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NATURAL ADVANTAGES OF JACKSON CO.

HOME OWNERS.

First among the advantages possessed by this county is a citizenship composed almost exclusively of home owners rather than tenants. In many counties this is not the case but rather the opposite. Many counties have a large tenant class. Here the people nearly all own their own homes and cultivate their own land. This is an ideal condition in a democracy. Small farms owned, occupied and cultivated by permanent citizens produce the best industrial community. In this respect Jackson County is exceptionally fortunate.

HOME FOLKS.

But better still these farmers are native North Carolinians. The foreigner is unknown here. For generations the ancestry of the present population of the county has lived and wrought in the old North State. In fact perhaps the vast majority of our people, are descended from ancestors identified with the State from colonial times. This means we have a population of good, true, pure North Carolinians. Hence our traditions are more inspiring in county and state building.

A COUNTY OF WHITE FOLKS.

In Many Counties of the State a majority of the people are negroes. But in this county the negro is a rare specimen I am told that only four out of the fifteen townships of the county have any negroes in them. Eleven are white townships and in the four exceptions only a few colored people are to be found. These are said to be industrious peaceful and law abiding. In this respect the county is very fortunate indeed.

NEITHER IDLE RICH NOR PAUPERS.

Our people belong almost exclusively to the great middle class. There are few extremes, very rich people are not found here, and paupers are too scarce to mention. These conditions mean much in the general development of the county. Under these conditions we naturally find a small percentage of criminals. No statistics are at hand but I doubt if any county in the state makes a better showing than Jackson. The lawyers say they would starve to death on the criminal practice of the County.

THE HEART OF THE MOUNTAINS

The valleys are rich, the springs are numerous and cold the mountains are high and present pictures of scenic beauty and loveliness. While untold wealth is said to lie buried in the forest covered hills. The best and richest of Western N. C. has not been seen until the eyes feast upon nature's handiwork in Jackson County. The commonplace in this county, in nature surpasses the far famed Asheville scenes.

HEALTH AN ASSET.

Here many fatal diseases that terrify the lowlands are unknown. A minimum of sanitation gives maximum returns. Hardly a county in the state could more easily secure absolute health for all the people than this county.

AN ERA OF TRANSITION.

On every hand changes are taking place looking to the development of County good roads are nearby here. Intensive farming displacing the old method of scratching all over creation for a poor living and no money. Improved machinery is being introduced rapidly. Better stock

may be seen on the average progressive farm but better will soon follow. Good Schools with twenty local tax districts are the pride and boast of the county. In the very heart of the county Cullowhee is doing a work which compares favorably with the work done in the average College twenty-five years ago.

With a Farm Life School such as Dr. Joyner has told us about to educate farm boys and girls, teaching them science of soil, plant, animal, and food and inspiring them with visions and high ideals of country life Jackson County will lead Western N. C. in wealth and prosperous happy homes.

CHAS. H. UTLEY

WORK OF REBUILDING

ALREADY GOES FORWARD

Spruce, the mountain town 16 miles from here which suffered from a destructive fire only a few days ago, is already rebuilding. Considerable work has been done on a new hotel and next week the Champion Lumber Company will start work on a new office building. All new buildings will be improvements upon the old ones, and are to be constructed along more modern lines.

A new business enterprise has been started at Spruce, the firm of Moore & Knott having opened its doors this week. Both members are well known business men of this section. Mr. Knott was formerly connected with the Carolina Supply Company at Sunburst and Mr. Moore came here from Swain County. The latter is known throughout Jackson, Swain and Haywood counties as "Big Abe," being six feet three inches tall and weighing over 300 pounds. This firm will also open another store just below Sunburst, in the near future.—Courier.

TO BE AT WEBSTER

Dr. J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction will address the people of Jackson county at Webster on the first Monday in March on educational matters and especially upon the establishment of a farm life school. It will be worth while for any one to hear Dr. Joyner as he is an interesting speaker and a man that talks from his heart on educational matters.

February 11, 1914.

Rev. Chas. H. Utley,
Webster, N. C.

Dear Mr. Utley:—Unless providentially prevented, I shall be with you in Webster on the first Monday in March, ready to do all in my power to aid in securing the establishment of a farm life school for Jackson county.

I am glad to hear such encouraging reports of the educational interests of the county.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

J. Y. JOYNER,

State Supt. Public Instruction.

A meeting of parties interested in the Hiwassee Valley railway was held at Haysville, Feb. 4th. and the plans for the proposed road discussed. A committee was appointed of the following well known men to confer with the L. & N. with the view of their taking over and completing the road, viz: Capt. R. L. Herbert and Mr. Haigler of Haysville, and Dr. H. N. Wells, S. E. Cover of Andrews.—Scout.

The Newspaper Law.

Few readers of newspapers fully and clearly understand the laws governing subscriptions. Below are the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States on the subject:

"Subscribers who do not give express notice to the contrary are considered as wishing to renew their subscriptions.

"If subscribers order a discontinuance of their periodicals the publisher may continue to send them until all dues are paid.

"If the subscriber refuses to take periodicals from the postoffice to which they are directed he is responsible until he has settled his bill and ordered the paper discontinued.

"If subscribers move to other places without informing the publisher, and the papers are sent to the former address, the subscriber is held responsible.

"The courts have held that refusing to take periodicals from the postoffice or removing and leaving them uncalled for is prima facie evidence of intention to defraud.

"If subscribers pay in advance they are bound to give notice at the end of the time if they do not wish to continue taking it, otherwise the publisher is authorized to send it and the subscriber will be responsible until express notice with payment of all arrearages is sent to the publisher.

SYLVA LOSES LAW SCHOOL

It was learned with regret all over this part of the State that the trustees of Wake Forest College had decided not to move the Summer Law School from Wake Forest to Sylva, this summer.

Sylva made a good fight and produced some splendid inducements to the Wake Forest College authorities and for a while it certainly looked as if the Summer law school would occupy the buildings of the Sylva Collegiate Institute however the trustees think it not advisable to make the move at this time and the law school will be held at Wake Forest this summer as usual under the efficient instruction of Prof. N. Y. Gulley and Prof. E. W. Timberlake.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH

Rev. L. B. Abernethy, D. D., Pastor. Preaching 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Sunday school every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.—Chas. L. Allison, Supt.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. L. P. Ellington, Pastor. Preaching 1st and 3rd Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Sunday school every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.—T. C. Bryson, Supt.

Union Prayer Meeting every Friday evening at 7:30.

TRUE BILLS FOUND BY JACKSON COUNTY JURY

A message was received here today from Jackson county to the effect that the grand jury has found true bills against Joe Zachary and Dick Alexander, charged with killing John Brown a short time ago. The trial of the two men promises to be a very interesting one as it is understood that the men are well known throughout Jackson county.

According to information that can be received here of the killing, the three men had been to the commencement exercises of the Canada township school, in company with several others, and when they were leaving Brown is said to have missed his purse and suggested that those in the party be searched. This suggestion seems to have incensed Zachary and Alexander and the shooting resulted. Further details of the affair cannot be learned at present.—Gazette.

DELAY OF THE COURTS

Judge Carter, in speaking from the bench at Webster, Tuesday afternoon, in reference to the delay of the Courts, said that he believed in brushing aside technicalities as far as possible and trying cases on their merits. He spoke of the remarkable records the English courts have made in these matters and in contrasting it with the American courts spoke of a case in Haywood County that has been in the courts for two generations and which the Judge is now attempting to settle. He referred to the Westfelt-Adams case, which has been tried before the Superior Court, appealed to the Supreme court, set back to the Superior court again, and again appealed to the Supreme Court has been through the Federal District Court, the Circuit Court of Appeals and to the Supreme Court of the United States, and is now pending in the Superior Court for decision. Judge Carter said the political and physical geography of the world has been changed, empires have arisen and fallen into decay, we have taken that strategic point, the Isthmus of Panama, from a sister nation, the canal has been cut through a mountain range, the continents have been severed and the oceans have been united, changing the course of the commerce of the world, in less than half the time our courts have been trying to decide where stood a certain chestnut tree. The most of the parties are dead and the costs have been piling up, running into tens of thousands, and the courts are further from a solution than they were at the beginning and we call that justice. No wonder the people are beginning to feel a contempt for court and it may sound strange, coming from the bench, but I am beginning to lose my confidence in courts. Is that anarchy from the bench, if that be treason, make the most of it.

He told how a man in the prime of life went out on an Atlantic Coast line train, one Sabbath morning and as he was stepping from the train he was shot through the body, he brought suit against the Railroad for not giving him proper protection. The courts for seventeen years have been trying to decide whether or not the Railroad Company was negligent in its duty to protect him as a passenger. "Old

Man Penny is now tottering to his grave and the vast costs will be collected from his estate. And we call that justice, no wonder the Courts are falling into contempt with the people. I am losing my respect for them. Gentlemen, we must find a way, but I fear that I talk too much. This was on my heart and I have spoken it."

COUNTY COMMENCEMENT

The County Commencement will be held at Sylva this year about the first of April. We want to make the Grand Parade a feature of the exercises. Specimen work from all the schools with the name of the pupil and teacher attached will be on display.

In addition to the contests in Recitation, Spelling and Declamation as awarded last year, we are offering this year two prizes, a solid gold pin and a solid silver pin to be awarded to the two pupils who show the highest proficiency in English Grammar and Composition. These prizes are given by Row, Peterson & Company, publishers of the adopted text of English in the county to be governed by the following regulations:

1. Only pupils who have been regularly enrolled in a public school of the County during the year and have used the State-adopted book in English, Bobbins and Row, Book 11, Grammar and Composition, shall be eligible to compete for the prize.

2. In valuing the work of the contestants, not more than one half of the possible marks shall be allowed for technical grammar.

3. All the details of the composition of the County Superintendent of Schools.

4. Let us all work together and make the County Commencement the great Rally Day of the County.

DAVID H. BROWN,
County Superintendent of Public Instruction.

BRYSON CITY.

The following news notes are taken from the Bryson City Times: The many friends of Miss Bertha Marr will be sorry to learn that she is quite ill.

Mrs. R. J. Roane came down from Whittier Wednesday and remained over night to attend Eastern Star Chapter. While here Mrs. Roane was the guest of Mrs. D. K. Collins.

A telephone message from Balsam Saturday morning announced the death of Nina, the five-year old daughter of Mrs. Jack Seay. The little one was sick only a few hours of bone hives.

The Bryson City Bank will give away \$150 in gold to the best corn and potato raisers in Swain county, are you going to get your part of the gold? See Mr. Long at the Bryson City Bank and he will give you printed rules governing the contest. It does not cost you anything to enter.

The Baptists and their friends in the hustling and hospitable town of Sylva were very anxious to have the Wake Forest Summer Law School locate there during the heated term and they sent Pastor R. P. Ellington last week to lay the matter before the Trustees. However, with due appreciation of their generosity and after giving the matter through consideration, the Trustees concluded it would be best for the school to remain at Wake Forest throughout the entire year.—Biblical Recorder.