

Jackson County Journal.

\$1.50 THE YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

SYLVA, N. C., MAY 16, 1924

\$2.00 THE YEAR IN ADVANCE OUT SIDE THE COUNTY

PROGRAM OF CULLOWHEE NORMAL & INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

The Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School is a busy place these days, with teachers and students bending every effort to close the year in fine shape. Examinations will be on the latter part of this week, the commencement program beginning Saturday, May 17.

A fine program is being prepared and the indications are that a large number of alumni and friends of the institution will be in attendance. The commencement program follows: SATURDAY, MAY 17.

10:00 A. M.—Annual Meeting of Board of Trustees.

8:00 P. M.—Joint Program of the Columbian and Erosophia Literary Societies.

SUNDAY, MAY 18.

11:00 A. M.—Commencement Sermon Rev. J. Ben Eller, Pastor First Baptist Church, Statesville, N. C.

6:00 P. M.—Vesper Service.

MONDAY, MAY 19.

5:00 P. M.—High School Class Exercises.

8:00 P. M.—Normal School Class Exercises.

TUESDAY, MAY 20.

10:00 A. M.—Baccalaureate Address, Dr. R. D. W. Connor, Kenan Professor of History, University of North Carolina.

2:00 P. M.—Alumni Banquet.

8:00 P. M.—Faculty-Senior Play, "Come Out of the Kitchen."

JUDGE BRYSON APPOINTS WATSON AS CLERK

Frank I. Watson, of Dillsboro, has been appointed clerk of the superior court, of Jackson county, to fill the vacancy in that office caused by the death of W. L. Henson.

Mr. Watson has assumed the duties of his office and is preparing for the May term of the superior court, which will be held, beginning Monday.

The term will be presided over by Judge P. A. McElroy, and will be for the trial of civil causes only.

DEATH OF J. M. SHULAR

J. M. Shular passed away March 17, 1924, at the home of John F. Bryson, of Cullowhee. Mr. Shular was born November 19, 1847, and lived his life in Jackson County. He married Miss Fanny Dillard, a Jackson county girl.

He served the Confederate cause during the War Between the States. He accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour early in life and his life was consistent with his profession. He joined the Scotts Creek Baptist Church.

He was a kind father, dear brother and an exemplary citizen.

The deceased leaves to mourn his bereaved children: Jim Shular, and Mrs. Martha Crisp, of Dillsboro; Emanuel Shular, Mrs. Lillie Mills and Mrs. Mary Woody, of Swain county.

Mr. Shular spent his last days in the home of John F. Bryson, of Cullowhee, where he, with Mrs. Bryson, affectionately administered to his wants.

He was buried at the Shular Graveyard.

NO. 10 HIGHWAY PASSABLE TO MURPHY

The Asheville - Murphy - Atlanta Highway between Murphy and Asheville is now open for travel for small cars by way of Tootton and Almond and down the Nantahala River. The four miles stretch between Hewitts and Wesser Creeks only blocked out but by traveling slow one can make this in about an hour while the rest of the road is in good condition. Miss Babel Fisher, of Andrews was the first to make the trip over this road, coming from Bryson to Andrews in three and a half hours.

While pleasure seekers will probably find travel through here a little tedious as yet, business men and commercial travellers will probably prefer it to the long tedious route by way of Franklin. Within a short time, however, the road will be in such shape as to attract the public in general.

COWAN REUNION POSTPONED

The Cowan family reunion, which was to have been held on last Sunday, was postponed because of the serious illness of Mrs. Nancy Cowan. The date of the reunion will be announced later.

WOMAN ENTERS JACKSON POLITICS. MISS McCALL CANDIDATE FOR REGISTER

For the first time a lady is a candidate for an office in Jackson county. Miss Jessie McCall, of Cashier's Valley, has made the debut of woman into active politics in the county by announcing her candidacy for the office of register of deeds, before the Democratic primaries, to be held in June.

MOUNTAIN SEED POTATOES POPULAR WITH LOWLAND GROWERS

Raleigh, May 15.—There are two general crops of potatoes grown in North Carolina. One crop is for the early market grown in the eastern part of the state, and the other is a late or general crop grown in the mountain section, explain horticultural workers of the State College and Department of Agriculture.

For commercial planting in the eastern part of the state, the Irish Cobbler variety is used principally. This early crop is planted during February or early March and harvested the last of May to the middle of June. Shipments are made to northern markets. The seed for this crop is usually purchased from the potato growers of Maine and Canada. Some certified seed is being used and there is a tendency toward using more. The certified seed potatoes grown in the mountains of western North Carolina have been tested against the northern grown seed. Last year on 18 different farms in three of the principal potato sections, the North Carolina Mountain grown seed yielded an average of 174 bushels No. 1 and 48 bushels No. 2 and culls per acre, while the northern grown potatoes yielded 150 bushels No. 1 and 51 bushels No. 2 and culls per acre. There was no difference in date of maturity.

The home grown seed, that is potatoes planted the previous fall to be used for seed the following spring, yielded more than either the northern grown or North Carolina Mountain grown seed, but they were a week to ten days later in maturity.

In the mountain section of the state the Irish Cobbler is grown chiefly for the early crop. A few Early Rose are grown every year. For the fall crop the Rural New Yorker is the main variety used. The crop grown for table use is usually shipped to southern markets.

In the higher section of the mountains the Irish Cobblers are being grown for certified seed. The State Department of Agriculture gives two field inspections and one bin inspection to the growers who want the inspection service for certification. Last year the certified seed potatoes sold at quite a premium over the table stock. The outlook for the growing of certified seed is very promising at this time, as the growers of the early crop in the eastern part of this state and South Carolina are very much pleased with the results from seed obtained from the mountains of Western North Carolina.

The best locations, for growing the popular varieties of seed potatoes in the state are Hamburg, Mountain, and the other high altitude townships of Jackson county.

TWO JACKSON CONVICTS ESCAPE FROM CHEROKEE JAIL

Cherokee Scout, May 9.—Three convicts made their escape from the old county jail here Tuesday night by cutting a hole through the brick wall with a pick, which they had managed in some mysterious way to smuggle into the jail with them. Their escape was not discovered until Wednesday morning when they were ready to begin the day's work.

Those making their getaway were Sam Maples, of Jackson county, serving a two-year sentence; Joe Elwood of Jackson, serving a twelve months sentence; and Ed Wyley, colored, of Clay County serving a six months sentence.

The convicts, when coming in from work Tuesday were locked in the old county jail as usual, except two of the men who ordinarily were placed in cells managed to escape the notice of the warden, and so remained in the run-way of the jail. The escape was made by digging through the brick wall with a pick. The theory is advanced that the men smuggled the pick and the pick handle in separately in their clothing.

APPROACH OF PRIMARIES BRINGS MANY CANDIDATES INTO FIELD

The political waters must be fine and getting warmer, as indicated by the large number of candidates who have already taken the plunge, and the others who are standing on the bank; some with their bathing clothes on, others waiting to change, and a few just ready to jump in up to their necks.

There are three active candidates for the office of clerk of the court, who have already filed their names with the county board of elections: Leon Moody, John D. Norton, former register of deeds, and Charles L. Allison.

For register of deeds Ernest Monteith, Walter Ashe and Miss Jessie McCall have filed their names.

There are three in the race for the state senator, Thad. C. Bryson, Walter E. Moore, and Dan Tompkins, as indicated by the records in the office of the board of elections.

Phil. Robert, L. Madison, is the only candidate for representative; while A. L. Sutton and Claude Wike are the only two in the sheriff's race, although John Buchanan has made formal announcement of his candidacy.

Candidates have been filed for superior commissioners, though H. B. Parker, B. Norton, Carl Jamison and N. Queen have published their announcements.

Candidates who wish to participate in the primary, or who are candidates in the fall election, must file their names, and pay the fees to the board of elections before midnight of May 22.

FOR STATE SENATOR

An announcement has not appeared in the Journal for the past two weeks, many of my friends have approached me, asking if I am still in the senatorial race. For this reason, I again announce my candidacy for the office, subject to the democratic primary of Jackson county, upon the promise of active and faithful service to all the people of Jackson, Haywood and Transylvania counties, if I am nominated and elected.

I am the candidate of, and belong to no ring or faction; but am running on my own responsibility. The office that I seek is too big to be the political football of petty, local disagreements or factional fights, and the senator from this district must represent all the people of all the counties of the district, and serve the entire state to the best of his ability. The Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School is the only state institution in this district, and should attract the particular attention of the district's representative in the senate. He should do all in his power to build that institution and widen its scope of usefulness to the section and state, and in order to do this, a hard-surfaced road must be built connecting highway No. 10, and the Southern railway, at Sylva, with the institution.

A state-wide uniform public school system, affording equal opportunities to the boys and girls of the sand-hills and the mountains, with those in the populous centers of the state, and equalizing the tax burden for this purpose, must be provided. The people of the counties like Jackson, have taxed themselves to the limit of their ability for public school purposes, and the only relief for the school tax burden to be afforded among the counties.

I am nominated and elected, I shall lend my best efforts to these purposes, and to the service of the district and the state.

DAN TOMPKINS.

REGISTRATION BOOKS OPEN WILL CLOSE MAY 24TH

The registration books for the primary election are now open and in the hands of the registrars of the several precincts. They will close at midnight on May 24, and all persons who have moved into the county, township, ward or precinct, who have come of age, or who for any reason did not vote in the last election, in the precinct in which they now live, must register before that time, if they wish to participate in the primary.

THREE DEATHS IN ONE HOUSE CAUSES SORROW AT BALSAM

Saturday the 10th was a sad day for many in Balsam. Three deaths and one birth occurred in the home of Mr. Chastain Crawford Saturday morning, caused from influenza and pneumonia. Mr. Arthur Davis, a relative of Mrs. Crawford, who was boarding with them was the first to succumb to the disease. A few hours later Mrs. Chastain Crawford and an infant babe passed away. The remains of Mr. Davis were taken to his home in Franklin Sunday morning for interment. Funeral services for Mrs. Crawford and babe were held at the home of Mr. G. C. Crawford Monday morning, conducted by Rev. R. L. Cook and Rev. Lawrence Crawford and the bodies in one casket were laid to rest in the G. C. Crawford cemetery.

Mrs. Crawford was, before her marriage, Miss Florence Smathers. She leaves a husband, two small daughters, one brother, five sister and a host of other relatives and friends who have our sympathy.

Miss Bethel Crawford is very sick. Miss Bell Duncan was taken to French Broad Hospital by Dr. Alvin Nichols, of Sylva, Monday to be operated on for appendicitis.

Mrs. M. C. Green is suffering from a badly sprained ankle. Rev. O. J. Jones and Mr. J. H. Cathey, of Sylva, visited Mr. J. R. McKay Wednesday of last week.

Mr. Carter Bryson and family have returned from Sedro Woolly, Wash., where they have been for several years.

Mr. Newton Sparks, of Johnson City, Tenn., is visiting his niece, Mrs. T. R. B. Duncan and other relatives.

Mr. John Kenney has returned from a visit to relatives in Asheville.

Mr. Julius Kenney, now in the navy on U. S. S. Colorado, stationed in Brooklyn, N. Y. Navy Yards, returned to his duties Sunday, after visiting relatives in Balsam and Asheville for some time.

Mrs. D. F. Pennington nee Miss Selma McKay, of Charlotte is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McKay, Mr. and Mrs. Pennington were married March 31st, but the marriage was kept a secret until recently.

Miss Emma McKay who has been in Charlotte for some time returned home Sunday.

The snow on our mountains make us think that winter has come again.

SHOAL CREEK

On account of rain only a small crowd attended services on Mother's Day.

Rev. H. A. Bryans dined with Mr. and Mrs. Willie Howell, Sunday.

Messrs. J. H. Hughes and Golman Kinsland left for Knoxville Wednesday to assist in building a house.

Miss Essie Anthony left for Winston-Salem, Saturday.

Mr. J. M. and Mrs. J. H. Hughes called at Mr. J. E. Battle's Sunday afternoon.

Misses Sadie and Elsie Hoyle and Misses Pearl and Maud Cooper spent part of last week with relatives in Sylva.

Miss Martha Heritage visited Miss Francis Battle Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Howell called at Mr. Otus Howell's Sunday.

Rev. W. W. Anthony made a business trip to Sylva Thursday.

Mr. Lonnie Crisp, of Fontana, spent the week end with relatives.

Miss Grace Hoyle, Mr. Carl Hoyle and Miss Lethe House were callers at Mr. A. M. Gibson's Sunday afternoon.

Misses Roxie and Louise Buchanan, of Webster, spent Thursday at Mr. J. E. Hoyle's.

Mrs. J. H. Hughes spent Tuesday with Mrs. J. K. Terrell.

Messrs. Wayne Battle and Addison Mathews went to Canton a few days ago. Addison has a serious case of pneumonia.

A saw mill in operation on the farm of Mr. Paul Cooper.

LOCAL BAPTISTS ATTEND ATLANTA CONVENTION

Among the local people attending the Southern Baptist Convention, in Atlanta, this week, are Rev. Thad. F. Deitz, Rev. W. Ross Yokley, Mr. D. G. Bryson, Rev. Joe Hough, Mr. Mr. Jennings Bryson, who left here by motor, Tuesday afternoon.

U. D. C. HOLD MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES

The B. H. Cathey Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, held memorial day exercises, at the Methodist church, last Saturday, Confederate memorial day.

A delightful luncheon was served in the basement of the church, to the veterans, their wives, and members of the W. A. Enice chapter and Children's Chapter.

Owing to the inclement weather only five Confederate veterans were present, M. W. Bryson, Co. K. 39th N. C. Infantry, J. K. Hall, Co. B., 25th N. C. Infantry, J. A. Wilson, Co. A. Arkansas regiment, R. A. Painter, Co. A. 16th N. C. Infantry, and W. O. Buchanan, Co., E. 16 N. C. Cavalry.

The wives and widows of veterans present were Mrs. W. O. Buchanan, Mrs. Alice Dills, Mrs. D. L. Love, Mrs. F. M. Cathey, Mrs. Alice Norton, and Mrs. W. J. Stewart.

Following the luncheon the exercises were opened in the church auditorium by singing "The Bonnie Blue Flag," by the choir and congregation. The invocation was pronounced by Rev. O. J. Jones. The address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. J. H. Wilson, in a few well-chosen words. Miss Irene Cathey sang "Just A Song At Twilight," and Mrs. C. A. Bales read "The Blue and Gray," after which the choir sang "The Stars and Bars Will Live Forever."

Mrs. E. L. McKee introduced Mr. C. C. Buchanan, who delivered a short address.

Following the address of Mr. Buchanan, Mr. M. W. Bryson and Mr. R. A. Painter made short talks, giving war reminiscences.

MURPHY HAS NOT MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Cherokee Scout, May 9.—In one of the warrent municipal elections in the history of Murphy, the present mayor and board of aldermen were returned to office by a creditable majority.

W. M. Egan, who led his opponent, J. W. Thompson, by 14, the vote being 114 to 299 Thompson, 165.

Both sides were well equipped and worked hard, but the voters decided in favor of the present mayor. The election was made the most interesting by the projection of the ball into the question into the election.

LEGION AND AUXILIARY TO OBSERVE MEMORIAL DAY

The American Legion and Legion Auxiliary are planning a memorial day celebration in Sylva, in which all the people of the county will be invited to participate.

Only tentative plans have been made, but they include placing a marker at and decorating the grave of every World War soldier buried in Jackson county.

Following the grave decoration, a picnic dinner will be served and appropriate exercises carried out on the grounds of the Central High School, in Sylva.

LEGION LEASES PERMANENT HALL

The American Legion has rented the third floor of the new McGuire Building as a permanent home for the Legion. The Legion hall will be open at all times to all former service men of the county, who are invited to make use of it, to come in and bring their friends.

NOTICE TO TEACHERS AND COMMITTEEMEN

Under article 12, section 165 of the Public School Law, I wish to urge upon all teachers of the county who are expecting to teach for the ensuing year to file with me at once an application. It is very important that this be done as we are expecting to call meetings of the committee under section 162 for the purpose of electing teachers for the years 1924-25. I wish to call attention to school committees to section 150. I ask that notices of any applications filed with the committee be given to this office so that we may formulate our recommendations and every teacher be considered upon her merits.

W. S. BILBARD,
S. C.

WESTERN ELECTRIC POLE TREATING PLANT BEGINS OPERATIONS

The Western Electric Company's Pole-Treating Plant, which has been under construction, here, for several months, has been completed and has begun operations with a capacity of 22,500 poles annually.

The plant which uses the open tank butt treatment method, is the largest of this type that has ever been constructed and put in operation by the Western Electric Company, and was attracted here by the favorable local conditions, and the practically inexhaustible supply of chestnut timber in this region.

The poles treated at this plant are almost exclusively for the use of the Southern Bell Telephone and other Bell System subsidiary companies.

The latest type of machinery obtainable for this character of plant has been used in its construction. The poles are handled with a steam locomotive crane. There are 3 oil tanks with capacity of 45,000 gallons and two treating tanks with capacity of a car of poles, each.

Eleven to fifteen hours is required for the creosote oil to penetrate the sap wood layer of the chestnut poles, with oil heated to 230 degrees F. This increases the life of the pole about fifteen years, as exhaustive tests and experiments have shown that the life of a chestnut pole is normally 15 years, while poles treated by this process will last for 30 years.

The Sylva plant was constructed under the supervision of Mr. J. G. Arzenico, who is at present in charge of the operation.

Other officials of the plant are Mr. T. C. Mason of the construction and engineering department of the Western Electric Company, and Mr. C. E. Moore, who representing the pole department of the Company, has charge of the inspection of all poles shipped into the plant.

The operation, including pay roll and pole prices will bring approximately \$100,000 into Sylva and Jackson county yearly.

The Carolina Pole Company, has a contract to furnish the plant with its entire supply of poles.

CANDIDATE FOR LABOR AND PRINTING HERE

Frank D. Grist, of Lenoir, candidate against M. L. Shipman, for the Democratic nomination for commissioner of labor and printing, was in Sylva, Wednesday, looking after the interests of his campaign.

Mr. Grist is a practical printer and a former service man, having served in the First Division, during the late war.

MOUNTAINS COVERED WITH SNOW, SUNDAY

Sunday morning the people of Western North Carolina awoke to find the mountains over 5500 feet in altitude capped with snow. Visible from Sylva were Black Rock, Water Rock Knob, Steastachee, Western, Caney Fork Bald, Double Top, and the leading ridges of the Balsam Range, all covered in their wintry costumes.

ANOTHER CARLOAD OF POULTRY SHIPPED FROM MACON

Macon County's second co-operative poultry sale for this season was held last Wednesday, and as was the case at the first sale, a large amount of money was left with our farmers for their surplus poultry stock.

At this sale, a total of 8,588 pounds of poultry was bought at the car load, for which the 239 farmers who brought poultry were paid \$1,763.33. The following prices were paid for poultry at this sale: Hens, 2-1-2; Fryers, 42c; Roosters, 10c; Stags, 15c; Ducks, 10c; Turkeys, 15c.

The car was stopped at Otto Thursday morning, where an additional 1,921 pounds of poultry was added by the farmers of that section, making a total of 10,509 pounds shipped by the farmers of Macon County at the sale, bringing them \$2,158.29.