

\$17,900 In Checks Go To Mead Employees

Hinds Names Committee Chairmen To Direct Polio Campaign Fund Drive

Effort To Raise \$2750 To Start January 15th

Dr. A. K. Hinds, General County Chairman of the 1951 Polio Fund Drive for Jackson County, has announced committee chairmen for the various communities, industrial, business and professional people of entire county, who will direct the campaign in their respective communities.

The committee chairmen are as follows:

East LaPorte, Ed Bryson; Tuckasee, Charlie Stewart; Webster, Mrs. Hattie Cowan; John's Creek, Mrs. John Farley; Addie, Mrs. Frank Terrell; Cashiers, Mrs. L. L. Allen; Qualla, Mrs. Lawrence Cordell; Balsam, Mrs. George Knight; Willets, Mrs. Ethel Sutton; Barkers Creek, Ralph Ward; Cullowhee, Miss Alice Benton.

Industry, Mead Corporation, Ralph Kemmerer, head of Public Relations, and Alfred D. Wood, President of UMWA District 50 Local 12866; Armour, Garland Jones, forman, and Ellis Frady. Mr. Frady had a child stricken with Polio who has been under treatment at the Orthopedic Home in Asheville from just such funds as this drive will provide; County, State and Federal Agencies, Glenn Hughes; Garages and filling stations, Grayson Cope; Professional people, Marcellus Buchanan, III; Mercantile establishments, Joe Wallin; Beauty and Barber shops, Dillard Coward and Jeff Hedden; Out-of-town concerns doing business in Sylva, David Hall; Dance Committee, Jim Cannon; Colored Community, Prof. J. D. Wade and Prof. Lockwood Love; Lumber firms, W. C. Hennessie; Schools, W. V. Cope; Dime Board, Mrs. John Parris.

The dime board will operate several week-ends in Sylva prior to January 31. Coin containers will be placed in convenient places for the deposit of coins.

The county's quota this year is \$2,750.00. Raymond Sutton, Wood Procurement Manager of Mead Corp., is the treasurer.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MRS. STEPHENS HELD AT COWARTS

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 10 a. m. in Moses Creek Baptist church for Mrs. Vrina Nicholson Stephens, 71, of Cowarts, who died Monday at 3 a. m. at her home. Burial was in the Stephens cemetery with Moody Funeral Home in charge.

The widow of R. H. Stephens, she was a native of Jackson county.

Survivors include five sons, McClure, Howell, Euler, Donald and Moat Stephens of East LaPorte, one daughter, Mrs. Dillard Wood of Cowarts; two brothers, William and Marion Nicholson of Cowarts; two sisters, Mrs. Lucy Queen of Cowarts and Mrs. Polly Wood of Greenfield, Ohio; 19 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Western Carolina To Get New Dormitory Despite Bids

According to announcement from Assistant Director of the Budget D. S. Coltrane, of Raleigh, Western Carolina Teachers College will get its new \$1,000,000 men's dormitory and contracts are being awarded, despite the fact that they were around \$200,000 above the amount set aside by the last General Assembly for this project. The allocation for the dormitory

COUNTY OFFICES TO BE CLOSED TWO DAYS

All Jackson County offices will be closed from Saturday, December 23 through Tuesday, December 26, according to an announcement by Wanning A. Bryson, Commissioner of Finance. Business will resume as usual on Wednesday the 27th Mr. Bryson said.

Offices involved in the closing period will be the Commissioners, Register of Deeds, Clerk of Court, Farm and Home Agents, and Health Department. The sheriff's office will be closed but all officers will be subject to call in the event of law violations.



HUGH MONTEITH

HUGH MONTEITH IS REELECTED TO HEAD SCOUTS

Mayor Hugh Monteith, of Sylva was reelected president of the Daniel Boone Council, Boy Scouts of America at the annual meeting Monday night at the Langren hotel in Asheville.

F. B. Gardner was renamed first vice-president. Other officers elected were B. E. Colkitt, second vice-president; Morris Lipinsky, treasurer; the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, commissioner; and executive members for a term expiring in 1954: Colkitt, Wade Huey, W. E. Ensor, Carlton Peyton, Monteith, W. D. McLean, F. B. Gardner and Dr. Samuel Robinson.

Directors for a term expiring in 1951 were W. E. Cambrell and Joe L. Hunter. Paul Kirk was named for a term expiring in 1953. L. Y. Biggerstaff was reelected a trustee for a term expiring in 1954. Chosen for the national council were Harry W. Loye, Monteith and Gardner. R. F. Moody was recommended for honorary membership.

Cullowhee Baptist Choirs To Present Program Sunday P.M.

The Caroler Junior and Youth choirs of Cullowhee Baptist church will present a candlelight service of Christmas numbers at the church Sunday, Dec. 24 at 5:30 p. m.

The public is extended a cordial invitation to hear the program.

HIGHWAY COSTS IN WNC CITED BY DALE THRASH

The 12th division State Highway Commissioner, L. Dale Thrash, at Asheville Monday urged Western North Carolina legislators to consider the greater expense of constructing roads in the mountain areas in considering future allocations of road money.

Mr. Thrash said it costs more money to build roads in the mountains than it does in flatter areas. He spoke at a banquet at the George Vanderbilt hotel, sponsored by the 10th division State Highway Employees Association for WNC legislators and county Democratic party men.

MEAD EMPLOYEES COMPETE IN BIG TURKEY SHOOT

Employees of the Mead Corporation participated in a shooting match Wednesday, December 20, and the prize for each of the men with the two highest scores was a turkey. The contest was open to bona fide employees of the Mead Corporation, Sylva Division. The winner had his choice of the turkeys and the runner-up got the second bird. The turkey was given by The Mead Corporation, and the UMWA, District 50, Local 12866.

Each contestant furnished his own ammunition. He was permitted to fire five shots at his target. Rest distance from the target was 50 yards; off hand distance was 30 yards. Only .22 caliber rifles equipped with open sights were allowed. Coffee brewed over an open fire was served by Mead.

Madison Election Row To Be Aired By State Board

State Board of Elections has voted 3 to 2 to air the disputed Madison County election in a public hearing at Marshall on January 8.

Charles M. Britt of Asheville, Democratic chairman of the Board, sided with Republican members Pressley E. Brown of Wilkesboro and Eugenie Snider of Lexington in voting for the hearing. Harry Forebee of Camden and R. E. Henderson, Sr. of Charlotte, Democratic members of the board, opposed the move.

The dispute in Madison is over the Sheriff's office. Hubert Davis, Republican claimant to the office has been cited for contempt of court on order of Judge Zeb V. Nettles. He claims that he was robbed of votes enough to outcount his Democratic opponent E. Y. Ponder.

Carl Leon Sutton Passes At Savannah

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p. m. in Washington Methodist church for Carl Leon Sutton, 57, who died Monday morning at his home following a lingering illness. The Rev. S. J. Lawrence, pastor of the church, officiated, assisted by Rev. C. C. Welch. Burial was in the Wesleyanna cemetery.

Pallbearers were Guy Tommy, Roger and Isador Sutton, and Dan and Don Buchanan. Flowers girls were members of the Wesleyanna Sunday School. Moody Funeral Home was in charge. Survivors include the father, W. A. Sutton, of the home; three brothers, Clinton, David and Jack Sutton, of the home; one sister, Mrs. Carrie Buchanan, of Savannah.

There are 130 kinds of native birds in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on the North Carolina-Tennessee border. This exceeds the number of species in all of Europe.

Mead To Rebuild No. 2 Machine After January 1 Is Part Of Big Modernization Program Here

Continuing their program of expansion and modernization of the Sylva mill which has been underway for the past several years, the Mead Corporation will start work the first part of January in the conversion of their No. 2 paper machine to the Fourdrinier type. The No. 1 machine was converted to this type of machine the first part of 1947. Conversion of the No. 2 machine will complete the major portion of the improvement program, Mead officials said this week. Many minor projects are still to come, however. This is one of the ways Mead continues to grow and to meet demands for paperboard and competition.

A dozen or more experienced mechanics from other Mead mills will come to Sylva in January to help do the job which will take several weeks. Officials stated this week that only 500 employees is contemplated during the conversion job.

HERALD SHOP TO CLOSE FOUR DAYS FOR YULE HOLIDAYS

The mechanical department of The Herald will be closed four days, Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday for the Christmas holidays. The front office will remain open through Saturday noon and then it will be closed Monday and Tuesday. Your Herald will be one day late for the 28th issue as the shop force will not begin work on it until Wednesday morning. We will appreciate any news and local items you have being sent in by mail before Wednesday or bring them in as soon as possible Wednesday morning.

This week's issue of The Herald is our largest Christmas issue ever published, 24 pages in two sections. There are many Christmas stories you will enjoy reading as well as the local news and Christmas greeting advertisements of the local firms.

The Herald staff extends hearty greetings and best wishes for a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year to each and everyone of its readers.

Sylva Methodist Choir To Present Christmas Cantata

For the first time since the completion of extensive remodeling of the Sylva Methodist Church will give a musical for the public. The ancient and beautiful story of the shepherds and the Magi will be retold in song by six solo voices and chorus with piano accompaniment.

The story of Bethlehem will be presented at 8 p. m., Sunday, December 24, in the Methodist Church Auditorium. Solo voices are Margaret Candler, soprano, Anne Kemmerer, alto, Jack Evans and Tom Davis, tenor, and Pat Montague and David Daniel, bass.

Singing in the Cantata are Margaret Candler, Annie Candler, Jeanelle Moore, Loquita Holden, Rose Hartz, Sarah Hall, Olive Andrews, Anna Cowan, Joyce Clayton, Alva Keener, Edith Moore, Audrey Jones, and Janice Holde, sopranos. Altos are Anne Kemmerer, Ella Mae Daniel, Alva Ginn, Norma Slagle, and Leah Sutton. Tenors are Tom Davis, Jack Evans, and Jack Daniel. David Daniel, Pat Montague, and David Daniel are the basses.

Dr. L. B. Hayes, minister, Jean Evans, pianist, and Ralph Kemmerer, director, are those whose specialized efforts have been most valuable.

SYLVA BAPTIST TO HAVE PROGRAM AND TREAT FRIDAY P.M.

Members of the congregation of the Sylva Baptist church and friends of the church will observe a White Christmas program at the church Friday, December 22, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. A program of Christmas carols will be presented in the church sanctuary at which time those who will may bring gifts or items for the needy families of the community. These will be added to those of the other churches and clubs in the community for distribution to the needy on Christmas.

Following the program a film will be shown in the Junior Department which will show the benefits of the White Christmas gifts.

Also at this time the Santa Claus will make his annual visit to the children of the Sylva School and to all those present with his load of nuts, candy and fruits. The public is cordially invited to attend the program.



W. T. BROWN

HATCHERY CLOSES BRANCH OFFICE

W. T. Brown, Field manager of the Gainesville Hatchery, of Gainesville, Ga., buds of hatchery eggs produced in Western North Carolina, has announced that the branch office in Sylva has been closed for the present and that he and his family will move from Sylva to make their home in Gainesville after the first of the year. However, Mr. Brown will continue to have charge of this area for the company.

The branch office was opened here some months ago, located in the newly building over Sylva Store.

SYLVA STORES TO BE CLOSED 25, 26

Ed Nicholson, president of the Sylva Merchants Association, has announced that the stores of Sylva will observe Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 25 and 26 as Christmas holidays. This will give all the clerks and store managers a three-day period since Sunday comes the day before Christmas this year.

OFFICES TO CLOSE FOR YULE HOLIDAYS

The Sylva city office will be closed two days for the Christmas holidays, closing all day Monday and Tuesday, City Clerk Carl Corbin announced today. Business will resume as usual on Wednesday the 27th.

Jackson County Bank will also close two days for holidays, observing Monday and Tuesday, 25th and 26th, opening for business on Wednesday 27th.

Annual Christmas Gift From Corporation To Be Given On Friday

ASHE REPORTS HEAVY VOLUME OF MAIL HERE

The flow of Christmas cards and parcels began earlier than usual this year and the volume is great and picking up each day postmaster T. Walter Ashe at the Sylva office reported Tuesday.

Mr. Ashe said that the automatic cancellation machine shows that 3,390 pieces of mail had been cancelled from Friday the 15th through Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock and a record of cancellations is expected before all Christmas mailing has been completed. The next few days will be the heaviest, he said.

Extra trucks are helping haul the parcel post from Asheville thru to Murphy and even with this extra help many packages are delayed in delivery. For instance Tuesday morning the regular Highway Postoffice bus carried only first class mail, leaving the parcel post to come by truck later.

LIBRARY BOARDS HAVE MEETING

The Fontana Regional Library Board and the Library boards of the Jackson County Public Library, the Franklin Public Library, and the Marietta Black Library, Bryson City, met on Friday, Dec. 15, to discuss the work and needs of the libraries. The purpose of the meeting was to acquaint our representatives with some of the library problems in our area so that they may be better informed and able to serve us and all of the people of North Carolina. The meeting was well attended there being 19 people present. Christmas refreshments of coffee and fruit cake were served. The libraries appreciate interest of their representatives.

SNOW AND SLICK HIGHWAYS HIT

A light snowfall Tuesday night caused slippery highways and streets early Wednesday morning in the Sylva area. A number of cars skidded into side ditches and had to be pulled out. Although the fall was less than an inch it raised much inconvenience to Christmas shoppers early in the morning. The sun soon came out and the bad road condition soon cleared up. The storm seems to have been local as no snow fell in Waynesville. Balsam Mountain Highway was dangerous for traffic, however.

Free Tree Seedlings Are Still Available To 4-H Members

North Carolina 4-H Club members have ordered less than one-tenth of the free tree seedlings available to them, according to John E. Ford, assistant extension forester at State College.

Of the 1,175,000 seedlings to be given to 4-H Club members, only 86,000 have been ordered. Ford urges that applications for the young trees be submitted as soon as possible.

Only 36,000 shortleaf seedlings remain to be distributed. Ford suggests that those who want to plant them and who live in areas where these seedlings are available should order them at once.

\$380,000 To Be Paid Employees Of All Divisions

Mead Corporation employees, of the Sylva Division, will receive nearly \$17,900 as a Christmas gift from the company, Division Manager, J. R. Buchanan, announced today. "The Christmas checks are being distributed tomorrow," Mr. Buchanan said. "And our employees who have entered the Armed Services this year will receive the same amount they would have received if still here on the job."

The gift was voted by Mead's Board of Directors. It amounts to \$380,000.00 for all employees of the corporation.

Each Christmas gift check is accompanied by a Christmas card from Mead President Charles R. Van de Carr, Jr. His message reads:

"MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

"I wish I could be standing with you right this minute, so I could hand you this Christmas gift from Mead and tell you, 'Merry Christmas' in person.

"You see, this is really more than a Christmas present. It's a way of saying thank you for your part in making 1950 a good year for all of us. Your co-operation in making Mead paper better, your work in cutting down on waste, and your pride in your job have helped out. That's what I like to tell you, and let you know I feel sure you'll keep up the good work in the years ahead.

"But of course I can't get around to see all of you in Mead's many mills. So I send you this greeting with your Christmas gift, and hope it brings happiness to you and your family."

SYLVA SCHOOL HAS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Primary Grades of the Sylva Elementary School, under the direction of Miss Hicks Wilson, Mrs. Emily Tompkins, Miss Evelyn Sherrill, Mrs. Charlie McMahon, Mrs. Glenn Hughes, and Mrs. John Norton, gave their annual Christmas program Monday night in the Sylva School Auditorium. Mrs. George Lee's seventh grade pupils furnished the chorus numbers for the religious scenes. Several of the High School boys and girls assisted in the pageants.

With a theme of "Christmas in Other Lands", introduced by a child's dream of how Christmas is celebrated in other countries, every scene was lovely and the children's costumes were unusually beautiful.

The auditorium was packed for the program and a repeat performance was given on Tuesday morning to an audience composed of the school children.