

Christmas Holidays For School Children Begin Friday, December 15th

County Schools To Close For Two Weeks

Jackson County elementary and high schools will close Friday, December 15 for two weeks Christmas holidays, according to an announcement Wednesday by Superintendent W. V. Cope. Class work will resume Monday, January 1, he stated.

The county schools were closed Monday and Tuesday of this week due to the severe cold weather and iced condition of some of the highways which made bus transportation unsafe. Classwork began again on Wednesday morning with all buses running on schedule. The schools will be open the next two Saturdays to make up for the days lost due to the weather, it was announced.

The extra teacher pay checks amounting to over \$37,000.00 in the county, will be mailed out on the 11th which will give the 90 or more teachers, participating in the extra pay, very nice Christmas funds. Extra pay checks, in payment for increase of salary for last year, will run from \$126 to \$387 per teacher.

MISS COLLINS THRILLS HER AUDIENCE

By Tinka Crawford
Cullowhee — (Special)—A beautiful soprano voice, sparkling eyes, charming personality, and a stunning array of costumes all add up to Evangeline Collins.

With her first appearance on stage to sing Mozart's Allelujah, she completely captivated the capacity audience of students, faculty and guests.

A noticeable feature of this concert was that all the selections were chosen with the idea of pleasing the college audience; not to demonstrate the skill of the performer. The program consisted of a variety of classical and semi-classical songs ranging from Bizet's Ouvre Ton Coeur to the Scotch folk song, Comin' Through the Rye.

By a description of a lonely graveyard, Dr. Richard Renfro set the mood for the most unusual number of the afternoon, Epitaphs by the modern composer, Chanler. The odd melody was sung against a weird discordant accompaniment.

Other than her voice, Evangeline Collins' outstanding characteristic was her dramatic ability. Frequently, otherwise splendid concerts have been ruined by the dead pan or artificial expression of the singer. Miss Collins lived the parts and seemed to enjoy every moment. It was a treat to

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Kirk-Davis Opens New Service Station On Cullowhee Road

Sylva's newest business enterprise, Kirk-Davis Service Station, will have its formal opening on Friday and Saturday, December 1 and 2, according to an announcement by the owners, Messrs. Paul Kirk and Homer Davis, also owners and operators of Kirk-Davis Chevrolet Company.

The modern new station, recently completed, is of block and cement construction, with full plate glass windows in the business office and accessories department. It is automatically heated throughout and scientifically lighted. The exterior is painted pure white with aluminum roof and aluminum finish around edge of roof and this with a flood light at night makes a most attractive appearance. The rest rooms are finished in tile and are of the latest equipment for sanitation.

Operating the new station is Mr. Dale Scroggs, a native of Clay

Presbyterian Men To Have Monthly Supper

The men of the Sylva Presbyterian church will meet in the fellowship hall of the church Friday evening, December 1, at 6:30 o'clock for their regular monthly dinner meeting and program. Dr. L. B. Hayes, pastor of the Sylva Methodist church, will be the speaker on the program.

Mrs. Martin Cunningham is chairman of the supper committee and will be in charge of the meal. All men of the church are urged to be present.

MERCHANTS BUSY DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS TRADE

All up and down Main street merchants are busy decorating their show windows and arranging their Christmas gift merchandise for the Christmas shopping season which is just now beginning to hit its stride. Some very attractive window displays have been put in, causing the kiddies to exclaim with delight at the sight of some toy or other item that strikes their fancy, and causes the grown-ups to stop and window shop.

Every merchant in town has stocked a nice line of Christmas merchandise which should enable everyone to find just the gift item he or she wishes for family or friend.

Sylva firemen plan to put up the colored lights on Main street Sunday, weather permitting. When these are turned on with the lights on the courthouse steps and the big star on top of the courthouse Sylva will really take on the gay Christmas look. The street lights have been very effective in creating a greater Christmas shopping spirit in the past and are expected to do so again this season.

COUNTY OFFICERS TO BE SWORN IN MONDAY, DEC. 4

All Jackson County officers elected in the November 7th election will be sworn in by Clerk of Court John E. Henson Monday morning, December 4th. Mr. Henson will first take the oath from some Justice of the Peace which will then qualify him to hear the oath of the other officers, including the Sheriff, Register of Deeds, Finance Commissioner and Part time Commissioners, Coroner and Surveyor. Representative Frank Brown will be sworn in at Raleigh when the General Assembly convenes in January. No special ceremony will mark the swearing-in of the officers, Clerk Henson said.

1951 AUTO PLATES GO ON SALE DEC. 1 AT ALLISON'S

The sale of North Carolina State automobile license plates will begin December 1 through the local office of the Carolina Motor Club, Manager Dan M. Allison announced today. The Club office is located at Allison's in Sylva.

The new 1951 license plates have been received and mark a new departure in color. Since 1940, state automobile license plates have been orange and black, while the new 1951 tags will have red numerals on a white background.

Lions To Compete With Quiz Kids Sunday, Dec. 3

On Sunday, December 3, five top International Officers of Lions will match wits with the amazing and amusing Quiz Kids over the NBC network. For an amusing and educational program tune in and listen.

The International Officers will include International President H. C. Petry Jr., Director-General Roy Keaton, First Vice-President H. P. Nutter, Second Vice-President E. M. Elbert, and Third Vice-President S. A. Dodge.

Mission Study Course

The Woman's Society of Christian Service will hold their first Mission Study Course in the Ann Cathay Sunday School room of the Methodist Church, Thursday night, at 7:30. The study, "Near East Panorama", will be under the leadership of Dr. Ann Greider, Dean of Women of Western Carolina Teachers College, Cullowhee.

The second study will be held at the Methodist Church Sunday evening, December 3, at 7:30 with Mrs. Ramsey Buchanan in charge.

FARM ROUNDUP GROUP SLATES MEET FRIDAY

Cullowhee — The first meeting of the executive committee for the WNC Farm and Home Roundup at Western Carolina Teachers College will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. in the George Vanderbilt Hotel, Asheville.

Plans for the 1951 Roundup will be formulated at this time, according to W. B. Harrill, secretary. Executive committee members are Paul Laughrun, state field representative, Burnsville; Jeff Enloe of the Production Marketing Association, Asheville; Ben Jenkins, District Farm Agent, Raleigh; Clifford Seeber, Educational Director of TVA, Knoxville, Tenn.; Tal H. Stafford, District Vocational Agriculture Supervisor, Asheville; Miss Nell Kennett, District Home Agent, Raleigh; and E. J. Whitnair, Franklin.

Mrs. Walter Pike of Hendersonville is president of the Roundup; Oscar Deyton, Burnsville, vice president; and Harrill, Cullowhee, secretary.

Frank H. Brown, Jr. of Cullowhee, last year's president, serves in an advisory capacity.

Elders Returns To States After Action In Korea

San Diego, Calif., Nov. 22 — James V. Elders, SN, USN, son of Mrs. R. L. Edwards of Box 872, Sylva, N. C., arrived back in the United States today after five months of action in the Korean War. He was aboard the attack transport USS PICKAWAY, a unit of the Pacific Fleet Amphibious Force, which docked at the Naval Air Station here this morning.

On hand to greet crew-members of the PICKAWAY were Rear Admiral I. N. Kiland, commander of the Pacific Fleet Amphibious Force, members of his staff, and wives and relatives of many of the bluejackets returning from combat. Large signs reading "Welcome Home" and "Well Done," traditionally the Navy's highest praise, decorated the pier as the ship drew into her berth.

SYLVA CITY MARKET... in A&P

District Agent



BEN P. JENKINS, JR.

BEN P. JENKINS, JR., above, is the new western district agent for the State College Extension Service. His appointment to the post becomes effective December 1. Jenkins, a graduate of State College, has been farm agent in Cleveland County for the past five years. In his new capacity he will supervise the work of farm agents in the 15 counties of Avery, Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, and Yancey. Jenkins succeeds Robert W. Shoffner, who on October 1 was promoted to assistant director of extension.

JOHN W. McDEVITT NAMED CHIEF OF N. C. PERSONNEL

John W. McDevitt, a native of Marshall, former resident of Cullowhee and member of Sylva Rotary Club, but more recently administrator assistant of the Budget Bureau at Raleigh, has been appointed as chief State Personnel Director to succeed Henry Hilton who resigned to take a position with the Sales Department of Dixie Furniture Company, Lexington.

Announcement of the selection of McDevitt was made by Fred S. Royster of Henderson, chairman of the State Personnel Council. The new director's salary will be \$8,000 per year fixed by the council. Hilton was receiving \$9,000. McDevitt will begin his new duties early in December.

McDevitt, 37, is from Marshall. For the past 2 years he has been connected with the State Budget Bureau. He first became a State employe in 1931 when he taught school in Madison. After four years teaching he went to Raleigh with the adult education program. In this capacity he served as secretary to the director and as district supervisor for a year.

He then went to Western Carolina Teachers College where he did work in the business office, extension department, and did public relations and alumni work. He entered the Navy and served for two years, commanding submarine chasers in the Pacific. He is a graduate of Marshall high school, Mars Hill College, WCTC and Cornell University.

Draft Board Moves To New Post Office Building

Mrs. Olive Wilson, clerk, has announced that the Draft Board will be moved to offices over the new Post Office building on Friday, December 1.

County Council PTA Meeting Postponed

The meeting of the County Council of Parent-Teacher Association which was scheduled for today (Thursday) has been postponed until a future date—to be announced later. The meeting was to have been at the Addie School building. Mrs. Mae Bryson, publicity chairman, announced.

CANCER CLINIC TO MEET at C. J. Harris Hospital, in Sylva, Friday, Dec. 1. Registration from 9 to 10:15 a.m. The Division of Cancer Control The N. C. State Board of Health provides examinations for cancer to women above 35 and men above 40 years old and to any person of any age with symptoms suggestive of cancer.

TIMBER THINNING CONTEST SPONSORED BY MEAD & A.E.S.

A contest in timber thinning or timber stand improvement for Jackson County farm boys is being jointly sponsored by the Mead Corporation and the Agricultural Extension Service. Prizes for the four best projects are being offered by the Mead Corporation.

Rules and Regulations:

1. This contest is open to boys living in Jackson County.
2. Contestants must be from 14 through 19 years old, inclusive.
3. Contestants must thin or otherwise improve one acre of woodland.
4. Contestants must fill out record book furnished by the county agent's office.
5. At least 10 contestants must participate before prize money will be paid.
6. Contest will begin November 1, 1950, and run until May 1, 1951.
7. Contestants may enter the contest at any time up until March 1, 1951.

Procedure:

1. Contestants must make application to Mr. Paul Gibson, County Agent, Sylva, N. C.
2. The project acre will be approved by the county agent or a representative from the county agent's office.
3. The project acre will be measured by the county agent or a representative from the county agent's office.
4. Complete rules and regulations of the contest will be furnished by the county agent.

PRIZES—Prizes will be awarded by the Mead Corporation for the four highest scoring projects. Prizes will be as follows:

First prize	\$25.00
Second prize	\$15.00
Third prize	\$ 5.00
Fourth prize	\$ 5.00
Total prize money	\$50.00

Judging:

1. The judges will consist of the county agent, the forestry extension specialist of the Western Extension District, and a representative of the sponsoring organizations.
2. Projects will be judged as soon after May 1, 1951, as possible.
3. Projects will be scored on the basis of the scoring system set up in the Record Book for 4-H Forestry Projects in Thinning or Timber Stand Improvement.

APPLICATIONS FOR 1951 AUTO LICENSE MAILED TO DRIVERS

Raleigh, Nov. 27 — The Department of Motor Vehicles this week began its annual task of mailing out application cards for 1951 license plates to 1,125,000 motor vehicle owners, the Department reported today.

All the cards are expected to be in the mail by the end of the week, preparatory to the sale of 1951 license plates, which begins on December 1 and continues through January 31. The license plates will be on sale at the central office in Raleigh and at 80 branch offices throughout the State.

When applying in person for license tags, motor vehicle owners should bring their application cards and fee with them. When applying by mail, vehicle owners should enclose the card and the fee.

Tags for this area can be secured at Allison's on Main Street.

Pfc. Ashe Lands In Japan

Pfc. Ennis W. Ashe, Jr. landed on November 22, at Camp Drake, Japan. He served two years with the U. S. Artillery in World War II, was discharged, but joined the Reserves. Pfc. Ashe was called back to service September 30, to Fort Hood, Texas in the 41st Armored Infantry Battalion, and remained there until he sailed from San Francisco, November 10, for overseas service and landed in Japan Nov. 22.

BOSSAMON'S... in Sylva

Mrs. Ralph Smith, Seal Sale Chairman, Reports Fund Raising Campaign

School Masters Hear Murphy Schools Supt.

The Jackson County School Master's Club held its regular meeting at Jarrett Springs Hotel Thursday night, Nov. 23. There were 24 present to enjoy a delicious turkey dinner. After dinner Mr. Ralph Smith, pres. of the club, introduced Mr. Carr Hooper, program chairman for the evening. After a good bit of wholesome fun Mr. Hooper introduced Mr. H. Bueck, superintendent of Murphy City Schools, as our guest speaker. Mr. Bueck's topic was "New Trends in Education". From his years of experience and study Mr. Bueck made an interesting and informative talk. After visiting together for a while the Club adjourned to meet January 4, 1951.

ROTARIANS HEAR MORT SEWELL ON COMMUNITY GROWTH

Mort Sewell, retired Real Estate dealer of St. Petersburg, Fla., now making his home at Ela, was the speaker for the regular Tuesday evening dinner meeting of the Sylva Rotary Club. Mr. Sewell has been coming to this section of Western North Carolina for 10 or 12 years and spending most of his time here for the past three years. He talked to the members of the club on what he, as an outsider now making this his home, "Would Like to See Western North Carolina Communities Do For Future Progress." His first observation was pointing out the lack of area-wide cooperation by the communities making up these several counties.

Mr. Sewell said that this area has more natural beauty to offer tourists than any other section of the nation, and it is his belief that a closer cooperation in working toward a common goal of bringing more people into the area would do much more good than for each community to scatter its efforts alone on the job. He complimented Sylva on having made much progress and improvement on Main street in the past three years. Modern new building now stand on former vacant lots, old buildings have been remodeled and store fronts improved which give the town a more progressive look.

He stressed the importance of better game and fish. To have this, he said, it is going to take better protection against the law violators. This should be a great bird hunting paradise, he said, but it is hard to find a covey. The same holds true to the several hundred miles of ideal fishing streams. These were a few of the things the speaker mentioned that would help bring more visitors to this area of Western North Carolina.

Tar Heel beekeepers salvage some four million pounds of beeswax each year, but that is only half enough to meet the demands of industry, say beekeeping specialists at State College.

Jackson Shivered In Sub-zero Weather For The Past Week

Jackson county and area shivered over the week-end when temperature dropped the lowest since 1940, causing the county schools to remain closed all day Monday and Tuesday, when Supt. W. V. Cope said road conditions made bus transportation unsafe. Although the students had no Thanksgiving holidays last week-end they did have them the first of this week.

The bitter cold followed a light snow fall on last Friday afternoon when the temperature dropped below the 20's and almost to zero on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Light snow fall fell Monday and Tuesday evening but not enough to disrupt travel.

The heavier snow fall East of

\$247 Sent In From Seals Mailed Out To Citizens

Mrs. Ralph Smith, chairman of the Jackson County Tuberculosis Association Christmas Seal Sale campaign, reports that since the campaign started on November 21 \$247 has been received in return from Seals mailed out to the citizens of the town and county. The goal for the county is \$1000, Mrs. Smith said, and it is to end December 25. Mrs. Smith urges all citizens to respond to this worthy cause and mail in their checks prior to December 25.

The following statement made by Governor Scott has been sent out and Mrs. Smith requests its publication, which follows:

I urge all citizens of North Carolina to give active support to the 1950 Christmas Seal Campaign, to be held November 20 to December 25.

Tuberculosis is a costly disease, in lives and in dollars. Over 40,000 deaths from tuberculosis occurred in the United States last year, while an estimated \$350,000,000 were spent for tuberculosis control. This enormous cost cannot be eliminated until we have eliminated tuberculosis.

3,250 new cases of tuberculosis were reported in North Carolina in 1949 and 956 North Carolinians died needlessly from this preventable disease. It is estimated that there are 10,000 cases of tuberculosis in our State; many of these are unknowingly spreading the disease to other people. No home in North Carolina is safe as long as a single case of tuberculosis exists.

The dollars you give to your tuberculosis association work tirelessly the year round to rid your community of the No. 1 killer known to be preventable, yet it makes but one appeal a year for funds to finance its twelve-month program. This appeal, the Sale of Christmas Seals, constitutes the sole support of the association and its projects aimed at the protection of all of us against this dread disease.

The angels on this year's tuberculosis Seal remind us that the Christmas season with all its opportunities to give joy to others is with us again. Angels can't do it all; the fight cannot be won without your help. Buy and use as many Christmas Seals as you can to support your tuberculosis association's efforts toward saving lives needlessly lost, protecting your loved ones, and toward eliminating tuberculosis.

W. Kerr Scott, Governor.

Cub Scouts Meet Tonight

Cub Pack 5 of Sylva will have its November meeting tonight (Thursday), at 7:30 at the Legion Hall. All boys interested in being cubs are invited to attend and are asked to bring a parent. The movie, "The Cub in the Home", will be shown.

Jackson last Friday caused some delay of the mails and made travel hazardous. Hundreds of automobiles and trucks were stalled for a few hours between Waynesville and Asheville and on Balsam section of 19-A and 23 during the heavy fall last Friday evening. While the North Central and Eastern States were staggering under from 15 inches to two feet of snow, with drifts 12 feet deep and temperature below zero, causing millions in property damage and much loss of life, this area got off light without deaths or property damage. The storm came in very suddenly following one of the mildest Indian summer seasons in history, thus catching many people unprepared for the low temperature.