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\$1.00 THE YEAR IN ADVANCE

WHAT A JACKSON CO. BOY HAS DONE

The first Electrical Light plant for a private home in Jackson county, has recently been installed in his fathers home, by George C. Cox of Cullowhee, N. C., 17 years old, a student of Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School. He having worked during the time that he could spare from school, for nearly two years in designing and building a water wheel, power station and in wiring the house, in plans required by the under writer in putting up his transmission line and in installing his dynamo. He turned on the lights for the first time, as a Christmas present to his family, the 26th of December, which have given great comfort and satisfaction. He has his plant arranged so he can turn on the lights any time day or night. For several years he has been studying and working on a wireless station and has received over instruments constructed by himself, the first wireless message ever caught in Jackson county.

The Electric Light Plant was designed and built primarily by him, so that he might be able to equip his wireless station to transmit as well as to receive messages, and he hopes soon to be able to communicate with some of his friends, members of the "American Wireless Association," of which he is one. It is but just to him, to say that he has had no schooling along these lines, except what he has gained himself, by reading and studying every book and paper that he could get bearing on electricity.

He had charge of the Electric Light plant of the Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School for nearly a year, and last fall when the Electric light plant was moved to the river from the school where, it had been run by a large gasoline engine, he had charge of and installed the plant at the river, designing the necessary machinery for connecting the dynamo with the turbine wheel. This change has been more than justified by the saving in the cost of the lighting the buildings by the Hydro Electric Plant over the gas engines.

His teachers at the Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School all speak well of him and he is considered a genius in electrical matters. He has had personal letters from the "Great Wizard of Electricity," Thomas A. Edison, showing an interest in the boy and his work, as well as from other men high in the electrical world.

We bespeak for George a bright future along the line of his chosen work, Electricity.

BOONE-CULLOWHEE DEBATE

Cullowhee, N. C., Friday, March 20, 1914, 8 p. m.

PROGRAM

Music.

Debate. Question: Resolved, "That the Constitution of North Carolina Should Be So Amended As to Provide for the Initiative and Referendum."

Affirmative (Cullowhee)

Mr. J. O. Wood, Mr. C. W. Bird.

Negative (Boone)

Mr. W. S. Tatum, Mr. W. S. Penn.

Music.

Decision.

COUNTY FARM LIFE SCHOOL

To The Editor Journal.—If you will give me space in your paper, I should like to say a few words in regard to the proposed "County Farm Life School." As there is an election to be held in this county in April for the purpose of ascertaining whether such a school shall be established in this county, every taxpayer of Jackson county ought to know just exactly what this proposed school is and what it will do for him.

The purpose of the school is very well expressed in the bill that provides for the "Farm Life" school which was passed by the Legislature of 1911. The bill says, Sec. 2: "The aim of said school shall be to prepare boys for agricultural pursuits and life on the farm, and to prepare girls for home-making and house-keeping on the farm."

Now it is an evident fact that we are entering an era that calls for trained men in all walks of life. It is necessary for the lawyer to specially prepare himself for the practice of law. It is also necessary for the doctor to become versed in the medical sciences before he is allowed to take the life of a patient in his hands. Before any degree of success can be attained in any occupation, it is necessary to prepare for that particular profession. We see this illustrated in all the walks of life. Our greatest lawyers, doctors, teachers and preachers are those men in their respective fields of endeavor.

Farming is a profession. Therefore it should call for professional men to practice it. But the question is, "Where are those professional farmers coming from?" Do our public schools turn them out? How many of the colleges of the State are entirely devoted to the teaching of agriculture? One. How many of the people of the State get their living by farming? Three-fourths of them, and the remainder depend upon the farms for their support.

We have several different kinds of schools in Jackson county, The Cullowhee Normal and Industrial school, is situated in our midst. There are two high schools in the county, several graded schools and a good system of public schools; but there none of these that are anything like devoting the time to agriculture that they are to the other subjects. Of course, they are not supposed to do so; for they have not the equipments necessary for the successful carrying out of the work. But now we have a plan by which all the farmer boys and girls may study the science of farming and put it to test under the guidance of good instructors—that if we will but vote upon ourselves a small tax for the support of this school.

Another feature of this school that ought to prove of special value to our farmers is the fact that this school will offer to the farmers and the farmers' wives short courses in study of farm life, also farm extension and demonstration work in connection with the work that is being carried on by the State Department of Agriculture and the United States Department of Agriculture.

The only objection that can be offered to this school by any thinking person is the cost. But the cost of maintaining the school will

be comparative small. For every dollar that the county gives the State agrees to give the same amount. Therefore the county will be making a good investment; for the State will be paying half of the expenses to educate our own children in the science which three-fifths of them make their life work.

Another objection that some of our people may have is, that "Book-farming" will not pay, especially in the mountains. But that is a mistaken idea. There are two methods by which we gain new ideas. One of these is by experience; the other we gain by taking the experience of others and applying them to our own particular needs. This school will be a school where both of the above methods are learned. We learn to do by doing. After we have gained a new idea it should be tested. This will be the place or the testing of those ideas gained.

This school will conduct regular farm work. It is a certain fact that some farmers of our county make twice the crops of the same quantity of land that others do. How do they do this? Simply by a better method of farming. This school will show our boys and girls this better method.

The tuition will be free to all boys and girls of the county. Board will be furnished at actual cost. Tuition will be charged to all boys and girls of other counties.

In my humble opinion, Jackson county cannot make a better investment than this of voting a special tax for the location of a Farm-Life School. It means more farmers and better farmers for Jackson county. It means better homes and happier for our farmers. It means a more prosperous, and a better citizenship for Jackson county.

Respectfully,

ODELL S. DILLARD.

Beta, March 10, 1914.

PROGRAM JACKSON CO. SINGING CONVENTION

To be held at Dillsboro church the third Sunday and Saturday before in April, 1914.

10 A. M.—Devotional Exercises and singing by Convention.

11 A. M.—Sermon by T. F. Deitz.

12 M.—Dinner on ground.

1 P. M.—Devotional Exercises.

2 P. M.—Enrollment of Delegates.

2:20 P. M.—Question—"Shall the Convention be divided into three separate Conventions; quarterly for each district, then come together once a year at some certain point in the County?"—Opened by R. F. Jarrett, followed by others.

3 P. M.—Singing by different choirs.

3:30 P. M.—Adjournment.

SUNDAY.

9:30 A. M.—Devotional Exercises.

10 A. M.—Singing by different choirs.

11 A. M.—Address by C. H. Utley—Subject: "What Should Be the Purposes of a Singing Convention?"

12 M.—Dinner on Ground.

1 P. M.—Devotional Exercises.

1:30 P. M.—Singing by different choirs until close of Convention at will.

ERASTUS BLANTON

E. A. MOORE

R. B. SHULAR

Committee.

Holmes Bryson has opened up a nice line of millinery as you will find any where for the size of stock. Give him a look before you buy. He is busy opening his spring line of every thing.

SYLVA PHARMACY STARTS CONTEST

The Sylva Pharmacy has opened a piano contest, as you will see from the full page advertisement in the JOURNAL. The contest begins today and lasts until September 30th. The first prize is a \$3.50 Lyon-Taylor Piano, second, certificate worth \$260, in cash on the purchase of a Lyon Taylor piano, third certificate valued at \$250 on the purchase price of a piano of the same make, fourth, certificate for \$240 and fifth certificate for \$230 can be used as cash on the purchase of a Lyon-Taylor piano.

There will, no doubt be a number of contestants, and we may look for some pretty lively times this summer, with the primaries and election coming on and the Sylva Pharmacy's big contest starting to-day.

Watch for the coupon that will be in the Journal, good for votes in the contest.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

GOVERNING CANDIDATES FOR THE FIVE PIANO PRIZES OFFERED BY THE SYLVA PHARMACY

1. The Five Prizes offered by the Sylva Pharmacy will be given to the five candidates who have received the greatest number of votes by 10 P. M. September 30, at which time the contest shall be declared officially closed and all votes polled thereafter void.

2. Ballot box will be opened every Wednesday afternoon at 6 o'clock and the votes therein counted and the ballot box resealed by a committee of three selected for the purpose by the Contest Manager, his selection to be subject to public approval. The result of each week's count shall be published in the Journal and the candidate's name and her standing to appear.

3. Nomination Lists will close May 16th, at 6 P. M. After this date candidates will not be entered except by a special agreement with the contest manager.

Any candidate living in Jackson will be accepted, provided she is nominated in regular form on one of the Coupon Ballots appearing in any issue of the Journal. The contest manager reserves the right to reject the name of any undesirable candidate and to limit the number of entries.

5. Voting Coupons may be cast by anyone, provided that they are obtained from any of the following sources: Coupons appearing in regular issues of the Journal, or in letter, or card issued under the name of the Sylva Pharmacy for trade at their store, no matter what from. All others shall be declared void and thrown out by the judges.

6. No employee of the Sylva Pharmacy will be permitted to enter the contest.

7. All votes must be deposited in the Ballot Box located at the Sylva Pharmacy and in the presence of the contest manager or some one appointed by him. In casting a number of votes at the same time they must be neatly tied together or placed in a small envelope. Votes may be cast personally or by mail.

Address all correspondence regarding the contest to

Theo. Buchanan

Sylva N. C.

Care Sylva Pharmacy.

SPEEDWELL.

The people of Speedwell are in the clutches of midwinter, but they are not idle by any means. We are busy nursing our measles patients, getting wood and discussing the farm life school.

Some of us are of the opinion that if we can establish the Farm Life School at Webster, with a faculty of expert teachers for the various departments, the people will grasp the opportunity of giving the boys and girls an education along agricultural lines. An education of this kind will make country life worth living. Every boy should be taught to work, and how to work and how to do all kinds of work so if he should make a failure at one thing, he can readily turn his hand to something else. Every boy should be taught how to make good husbands and fathers, that they may fill their place at the head of the home with honor and distinction.

The girls should be taught how to make good wives and mothers. This implies arranging the home in the best possible way; neat housekeeping, good cooking, cleanliness, etc. the girls should be early taught how to dress with a view to preserving their health, but I would not like to be their teacher along this line. A weak and diseased body carries with it a weak and diseased mind. The Farm Life school properly managed will teach the people how to save and use everything on the farm to the greatest advantage. It will put every township in Jackson county in touch with each other along the lines of agricultural progress. A school of this kind will be the crowning climax in the field of education in Jackson county.

Rev. J. B. Stallcup preached an excellent sermon at Fall Cliff Sunday.

Sam Bryson and Way Wilson will start for the State of Washington in a few days.

The writer was caught in a terrible storm on top of Cullowhee mountain.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Holden, a girl. X. Y. Z.

FARM LIFE SCHOOL

Editor Jackson County Journal— I am heartily in favor of the proposition to establish a farm life school at Weecstor, for many reasons. I hope that it can truly be said that, when the polls are closed on the evening of the 14th of April, not a single vote in Jackson County has been cast against the measure.

Yours truly,

W. D. WIKK

Cullowhee, N. C.

GEORGE WARD SURRENDERS.

Constable J. P. Bumgarner of Wilmot was here Monday, having in charge George Ward. Ward is under indictment in Jackson county for killing his father, Kirk Ward some months ago. Since the homicide the Jackson county officers have been unable to catch Ward, but on last Friday he went to Wilmot and surrendered to Constable Bumgarner, who brought him here to be lodged in the Swain county jail, the Jackson county jail not yet being completed. However, Ward was not locked up, as he succeeded in giving a \$3,000 bond for his appearance at the October term of the Jackson County Superior Court. —Bryson City Times.