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SYLVA TO STAGE BIG CELEBRATION FOR FARMERS OF JACKSON COUNTY BARBECUE HERE NOVEMBER 21

Plans are maturing for farmer's day, which is to be put on for the farmers and farm women of Jackson County, by the people of Sylva, on Wednesday, November twenty-first.

Briefly the plan is to get the people of the town and give them a good time; to show the people the surplus of the county as much as possible, and show the advantages of buying what they need in Sylva. In other words the plan is to create a better spirit of co-operation between the people of Sylva and the rest of Jackson county in the rebuilding of the county as a whole.

A barbecue dinner will be served to as many people as come, and the entertainment committee is preparing a program not less than three thousand people. Amusements and entertainments of various kinds will be arranged.

The merchants, garage men, and the business people of the town are putting on special demonstrations of their machinery and automobiles, and the merchant will have some lead-ers that he will sell at a reduced price on this date.

Arrangements are being made to handle as much of the produce of the farms as possible. Local people are already agreed to take all the potatoes and cabbage that are brought to town on farmers day. A market will be arranged where displays of dairy products, canned goods, and vegetables, dried fruits and other small articles can be offered for sale to any buyers.

Complete, or as nearly complete as possible, schedules of what produce can be handled that day, with prices that will be paid, will be published in the Journal next week. Make our arrangements to come to Sylva on farmer's day and spend a day of pleasure and profit.

Farm Agent R. W. Gray is president of the organization for farmer's day; Mr. Cordell Russell, secretary, and the following committees have charge of the arrangements:

Merchants committee: John R. Jones, A. F. Clouse, G. M. Cole and M. Smaons.

Finance committee: I. C. Hall, Billy Davis, R. C. Sutton and H. W. Johnson.

Entertainment committee: Dan Tompkins, H. E. Buchanan, Fred L. Cooper, A. J. Dills, and Miss Mamie Sue Jones.

Publicity committee: E. E. Brown, A. Brown and J. T. Gribble.

lands to profitable agriculture, improved the breeds of livestock, furthered plans of crop rotation and her citizens have planted fruit trees and tidied up suburbs and plantations and farms. She has turned hog-wallows into beauty spots and brier patches into flower beds.

"She has wrestled with her own problems in her own way, asking no help from without and most of them she has licked and nearly all of them she has bettered."

"Nor, so far as I have been able to judge, has the tendency toward a regimentation of type toward an ironing out of individuality which some observers profess to have discerned among her of late, prevailed to any considerable extent in North Carolina."

"Here are folks who have quickened their ambitions without losing either their personalities or their traditional ideals. On their private sides they still are so old-fashioned as to practice the ancient virtues. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God but very few of the jokes which are being told in mixed company nowadays! There are whole heaps of such folks down there yet."

"Back about 1900 a neighbor of ours down in Kentucky had a fox hound that had been imported from North Carolina. That fox hound game of a noble strain, but was so shiftless and so gaunt and so leaden-sical a hound that in bitterness the owner said he fitly presented the locality whence he came. He had such woebegone eyes, such dismally drooping ears, such a flea-gnawedly-bitten pelt! He moved, when he moved at all in a shimmering haze of his own insect life. His name originally had been Nig, which was the wrong name, because Nig appertains properly to an all-black dog and this dog was not black excepting in spots here and there.

"So we went into consultation, we re-christened that hound. We thought seriously for awhile of calling him Tar-Heel in honor of the place of his birth, but that didn't seem to suit, either. So finally we named him Grandfather Clock, which was appropriate—he never missed a tick."

"I can visualize the typical North Carolina landscape as I have seen it from the car windows passing through twenty-odd years ago. Or at least to me it seemed typical then. Here it was:

"The mouth of a cove where the foothills were cleft asunder. At the back the high blue wall of the mountains; just yonder an unharnessed river wasting its potential strength on the rocky riffles in its bed; a rutted dirt road winding aimlessly off the piney woods; in the foreground a clearing and in the midst of the clearing a slant shanty, unpainted for so dismal, lopsided; a dooryard as shabby as a barber's Saturday night; an unattended field runneled with gulleys and grown up in sassafras sprouts; a scrub cow, a razor-back hog and a swarm of hank dogs; a tumble-down rail fence; everywhere the multiplying signs of weakness and untidiness and indifference.

"Such ugly pictures are still to be encountered here as elsewhere. What corner of the country is there without some such sights? But today another conception is indefinitely more characteristic of the new spirit of North Carolina and this it is:

"A smart new looking cottage of the bungalow sort; a concrete highway broad and smooth; a little modern model brick district school building just over yonder; looking away across the valley the great cables which tall steel towers are carrying the captured water power of the stream to furnish energy for electric car lines, mills and factories; good stock in the grass meadows; pedigree fowl in the chicken runs; an orchard and a garden; a housewife who has learned the spiritual and material values of trim hedges and posy beds and green lawns and shade trees, brushing their limbs against the roof shingles, a husband who has a car of his own in the garage and a savings account in the bank; a family that subscribes for magazines and farm journals and for a daily newspaper and Chautauqua course; a family that also buys books and

ARMISTICE DAY CELEBRATION TOMORROW

Tomorrow, Saturday, there will be held in Sylva an Armistice Day celebration, and Educational Day, by the William E. Dillard Post, American Legion, and the schools of the county.

The town will be decorated for the occasion. A brass band will lead the parade of school children and veterans, which will form in Sylva and march through the streets of Sylva and Dillsboro.

An address will be delivered by former attorney General R. D. Gilmer.

Let everybody come to Sylva tomorrow and enjoy the day.

The tentative program for the school exercises follows:

- 10:15—Community Singing led by Miss Clements, Cullowhee Normal School.
 - 10:30—Elementary School Contests.
 1. Dictation
 2. Spelling
 - (Both High School and Elementary.)
 - Decision of Judges.—Lunch.
 - 1:30—High School Contests.
 1. Recitation
 2. Declamation
 - 3:00—Athletic Contest—Any Pupil.
 1. 100 yard dash.
 2. Broad Jump.
 3. Pole Vault.
 4. High Jump.
 - 4:00—Basket Ball Game.
 - S. C. I. vs. Cullowhee Normal.
 - EVENING PROGRAM
 - 7:30—Music by Music Departments of Various Schools.
 - Impromptu Talks—By High School pupils.
- Let every former soldier in the county be present. Everybody in the county is invited and urged to come.

U. S. TO FORCE STAMP ACT

Information has reached the Department of U. S. Internal Revenue Service of a good many irregularities in regard to placing documentary stamps on deeds of conveyance which is required by Section 1109, Schedule A-7, U. S. Internal Revenue Law, Act 1918 and 1921:

"Conveyance: Deed, instrument, or writing, whereby any lands, tenements, or other realty shall be granted, assigned, transferred, or otherwise conveyed to, or vested in, the purchaser or purchasers, or any other person or persons, by his, her, or their direction, when the consideration or value of the interest or property conveyed, exclusive of the value of any lien or encumbrance remaining thereon at the time of sale exceeds \$100 and does not exceed \$500, 50 cents; and for each additional \$500 or fractional part thereof, 50 cents. This subdivision shall not apply to any instrument or writing given to secure a debt.

The law requires that a person who makes, signs, or issues any instrument taxable thereunder shall affix and cancel the Revenue stamps. It also prohibits any person from accepting such instruments unless they are properly stamped. The grantee in a deed liable for the tax as well as the grantor.

The Editor, in conversation with Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, learned that in a short time a drive from the Department would be put on to make inspection of the deeds of conveyance which were issued and given since January 1st, 1919. In these inspections the Deputy Collector, under Section 1109, Act 1918 and 1921, that those who make, sign, issue, or accept, or cause to be made, signed, issued, or accepted, any instrument, document, or paper of any kind or description whatsoever without the full amount of tax thereon being duly paid shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall pay a fine of not more than \$100 for each offense.

reads them; and on Saturdays the old man loading the Missis and the children into the automobile and streaking away to the county-seat with a cracking good road all the way to see Doug or Mary or Charlie at the movie theatre.

The only thing that North Carolina needs now and does not have, says Mr. Cobb, is a good press agent.

RED CROSS SEALS TO SELL

Red Cross seals will be put on sale in this county on Thanksgiving day and the sale will continue until Christmas, according to Mrs. M. D. Cowan, local chairman of the Red Cross Suburban Seal work.

GROUP CENTER TEACHERS TO MEET AT CULLOWHEE

The teachers in the Group Center Schools will meet at Cullowhee Friday and Saturday, November 16 and 17.

Some of the topics which will be discussed:

- I. Adapting the Course of Study to the Daily Needs and Native Interests of the Pupils.
 - a. Girls Clubs—Miss Jones, Home Demonstrator.
 - b. Boys Clubs—Mr. Gray, Farm Demonstrator.
 - c. Vitalizing the Course of Study—Miss Brogdon, Supervisor.
 - d. Vitalizing the Course of Study in the Wilmot School—Mr. Gibbs.
- II. Making the School Responsive to the Recreational and Physical Needs of the Pupils.
 - Mr. Johnson, Physical Director—Cullowhee
 - Miss Benton, Physical Director—Cullowhee.
- III. Making the School a Vital Community Center.
 - Mr. Byrd, Webster School.
- IV. Work with the Men and Women of the Community for More Efficient Schools—Superintendent Dillard.
- V. Work With Parent-Teacher Association.
- VI. Activities in the Primary Grades—Mrs. Farnwall, Director of Kindergarten—Asheville.
- VII. Activities in the First Grade in The Sylva School—Miss Dill—Sylva School.

Directed observations will be conducted in reading and in primary activities by the teachers in the Training Department and by Miss Brogdon.

BALSAM

Rev. O. J. Jones filled his regular appointment in the Methodist church here Sunday afternoon, and preached a most interesting sermon on that beautiful subject, Heaven Rev. Mr. Jones has many friends in Balsam who are very glad that he has been returned to this charge.

Much interest has been manifested in the revival in the Baptist church. Many have been converted and reclaimed. The meeting will probably continue throughout this week.

Mrs. Edmund W. Kent left Wednesday for her home in Newport, R. I.

Mrs. Harriett Conner went to Hazelwood, Tuesday.

Mr. Vaughan Bryson and family Mrs. Bryson's sister, Miss Bernice Bodine, of Detroit, Mich., arrived by motor Sunday afternoon and are visiting his parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Bryson.

Mr. Talmage Ensley, who has been visiting friends and relatives in Washington State, returned home last week.

George Chambers (Col.) of Asheville, an employee of the Southern Railroad company died suddenly in the camp near Dark Ridge trestle, Friday morning. His body was taken to Asheville for interment.

Mrs. Odelle Jones and Master Robert of Bryson City, who have been visiting relatives in Balsam left Monday to visit her brother, Mr. Jud Platt in Brevard.

Miss Faye Bryson, of Asheville, is visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Bryson.

Mr. Joe Woods, who is working on Moses Creek spent the week end in Balsam.

Miss Kate Rickards has returned from Asheville, Canton and Waynesville.

"Children's Week" was observed last week and "Parents Meeting" held in the Methodist church Friday afternoon. The following program was rendered: Opened by Mrs. D. T. Knight. Song—America The Beautiful. Responsive reading—6th chapter, Eph. Prayer—Prof. Terrell. Song—A Charge to Keep I Have. Discussion—"Home Training and Problems of Authority"—Mrs. Geo. Bryson, Mrs. M. C. Green, Mrs. Carrie Belle Sprinkle. Discussion—"The Child a Citizen"—Mrs. R. J. Bryson, Mrs. W. S. Christy, Prof. Terrell. Song—"Take My Life and Let it Be." Reading—"Some Duties of Teachers"—Miss Nannie Knight. Discussion—"Power of Example"—Mrs. W. B. Farwell, Miss Sallie Christy, Miss Grace Mehaffey. Benediction—Mrs. D. T. Knight.

BANKS TO CLOSE

Both banks in Sylva will be closed Saturday for the Armistice Day celebration.

POST OFFICE TO OCCUPY McGUIRE BUILDING

The Sylva post office will be moved to splendid new quarters in the McGuire Building, as soon as the building is completed, it has been announced. The government accepted the proposal of Drs. McGuire to rent the entire lower floor of the handsome new building for post office quarters.

New fixtures are being bought, made especially for the new building, and before the first of the year the Sylva post office will be adequately housed.

The Drs. McGuire will occupy rooms on the second floor of their new building as dental parlors.

PRESIDING ELDER WILL PREACH

Rev. R. S. Howie, of Waynesville, will preach at the Methodist church next Sunday at 11:00 A. M. At 2:00 P. M. he will hold the first Quarterly Conference for the present conference year. The public is invited to attend.

SHOAL CREEK

No Sunday School or Church services Sunday on account of rain. We have often heard of "Blue Monday", but what can be "bluer" than a rainy Sunday?

A new son in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Ferguson.

Mr. G. T. Cooper made a business trip to Sylva Monday.

Miss Florence Brown, of Wilmot, spent Sunday night with Miss Grace Hoyle.

MR. CRISP LOSES LEG

The friends of W. T. Crisp, of Gay, will regret to learn that he underwent an operation, last Friday, in which one of his legs was amputated. Mr. Crisp has been suffering for some weeks with an infection in his leg, and it was found necessary to perform the operation.

He rallied following the operation, and is reported as doing nicely.

REALTY TRANSFERS

C. L. Allison and wife to Lee Leopard, two lots in Sylva, \$10.00.

Mollie W. Love to Walker W. White, lot in Sylva, \$10.00.

A. J. Freeman to W. R. Freeman 8 acres in Qualla, \$10.00.

J. C. Reagan to Albert Reagan 30 acres in Qualla, \$500.00.

J. A. Ensley and wife to Tuckasee Bank, lot in Sylva, \$2000.00.

Henry Crawford to Curtis S. Smith 10 acres \$75.00.

Henry Crawford to Curtis A. Smith 50 acres \$300.00.

E. L. McKee to J. C. Frizzell, 8 acres in Webster \$220.00.

J. H. Morris, W. J. Morris and Grace Morris to M. J. Morris, lot in Sylva, \$3500.00.

RETAIN HOME AGENT WORK

The board of county commissioners and the county board of education, at their regular meetings, Monday passed resolutions retaining the home agent work in the county and re-employed Miss Mamie Sue Jones as home agent for the next year.

Miss Jones has been home agent for the past two years and has been most successful in her work in the county. At the last state fair, the first premium was awarded to the canned beans and canned blackberries, and second premium to the general display of canned products, for the display put on by the club women of Jackson county, under direction of Miss Jones.

DESTROYED BY FIRE

Tri-County News, Nov. 2.—There are many sad faces in this community on account of the destruction by fire Saturday night of the Mount Olive church. Mount Olive was the new Baptist church built near M. C. DeHart's.

On Saturday night a box supper was held at the church to raise money to paint it. Between 12 and 1 o'clock the building caught fire and burned to the ground. The origin of the fire is unknown.

ART EXHIBIT

Miss Mamie Sue Jones, Jackson County's Home Demonstration Agent, is giving the women and girls of the county the opportunity to enjoy an exhibit of fifty pictures from the Elsen Art Exhibit, Belmont, Mass. These pictures are paintings by amateur artists and have been exhibited at Sylva, Dillsboro, Qualla, Webster and Beta and will be exhibited in every community where there is a women's or girls' club.

WHITE POE TO SPEAK

Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, and one of the best known agriculturalists in the South, has been invited to address the farmers of Jackson county on Farmers' Day in Sylva, the Twenty-first of this month.

It is not known whether Dr. Poe can accept the invitation, but the committee on entertainment believes that he will. If Dr. Poe is unable to be here, another good speaker on farm subjects will be secured.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Robert Baird to Ethel Stanley. Bryson Wood to Nellie Cook.

ANDREWS LETS CONTRACT FOR POWER PLANT

Andrews, Nov. 2.—According to announcement recently given out by city officials, the Town of Andrews has let contracts for the construction of a hydro-electric power plant on the Hiwassee River at what is known as the Mission Gorge. The total cost of work already contracted for will amount to \$300,000, said Mayor Ferebee a few days ago, and it is thought that other contracts to be let a little later will run the cost to as much as \$350,000. The bonds have been authorized and were advertised for sale to be sold one day last week but all bids were rejected. The proposed dam will generate 1,500 horsepower, according to the announcement.

Contract for the dam, power house transmission lines and substations was let to Tucker & Lexton, Inc., of Charlotte, for approximately \$230,000. The general Electric Co. will furnish the electrical equipment for approximately \$50,000, and S. Morgan Smith Co. got the contract to furnish the wheels for approximately 20,000.

NEW HISTORY TEACHER IN SYLVA HIGH

Mr. C. C. Hanson, the new history teacher in Sylva High School, has arrived with Mrs. Hanson, and has taken up his new duties.

Mr. Hanson has an A. B. degree at Dakota Wesleyan and 3 years post graduate work in history at the University of Michigan.

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TO HOLD POULTRY SHOW

The Tuckasee Poultry Association will hold its first poultry show in Sylva on Farmers' Day, November 21st. The show will be held in the lower floor of the new McGuire Building, and ribbons will be offered for the best coops of the different breeds of thoroughbred poultry.

The association was formed last spring and has already been quite useful in increasing largely the numbers of thoroughbred chickens in the county and in stimulating interest in the poultry-raising industry.

The show has been set for Farmers' Day in order that all the people of the county may have a better opportunity to attend. This feature of the day is expected to be a popular and attractive one.

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