

Jackson County Journal

\$1.50 THE YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

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\$2.00 THE YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

SMALL POX CLOSES BALSAM SCHOOL

Rev. Thad Watson fitted his regular appointment in the Baptist church here Sunday morning and preached to a congregation of eleven adults and there were only six adults (no children) at the Methodist Sunday School in the afternoon. This day school because of the small pox scare in Balsam, of which I will give a brief explanation:

Mr. A. H. McHaffey had flu some time ago and in his anxiety to "get well quick" he got out too soon and had several relapses and was a very sick man. Later he broke out from head to foot but the doctor did not pronounce the disease small pox, although some neighbors who went in to see him, said it looked like small pox to them. Two of the children were in school here and one daughter was teaching the intermediate grades. One son was attending High School in Sylva and broke out "all over" in the school bus while returning from Sylva. The family did not know that the disease was small pox and the children were going to school and all around in Balsam. Mr. McHaffey is a very popular man and friends and neighbors in Jackson and Haywood counties visited him daily. The entire family except one son had small pox, but all improving and some are out. It is supposed that Mr. McHaffey was exposed to the disease on a recent trip to Atlanta. At the present (Monday) we know of only a few cases in Haywood and Balsam who took the disease from Mr. McHaffey, but it is rather early yet to form any idea as to what the result will be. The nurse the mason sent from Hazelwood took it and another took it from him, so Hazelwood is having her citizens vaccinated. Dr. Wilkes, of Sylva, the County health officer, will be in Balsam one day this week to vaccinate the Balsamites. If the law forbids the quarantining of homes in which there are contagious disease, we say "Down with the one who enacted such a law and it should be repealed." Supt. O. E. Dillard, of Sylva was in Balsam Monday investigating the conditions, and decided to close the school for awhile.

Mrs. D. T. Knight won first prize \$15.00, in the recent Misspell Words Contest in the Carolina Mountaineer, of Waynesville. Mr. M. C. Greca is on the sick list.

GREAT IMPROVEMENT MALE SCHOOL FACILITIES IN COUNTY—MUCH BUILDING DONE AND TEACHING PERSONNEL GREATLY IMPROVED.

By O. S. DILLARD County Superintendent

Feeling that it might be of interest to the people of Jackson County, I wish to present herewith briefly the progress of the County in education within the past three years and offer some suggestions for the further improvement of the school conditions of the County.

In looking over these various items, we find much that bespeaks for the able and intelligent way in which the County Board of Education has managed the school affairs of the County but when we think of the many things that are yet to be done, buildings to be built, equipment to be purchased, terms to be lengthened, and adequate high school facilities as well as elementary school facilities placed within the reach of every child in Jackson County, we have only started to make a beginning.

I wish to have you consider this period of time along the following lines: 1. Improvement of the teaching force, 2. Provisions for high school instruction, 3. Equipment, 4. Improvements to old buildings such as repairs, replacements, etc. 5. New buildings.

In the first place, there is no better index of the progress that our schools are making than that of the improvement of the teaching force. It has been truly said, "As is the teacher so is the school". Then if we can place good teachers in our schools, the schools are going to function much better than formerly. At the rate of progress we are making now, we will eliminate all teachers next year unless they hold certificates as high as the Elementary Class B, which is the equivalent of graduation from a standard high school plus one six week's term of professional work in a summer school.

Below is given the training of teachers of the Jackson County schools for the three year period

1920-21-1922-1923, inclusive:

Certificate year 1920-21-22-23	30	5	0
Co second Grade	10	5	5
Provisional B.	10	8	11
Provisional A.	6	0	7
Temporary	1	1	1
Provisional Ele.	37	54	43
Elementary B.	7	9	16
Elementary			
Grammar or Primary			
Class C.	3	4	1
Class B.	0	4	1
Class A.	1	1	3
High Grade teachers.			
Class C.	3	0	1
Class B.	1	2	2
Class A.	1	3	2
d. Prim.	3	3	2

From this date you will observe that the County second grade or lowest has been entirely eliminated. The Prov. B. has been reduced to only two for this year in the county. Next year there will be none. The Prov. A has increased for the last year given above, due to the fact that a number of those who hold the Prov. B. raised the rating of same by summer school attendance. For the present year, the Prov. A's will show decrease, and the Temporary an increase for the same reason.

Please note the increase in the number holding elementary certificates. Notice how the teachers are working themselves into the higher classes by their attendance at summer schools, colleges, etc.

The Elementary group will continue to decrease a little each year and the Elementary A group and the grammar grade and primary will increase, and within the next two years we shall have as many teachers holding Grammar Grade and Primary certificates as now hold elementary.

High School Instruction.

Greater strides have been made in high school facilities for the past three years than ever before.

In 1920-21, there was not a single standard high school in the county. In 1921-22, the Sylva High School was accredited by the state department of education. The High School department of the Cullowhee Normal has been reorganized, and made a separate department of the school and is now on the Southern Association. The Webster High school will, in all probability get on the accredited list this year. If not it most certainly will next year. The thing that has held both Webster and Cullowhee back is the fact that it has been almost impossible to meet the attendance requirement for accredited rating. Webster this year has enrolled 45 pupils, and we are hoping that we can make an average of 45 out of this number. The Qualla High school (as not doing any high school work beyond the eighth grade at the beginning of the school year 1920-21, the average daily attendance for the school last year was 32.8. This entitles the school to two full high school teachers. Next year, with transportation from the Barkers Creek and Whittier section, we can build an accredited school with three or four full time high school teachers.

The greatest growth perhaps has come in the Sylva High School. When the new building is completed which is now under construction, we can have a high school that will compare favorably with any rural or town high school in the state. The enrollment has almost doubled this year. The teaching force has increased from three to five. Next year, two more teachers can be added, that is teachers for home economics and the agricultural sciences and shop work.

Plans have been formulated when carried out that will give the people at Glenville, and the three townships which this place is the center, high school advantages.

Equipment

In the way of equipment, we have been adding gradually to needs of the schools in the way of desks. There had been but very little spent for new equipment for the year 1917-1920. In 1918-19, the county board spent the magnificent sum of \$278.55 for the purposes of blackboards, furniture, desks, stoves, etc. rather a magnificent sum, especially when we consider the fact that that year there was over \$25,000 to the credit of the Board of Education, and there were at that time hundreds of children sitting on long benches with their feet dangling in the air! Had the board at that time expended one of this balance in the way of building and equipment, there would not have been such a heavy drain on the fund. The board spent the sum of \$4661.95 for this same purpose, and had at the end of the

year a balance of nearly \$20,00.

For furniture in 1920-21, we spent alone \$2622.24 and for school supplies \$2270.24. This amount did not begin to give all the children in the county desks. \$5 in 1921 and 1922 we spent for furniture alone \$1916.79 and the year 1922 and 1923 we spent for this purpose around \$2000.00 and this much will be spent for the present year.

It will take from \$5000 to \$10000 to properly equip the schools of the county. We are woefully short on maps, globes, window shades, teachers' desks, teaching devices etc. Science departments worth while will have to be added to the high schools, libraries provided and play ground equipment in the larger schools.

IV. Repairs and Replacements

For the period 1910-20 there was practically no work done in the way of repairs and replacements to buildings and equipment. A house was built and painted and then let go. The consequences of this has been that a great deal of repair work has had to be done within the past two years such as painting, roofing, etc. I repaired in some way for the past three years—

- Olivet porch addition.
- Qualla, room addition, fire escape, paint.
- Wilnot, painting.
- Barkers Creek, painting.
- Dix Creek, painting.
- Beta, painting, room repairs etc. water.
- Addie, painting, etc.
- Willets, painting.
- Balsam, painting, covering, etc.
- Sylva, painting, room addition, etc.
- Webster, painting, etc.
- Greens Creek, painting.
- Zion Hill, roofing.
- Oscar, roofing.
- John's Creek, room addition, water etc.

- Balsam Grove, widow, doors, water, and roof.
- Rocky Hollow, painting.
- Glenville, painting.
- Cashiers, painting.
- Whiteside, painting.

This does not take into consideration minor repairs such as window panes, breakage, etc.

V. Valuation

Jackson County has done more in building in the past three years, than for any ten years period previous. At the end of the present year, we shall have more than doubled the valuation of school property in Jackson County within the past four years. When the projects that are under way are completed, we shall have spent approximately \$160,000 for new buildings and sites and additions since 1920. This I think is a most remarkable showing. If we can keep this pace for the next five years, we ought to have up to date buildings within the reach of every child in Jackson County with ample high school advantages, and good elementary schools in practically every township.

I give you below the list of buildings that have been built since 1920 with approximate value of buildings and grounds.

Olivet	1000.00
Sols Creek, one room building	1500.00
Wolf Creek, one room addition	1500.00
Glenville, one room building	1500.00
Norton, one room building	1200.00
Cashiers, two room building	3000.00
Tuckasee, one room building	3000.00
East La Porte six rooms and auditorium	8000.00
Cullowee, one room brick veneer	45000.00
Sylva Central High twelve room brick	65000.00
Savannah, three room building	5000.00
Webster, acquisition of Co. property	15000.00
Green Creek, two rooms room value	1500.00
Barkers Creek, one room addition	1200.00
Wilnot, one room addition	1000.00
Cane Creek, one room building	1000.00
Dillsboro, improvements on building	1000.00
Big Ridge, one room building	1000.00
View Point, (Col.) additional and improvements	1000.00

Total value of improvements and grounds \$158,100.00

VI. General

The length of the school term has been extended for the entire county being slightly above the average for the district of the State. The county is to the state in the way of school system part of the state last year that made a better showing in point of attendance than Jackson. This

speaks well for the enforcement of the Compulsory School Law in the county. In looking over the report of the County Supt. of Jackson County for the year 1912-13 we find that at that time there were 4702 children of school age in the county, of this number 3230 were enrolled, with an average daily attendance of 2096 for a length of 107 days or 5.25 months. Our record for 1922-23 or a period of ten years shows the following interesting facts:

Total census of county 1922-23 4669 or 33 less than it was in 1913. The enrollment for the year 1922-23 was 3666 or 426 more than ten years ago, and the average daily attendance for a term of 135 days as against a term of 107 days ten years ago was 2273 or 709 or 33.75 per cent more than 1913. When you take into consideration that the length of term then was mainly through the good weather, when it is easy to keep up the attendance, this is a remarkable record.

VII Conclusion

In conclusion I wish to urge that the people of the county think seriously over the county wide system of schools that the board of education believes is for the best interest of the county.

1. A minimum school term of eight months for every child in the county
2. A modern elementary school with one teacher for each grade in every township, if possible.
3. A standard high school within reach of every child in the county, where he can receive instruction, not only in academic subjects, but also in such branches as domestic art, science, manual training, etc.
4. A uniform county wide tax rate sufficient to give the necessary eight months term mentioned above with the buildings, and equipment that will serve our needs for the next twenty years.

With the completion of the road program that is now under way in this county I believe that these four requirements can be met within the next five years. Other counties with difficulties as great as ours are solving the problem, therefore it can be done here.

SHOAL CREEK

Mrs. H. A. Bryson and children, of Whittier, were guests at Mr. J. H. Norman's, Sunday.

Miss Hazel B. Bryson, of Whittier, was in the city on business.

Mrs. P. H. Ferguson called on Mrs. J. L. Hyatt Sunday afternoon.

Misses Kate Hayes and Emma Burrus spent Thursday night at Mr. J. E. Battle's.

Mrs. W. H. Hoyle, and Mrs. Dock Snider called on Mrs. J. H. Hughes, Sunday.

Mr. Thad Varner and Miss Gracie Barrett, of Whittier, were callers at Mr. D. K. Battle's Sunday.

Miss Lois Hall spent the week end with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sitton, Mr. Lonnie Crisp and Miss Essie Anthony spent Sunday afternoon at Mrs. A. C. Hoyle's.

Mr. W. W. Hooper stopped at Mr. S. M. Crisp's, Monday.

Mr. Lawrence Crisp, of Smoke-mount, visited his father, Mr. Phil Crisp, last week.

Miss Bonnie Bungarner, of Wilnot, spent Thursday night with Mrs. David Worley.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Howell were guests at Mr. P. V. McLoughlin's, Sunday.

Mrs. Phil Crisp spent Sunday afternoon with her mother, Mrs. S. R. Hoyle.

Mrs. Tina Gass and son, Porter, of Laffy, spent Friday night at Mr. Dan Gass's.

Miss Cumi Howell and Miss Eunice Burpin were guests at Mr. W. C. Martin's Monday night.

Mrs. York Howell is spending a few days with her niece, Mrs. C. M. Hughes, at Whittier.

Miss Sadie Hoyle spent Monday night with Miss Birdie Ward.

Miss A. L. Terrell called on Misses Pearl and Maud Cooper, Sunday.

Mr. Jewell Thompson, of Forney's Creek visited among relatives last week.

Mr. J. O. Terrell closed out his school at Balsam for two weeks on account of small pox.

Mr. Thomas Patten, of Cullowhee, spent the week end with homefolks.

AMERICAN SPEECH WEEK IN JACKSON COUNTY SCHOOLS.

FEBRUARY 17-23, 1924—GOOD SPEECH ASKS FOR A HEARING.

Better Speech for Better Americans

Better Speech Week is a national drive which asks for no money, but urges all patriotic citizens to rally under this banner: One Country, One Flag, One Language. The English language is our most precious national possession. To love it and preserve it is our patriotic duty. Respect for our Flag should carry with it respect for our Language—and loyalty to it. Let us use it, not abuse it.

Better Speech for Better Business

Business men know the value of correct and effective speech. Poor speech is a poor salesman, and slovenly speech is a poor advertisement. Let us look at our speech. It is an advance agent and may mend or mar our fortunes. Speech, like apparel, oft proclaims the man. BETTER SPEECH MEANS BETTER JOBS.

Better Speech for Better Homes

The home, the church, and the schools are the three educational agencies of society. All education should begin in the home. Better Speech should begin there. "As the twig is bent, so is the tree inclined." As parents we owe it to our children, both by precept and by practice, to arouse in them a consciousness of speech, and to incite in them a desire for improvement. The sooner begun, the sooner done.

Better Speech for Better Friends.

Good speech will open the way to the best of company. Men are the friends of a man or a woman who can talk well. Correct and pleasant speech is a social asset and a social grace. Become a friend of good speech and good speech will make many friends for you. Respect your language and others will respect you.

Better Speech for Better Schools

It has been said that if our schools would rise to their opportunity and raise English into a culture worthy of its qualities, there seems no reason why it should not become the universal medium of civilization for the world. But the schools cannot accomplish such a result singlehanded. Everybody must help. "Everybody who prays for a better American—whether in school or out, whether a professional man, a shop girl, or a mother of a family—should co-operate to raise the standard and improve the quality of our speech."

GOOD SPEECH AWAITS YOUR ANSWER.

NEW POST OFFICE EQUIPMENT IS HERE. OFFICE TO MOVE

The new furniture, boxes and other equipment for the Sylva post office has arrived and is being installed in the new quarters in the McGuire Building. The post office will move there within a few days.

The government has a ten year lease on the building and equipment, secured from its owners, Drs. McGuire, and hereafter Sylva post office will have greatly improved quarters, lobby, and equipment in one of the best of the new buildings that were erected last fall.

REALTY TRANSFERS

M. W. Bryson to Lucy Cabe, 24 acres in Webster, \$500.00.

Henry Smith to F. A. Segs, 35 acres in Cullowhee, \$350.00.

B. H. Hooper et al to G. C. Hooper, 20 acres in Cullowhee, \$200.00.

H. G. Ashe to G. C. Hooper, 2 acres in Cullowhee, \$25.00.

C. R. Moody to J. B. Monteith, 2 acres in Sylva, \$500.00.

C. R. Moody to A. M. Henson, land in Sylva, \$500.00.

S. C. Cogdill to M. Buchanan, land in Sylva, \$10.00.

S. D. Queen to S. J. Queen, 17 acres, \$10.00.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

C. H. Phillips to Esther Artesia Cope.

Louie Watson to Beulah C. Stewart.

Tom Tarheel says that North Carolina seems destined to be a great turkey producing State. Everywhere he goes now folks are talking about pure bred eggs, incubators and poultry development for the County.

GRANT AND JAMISON RECAPTURED

Bert Grant and Lewis Jamison, who broke jail here a few weeks ago have both been recaptured and brought back to Sylva for trial.

Grant was taken in Habersham county Georgia, his home, by deputy sheriff Deek Sutton. He was charged with carrying concealed weapons, escape and larceny, and was fined \$50.00 and sentenced to eight months on the roads, provided his step-father does not arrive this week to pay his fines, and cost and thake him back to his Georgia home.

Lewis Jamison was taken on Caney Fork, and recommitted to jail. He was convicted of escape and is now in jail to await trial at the February term of the superior court on a charge of forgery.

Three prisoners have escaped from the local jail during the time sheriff Sutton has been in office, but all three, Doc Messer, Grant and Jamison have been recaptured and brought into court.

Hebe Bryson, held under bonds for several weeks on a charge of retailing, was again continued, because of the absence of the two witnesses against him. Frank Howell and Carl Howell. Two terms of the recorder's court, they were here, and Bryson was missing. This week the tables were turned and Bryson was ready for trial, and the witnesses, held under bonds of \$1000 each, after being convicted of transporting failed to put in their appearance, and notices mailed them at the address furnished the court, by them; in Gastonia, have been returned unclaimed. Judgement nisi si fa and capias were taken for the two Howells.

Joe Williams, convicted of retailing was sentenced to eight months on the roads and appealed.

Alex Penland, col. drew four months for disposing of mortgaged property.

Three Waynesville boys, entered pleas of guilty to charges growing out of a spree they took in Jackson, bringing their pop-skull from Haywood, and were released on bonds to appear each month and show good behavior, and were taxed with the costs. They are not to drink, keep bad company nor stay out late of nights, and must bring a good citizen of Waynesville with them each month and prove by him that they are keeping faith with the court.

FARM AGENTS MAKE REPORT

Raleigh, Jan. 31.—Seventy-one of the 100 counties in North Carolina had organized farm demonstration work last year. The reports of the County Agents made during December have been finally summarized at extension headquarters at State College and they show that 599 communities in the State had a full extension program worked out by the farm agents and applied to the conditions in those communities. The agents organized 183 men's clubs with a membership of over 3,000; 85 boys' clubs with 789 members; 20 women's clubs with 290 members; 10 girls' clubs with 122; 199 boys' and girls' clubs with 2,800 members and 182 community clubs with nearly ten thousand members.

The reports show further that during the past year, the farm agents have made 41,914 farm visits in carrying on their extension activities, and have rendered assistance on 19,857 farms. They made 5,797 visits to farm homes, and had 84,142 visits paid them at county agents' offices. They held various demonstration meetings, extension schools, club encampments and other meetings where approximately 333,291 people gathered to hear the gospel of better farming in North Carolina. They also instructed 53 boys and 13 girls to enter college during the year.

"It would be impossible to give a full report of the many activities which have engaged the attention of these representative of the State College and Department this year in a short item of this kind," says Director B. W. Keener. "To tell of the work done in introducing better seeds or better livestock, in introducing club members and in giving advice about various farm matters, would take an article so long as to be tiresome but the reports show that these men have done their work efficiently and well. The continued progress being made by the farming interests of the State shows also that the farmers appreciate this service and are co-operating in every way possible with us."