



Memorial Fountain To Be Dedicated November 11

Course In Auto Safety Driving Is Launched At The Sylva High School

Local Chevrolet Firm Presents New Car For Use In Program

A course in Safe Automobile Driving was officially installed at the Sylva High School Monday afternoon, when Kirk-Davis Chevrolet Company presented a brand new Chevrolet Sedan to the local school. The automobile is to be loaned for a period of either one semester or until 8,000 miles are registered on the speedometer. At that time, another new Chevrolet will be given in replacement.

The Driving Course is part of a national campaign by educational authorities and the Chevrolet Company to educate high school students in the proper methods of driving.

Ralph L. Smith, principal of Sylva High, and Mr. Brank Profit, will instruct the local students in their course of study, which will cover a period of one school semester or 40 hours of instruction in all. 20 of these hours will be spent in the car, either being shown the proper techniques, or allowing the student to operate the automobile. The remaining 20 hours are to be spent in class room study of safety rules, traffic laws, and methods of vehicle operation.

Approximately 30 pupils are taking the course at the present time, the class being made of both boys and girls. The course which is restricted to Seniors, will be climaxed by a series of tests at the completion of the study course which will qualify students for driving licenses in North Carolina. These tests will probably be given with the aid of the State Drivers License officials, thus presenting the students with driver's licenses at the completion of the course.

School authorities pointed out that not only would the pupils be taught the North Carolina highway laws, but that the course would also prepare them for licensing in other states as well.

Barkley Hurt In Fall

Dennis Barkley, local high school student, is resting comfortably at his home after an accident Tuesday morning that left him with a broken bone and two sprained wrists.

Descending the steps to the high school lunch-room, Barkley lost his footing, falling 10 feet onto the concrete floor below. One bone was broken in his right foot, and both wrists were sprained. Following hospitalization, Barkley was returned to his home.

Dennis is a member of the Sylva High football team. "Flash", as he is called by his school mates, saw considerable action in last week's Robbinsville-Sylva game.

Cope Reports School Buses Of County In Safe Condition

The school buses of Jackson county have been inspected and found "generally in excellent condition", according to an announcement from the office of W. V. Cope, county superintendent of schools.

The 30 buses, which serve the county schools, were checked by Charlie Lindsey, State Patrolman. Several require minor repairs, but otherwise they are in good condition.

"There is no overloading of buses in Jackson county", Mr. Cope reported. He went on to say that "perfect cooperation from county drivers and State Patrolmen is largely responsible for their good condition."

MARR'S DEATH IS 7TH AUTO FATALITY IN COUNTY THIS YEAR

The death of Ray Marr, taxi operator of Bryson City, brought to 7, the total killed in traffic accidents in Jackson county so far this year. This total of 7 sets a record for the county. Last year only 2 died in the county as a result of traffic accidents, and the year before the number was only 3.

Marr skidded and wrecked on highway 107, one mile South of Gateway at 9:30 on the evening of October 27. He died the following night as a result of injuries sustained. Sgt. T. A. Sandlin, State Patrolman who investigated the accident, stated that Marr was driving a 1949 Hudson, and evidently skidded on the slick pavement, losing control of the automobile.

Two other minor accidents were reported, one on last Friday and the other on Sunday. No injuries resulted from these two mishaps however.

TWO MORE COUNTIES BANISH BEER, WINE

Wayne and Sampson counties have joined the "no beer and wine" bangwagon in Western North Carolina by voting out the sale of the beverages in a special election on Tuesday.

The voting was somewhat closer than was the case in Jackson county's recent election, where the margin was by a landslide. In Wayne, 3,533 votes were cast against beer, while 2,647 were in favor of its sale. 3,576 votes to 2,612 was the margin by which the sale of wine was outlawed.

Sampson county voted 3,774 to 995 against the sale of beer. Wine was outlawed in that county several years ago. It was the second dry vote within three months for Sampson county. On August 9, voters decided by a 5 to 1 margin that legal liquor stores would not be established in the county.

Ray Cowan Dies Wednesday P. M.

Ray Cowan of Webster and Asheville died Wednesday afternoon as the result of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Two Sylva physicians were summoned to the Cowan home, who pronounced the self-inflicted wound fatal. Cowan died within a few minutes after the shot entered his body.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete at the time of press. Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Julia Penland Cowan, one small son, one small daughter, the father, Jim Cowan, and one brother, Frank Cowan, all of Webster.

Halcombe And Williams Bag Bear On Dills Creek

A black bear weighing 275 pounds, was killed Wednesday morning on Dills Creek by Quillland Halcombe and Fred Williams.

After chasing the animal for over 2 hours, the hunters had to call their 9 dogs off before they could shoot. Fred Williams, using a 38 pistol, wounded the bear twice and Halcombe finished the job with two bullets from a 30-30 rifle.

Several of the dogs were bitten by the bear during the struggle, but none were injured seriously.

Directing Home Betterment Work In Schools Of Area



Pictured above are the hostess, advisors, officers, and speakers of the Future Home makers of America at the District 8 Rally held on October 15 at the Swain County High school in Bryson City. Reading left to right front row they are: Mrs. Elizabeth Reed, Webster School; Mrs. Thelma Harfill, Cullowhee, district F.H.A. advisor; Miss Mary M. Simpson, F.H.A. State song leader for 1950; Miss Marjetta Henderson, family life coordinator, Asheville; Alyce Epley, Valdese, F.H.A. State President; Miss Meredith Whitaker, Andrews; Top row: Mrs. Lucille Brentnall, Bryson City; Mrs. Inez Crisp Martin, Robbinsville; Miss Catherine T. Dennis, State Supervisor of Home Economics; Mrs. Willa Mae Scroggs, Sylva; and Miss Jewel Garrett, Hiwassee Dam.

GLYDE H. JARRETT DIES AT HOME IN ANDREWS TUESDAY

Death Came Just Six Weeks After Passing Of Mother At Dillsboro. Funeral services for Clyde Hamilton Jarrett, prominent Andrews attorney and business man who died Tues. at 1:30 a.m. in an Andrews hospital, were held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Andrews Baptist church. Ministers of Andrews officiated.

Members of the Andrews Masonic Lodge conducted the graveside rites and acted as pallbearers with members of the Cherokee, Graham and Swain Bar Associations as honorary pallbearers.

Mr. Jarrett had been suffering with a heart condition for several months and entered the hospital late Monday afternoon. He died just six weeks after the death of his mother at Dillsboro.

He was the son of the late R. Frank and Mrs. Jarrett of Jarrett Springs Hotel, Dillsboro and received his education in Jackson county schools, Mars Hill College and Wake Forest College. After completing a law course at Wake Forest, he was admitted to the bar in 1914. He located in Asheville for a short time before going to Andrews.

During World War I he participated in five major campaigns with the 13th division. He was one of the organizers of Calvary Troop "D" of the North Carolina National Guard.

A leader in civic, church and Republican Party affairs, he was a member of the Board of Deacons of Andrews Baptist Church, also having served as superintendent of Sunday school and director of the choir. He was a past president of Andrews Rotary Club and a charter member of the organization.

A Mason, he was grandmaster. —Continuing on page 7

300 Enjoy Halloween Party At John's Creek

The Halloween Carnival, held at John's Creek School on Monday night, was a big success, bringing \$47 to the two sponsoring organizations, P.-T.A. and the 4-H Club.

More than 300 persons attended the event, which was featured by string music, cake walks, fish pond, refreshments and games. The half of the proceeds which go to the 4-H Club are to be used to help pay for the 4-H Camp at Waynesville.

Band Parade To Launch Ticket Sale Murphy-Sylva Game

The Sylva High School Band will parade on Main Street at 10:30 Saturday morning. Starting at the Memorial Fountain, the Band will march down Main street, halt at Spring Street and give a short concert. The Band will then disperse and sell tickets for the Sylva-Murphy football game which is to be played on the following Friday.

The entire proceeds of this game will go to the Band Fund, to be used for the purchase of uniforms, instruments and music.

SMOKIES LEAD IN PARK VISITORS

The National Park Service in Washington has announced that National parks of the nation attracted more visitors the last year than ever before, and also announced that the Great Smokies in North Carolina and Tennessee lead all other parks in number of visitors with a total of 1,510,636. Only four other parks passed the million mark.

JAMES S. KEENER DIES AT HOME OF DAUGHTER IN TENN.

James S. Keener died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. O. B. Cunningham, and Mr. Cunningham in Chattanooga, Tenn., on Sunday night, Oct. 23, at 8 o'clock following an illness of several months. Funeral services were held at Bryan Funeral Home in Chattanooga with the Masonic Lodge in charge at the graveside.

He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Keener of this county and for many years was in the mercantile business in Dillsboro and Sylva. He later moved to Spruce Pine where he resided a number of years.

Mr. Keener was a member of the Wesley Methodist church and the Masonic lodge.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Mary Etta Hyatt Keener; 1 daughter, Mrs. O. B. Cunningham, and a granddaughter, Mildred Anne Cunningham; two sisters, Mrs. C. B. Allison of Webster and Mrs. Minnie Casterberry, of Pineville, W. Va., and a number of nieces and nephews.

BOSSAMON'S In Sylva

Congressman Redden To Make Dedicatory Speech At 1 P. M. Ceremony

TOXAWAY FIRE TOWER AND APPROACH ROAD BEING IMPROVED

Extensive work is underway at the present time on the Toxaway Fire Lookout Tower and road, which will not only better present forest fire prevention work, but at the same time, will make available an attractive recreational area for county citizens.

The road, leading to the fire tower is being improved considerably. At the same time, work is progressing at the Ranger Cabin near the tower, two new rooms being added to it.

The work is being done by District Ranger Mack Ashe, County Forest Warden Charles Evans, Fred Bryson, Frank Whitmire and Harris Hollaway. It is estimated that the road should be completed by the end of November. At that time visitors are invited to drive up and see the facilities at the Fire Tower.

Early in the Spring, if present plans materialize, camping and picnic facilities will be set up near the tower, thus offering to county people an overnight camping site, or places for an afternoon picnic.

COAL STRIKE BEING FELT IN SYLVA

If the present coal miners strike continues much longer, Sylvanians are going to find the coal bin empty one morning, and no possible way to do anything about it! Sylva's three coal dealers reported that stocks were almost completely exhausted, and no hope was given to relieve the situation till the strike ends. One dealer has received 2 carloads of "egg" and 2 carloads of stoker coal since the beginning of the strike. The other two dealers have not been so lucky, and their stocks have been completely gone since the first week of the strike.

The answer was the same from all three dealers—"We're out!"

might be the most unusual. The second performance of "Laff It Off" was changed from Tuesday, Nov. 8th to Wednesday, Nov. 9th because of conflict with the Minstrel Show to be put on in a nearby community by the Lions Club, many of whom are members of the cast of "Laff It Off." Although tickets and posters give the dates of the show as Nov. 7th and 8th, please note the correction.

"LAFF IT OFF" will be presented at the Sylva School Auditorium on Monday, Nov. 7 and

Parade, Football Game To Be Part of Armistice Day Program Here

The Jackson County War Memorial Fountain, recently completed at the west end of Main Street by the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion, will be dedicated with appropriate ceremonies at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, as part of the Armistice Day program to be observed here. The dedicatory address will be delivered by Congressman Monroe M. Redden, representing this district in Washington. Congressman Redden will be introduced by Mayor Hugh Monteith. The invocation will be given by Rev. W. Q. Grigg, pastor of the Sylva Methodist church, who served as a chaplain in the Navy during World War II. The benediction will be given by Rev. B. S. Hensley, pastor of Scotts Creek Baptist church.

At 1:00 o'clock, just preceding the dedicatory service, the Sylva High school band will lead a parade composed of Jackson county veterans and other service members of World War Nos. I and II. Every man and woman in the county who served in either war is urged to take part in the parade. They are requested to wear their uniforms or Legion caps but this is not a requirement. All service people are wanted in the parade whether they wear uniform or Legion cap or not. The parade will form at the high school building promptly at 1:00 p.m. and you are urged to be there at that time.

The beautiful memorial fountain, located at the foot of the courthouse steps, has been a project of the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion. The old fountain, a memorial to World War No. I dead, has been completely rebuilt at a cost \$2,423.27 which has been raised by the Women of the Auxiliary through donations by individual citizens, plays, etc. The play, "Laff It Off" to be presented next Monday and Wednesday nights, if for benefit of the fountain fund and is expected to raise enough money to pay off all indebtedness so that the memorial may be properly dedicated on Armistice Day.

Armistice Day program here also includes a football game at 2:30 p.m. between Sylva Hurricanes and Murphy Bulldogs. All the proceeds from this game will go to promoting the school band, which will perform during the dedication of the fountain and at the game.

Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 8:13 p.m. From the proceeds of the show the ladies of the Auxiliary of the American Legion expect to pay the final indebtedness on the Memorial Fountain.

Farmers Advised To Plant Black Locust For Fence Posts

The Jackson County Farm Agent's office recommended this week that farmers in the county raise their own fence posts. It was pointed out that half an acre, or an acre, of black locust seedlings would grow an adequate supply of fence posts for the average farm. Five hundred seedlings will plant half an acre, and a thousand will be needed for one acre if planted six feet apart in rows spaced seven feet apart.

The Farm agent's office stressed the fact that, contrary to what some people think, black locust is quite a fussy tree to plant and will not grow well on poor scalded hillsides with a heavy compacted soil. Black locust makes its best growth on sites when the drainage is good and also where there

is at least six inches of good topsoil still present. Black locust can be planted on gullies if planted in the bottom of the gullies where good soil has collected or washed in. The raw sides and tops of the gullies should be planted to pines.

The growth of black locust can be speeded up, at least for the first couple of years after planting, by cultivation and fertilization. If intending to grow himself some locust fence posts, the farmer should make sure that there is a suitable location on his farm and then drop by the County Agent's office and fill out an application for black locust seedlings. These tree seedlings are furnished free in the TVA watershed area for forest planting.