emmet and Chandler Reagan of Whittier, Caro Cole of Webster, Jim Johnson of Gay, and Lon Segall of Sylva.

Joe Few, Vice President and General Manager of the Aromatic Tobacco Company of South Carolina, the buying agent, stressed with the quality of the leaf brought in for marketing. Assisted by a staff of 4 graders and buyers, Mr. Few explained to the farmers the system of grading and showed each of them the defects and good points of their respective crops.

Besides the many interested townspeople, W. T. Brown, county agent and Tom Cannon, assistant county agent were on hand to aid in the sale. The agents, explaining the advantages of the Aromatic leaf, pointed out that there was more work involved but that it was of a lighter nature, allowing children and women to work the tobacco while Burley Tobacco required the attention of men for the heavy work involved. Also, the Aromatic Tobacco is not as much trouble as the Burley, requiring only two days to bale, while the Burley Leaf takes two weeks to prepare for market.

From the profit standpoint, the agents pointed out that \$1400 can be realized on an acre of Aromatic planting while on the same area, Burley will bring from only \$800 to \$1100. Another advantage is that the Aromatic Tobacco thrives on a poor type of land, since small leafs are of the best type for marketing.

It becomes covered with a gray coating that later peels, leaving the surface bright red and granular. It is important that any of the above symptoms be quickly reported to either a doctor or the Health Department at the Court House.

Jackson County Farmers Alloted Conservation Funds

Jackson County has been alloted \$51,089 for conservation practices on pasture lands and cover crops. In alloting this money to the individual farm the County Committee has set a tentative guide to be used by the county office employees in issuing purchase orders for materials as follows: a minimum of \$20.00 to any farm or \$1.25 per acre for the cropland and pasture on the farm.

The conservation practices recommended by the Jackson County Committeemen and the Agricultural Workers Council and approved by the State PMA Commit-

tee are: (1) Lime; (2) Phosphate and Potash; (3) Winter Cover Crops, including Crimson Clover, Vetch, Austrian Winter Peas and Annual Ryegrass; (4) Seeding or Improving Permanent Pastures with approved seeds and methods and (5) Improving a Stand of Forest Trees.

Farmers may get purchase orders for materials they need by contacting the local PMA office at any time. The office is located on the third floor of the court house and is open Monday through Fridays of each week.