



Thrash Promises Rock Surface On All County Roads

Memorial Fountain Is Dedicated At Impressive Ceremony November 11

Fountain Is Lovely At Night With Colored Lights On Water

Approximately 1500 people heard Rep. Monroe Redden dedicate the Memorial War Fountain in Sylva last Friday afternoon in a ceremony which highlighted Jackson county's observance of Armistice Day.

Following a parade which was led by the Sylva High School Band, and joined by veterans of two wars, Boy Scouts, and local dignitaries; a large crowd assembled at the bottom of the County Court House steps to witness the dedication ceremonies.

Mrs. Lawrence Cordell of the American Legion Auxiliary spoke of the Fountain with the following words, "The members of the American Legion have looked forward to this occasion for a long time. We have wished to honor our Jackson county soldiers of the World Wars in a fitting and proper manner, and so it was decided to reconstruct the old fountain which had ceased to be either useful or attractive. Many hours of planning, labor and thought have gone into the completion of this fountain. The members of the various committees have given of their time freely and gladly, striving for a common goal. . . . The erection of a fountain, which would serve as a constant reminder to all of us that our own beloved citizens of Jackson county heeded the call to defend our country and our flag. We take just pride today in the completion of our project, and feel that it shall bring pleasure to those who live here and to the many who come from far away to pause and enjoy the beauty of our mountain country.

"These, then, are our ideals of love, beauty and appreciation congealed and made permanent in stone and concrete, in the splashing of the dancing water and the soft glow of the multicolored lights."

Mrs. Raymond Glenn, President of the Legion Auxiliary, Mrs. C. Z. Candler, the first president of the local Unit, and Mr. Richard O. Wilson, Commander of the Legion Post, unveiled the plaque and started the flow of the fountain water.

Following the dedication ceremony, one of the largest crowds of the season, watched Sylva High School defeat Murphy 44 to 0 in a football game.

During the evening, 125 veterans, veterans' wives and friends attended the annual American Legion banquet, which was followed by a square dance.

Mr. Phillips Recovering

Word has been received here by friends that Mr. C. G. Phillips, formerly of Cullowhee, but now of Rome, Ga., is improving following a stroke suffered last August. Mrs. Phillips is librarian at the McHenry High school in Rome.

Jackson Farmers To Plant 110,000 Tree Seedlings

110,500 seedlings arrived in Jackson County Wednesday morning and are being distributed to farmers by the County Farm Agent's office and representatives of the District Forester's office.

Farmers receiving seedlings are as follows: W. A. Crawford, Erastus, 1000 seedlings; W. T. Gass, Whittier, 1,000; Charlie Cogdill, Sylva, 500; Roy D. Middleton, Argava, 1,500; Brady, Parker, Cullowhee, 2,500; Log Cabin Association, Sylva, 75,000; Lewis Bridges, Whittier, 1,500; Roy Shuler, Dillsboro, 500; Dee Hooper, Cullowhee, 2,000; Robert D. Holden, Sylva, 1,000; J. W. Exline, Whittier, 1,000; Roy Fox,

Union Thanksgiving Service Planned At Presbyterian Church

Sylva will have its first Union Thanksgiving service on Wednesday night, November 23 at 7:30 o'clock. This was announced by Rev. C. M. Warren, of the Baptist church, Rev. W. Q. Grigg of the Methodist church and Rev. W. H. Wakefield of the Presbyterian church, the three up-town ministers who have arranged the service.

The Thanksgiving message will be delivered by Rev. Mr. Grigg, and participated in by Mr. Warren and Mr. Wakefield. Thanksgiving music will be a part of the service.

This Union service is the first of an annual service and will rotate from church to church each year with the ministers rotating as leaders for the services.

Stores To Close On Thanksgiving Day

According to Joe Wallin, president of the Merchants Association, all stores of Sylva will be closed all day on Thanksgiving Day.

Hospital Auxiliary To Meet Today

Notice of the change in the meeting date of the Hospital Auxiliary from Nov. 24 to today (Thursday) at 3:00 p.m. is announced. It is hoped that all who can will attend.

Health Department Reminds Parents Of Diphtheria Laws

Following the death of two babies in Macon county from diphtheria and the reporting of one case in Jackson county, Dr. Mary Michal of the Health Department reminded parents this week of the state law which requires the complete immunization of all babies between the ages of 6 months and 12 months.

Dr. Michal said, "Diphtheria should be completely wiped out. We have complete preventative methods and there is absolutely no excuse for its occurrence." She stressed the fact that it is the parent's responsibility to see that immunization is effected at the proper time. During a child's infancy is when the disease most often strikes and for that reason it is extremely important that all children undergo immunization at a very early date.

According to Dr. Michal, it is also important that booster shots should some times be given at a later date because of the varying response and degree of immunity in different individuals. A family physician should be consulted to insure lasting immunity to the disease.

Health Department Clinic hours are as follows: Tuesdays from 9 till 12 and 1 till 3:30. On Saturday, from 9 until 12 noon.

LOCKE WOODARD TAKES OWN LIFE IN SWAIN COUNTY JAIL

Was Being Held In Connection With His Wife's Death

Locke Woodard, 42, well known Swain county store operator at Ela, was found dead by hanging Tuesday afternoon about 3 p. m. in his cell in the Swain county jail at Bryson City.

Sheriff Frank Hyatt said that Woodard was being held in connection with the death of his wife, Wilma Nelson Woodard, 29, at their home Sunday morning.

Officers said Woodard had looped a chain taken from his jail bunk, through the bars at the top of the cell and fastened it around his neck.

A jury empaneled by Dr. P. R. Bennett, acting coroner, attributed Woodard's death to "stagnulation at his own hands."

The body was discovered by deputy sheriff Ernest Welch who was taking the Rev. W. Herbert Brown of Asheville and Rev. Alex Bahnon of Bryson City to visit Woodard.

Woodard was last visited in his cell by his brother, Wayne Woodard, and uncle, W. T. Martin, and Welch.

Mrs. Woodard was found dead in bed Sunday morning. She had been shot several times with a .22 caliber pistol and had been dead several hours when reported to officers. Surviving are her parents and two small boys. Woodard is survived by his brother, Wayne, and the two sons.

Funeral services will be held today at 2 p.m. at the McHan cemetery.

DRIVING LICENSES LOST TO MANY

Raleigh, N. C.—A total of 1,082 persons lost their driving privileges during October, the Department of Motor Vehicles announced today.

Of this number, 882 had their licenses revoked and 200 were suspended, bringing the grand total of revocations to 99,420 and suspensions to 17,883.

Eight hundred persons were convicted of drunken driving, 57 on two offenses and six on three offenses. Two were aiding and abetting in driving drunk. Fifty were caught driving after license was revoked and 10 after license was suspended.

Other convictions were as follows: Hit and run (personal injury), one; two offenses of reckless driving, 14; reckless driving (personal injury and property damage), five; speeding over 75 miles per hour, 34; two offenses of speeding over 55 miles per hour, 11; larceny of automobile, nine; involuntary manslaughter, three; manslaughter, one; transporting liquor, 23; unsatisfied judgment, nine; incompetency, three; habitual violator, eight; failure to maintain proof of financial responsibility, 76. A total of 648 convictions of reckless driving, which require no revocation or suspension on first offense, were noted.

In addition, 7,653 persons were found guilty of moving violations, which do not constitute revocations or suspensions on first offense. Of the number, 6,815 were N. Carolinians and 838 were out-of-state drivers. Speeding topped the list, with 2,316. Other violations were as follows: failing to have driver's license, 2,048; faulty equipment, 892; improper lights, 461; running through red light, 387; passing school bus loading or unloading, 103; passing on curve, 48; passing on hill, 45.

Serves CROP In 11 States



Carl R. Key, above, former director of the North Carolina Council of Churches, has been named field representative for eleven southern and eastern states in the Christian Rural Overseas program (CROP), the nationwide interchurch program to all CROP's Friendship Food Trains with bulk farm products for the needy overseas. Key, of Durham, N. C., will assist state CROP directors in organization for the harvest season program sponsored by Catholic Rural Life Church World Service (22 Protestant denominations) and Lutheran World Relief. He will serve in Alabama, Delaware, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, southern New Jersey, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. Key succeeds Wayne McLain, who was state CROP director of North Carolina last year before becoming field representative this spring. McLain has received a fellowship in religion at Duke University and will complete his work for a Ph.D. there.

CROP COLLECTIONS SET FOR 28TH-30TH

CROP collections will be made on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, the last three days of November according to an announcement from Rev. W. Q. Grigg of Sylva. Deliveries will be made to the Southern Depot in Sylva immediately to insure prompt shipment. Committees in the various communities will contact farmers and collect corn or other articles of food. Corn has been chosen as the basic commodity, but those who do not have corn may give anything else and the committee will exchange it for corn.

CROP, or the Christian Rural Overseas Program, is a national movement by the combined churches of America to gather a large portion of the recent American harvest and ship it to more needy parts of the world.

The Jackson CROP Committee is headed by Rev. C. M. Warren, with Rev. B. S. Hensley, Rev. R. T. Houts, Rev. J. E. Brown, Rev. John L. Hyatt, and Rev. Homer Jones serving as assistants. Miss Pauline Snelson is secretary, Rev. W. Q. Grigg is treasurer and publicity chairman while the Rev. G. E. Scruggs is the commodity chairman.

Cats In Bowl

The Western Carolina Catamounts, champions of the North State Conference this year, will add another laurel to their greatest football season in history when they meet West Liberty College (W. Va.) in the first annual Smoky Mountain Bowl in Bristol, Va. on Thanksgiving Day.

Head coach Tom Young and Line Coach Tuck McConnell let the team vote upon the matter after the Western Carolina Athletic Committee had approved the bid. The vote was unanimous in favor of acceptance.

Upper District Singing Sun.

The upper district singing convention will be held at the Hamburg Baptist church, Sunday, Nov. 20, beginning at 2 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to come.

GLENNVILLE FARMERS INTERESTED IN NEW SEED POTATOES

A number of farmers in the Glenville area have shown an interest in the production of certified seed potatoes of blight resistant varieties, according to a report from the County Agent's office. Three farmers have placed orders for some of this special seed and confirmation of the order has been received.

The future of this project looks bright and there appears to be no need for Jackson county to import the large quantity of seed stock from other states that can be produced at home, the Farm Agent said. We have an opportunity to develop the production of certified seed potatoes of blight resistant varieties into an enterprise of major economic importance by following a few practices laid down by the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association.

Farmers interested in the production of seed potatoes should contact the County Agent or Vocational Teacher for details. It is believed that sufficient seed stock of suitable varieties may be secured to get this project going.

Bookmobile Schedule

The bookmobile librarian, Mrs. Kittrell, plans to be away for a part of Thanksgiving week. In case she is unable to make your stop and if your stop falls on any day except Thanksgiving Day, which is a national holiday, she will make it up some time during the following week, November 28 through December 2.

Full-Time Scout Executive To Serve Nantahala Area

As a result of a decision made this week, the Nantahala Area of the Girl Scouts of America will soon be served by a full time executive of the national organization.

Miss Mary Johnson of the Nantahala Girl Scout Area, was in Sylva during the week working on the project. The executive, who has not yet been named, will reside at Western Carolina Teachers College, being a part of the college's faculty. At the same time she will be available to the rest of the area for training and consultation purposes.

This is a new project, never having been tried in Girl Scouting. By making the executive part of the Cullowhee faculty, a system of training girls for future Girl Scout leadership will be put into effect. The courses she will teach at WCTC are to be planned so that a maximum number of girls will be able to participate.

Miss Lucille Hunt, Mrs. Jerald Eller, Mrs. Rosser Taylor, Miss Mary Ulmer and Mrs. Gertrude Jenkins scouting leaders in this area, will meet with Mrs. Giles Cover of Andrews Saturday afternoon to plan for the finances of this area. This meeting is in preparation for the drive of the Nantahala Area.

The next scouting meeting of the Nantahala Area Council will be with Mrs. Giles Cover of Andrews January 28th for lunch.

BURLEY FESTIVAL AT WAYNESVILLE

Featuring square dancing and a tobacco show barnwarming, Haywood County will hold its third annual burley tobacco harvest festival November 22-26.

The festival parade will be on Friday, Nov. 25, at 1:30 p.m. with Senators Hoey and Graham scheduled to lead it. The tobacco show will also be held on Friday afternoon.

The annual Tobacco Harvest ball will be held on Nov. 24, at which time 23 beauty contestants will be presented. The Queen will be crowned on the night of November 26 at an event which will feature 10 of the nation's outstanding square dance teams. During the afternoon Congressman Monroe M. Redden of the 12th N. C. District is scheduled to address a farm youth meeting.

Strawberry fields should be inspected for spider mite infestation several times between fall and early spring.

Bottom primings practically paid the fertilizer bill on the 6.6-acre tobacco crop of R. F. Butler of Route 2, Reidsville, this year.

Next 60 Days Will See Much Needed Work Undertaken In County

Lions Negro Minstrel Seen By 2500 Jackson County People

A series of performances of the Sylva Lions Club Negro Minstrel has been completed, it has been announced by W. T. Brown, director of the black face event. Around 2,500 people of Jackson county have seen this program of entertainment. The cast, composed of Lions Club talent, has met with enthusiastic approval of all audiences. Numerous out-of-county requests have been received for the show, but local requests only have been granted.

This program of entertainment has been sponsored by 4-H and Home Demonstration clubs of the county and the Sylva Band. Proceeds going to 4-H and Home Demonstration Clubs are to be contributed to the county's quota 4-H members have been asked to raise for the construction of their Camp to be located in Haywood county.

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Roads With Most Families, School Bus Routes To Be First Roads Fixed

More than 200 citizens from every part of Jackson county, heard Dale Thrash, Highway Commissioner of this district, explain the system under which the new road-building plans will be put into effect Monday morning at the courthouse. Thrash told the packed court room that "you will see more road improvements in the next 60 days than you have ever seen before."

Thrash was accompanied by Jeb Stuart, Division Engineer, and Mr. J. C. Curtis who aided him in answering questions asked by Jackson county citizens.

According to Thrash, two major primary roads will be begun soon with the aid of federal road grants. The highway leading from Sylva to Franklin is to be resurfaced next summer. A road through Webster is the next major project, and work is scheduled to begin sometime in the spring.

As to the many rural roads in the county, Thrash said "those living on paved or rock roads needing repair will have to wait for a while longer, because we are going to get to the mud roads first." He went on to say that the work is to get underway at once on these roads. Machinery is coming into the area, rock piles are being set up, and everything is in readiness for the actual work which will continue through the fall and into the winter.

"You voted the money," Thrash said, "we have the rock and machinery, so I say let's get the rock on these mud roads!" Those roads will receive first attention, which have the greatest number of families living on them. School bus routes will be kept open at all cost, and rock is to be placed on the road leading through Canada township as soon as possible.

One man is to be selected soon from each township in the county (Continued on page 10)

Tobacco Plant Bed Demonstrations Are Started In County

Two tobacco plant bed demonstrations have recently been started in the County, according to W. T. Brown, Farm Agent. Farmers cooperating in this new practice are Fred Ferguson and C. M. Martin of Rt. No. 1, Whittier. Fertilizer companies have donated the required amount of a special plant bed fertilizer that was applied in October to the bed site. This special fertilizer kills most weed seeds, and controls some plant bed diseases.

Tobacco farmers are requested to watch these demonstrations. If this practice proves as successful here as in other counties good plants may be produced with a minimum of labor and expense since burning the bed is not necessary when using this material.

Farmers To Vote On Burley Tobacco Quotas November 16

A national referendum to determine whether Burley tobacco growers want quotas continued on the 1950 crop and also on the 1951 and 1952 crops will be held Saturday, November 26th.

Marketing quotas furnish growers with a method of adjusting supply to demand and help growers obtain fair prices for the tobacco they produce.

The referendum is being held in accordance with the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, which directs the Secretary of Agriculture to proclaim quotas on the 1950 crop of Burley tobacco, and to call for a referendum of growers to determine whether they want quotas continued. Growers

may vote for quotas for three years beginning with the 1950 crop; may vote quotas for 1950 only; or may vote against quotas.

Marketing quotas will be in effect if approved by at least two-thirds of the growers voting in the referendum. A grower is any person who has an interest as owner, tenant, or share cropper in the 1949 crop of Burley tobacco. No producer, however, is entitled to more than one vote, even though he may have engaged in production of Burley tobacco in two or more communities, counties or States.

"Under the law, price support loans at 90 per cent of parity will (Continued on page 10)

BLOODSHED BOXSCORE ON N. C. HIGHWAYS

Killed November 8 through November 11 — 6
Injured November 8 thru November 11 — 102
Killed through November 11 this year — 699
Killed through November 11, 1948 — 807
Injured through November 11 this year — 7,778
Injured through November 11, 1948 — 6,264