

# The Jackson County Journal

IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

SYLVA, NORTH CAROLINA THURSDAY JUNE 4, 1936.

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

## Mason Jails Claud Morgan Carden's Alleged Slayer

**(BULLETIN)**  
Claud Morgan, alleged slayer of Lyndon Carven, was placed in jail in Sylva, early Wednesday morning, by Sheriff C. C. Mason.

Morgan, whom officers had been seeking since Sunday, was surprised by Sheriff Mason and his deputies, as he slept in a bed tucked on Pinnacle Ridge, high up in the Scott's Creek mountains. He was alone and unarmed. His eyesight is poor, and he had lost his spectacles. Another man, who was bringing Morgan's breakfast, saw the sheriff, and jumped over a bluff, making his escape, just before the arrest was made.

Officers stated that Morgan had been badly frightened, and begged them not to kill him, which, of course, they had no intention of doing.

He is being held for action by the Jackson county grand jury, which convenes in October, when the Governor should order special term of court.

A throng of people gathered, Saturday afternoon at Love's Chapel, for funeral services for Lyndon Carven, a young man, while officers continued to search for Claud Morgan, his alleged slayer.

The service was conducted by the Rev. S. H. Hill, Sylva Methodist minister, and was in the Love's Chapel.

Morgan, whose sunny disposition hid the sobriquet of "Happy," was 22 years of age, and an Arthur Carden, Standard Oil employee and Mrs. Carden. He was married and has one baby.

It is alleged that he was fatally shot on a Monday, by Morgan at a filling station on Highway No. 19, outside the town limits of Sylva. Morgan stated that Carden was the driver, and that Carden attempted to induce him to shoot Morgan fired, as Carden was gaining safety in the shelter of a car, the bullet striking him on the side of the head.

Officers are said to have wrestled Carden from him, and then taken him to the Community hospital, driven by Earl Collins. Carden died so rapidly, in the hospital, that it turned over as a matter of fact, to make the body into Keener Street, where he died within a few minutes of being reached the hospital. The body was taken to the morgue, where Webb Peedy and Mack Edwards, who were on duty when the body was received.

Carden is survived by his mother, Mrs. Arthur Carden, a widow and infant son, and by his father, Mrs. A. H. Ginn, and two brothers, Ashby and Albert, all of Sylva.

Carden's jury, following an inquest, held at the Moody Funeral home, Sunday afternoon, found that Carden came to his death by a gunshot wound at the hands of Claud Morgan, whose home is on the head of Fisher Creek, is 30 years of age, is married and has a family.

**BETA.**  
A club women attending the picnic meeting at Franklin last week were Mesdames Everett Harris, Callie Allison, Jennie Guthrie, Dan Bryson, Jennings Bryson, Garland Dillard, Mack Edwards.

Mrs. C. A. Bowman and children, A. Bowman, Jr., and Doris, of the city, have been visiting Mrs. Edna Freeman spent Friday with Mrs. Sallie Freeman.

Mr. Dan T. Bryson of Bryson City spent Sunday with home folks.

Mrs. Perry Snyder and family of Flat Rock visited relatives at Sylva and Addie Sunday.

Mrs. and Mrs. T. F. Deitz spent the past week in Asheville with their daughter, Mrs. Ethel Sawyer, who has been quite ill.

## QUALLA (By Mrs. J. K. Terrell)

Mrs. H. G. Ferguson has returned from a visit with relatives at Lenoir. Mrs. Eunice Huskey of Cleveland, Tenn., spent the week end with Mrs. J. H. Hughes.

Messrs. W. E. Reeves and J. O. Terrell of Asheville are spending the week at Mr. J. K. Terrell's.

Mrs. Luther Hoyle of Cherokee called on Mrs. S. M. Crisp, who has been sick for several days.

Miss Annie Lizzie Terrell is at home since the close of Griffin school, Winston-Salem.

Mrs. J. M. Hughes and Miss Foster of Cherokee spent the week end with Mrs. Golman Kinsland.

Miss Ollie Hall is spending the week at Sylva.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Worley, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Thomas, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bradley motored to the Smoky Mountains Park.

Miss Mary Battle called on Mrs. D. C. Hughes.

Mrs. J. R. Messer and Gladys Messer visited Mrs. Grover Noland.

Wilma Hughes, Jim Ed Hughes and Betty Howell made a trip to Asheville. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ferguson were guests at Mr. D. M. Shuler's, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Blanton spent Sunday at Mr. G. A. Kinsland's.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Noland of Swannanoa spent Sunday with relatives.

Mrs. Addie Bradburn and son, Alvin visited Mrs. A. J. Freeman, Sunday.

Mrs. Claud Hughes, Patsy and D. J., Jr., visited relatives at Cherokee.

Mrs. J. L. Hyatt, Mrs. F. E. Hartsfield, Mrs. C. P. Shelton, Mrs. J. W. Jathay and Miss Jennie Cathey attended the District Home Demonstration Club meeting at Franklin, Tuesday.

Mrs. C. P. Shelton, Rogers and Larry Sackton and Mrs. Faye Varner of Whittier attended graduation exercises at Martha Berry College, last week. Mr. Owen Varner was a member of the Senior Class this year.

Rev. J. L. Rogers was accompanied to his appointment Sunday by Rev. Mr. Inman and Rev. Mr. Massey of Seaboard.

Mrs. J. L. Hyatt and John Hyatt, Jr., visited relatives in Glenville and Cullowhee.

Miss Jennie Cathey and Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Hartsfield attended the District Conference at Union, Wednesday.

Miss Edna Freeman spent last week at Clyde.

Mr. C. M. Martin spent Sunday in Asheville.

It has been announced that the Campground Cemetery will be cleaned off, May 30th.

Miss Gertrude Ferguson is at home since the close of her school at Fontana.

Mrs. Susan Keener returned to Ela after a visit to home folks.

Rev. J. L. Hyatt preached at the Baptist church, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Ferguson, Mr. C. W. McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cordell, Mrs. D. A. Martin, Mrs. J. C. Johnson, Mrs. Lois Martin, Misses Jennie Cathey and Annie Lizzie Terrell and Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Terrell attended the Quarterly Conference at Olivet, Sunday. Rev. W. A. Rollins preached a very interesting sermon.

Married, on May 17, Miss Ethel Wyatt and Mr. W. L. Brown, of Atlanta.

Mrs. M. L. Sittor and Miss Hester Sittor, of Morristown, Tenn., spent last week end at Mr. J. L. Sittor's.

Mrs. J. E. Green, of Asheville, spent last week with her sister, Mrs. J. L. Hyatt.

Mrs. Carl Hoyle spent the week end at Beta.

Mr. M. W. Klotz and family, of New York, spent a few days at his Qualla farm.

Miss Gertrude Ferguson is visiting her sister, Miss Ruth Ferguson, at Charlotte.

Miss Etta Kinsland is at home since the close of her school at Hoffman.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Shuler and Mrs. M. L. Blanton spent Sunday at Deep Creek. Mrs. Blanton remained for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. D. S. Flinton has returned to

## WILEY CONNOR IS RICH IS NOW IN THE SYLVA JAIL

(By Mrs. D. T. Knight)

Henry Rich, caught by Jackson county officers in the fall of 1934, for the alleged slaying of Otto Jordan, was arrested by Sheriff Seay of Swain county, and a group of his deputies, at Nantahala station, Monday evening at 7:30. At the time of his arrest, Rich was unarmed and was in a small car, with Carlos McLeod, of Wshala, Fla. The car had a Florida license tag. Swain county officials state that Rich has been living in Newport, Tenn., under the name of Lee Bradley; and it is said that he has also been in Florida.

Jordan was 60 years of age at the time he was killed, on Monday afternoon, September 3, 1934. Rich was 30 years old, then.

The tragedy occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Reagan, in Qualla township.

Witnesses at the coronor's inquest testified that Jordan and Rich went to the spring for water and engaged in a bitter quarrel; that Mrs. Reagan ordered Rich to leave the premises; that he returned some 30 minutes later with a shot gun; and that he fired on Jordan from around the corner of the house, as Jordan cried "don't shoot me", and as Jordan's 22 year old son was trying to get his father into the house. Jordan died 30 minutes later with a shot-gun wound in his right side.

Witnesses to the affair were said to be Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Reagan and Roy Jordan, son of the deceased.

Rich was turned over to Sheriff Mason, by Swain officers, and is now in jail in Sylva.

**BAPTIST TRAINING UNION TO MEET AT TUCKAEEGE**

Tuckaeege, at 2:30 p. m., Sunday, June 21. All churches in the Association are requested to send delegates. All pastors are urged to be present.

The tentative program has been worked out, as follows:

Song and prayer.  
Devotional, Tuckaeege Union.  
Roll Call; appointment of committees.

Song.  
Echoes from Regional Convention, Miss Mildred Cowan.

Address Miss Mabel Starnes, Raleigh.

Increasing the Efficiency of the Training Union, Mrs. Fred Forester, Cullowhee.

Special music.  
Goals for next year, Lyle Ensley, Cullowhee.

Election of officers. Reports of committees.

Installation of officers, Rev. C. Brooks, Bryson City.

Adjournment.

Miss Malba Fowler is at home after having attended school at Sylva High.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bryson have moved to their new home.

Mrs. Sarah Hooper has recently been visiting her niece, Mrs. Edd Parker and daughters, Mrs. H. D. Fowler and Mrs. J. C. Bryson.

Mrs. Corlell Towns is spending quite a while at Sapphire.

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## Democrats To Nominate In Saturday's Primary

**BIG EDGE**

We are having beautiful weather, though very dry. We would surely be thankful if we could get some nice showers soon.

The farmers are getting along nicely with their crops.

Misses Katy Wike and Frances Caldwell are spending quite a while here. Miss Wike is the daughter of Wichee Wike of Demorest, Ga., and a niece of Mrs. Sarah Hooper of this place. Miss Caldwell is from Arkansas. While here they are having services each night in the Baptist church, with large attendance. Every one that attends will surely be helped by their fine preaching. They expect to be in Jackson probably all summer. This is Miss Wike's first visit here in twenty two years.

Mrs. H. D. Fowler and Mrs. J. C. Bryson called on Mrs. H. H. Hooper, Sunday afternoon.

Miss Catherine Davis had supper with Miss Marie Fisher, Sunday.

Mr. Brown from Highlands attended services here Sunday, and had dinner at Mr. Hayes Hooper's.

Mr. John Parker and family, Mrs. Ethel Hooper and family of Tuckaeege spent Sunday at Mr. Ed Parker's.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Holden and children of Glenville, spent a few days last week with Mrs. Holden's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Davis.

Mrs. Laura Kitchen of Sylva spent a few days here last week visiting her mother, Mrs. Sarah Hooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Stamey, of Asheville, visited at Mrs. H. H. Hooper's.

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On Saturday of this week State and county Democrats hold their primary to nominate their ticket for the November election.

Voters in this county will ballot for nominees for United States Senator, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Commissioner of Agriculture, and a member of Congress.

On the county ballot there are to be nominated a State Senator, a Representative, a sheriff, a finance commissioner, two county commissioners, and five members of the board of education.

Mrs. E. L. McKee, former State Senator, and Adam Moses, teacher in the Webster school, are opposing candidates for the State Senate.

T. C. Ledbetter, Cullowhee farmer, is opposing Representative T. C. Bryson, of Beta, for a seat in the House of Representatives at Raleigh.

Former Sheriff E. L. Wilson, and Jack Cooper are contending with Sheriff C. C. Mason for the nomination for sheriff.

Jimmie Craft, of East Lenoir, is seeking to replace J. D. Cowan as Finance Commissioner. Mr. Cowan is a candidate for re-nomination.

The candidates for county commissioner are: Cleve Fisher, Hamburg; Bob Howell, Qualla; W. C. Norton and W. A. Hooper, Cullowhee; and M. Y. Jarrett, Dillsboro.

Five members of the Board of Education are to be chosen from the following candidates: J. B. Bingham, Dillsboro; J. E. Bingham, Dillsboro; J. E. Bingham, Dillsboro; J. E. Bingham, Dillsboro; J. E. Bingham, Dillsboro.

Paul Grady, George McNeill, and Wilkins P. Horton are all seeking to be Lieutenant Governor.

M. R. (Mike) Dunnagan and Thad Eure are opposing Stacey W. Wade for his post as Secretary of State. State Auditor Baxter Durham is being opposed by Charles W. Miller, Geo. Ross Pou and Willard L. Dowell.

Mrs. Helen Robertson Wohl, is opposing Charles M. Johnson and trying to oust him as State Treasurer.

Gilbert Craig and A. B. Alderman are both candidates against State Superintendent of Public Instruction Clyde A. Erwin for his post.

Commissioner of Agriculture William A. Graham is opposed by W. Kerr Scott.

W. Bruce Fisher, Townsend Plan leader, is seeking to defeat Congressman Zebulon Weaver.

The polls open at sunrise and close at sunset, at the 19 voting precincts in the county. Only those voters who are bona fide democrats and registered as such can participate in the primary.

**COLEMAN BUMGARNER DROWNED IN COLORADO**

Coleman Bumgarner, native and former resident of Sylva, was drowned in the flood near Springfield, Colo., Sunday, according to information received by his relatives.

A son of the late Logan Bumgarner and Mrs. Bumgarner, Coleman Bumgarner was reared in Sylva. He went west many years ago, married and has lived in Texas and Colorado.

He was a brother of Mrs. F. H. Evans and James P. Bumgarner of Sylva, and of Mrs. C. F. Smathers and Herschel Bumgarner of Canton, and has many other relatives in Jackson, Haywood, Buncombe, and other counties of Western North Carolina.

## All Aboard for Cleveland — by A. B. Chapin



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The cartoon depicts a train of people on a wooden trestle bridge over a chasm. The train is moving towards the right. A sign on the bridge reads "STOP SHOWN, BOYS, I'M IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT!". Another sign says "OH, YEAH!". A third sign says "REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION". The train consists of several people, some of whom are carrying signs that say "MULLS", "LAWRENCE", "DAN BRYSON", and "DAN BRYSON". The cartoon is signed "A. B. CHAPIN" in the bottom right corner.