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## FAVOR REMOVING LAW SCHOOL.

### COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE ADOPTS RESOLUTIONS.

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Sylva Collegiate Institute held in Sylva on December 4th, 1913, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

That, whereas, an effort is now being made by the town of Sylva to secure the location of the Wake Forest Summer Law School in its midst, the same to be located in the buildings belonging to the Sylva Collegiate Institute:

And, whereas, the Board of Trustees are thoroughly in sympathy with this movement, and desire to place themselves on record as wishing to co-operate in every way possible toward securing the location of said Summer Law School,

Therefore, the trustees for the above named Institute, do pass and adopt the following resolutions:

Resolved, First: That the buildings and grounds of the Sylva Collegiate Institute be tendered free of charge to the Faculty and Trustees of Wake Forest College for the purpose of holding and conducting said Summer Law School each and every year so long as same may be desired, from the first of June, until the last of August of each and every summer;

Resolved, Second: That no charge shall be made against said Summer Law School for the use of the electric lights, water works, furnished rooms in the various dormitories, or for any other property or furnishings in connection with said Institute, all of same be offered and tendered free of charge to said Summer Law School;

Resolved, Third: That the Board of Trustees of the Sylva Collegiate Institute pledge themselves to work and co-operate in every way possible toward making this school a success from the beginning, and will at all times strive to make the time pleasant and profitable both for students and faculty;

Resolved, Fourth: That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of this body, that a copy of same be mailed to Prof. N. Y. Gulley, and that a copy be sent to the Board of trustees for Wake Forest College at their regular meeting at the Baptist State Convention in Shelby on the 10 inst.

Done in special session, this the 4th day of December, 1913.

T. C. BRYSON,  
Chairman Board of Trustees Sylva Collegiate Institute.  
A. J. DILLS,  
Secretary of said Board.

## FAIRFAX HARRISON PRESIDENT SO. RY.

Fairfax Harrison, president of the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville Railway company, was today elected president of the Southern Railway company to succeed the late W. W. Finley.

### CARD OF THANKS.

We take this means of expressing our thanks to our many friends for their kindness and thoughtfulness during our recent sorrow.

H. STEIN AND FAMILY.

# A Word To The Outside World And To Our Own Folks About Sylva And Jackson County, What They are Now and What They Will Be.

Jackson County Potentially the wealthiest county in the State of North Carolina has suffered for many years because of two unfortunate circumstances, an unhappy location of the County Seat and a bad condition of her highways during the winter months.

The leaven of progress has been working on the minds of the citizens of Jackson County. Last May the people took matters into their own hands and spoke in no uncertain terms, by an overwhelming majority they spoke for progress and union of endeavor, they laid forever the boogaboo of Jackson County, the Court House removal question.

There is being erected on a lovely sloping elevation in the new Capital City of Jackson County, one of the best and most imposing temples of justice in the state. This building when completed will cost in round figures \$30,000, \$10,000 of which as well as the site for the Court House and Jail were presented to the County by the public spirited people of Sylva.

It is expected that the new Court House will be in readiness for the holding of the next term of the Superior court which will be in February.

The other impediment to further progress is being eliminated. In the matter of road building Sylva, Cullowhee and Hillsboro townships have taken the lead, they having issued \$65,000 in bonds for that purpose and the money is being expended on the roads of these townships.

A well graded, magnificent highway thirty feet wide and built of sand clay is being constructed from Sylva to Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School located on a hill above the winding Tuckasee river, and seven miles from the Murphy division of the Southern Railway. From Cullowhee the road will be continued through that township up the river, opening to the world of Commerce an untold wealth of timber, mineral, water power and agricultural and horticultural possibilities.

Cashiers Valley the beautiful township of Jackson lying on a plateau almost on top of and east of the Blue Ridge is, by public subscription and volunteer work, building an automobile highway through Cashiers Valley to Walhalla, S. C. and also from Lake Toxaway to Highlands. It is only a question of time and a very short period of time at that when the connecting link will be completed from Cullowhee to Cashiers Valley and Sylva and this end of the County will be brought in closer touch with the Southern cities. The Atlanta to Murphy Highway is under course of construction and it is a matter of little speculation that the few miles of road needed to do the work will be completed and the Highway will be the Atlanta to Asheville Highway which will pass through the coming city of Sylva.

As a farming and fruit growing section Jackson County is the peer of the best. The soil is a rich clay and capable of much development. Climatic conditions are superb. Already the fruit growers and stock raisers are realizing those advantages and Jackson County ships annually numbers of car loads of apples and cattle.

The mineral wealth, which consists mostly of mica, nickel copper, kaolin and corundum is just beginning to be developed and the bowels of the earth are pelching forth coin to swell the coffers of our people.

The timber resources are among the most important and the sales of hardwood lumber are immense. Before long this raw product will be manufactured into furniture in this county and even greater benefit will be derived as the great timber industry, while being among the most important, is still in its infancy.

Perhaps no other area of the same size east of the Father of Waters, has such an abundance of water power only, an infinitesimal part of which is being utilized. Among these streams are the Tuckasee, Oconalufy, Horsepasture and Chatoga rivers and Scotts Creek, Savannah, Wolf creek, Soco and half an hundred more creeks of considerable size and importance. From the standpoint of the tourist and lover of the sublime in nature, Jackson county has no superior. There are the Balsams and Cowees towering to heights of 6000 feet and more, whiteride mountain with its sheer precipice of 1500 feet, the screams winding clear as crystal through the valleys of gushing through space upon the rocks below, sending a rainbow spray toward the sapphire sky as they go at Soco Falls, Wolf creek Falls, in Canada township and at the high falls of the Tuckasee that rival Niagara itself for sublime grandeur. The air is pure, the sky a sapphire blue and the water as pure and clear as that which drips from the foot of the Alaskan glaciers. Malaria and hay fever are unknown.

Sylva, the new town, is the business center of this magnificent county and lies nestled among the hills. The drainage is perfect. The people are happy and prosperous. There are in Sylva two excellent schools. The Sylva Collegiate Institute, owned by the Baptist denomination, has under the direction of Prof. J. C. Ingram, become one of importance in this section. The Sylva High School is the public school of the town, is a State High School, has a modern building, built by the town at a cost of \$8000, and has a most excellent corps of teachers. At Sylva is located the C. J. Harris Tannery, one of the largest in the state, the Sylva Lumber and Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of hardwood lumber, a number of mica companies, in fact nearly

all the mica mined in Jackson and Macon counties is prepared for the market, at Sylva. And Jackson is the largest producer of mica of any county in the world with the possible exception of Mitchell and Yancey.

Sylva is located on the Murphy division of the Southern Railway 47 miles west of Asheville, has a population of 1200 and is growing by leaps and bounds, has three churches, Methodist, Baptist and Episcopal, two hardware stores, two markets for meats and green groceries, six large general merchandise stores, two millinery stores, marble works, three blacksmith and machine shops two progressive banks, two livery and feed stables, wholesale grocery, wholesale millinery, two excellent hotels, a number of good boarding houses, newspaper and well equipped job printing establishment and numbers of professional and business men. Sylva has electric lights and power. A large dam is now being constructed on the Tuckasee river to increase the efficiency of the Electric Power Company, which is backed by Col. Chas. J. Harris. Water for the city is supplied by springs on King's Mountain from whence it is brought by gravity through pipes to the town.

Everybody in the county realizes the opportunity that lies before us. Everywhere the spirit of progress and new life is felt among the people. We are united in one purpose, a greater, happier, wiser, better and wealthier Jackson county with a capital city that will be recognized as one of the important business centers of the State.

## TEACHERS ASSEMBLY.

President A. C. Reynolds, County Superintendent David H. Brown and Miss Charlotte Young have returned from Raleigh where they attended the teachers Assembly of North Carolina.

At that meeting there were departments for all educational interests from the kindergarten to College. Prof. A. C. Reynolds of Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School delivered one of the most interesting addresses of the occasion on the subject "Better training for teachers and how to obtain it." Among the social events of note in connection with the Assembly were the reception tendered the members of the Assembly by the ladies of Raleigh at Hotel Yarbrough and the concert at the auditorium given by the merchants Association complementary to the teachers.

For the first time in the history of the State the office of vice president of the teachers Assembly is held by a woman, Miss Mary Graham, having been elected to that office. Prof. M. C. S. Noble of Chapel Hill succeeds Prof. Reynolds as president

## BOARD OF TRADE ORGANIZED

At an enthusiastic meeting of the citizens of Sylva last night the board of trade of Sylva was organized with the express and determined purpose of doing everything in its power to grasp the splendid opportunities of the town and county and develop these possibilities into realities.

Col. Sanford H. Cohen, manager of the greater Western North Carolina association assisted in perfecting the organization.

Prof. W. H. Rhodes was elected president and Mr. C. C. Buchanan secretary of the Board of trade with an executive committee composed Dr. A. A. Nichols, A. J. Dills, T. C. Bryson, M. Buchanan, M. D. Cowan, and John B. Ensley.

Resolutions were adopted unanimously requesting the Board of trustees of Wake Forest College to consider the proposition of moving the famous law school of that institution to Sylva for the summer months.

Never in the history of the town and county has there been such a unanimity of determined purpose among all the people for the upbuilding of the interests of the county and city.

Get on the band wagon while the time is ripe. Join the board of trade and boost; it means the realization of your dreams for Jackson County, and it means money to you.

The spirit of progress is the kind that spells success.

## HOTEL AND DRUG MEN PLEAD GUILTY.

The proprietors of the Langren, Battery Park and Glenrock hotels at Asheville submitted to the charges of retailing without license upon the following terms, as dictated by Judge Frank Carter.

John H. Lange and Gay Green are to pay a fine of \$400, two-thirds of which, \$266.67, is to be paid by Mr. Lange, and one-third, \$133.33, by Mr. Green; James L. Alexander is to pay a fine of \$2000; J. Bayliss Rector is not required to pay any pecuniary fine but judgment is suspended in a case to which he pleads guilty; D. McN. Mackay pleads guilty to a charge in which judgment is suspended and forfeits his license from now agreeing never to apply for such a license in Asheville again, and in addition surrenders the intoxicants seized several days ago at the Owl drug store and whatever stock he has on hand at his store on Pack square; and a similar judgment is entered in the case of F. H. McMullen. The cost of the entire investigation are charged to Messrs. Lange, Green and Alexander.

The whiskey and other intoxicants surrendered to the court are to be destroyed by the sheriff, except such portions of it available for hospital use, that part to be turned over to the Mission hospital for use in the charity wards.

According to the terms of this agreement, the defendants must maintain a good record for the next three years or they may be called into court and fined or imprisoned in the discretion of the court on the cases in which pleas of guilty have been entered and judgments suspended for that period of time. Immediately following the announcement of the morning by Judge Carter, the defendants appeared in Police court and the entries made according to the terms of the agreement.