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\$1.00 THE YEAR IN ADVANCE

## THE "FARM LIFE SCHOOL"

Again on Saturday afternoon the citizens of Webster township held a mass meeting in the courthouse to discuss the proposed Farm Life School for the county. The meeting was well attended and discussed with some enthusiasm. An invitation was extended to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, J. Y. Joyner, to visit the county and make an address here on the next first Monday in the interest of such a school. In the event the Superintendent can not come on that date he is invited to make a date at his convenience. The meeting also extended an invitation to citizens of the county in the different townships to express themselves freely through the county paper with regard to the establishment of a County School for the training of farm boys and girls and converting the old courthouse and jail into buildings for such a School. In the event the Superintendent comes the people of the county are invited to come and hear the address.

### FREE TUITION.

In the Farm Life School all tuition is free as in all other public schools and board is furnished pupils at actual cost in order to make it as easy as possible for them to take advantage of the schools. In addition to this pupils could enter sooner than in the present State High Schools since Latin and some other subjects would not be required. I should think a pupil from 5th to 6th grade could enter the Farm Life school and if the pupil had reached maturity without educational advantages such pupils would be admitted by age and not scholarship.

Short courses for farmers. One purpose in the establishment of the Farm Life School is that short courses may be conducted for adult farmers and their wives who are too busy to enter school and take a regular course of study. We are beginning to learn that we never get too old to learn, and that we all need to remain at school. It is the day of awakening and better things for the farmer and his family. But before better returns can be realized the farmers must know much our fathers did not know. The Farm Life School will be the center of interest and information for the people of the county. From it books, bulletins and farm papers etc. will be scattered over the country and do their educational work. In addition to these things I see no reason why these schools cannot supply thorough blooded pigs from their pens cheaply to the boys and their fathers also pure blooded chickens from their poultry pens, and in this way gradually supply the country with thorough bloods in place of scrubs.

Such a School would revolutionize Jackson County. Farm Life would soon become more attractive and more remunerative. The boys would fall in love with farming, fruit growing, dairying, scientific hog raising and poultry keeping. Let us hear from the farmers.

CHAS. H. UTLEY,

Editor Journal:—It is with great pleasure that I have read the article of Prof. Chas. H. Utley of Webster High School, covering some of the points about a "Farm Life School" for Jackson County.

To me this seems to be the most sensible suggestion for this county

## B E C A U S E

to act upon that I have seen coming into print in a long time.

I have said many times that if we could turn the Court House and jail into school buildings and dormitory and establish an industrial school for the county, that I thought Webster would be greatly benefited by the removal of the County site from her borders.

We have already established many graded schools, several High Schools and we have the Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School, and they all serve the purpose for which they have been established, but you may take them and combine them so far as the young men who will conduct the farms of Jackson County, are concerned and they can never reach the purpose for which we seek to educate our people. We are today giving our boys and girls book learning, which is good, and we have made ample provision for them, and yet we are not caring for the careful training of the, "Man With The Hoe."

We have the farm to train our boys upon near Webster, we have two buildings worth \$25,000 which we can convert into School and dormitory, and possibly we can purchase several other buildings for nominal sums, that can be used as boarding houses or dormitories.

Not only would such a school teach our boys the best methods of cultivating the soil, but it would teach girls how to cook, wash, sew and to make a home for the family, and it would also instruct the boys in the mechanical arts as well: the hammer and the saw, the plane and the anvil would be turning the products of the forests into useful utilities through the training of the dexterous hand of our mountain boys.

In other words ladies and gentlemen, we could have in our county if we will, an Agricultural and Mechanical school which will train the hand and mind of the men and women who will stay with us when the teacher, the lawyer and the doctor have left us.

Do we want it and will we have it, if not why not? If I may be of assistance to the friends of such an enterprise, I shall be very glad to do so and will do my best to help in securing the best that our great State offers, and is knocking at our door to give us.

R. F. JARRETT.

## WHY SYLVA WILL GROW:

It is the New County Seat for Jackson County. Good Roads radiate in every direction.

It is the "gate way" to the Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School, a State institution with an investment of \$80,000.00.

It is the Commercial center for Jackson County.

It is the railroad point for three-fourths of Jackson County.

It is the leading town in a County which leads in Education.

Within Jackson County there is as great an undeveloped water power as will be found in the Country.

Jackson County contains as large boundaries of virgin forest as can be found within the State.

The soil of Jackson County is fertile to the tops of the Mountains, thus making it a great farming County, adapted to crops of all kinds, as well as fruit growing and stock raising.

Jackson County is the richest County in the State in Minerals, abounding in mica, kaolin, nickel, copper, feldspar, talc, etc.

Jackson County has the most rugged and picturesque scenery of any County in the Mountains.

Sylva is the logical starting point to the following places of interest within the County: "Black Rock," "The Pinnacle," "White Side," "Double Top," "Yellow Mountain," "Old Ball," "Tuckasegee Falls," "The Cherokee Indian Reservation," and numerous other places, including "The Balsam," "Cowee" Cullowhee," "Blue Ridge" and other famous mountains.

As Jackson County grows and develops, SYLVA IS BOUND TO GROW.

## CAMP JACKSON.

Prof. Gordon A. Sanford, of Augusta, Ga. accompanied by Col. Sanford H. Cohen, manager of the Greater Western North Carolina Association, was in Sylva Saturday looking over the Fair Grounds and making his plans for the preparation of Camp Jackson for the accommodation of the numbers of young men and boys from the low lands of the South who will take advantage of its establishment by coming to Sylva next summer and preparing for next winter's work in College and University and at the same time training their bodies and gathering physical strength from the life giving climate of Western North Carolina.

Prof. Sanford expressed himself as being well pleased with Sylva and the happy location of the Camp at this place.

The names of Prof. Sanford and Bruce connected with Camp Jackson is within itself sufficient to spell success.

These gentlemen and their associates will arrive early next summer with their students and will make their home at the Jackson County Fair Grounds.

We wish to extend them a hearty welcome.

## CONVENTION AT ADDIE

Jackson Singing Convention met at Addie Saturday and the organization was perfected by selecting Rev. M. A. Norman as moderator. While he was a very good representation at the Convention Saturday from different points of the county, the big crowd did not come until Sunday when the church was crowded all day.

The three choirs present, Addie Okra Hill and Love's Chapel, entertained the people both days with singing numbers of hymns.

Sunday Rev. R. P. Ellington of Sylva preached an excellent sermon at 11 o'clock, after which the Convention took recess for dinner.

The good ladies of the Addie community served an abundance of good things fit for the feast of kings.

Sunday afternoon was spent in singing by the different choirs in attendance.

The matter of holding only one general Convention each year at some central point and utilizing the three divisions into which the county is now divided for holding the

quarterly conventions was taken under advisement until the next meeting of the convention which will be at Dillsboro in April.

The Convention is doing a good work in exciting an interest in music in the county and improving the music of the various churches and Sunday schools.

## WHAT'S GOING ON.

Brown & Henson and D. Robt. Davis have bought two lots on College Hill from Jones & Sutton and will develop the property. Mr. Davis is already at work on his lot preparing for the work of building which will be begun within the next ten days.

R. U. Garrett is erecting three cottages on the lots he recently purchased from Geo. P. Miller. One of the three is already completed and the other two will be finished within a short time.

The jail is practically finished, and the work on the handsome new court house is nearing completion.

The work on the Cullowhee road is progressing nicely. Cullowhee finished its big job of grading on the hill near the school building more than a week ago and the hands are now grading along the river toward Sylva. The Sylva road men have completed the grading in the big cut at C. C. Love's place and are progressing nicely with the other work. A gentleman who has been in several States stated to the Journal last week that the work that has been done is the best grading that he has ever seen.

H. G. Ferguson of Whittier was in the city yesterday.

John L. Ferguson was in town yesterday from Qualla.

H. R. Snyder, of Dillsboro was in town yesterday and paid the Journal a pleasant call.

Mrs. Geo. Bryson of Canton, is the guest of Mrs. Jas. W. McKee.

Attorney C. C. Buchanan is attending court at Waynesville this week.

A. E. Elders of Dillsboro was in town yesterday on business.

## DESTRUCTIVE FIRE OCCURS AT SPRUCE

Canton, Jan. 21.—Fire which started yesterday shortly after the noon hour, caused by sparks from a shifting engine, destroyed two boarding houses, a large commissary store, three residences and the office of the Champion Lumber company at Spruce, 16 miles from here at the terminal of the Tennessee and North Carolina railroad. The damage is estimated at several thousands of dollars but it has not been learned just what amount was covered with insurance.

In spite of the fact that the flames started at a time when a large number of people were near and their united effort were bent on extinguishing the fire, such a high wind was raging that the property could not be saved. The entire stock of goods of the commissary was burned and practically all the contents of the dwelling houses were consumed in the flames. One man, who had been at work there some time lost his entire savings of \$500. The spectacle was a pathetic one with strong ablebodied men standing helplessly by unable to check the progress of the flames which were destroying their entire belongings.

The fire is a heavy blow to the mountain people who work in the woods for the Champion Lumber company, but those who were made homeless are being cared for at Sunburst, three miles further down the road and work will be continued.—Citizen.

## DEFENDS HIMSELF.

Editor Jackson County Journal:—Please give me space in your paper for a short article in regard to some false reports that have gone out against me as a minister of the Gospel.

It is reported all over this part of Jackson county that I was intoxicated Christmas day and used profane language, came very near shooting a little child, shot a man and not only this but other false reports have gone which I will not mention. All of these are false reports. I haven't been drunk nor cursed an oath in nearly thirty years.

It is also reported that I am crazy and will soon go to the asylum. That is false. I am badly afflicted with neuralgia in my head and body and am very nervous and at times it weakens my mind, but not crazy yet.

I can prove the above named reports to be false by Gospel evidence and the witnesses of pure character. Christ in his day on earth told the disciples that those persecutions and troubles would come on them. He spoke it direct to them and indirectly to the ministers forever thereafter; and if not deceived in myself I am one chosen of the Lord to warn fallen humanity to prepare for death and the Judgment. But for the last two years I have been in the lion's den and in the fire furnace, but the Lord has promised to help us through; so I will go forward in the discharge of my duty as soon as I get able, by the help of Him who is able to bring us out more than conquerors.

I write this article for the purpose of condemning those lies and defending myself as a minister; for reports like this are injurious and weaken a preacher's influence.

Please publish this article, for the reports are spreading and the devil will keep them going till he is defeated. But this article sent out through the Journal will defeat him; and he will try another plan. The people near me know my record, but those away don't.

J. T. CARSON,  
Willets, January 20, 1914.