

## Recreational Centers for Jackson County

One of the greatest misfortunes of rural communities at present is the movement of its young people to the cities. It is not so much the number of people on the farms that determines the value of the rural communities as it is the quality of those who are left. It is a deplorable condition when the intelligent, ambitious, and progressive boys and girls no longer remain in the rural communities but flock to the cities.

Why do the young people leave the farm and go to the city? Perhaps one of the most discouraging things to young people in rural communities is the lack of amusement. When rural communities do not attempt to give the boy and girl the amusement he craves there is no doubt as to the result.

We are no longer living in the age of our grandparents. The old ideas, which have long been the standard, have shown to us their deficiency in maintaining the ideals of a community. The old is rapidly passing out and the new is taking its place. It is a serious problem to tear down the old order of things unless we are able to build a new one that will surpass it in efficiency.

Play is an instinct of childhood. It is necessary to the development of the child morally, spiritually, and physically.

Rural people have long been tied down to the idea that play is a non-essential part of the child's life. They think it unnecessary to have play directed. It is true the child on the farm has enough physical work but it does not answer the purpose of developing his physical powers co-ordinately. Some parts of the body are overdeveloped while others are left unused.

Play is a necessary activity of the child but it can be of harm if not directed in the right way. Well organized play is the best way in which to develop the physical possibilities of any child. Good and wholesome recreation will do much to keep the boy and girl on the farm. Most cities have seen that well directed play is essential for the proper development of its future citizens. Are not the future citizens just as deserving of such opportunities and possibilities? Granting this to be true how is such a thing possible in Jackson county?

Jackson county has a wonderful opportunity of organizing recreational centers for the children. The group center schools with their playground facilities make this possible. Equipment is not such an expensive item—most of it can be made by the schools with a little aid from the clubs and other civic organizations of the community.

The boys and girls would enjoy the hours at these centers and it would afford a large amount of training they otherwise would not get. The grounds should of course be in charge of some one who is experienced in supervising play.

When the parents once see the effect of well directed play on their children, they will be more anxious about the playground. There is no place where the group spirit is better developed than in play. If well directed, play will build up a strong team spirit. It requires co-operation. All

children are on the same level when in a good game. His ability, not his name, will determine his standing.

If this proposition is taken up with the county board of education and explained the members will no doubt be willing to try it at least. The school trucks could be used to transfer the children. If once started it will soon become the most attractive part of the community life.

There are a few school districts which cannot be reached by the group center schools all of the time but if we cannot give all the opportunity why not do as much as we can?

There should be some competition between the recreational centers. There should be prizes and banners for attendance and improvement. At the end of the summer there might be a field day in which all of the children from the different centers take part. The different organizations of the county would be glad to aid in giving awards.

HORACE FRANCIS,  
Education 135.  
Cullowhee Normal School.

## NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the power and authority conferred upon the undersigned, E. P. Stillwell, by a certain deed in trust, executed by Jim McMahan to E. P. Stillwell, Trustee, on the 16th day of October, 1920; said deed in trust being recorded in the office of Register of Deeds for Jackson County, N. C., in Book No. 81 at page 182 et seq., reference to which is hereby had; and default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness therein secured, and the same being lost past due and unpaid, and demand having been made on the undersigned Trustee by the owner and holder of said note or indebtedness therein secured by the said deed in trust, that the undersigned do now execute the power of sale contained in said deed in trust:

\*I, E. P. Stillwell, Trustee, will, on Saturday, May 29, 1926, at 11 o'clock, A. M. in front of the Court House Door in the Town of Sylva, N. C., offer for sale, at public outcry for cash, to the highest bidder the following described tract or parcel of land, lying and being in Dillsboro Township, Jackson County, N. C.

BEGINNING at a locust 14 feet to the right of Hall Rock, a line agreed upon between Mitchell Sutton and David McMahan and runs Northwardly with a conditional line to a small chestnut oak on the point of the Humphrey Cove Ridge; thence a West course up a ridge a conditional line to a chestnut; thence a conditional line a North course to a chestnut on the Main Mountain that divides McTown and Laurel Branch; thence up said Mountain a South course to the South boundary line of the W. H. Higdon and Buchanan tract; thence with that line to Thomas McMahan's beginning corner at a chestnut, with chestnut oak pointers in the South boundary line of the Buchanan and Higdon tracts; thence S. 55 E. 84 poles to the BEGINNING, containing 15 acres more or less.

This April 28, 1926.

E. P. STILLWELL,  
Trustee.

## QUEEN IN RACE FOR COMMISSIONER

I wish to announce my candidacy for the office of Commissioner of Public Welfare, subject to the Democratic Primary. If my past two years service as commissioner has pleased you I ask your support in this June primary.

BEN N. QUEEN.

I am a candidate for the office of Road Commissioner, subject to the Democratic primaries to be held in June.

I wish to thank the people for the confidence they have had in me in the past and promise if nominated and elected to look after the interests of Jackson County to the best of my ability.

Yours truly,  
J. C. Allman.

## FOR SHERIFF

I take this method of announcing myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff, of Jackson county, subject to the will of the Democratic party in the primary. My promise is, if nominated and elected to do all I can to enforce the law.

C. C. MASON, Dillsboro.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

I hereby take this manner of placing my name before the democratic voters of Jackson County as a candidate for the office of Chairman of the Board of Education—or Commissioner of Educational—subject to their will in the June Primaries.

Your support will be highly appreciated and if I am nominated and elected I will endeavor to fill the office and to serve all the people to the very best of my ability.

I will be in position to devote my time and attention to the work of this office, and to my position in regard to the affairs of the country I wish to say that I am in favor of a reasonable amount of progress but on the other hand taxes have reached the point where they are burdensome, and I stand for a strict economy program with the view of getting 100% value for every dollar of tax money expended.

G. T. COOPER.

## For Sheriff

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Sheriff for Jackson County, subject to the action of the Democratic Party in the primary.

N. DON DAVIS

I am a candidate for the office of Finance Commissioner, subject to the Democratic primaries to be held in June.

I wish to thank the people for the confidence they have had in me in the past and promise if nominated and elected, to look after the interests of Jackson County to the best of my ability

Yours truly,  
J. M. Watson.

## HOW MUCH DAMAGE WROUGHT BY THE FOREST FIRES

If somebody should carelessly or otherwise let fire burn up the average dwelling house and barn of a Jackson county farmer we would say the loss amounted to four or five thousand dollars. Surely we do not often realize the fact that when we carelessly or otherwise allow fire to burn over fifty acres of average woodland the farmer or his children are damaged equally as much as if his house and barn had burned.

Most of us say Oh! well it's not half as awful to have the fifty acres of woods burn as it is to lose the house and barn. But that's just a superstitious idea we have, and as soon as we open our eyes to the fact that dollars are dollars whether in woodland or in barns or houses we will be more willing to stop carelessness with outdoor fires and stop being contented to see a neighbor's woods burn without joining to fight the forest fire as same as if his house was burning.

Do you know the fire not only destroys practically all young timber but stunts the growing timber three fourths for 15 years after the fire.

## TO THE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF JACKSON COUNTY

At the urgent solicitations of many of the good citizens of the county I have decided to offer myself as a candidate for Judge of the Recorders Court of Jackson County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary June 5th.

Your vote and support I assure you will be appreciated. If nominated and elected I will endeavor to act as a just and upright judge and do my duty at all times to the best of my ability and to demean myself as becomes an upright lawyer and judge.

I wish to thank my loyal friends for the support they have given me in the past, and with assurances of my appreciation for their future support, I am

Very respectfully,  
JOSEPH J. HOOKER.

ENTRY NO. 6163

## NORTH CAROLINA, JACKSON COUNTY.

I, Dr. A. S. Nichols, do hereby enter and claim 30 acres of land, more or less lying in Canada Township, Jackson County, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of Roscoe Galloway and others and bounded as follows:

Begins on a Hickory, Roscoe Galloway's and Milford Galloway's corner and runs S. 20 E. 134 poles to a stake in County line; thence with county line N. 36 E. 39 poles to a White Oak, J. E. Norton's corner; thence with J. E. Norton's line N. 2 E. 83 poles to a white oak; thence N. 45 W. 68 poles to a White Oak; thence N. 2 E. 34 poles to a stake in W. H. Smith's line; thence with Smith's line a west course 22 poles to Milford Galloway's line to a stake; thence with his line S. 14 W. 38½ poles to the beginning, containing 30 acres, more or less.

Entered this 8th day of April, 1926.  
DR. A. S. NICHOLS, Claimant.  
Approved: Raymond R. Nicholson,  
Ex-Officio Entry Taker.