

# Jackson County Journal.

THE YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

SYLVA N. C., OCT. 24, 1924.

\$2.00 THE YEAR IN ADVANCE OUT SIDE THE COUNTY

## JACKSON COUNTY DAY DRAWS THOUSANDS

The streets and stores and other places of Sylva were thronged and all day long, on Wednesday, people from every section of the county and many from other counties poured into Sylva for the county day. It was impossible to count or to even properly estimate the huge crowd that came to the guests of Sylva; but they were there from early in the morning, in automobiles, trucks, wagons, and on foot, and crowded the streets. A conservative estimate on Wednesday was 3000, while others put it at from four to six thousand.

Everybody was happy, everybody is glad to see the county, and everybody had a good time, listening to the speakers, watching the airplane and other stunts.

At 12:30 the people of Sylva served a picnic dinner on the Main street in town. 2500 lunches had been prepared, and they disappeared almost as soon as dinner was announced.

Col. Joseph Hyde Pratt, of Western North Carolina, delivered an address, praising the wonderful resources which are second to none in this county. Col. Pratt is a good speaker, well informed on his subject, and studied the mineral, water, agricultural, timber and other resources of North Carolina and of this county, for many years, and he spoke of his subject. Cooperation in the development of his address, and in part that we do not know how to sell Jackson county; but we do want to interest outside people to help us develop the resources that are here.

Pratt was introduced, in a talk, by Mr. Dan Tompkins, of the Jackson County Journal, Jackson county's director in the North Carolina Incorporation of the people of Sylva, all of them delighted at the large crowd that came, and they fully believe that the people of this county are ready to join hands, all in making this the greatest of the great counties in the state of them all.

## SEAL CREEK

H. G. Ferguson left Friday to attend the Annual Conference at Asheville, returning Tuesday.

W. F. Battle spent part of the week at the home of her son, E. R. Battle of Sylva.

Misses Clara Annie Deakin, Bertha Ann and Hettie Howell were guests at Mr. G. T. Cooper's home.

D. H. Keener and Mrs. H. V. Asheville, Mrs. B. R. Henderson and Mrs. J. H. Henderson were guests at Mr. J. E. Hoyle's home.

Claude Helches made a business trip to Sylva Tuesday.

John Monteith and sister, Miss of Asheville wore week end clothes at Mr. J. E. Hoyle's home.

Mr. W. W. Hooper's Sunday school class spent Wednesday evening at Mr. J. H. Hughes' home.

Wiley Bridges and family of Sylva spent Sunday at Mr. J. G. Henderson's home.

P. H. Ferguson made a trip to Asheville Saturday.

Services at Mr. J. E. Hoyle's home of our folks are attending services at Olivet.

## PROPOSALS TO BE VOTED NOV. 4.

For the information of our readers we are giving the following brief digest of the constitutional amendments and propositions to be voted upon by the people at the time of the general election, November 4.

The first proposal is to issue bonds not to exceed nine million dollars to provide port terminal facilities for the state. This is the proposal that is being largely discussed throughout the state, and for which Governor Morrison is making a campaign of the state.

### 2 INVIOALABILITY OF SINKING FUNDS.

To amend the Constitution by inserting a new section to be Section 30, Article 2, to read as follows: "Sec. 30. The General Assembly shall not use nor authorize to be issued any part of the amount of any sinking fund for any purpose other than the retirement of the bonds for which said sinking fund has been created."

### 3. TAXATION OF HOMES, HOMESTEADS, NOTES, AND MORTGAGES.

To amend Section 3, Article 5, of the Constitution providing that notes, mortgages, and other evidences of indebtedness, given to build, repair or purchase a home, when the loan does not exceed \$8,000.00, from one to 33 years, shall be exempt from taxation for 50 per cent of the value of the notes and mortgages. Provided, the holder of the notes must reside in the county where the land lies and there list it for taxation. Provided further, that when said notes or mortgages are held and taxed in the county where the home is situated, then the owner of the home shall be exempt from taxation of every kind for 50 per cent of the value of said notes and mortgages.

### 4. TO PUT A LIMITATION ON THE STATE DEBT.

To amend Section 4, Article 5, so that the General Assembly shall have no power to contract any new debt, or pecuniary obligation in behalf of the State, except for the refunding of valid bonded debt, and except to supply a casual deficit or for suppressing invasions or insurrections, exceeding seven and one half per cent of the assessed valuation of taxable property within the State as last fixed for taxation.

### 5. AS TO PAY OF MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

To amend Section 28, Article 2, of the Constitution so that the pay of members of the General Assembly shall be \$600 for a session of sixty days. If the session exceeds sixty days the members shall serve without pay. The members shall receive ten cents per mile traveling expenses. For extra sessions the members shall receive \$200.00 for their services.

### 6. AN ACT TO PROVIDE A WORLD WAR VETERANS LOAN FUND.

This act briefly provides, as follows: To authorize a bond issue of two million dollars at an interest rate of not exceeding 5 per cent, the proceeds to be loaned World War Veterans in amounts not in excess of three thousand dollars at six percent to each veteran and not exceeding seventy-five per cent of the appraised value of the real property offered as security, the loan to be used in the purchase of homes. The fund is to be administered by a board of advisors consisting of the Secretary of State, the Commissioner of Agriculture, the Attorney General and the State Treasurer who shall appoint a person known as the "Commissioner of the Veterans Loan Fund," drawing an annual salary of \$3,000.

### OPEN NEW BARBER SHOP.

A new barber shop has been opened in the Bryson Building, under the Hawkins Jewelry Store, under the management of Sam Allison and C. Moore, owners of this shop and the one in the Cole Building.

## POULTRY SHOW SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

The poultry show conducted by the Tennessee Poultry Association, on Wednesday, Jackson County Day, at Higdon's Garage, showed marked improvement and interest in poultry raising in Jackson County.

There were a much larger number of entries than last year, in the different classes of poultry.

Dr. W. P. McGuire was awarded the sweepstakes premium for the best pou on display in any class, with Rhode Island Reds, while Elbert Coward's pen of Black Minorcas won second in the sweepstakes class.

Golden Wyandottes, one entry, blue ribbon, R. L. Holden.

Old Anconas, 2 entries, blue ribbon, V. L. Gasaway, red ribbon, J. R. Jones.

Young Anconas 3 entries, blue ribbon, Tyre Davis, red ribbon, John R. Jones.

Ancona pullet, blue ribbon, John R. Jones.

Barred Rocks 1 entry, C. L. Allison, blue ribbon.

Black Minorcas, 1 entry, Elbert Coward, blue ribbon.

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Buff Orpington, young pen, 1 entry Neal Tucker, blue ribbon.

Rhode Island Reds, 2 entries, W. P. McGuire blue ribbon, H. P. Cathey, red ribbon.

## GOV. BREWSTER SEES BENEFITS OF PORTS

Raleigh, Oct. 23.—The state owned and operated terminal facilities at Portland, in operation a little more than one year, already have caused railroads to petition the Interstate Commerce Commission for permission to reduce their rates to meet water competition induced by the presence of the terminal, according to Ralph O. Brewster, youthful Governor elect of Maine, who is in North Carolina making speeches in the interest of the national Republican ticket.

Mr. Brewster said: "I am interested in the construction which you are giving in North Carolina to the port development although I know nothing regarding the local conditions or your rail or water connections nor to what extent your ports have already been developed."

"In Maine we have recently built a state owned pier at a cost of \$1,150,000.00 with the site presented by the city of Portland at a cost of \$350,000.00. This has been in operation now something over a year and has paid all expenses of operation but thus far has not paid anything on the interest or sinking fund."

"This gives us a total state debt of \$13,000,000.00, the remainder of the issue having been spent for war purposes and for highways."

"The pier is now used to capacity with coast traffic and traffic to the Pacific Coast, as well as a substantial amount of foreign commerce, originating in various parts of Maine and Canada."

"Our water rates to the Pacific Coast are about one half the rail rates and have enabled us to compete to great advantage with Mississippi Valley products with which we are in competition, particularly with shoes and canned corn. The rates from Mississippi points to the Pacific Coast are about twice the rates from Portland by water."

"The railroads have now petitioned the Interstate Commerce Commission for permission to reduce their rates because of the effect of the water competition."

"The Eastern Steamship Company, an old established line, handles various services along the Atlantic Coast and regular lines have been established to the Pacific Coast. It is probable that seed potatoes will also be shipped to Southern Ports because of the advantages over rail rates."

"Eighty percent of the traffic over the pier originates at points in the state outside of the city of Portland where the pier is located. Five rail lines have long served Portland and this makes it a very convenient port of exchange."

## UPSHAW DELIVERS THREE LECTURES HERE

Congressman Will D. Upshaw, of Atlanta, pleased three large audiences here on Sunday and Monday, with his humorous and instructive lectures.

On Sunday evening he spoke at the auditorium, delivering his famous prohibition lecture.

On Monday morning he spoke at the graded school auditorium to the children of the schools of the city.

On Monday evening, under the auspices of Sylva Collegiate Institute, Mr. Upshaw delivered his lecture "John and His Hat" following a music program by students of the school, and Miss Margaret Candler.

Mr. Upshaw is a prohibitionist and a democrat, and is recognized as the leader of the prohibition and moral forces in the lower house of congress.

## GAY

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bryson of Georgia visited the former's mother, Mrs. Sue Bryson of this place recently.

Mrs. Roxie Higdon has been numbered with the sick ones for a while, but at present she is much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Dalton of Cullowhee visited the former's brother, Mr. Buel Dalton and family Sunday evening.

Misses Julia Buchanan and Julia Tatham went pleasure walking on the new highway Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Sutton who were recently married, are at home to their many friends, receiving showers of good wishes and congratulations.

Mr. Buel Dalton of Sylva spent the week end with his sister, Mrs. N. Higdon who is still very sick.

Velt McMahan is confined to his home with small pox.

Mr. John Tatham had the misfortune of getting his hand badly mashed while working on the highway last week.

Mrs. Pink Collins and Mrs. Renly Hyatt of Zion Hill spent Tuesday with their daughter and sister Mrs. Fred Barron.

Master Dave Buchanan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Buchanan, while plowing last week, badly fractured his arm.

Little Misses Olie May and Marguerite Lee Guffey spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. L. A. Jones.

Mrs. John W. Murray of Cowee visited her daughter, Mrs. R. O. Higdon, from Thursday to Monday.

Mrs. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Tilman Jones of Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Jones and Fred Jones motored to the Indian reservation Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Lucius Cabe returned home after a few days visit in Georgia.

Mr. T. B. Cabe went to Sylva Saturday on business.

Mr. Will Morgan and son were calling at Mr. E. B. Cabe's recently.

Mrs. Andy Reede is spending a while with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Jones and son, Francis of Asheville spent the week end with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Cowan and children and Thad Cowan of East Fork spent Sunday with the former's brother and family, Mr. Harrison Cowan.

Mr. Hurshell Cabe, of Webster spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchel Cabe.

Mr. Sam Buchanan is working on Swannanoah.

Mr. Will Woodard went to town last week on business.

Mr. Calvin Wilson had the misfortune to have a car wreck last Saturday, but glad to report he escaped serious injury.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

W. Ross Yokley, Pastor. Sunday School at 9:45 A. M. J. T. Gribble, Supt. Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. by the pastor.

Prayer Meeting at 7:30 each Wednesday evening.

B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 P. M. each Sunday.

Choir practice at 7:30 P. M. each Friday.

You will find a glad hand extended to you if you will attend these services.

## "BOB" BELL ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CLASS

J. R. Bell, of Dillsboro, has just been elected president of his class at the Atlanta Dental College. A letter to the Journal from officials of the college states that Mr. Bell is one of the most efficient and popular students in the school, which is the largest dental college south of Philadelphia.

The friends of Mr. Bell, in Dillsboro, Sylva, and this part of the state, will learn with pride of his successes and honors in the Atlanta Dental College.

## SOUTHERN RAILWAY CO. BUYS NEW EQUIPMENT

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 23.—New locomotives, freight and passenger cars, costing approximately nine million dollars, have just been purchased by the Southern Railway Company for delivery during November and December of this year and the early months of 1925.

Included in the purchase are 3,000 box cars, 250 flat cars, 250 stock cars, 25 passenger coaches, 10 baggage-express cars, 6 dining cars, 25 heavy Mikado type freight locomotives, 15 heavy Pacific type passenger locomotives, and 10 eight-wheel switch ing engines.

All of this equipment will be of the latest type, the passenger and flat cars of all steel construction, the box and stock cars with steel underframes, and the locomotives being similar in design to locomotives recently built for the Southern.

## BALSAM

An earthquake shock was felt by many citizens in Balsam early Monday morning. They were awakened by the rattling of windows, etc.

Mrs. Lola Jones was slightly hurt in an automobile accident Saturday evening. She and little Freda were returning from Waynesville in Mr. W. E. Engley's bus driven by Mr. J. R. Warren when near R. J. Bryson's residence the bus was struck by a car driven by Charlie Miller of Waynesville, who was returning from Balsam. Mr. Roy Stiles, who was also a passenger on the bus was hurt, but not seriously. The bus was considerably damaged.

For dinner Oct. 20th, Mr. and Mrs. Henderson Jones had mustard greens grown as second crop, and pie made of fresh, ripe blackberries gathered at their home. How is that for Balsam climate?

Miss Stella Jones and Mrs. Carl Miller of Waynesville were guests of Mrs. Maybelle Perry last week end.

Mr. Henry Christy has returned from a visit to relatives in Asheville.

Mrs. Ellen Barnes and Miss Alice Barnes spent the week end with relatives in Waynesville.

Mrs. Fillmore McCall of Cherryfield is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Newman Derrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Breece were called to Statesville last week by the illness of Mrs. Breece's mother, Mrs. Johnson.

Mr. Sam Freeman of Waynesville was in Balsam Sunday.

Mrs. Rafe Queen and daughter of Dillsboro visited Mrs. Lily Bryson Sunday.

Mrs. Hebe Bryson of Willets visited relatives in Balsam last week. Mrs. Bryson has been in bad health for some time and this was her first visit here in eighteen years. We hope she can come again soon.

Mr. J. C. Rickard and family of Canton were here Monday.

Miss Edith Christy, who has been visiting relatives in Norfolk, Va., and Lakeland, Fla., is spending a short time here, enroute to her home in Emory, Va.

Mr. Dan Arrington, who was operated on in the Waynesville hospital recently is doing as well as could be expected.

## JUDGE RAY IS DEAD

Judge J. Bis Ray, of Burnsville, of the superior court bench of North Carolina, died at 7:45 o'clock Tuesday night, at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. Judge Ray was to have held the October term of Jackson county superior court, but was taken seriously ill Sunday before the court was to have convened on Monday, and was rushed to Baltimore.

He was 55 years of age and was widely known throughout the state, having been prominent in the legal profession and in politics for a number of years.

## MANNING RULES INDIANS NOT CITIZENS

Attorney General Manning has ruled that the members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians are not citizens of the state of North Carolina, and hence are ineligible to vote in the state and county elections.

This is a question that has been a bone of contention in Jackson county for many years, there being a large number of Indians living on the reservation, which is partly in Qualla township, this county. It had been debated and discussed, and has been the basis of political squabbles and lawsuits for many years.

This year it was raised again, when a few Indians presented themselves for registration, before Mr. C. Y. Dunlap, register in Qualla township, and were refused registration.

Judge Manning's letter follows:

"Upon the right of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians of North Carolina to vote in the November election, I beg to call your attention to the Act of Congress of the United States, approved on the 4 day of June, 1924, entitled 'An Act Providing for the final disposition of the Affairs of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians of North Carolina.' In section 19 of this act is found the following provision: 'Provided that upon the completion of the allotment and the recording of the deeds as herein directed, each allottee shall become a citizen of the particular State, wherein he (or she) may reside, with all the rights, privileges and immunities of such citizens.' In my opinion this clearly expresses the intention of Congress as to the members of this particular class of Indians, and under this Act, and under the proviso above quoted, the members of this Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians of North Carolina are not entitled to vote until the proviso above quoted has been complied with and completed."

## Commissioner of Indian Affairs Holds Cherokee Citizens.

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs, in a letter to the Superintendent of the Qualla Reservation, a circular letter sent to all Indian agents and superintendents in the United States, advises that the Indians are citizens of the several states and entitled to participate in state elections, provided they can meet the other qualifications laid down by the state laws.

In the circular letter, the commissioner directs the superintendents to advise the Indians of "their rights" in this matter.

Superintendent Henderson has written the registrars advising them that the Indians are citizens and entitled to register and vote, provided they can meet the educational qualifications of the North Carolina constitution and election laws.

## HAVE LARGE RATTLE ON EXHIBITION

One of the largest rattle snakes ever captured in Western North Carolina is on exhibition at Edwards Brothers' shop, on Main street.

The snake was taken in the "Big Laurel" on the head of Alarka creek in Swain county. It measures five feet in length, weighs ten pounds and has 20 rattles.

## ERASTUS

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Peek of Oclewhee were visitors here Sunday.

Miss Delia Childers of Washington is spending several days with home folks.

We are glad to see Miss Charlotte Stewart at home again after spending several weeks at Fair Field.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Moore and children of Sylva were the guests of W. F. Moody.

Mrs. Addie Evitt was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Moss Sunday.

Mrs. Van Childers was the guest of her sister Mrs. John Franks Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Moss spent one night of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Dock Evitt.

Mr. Tom Moss of Glenville was here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Watson were the guests of their son Mr. Lewis Watson Sunday.