

Jackson County Journal.

\$1.50 THE YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

SYLVA, N. C., JAN. 16, 1925

\$2.00 THE YEAR IN ADVANCE OUT SIDE THE COUNTY

ASSEMBLY TALKS

RETRENCHMENT

By M. L. Shipman

Raleigh, Jan. 14.—The General Assembly of 1925 went to the bat promptly at noon on Wednesday of last week. The organization of both branches of the Assembly was without incident. All contests had been settled in caucus on the evening previous. The members simply "promised to be good" and went right to business. Chief Justice Hoke administered the oath in the Senate and Associate Justice Clarkson in the House. Representative Edgar W. Pharr, of Mecklenburg had it all his own way in the speakership contest and no other name was presented to the democratic caucus for the honor. Mecklenburgers were here in large numbers to see the high honor bestowed. The last time this distinction went to that great county was when Cary Dowd "put the fixing" on the boys in 1911. Mr. Pharr, therefore, has a precedent to which he may "hark back" for the Mecklenburg brand of information.

Other officers of the House are: Alex Lassiter, of Bertie, principal clerk; Dr. G. M. Higgins, of Anson, sergeant-at-arms; E. M. Woodhouse, of Currituck, assistant sergeant-at-arms; Miss Rose Mund, of Cabarrus, engrossing clerk; Needham W. Mangum of Wake, reading clerk, succeeding David P. Dellinger, one of the present representatives from Gaston, who has done the reading stunt for the House during the last five consecutive sessions.

The Senate caucus Tuesday night made short work of the task before it. There was not a contest for anything after the withdrawal of Senator Paul Grady for President Pro-tempore of that august body, and Senator W. H. S. Burgwyn, of Northhampton, is wielder of the gavel in the north chamber of the capital this winter. He has been to the legislature many times before and knows pretty well what is required to operate the "Machinery" to the best advantage. Senator Grady becomes chairman of judiciary committee No. 1 of that body.

The Senate reelected Frank D. Hackett, of Wilkes, principal clerk; W. D. Gaston, of Cumberland, sergeant-at-arms; assistant sergeant-at-arms, Jas. A. Bryson, of Henderson; Rev. A. Corey, of Martin, engrossing clerk; Banks Arendall, of Wake, reading clerk. Mr. E. A. Hawes, of Pender, who was defeated for reading clerk by Mr. Arendall, will, it is understood accept the clerkship in the finance committee of the House.

There is a pronounced tendency towards retrenchment in the ranks of both the senators and representatives which is a bit disconcerting to the many faithful party workers who came down looking for positions in the legislature. It is proposed to reduce the number of clerks employed by the General Assembly of 1923 at least fifty percent. During that session the clerks drew around \$25,000 more in salaries than did the members themselves and a lot of folks are waiting to know "how come." The answer is obvious. There will be a different story to relate on the subject of "overhead expenses" when the record of the present General Assembly shall be written unless somebody "takes back-water."

Few members of state wide significance have found their way into the legislative hopper. Senator Squires introduced a bill prepared by the legislative committee, selected by the special session last August, entitled an act to control bus traffic in the State. It would regulate, supervise and control persons, firms, corporations owning, controlling, operating, or managing vehicles used in the business of transporting persons or property for compensation on the improved public highways of the State which are or hereafter may be declared to be parts of the State Highway system, or arms of the county highways, prescribing and imposing license fees, and providing for the disposition of the revenues raised by the same. The bill was referred to the committee on Public Roads, and ordered printed in pamphlet form for the convenience of the members.

Representative King, of Guilford, seeks to repeal the act passed by the last regular session of the General Assembly exempting from taxation stocks owned in foreign corporations. The 1923 session wrestled over this amendment to the Revenue Bill for days and the vote on its adoption was very close. The question of taxing foreign stocks was an issue in the primary campaign for Governor

and has been much discussed recent months. The King bill is likely to provoke a lively fight before the Finance committee, to which it was referred by the speaker.

M'KINNEY WILLS ALL TO WIDOW

Sioux Falls Press.—The will of D. L. McKinney prominent Sioux Falls business man who died December 28 at the age of 69 years, in which he left his entire estate, estimated to be worth more than \$100,000, to his widow Mrs. Emma McKinney, was filed in county court yesterday. Mrs. McKinney is also named executrix of the estate.

The will specified that no portion of Mr. McKinney's estate should be left to his son, Russell Bennett McKinney, who has not been heard from for a number of years and who is believed to be dead or to any descendant of Russell or of Charles LeRoy McKinney, another son, who died some years ago.

The estate includes more than \$10,000 in securities, a large amount in real estate holdings, and a half interest in the McKinney-Beveridge Automotive company. After his just debts and funeral expenses have been paid, the will Mr. McKinney provides that the balance of his estate be turned over to his widow.

County Judge Lewis Larson set January 17 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, as the time for hearing on the petition for probate of the will. The estate is represented by Bailey and Voorhees.

Mrs. McKinney was Miss Emma McCoy who was a daughter of William McCoy originally of Franklin, N. C., but later a resident of Dillsboro, N. C. and a sister of Mr. Thos. C. McCoy and James McCoy, both well known citizens of this section.

FAIRFIELD

Mr. Mack Hurt of Oklahoma is visiting relatives and friends at this place.

Mrs. J. C. Monteith and Mrs. Lee Rochester were the guests of Mrs. Wade Hawkins Monday.

Mr. Hampton Pell and Fred Nicholson made a business trip to Asheville this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Robinson have been very sick with influenza and are recovering slowly.

Mr. L. C. Hooper and his mother, Mrs. A. M. Hooper spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rochester.

Mrs. T. S. Monteith has returned home from a week's visit in Fairfield.

Messrs. Walter Ben and Homer Fugate passed through here enroute to Cold Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Hawkins entertained a crowd of young people Saturday night, January 10th. Interesting games were played and refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Zachary attended the funeral services of Mr. Harley Pierson at Norton Sunday.

Misses Anita and Lois Monteith, Louise and Irona Fowler were the guests of Misses Devola and Edna Hawkins Sunday.

There are some improvements being made for the benefit of our school. Nice little Bungalows are being built at the forks of each road for waiting stations for the children. We think that is grand, because they are certainly exposed to the cold bad weather.

Mr. Mack Robinson has been on the sick list for the past week.

Mr. J. C. Monteith made a business trip to Cashiers Thursday.

Mr. Freeman Fowler was here Friday.

Mrs. M. E. Nicholson was here Monday.

Mr. Vernon Nicholson was the guest of Messrs. Cecil and Elmo Monteith Sunday.

Mr. Charley Reed left Saturday for Charlotte, where he will spend the rest of the winter.

Messrs. Edward and Conrad Fowler were the welcome guests of Rosco and Dorabelle Robinson Sunday.

Mr. Wiley Nicholson visited Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wike at Fairfield Inn Thursday.

POULTRY PAVES WAY FOR OWNING FARM

Raleigh, Jan. 15.—Success with poultry is largely responsible for E. L. Parker of the Amity Community in Iredell County now owning his own farm reports R. W. Graeber, County agent for the State College extension division in that county.

Mr. Graeber states that Mr. Parker has demonstrated to the people of his section that poultry will bring in a good farm income. The returns from Mr. Parker's birds have about equalled that secured from cotton, in addition to giving food for the family.

"Mr. Parker is a small farmer and has been living on rented land," says Mr. Graeber. "He has not had the opportunity for equipping himself for handling his poultry as he would like to; but, when we visited his farm recently we found 350 high grade white leghorns turning the grain crops of the farm into eggs. We found crude equipment but fine methods of using equipment as he had."

"After talking with Mr. Parker, we realized that he had given much study to his work. His wife had kept a careful record on the poultry for the past eleven months and her report showed that they began the year on January first, 1924, with 150 hens. The sale of eggs and poultry up until December first was \$1,488.45. This amount included the value of 200 birds now in the laying flock as increase in the poultry and valued at \$150 each. The feed cost during the eleven months was \$465.59 leaving a net profit from the 150 hens of \$1,022.86."

Mr. Graeber states that the Parkers did not keep a careful record of the poultry and eggs consumed at home. On December first, the laying flock including 90 yearling hens, 260 early hatched pullets. Mr. Parker has recently purchased a farm of his own and moved to it in December. He has built an excellent farm poultry house that will care for 350 layers and he says, "My success with poultry gave me the idea of buying the new place."

THREE BOYS KILLED NEAR SKYLAND

Hendersonville News, Jan. 11.—The bodies of Daniel Bain and Frank Barwitz, Chicago youths, who with Arista Ballah were killed by a freight train near Skyland Wednesday afternoon, were shipped to their respective homes Friday night. The body of Bahiah is being held in Asheville until relatives arrive.

The three boys and William Quinn, the sole survivor of the fatal adventurous trip left Chicago some time ago for a trip to the south. When the youths boarded a train at Biltmore for Spartanburg, Quinn slipped and fell, failing to catch the train. He managed to beat his way on the next freight train and did not know of the fate of his friends.

Mr. reached Spartanburg where he was expecting to meet them. With the aid of the Salvation Army he returned to Asheville where the bodies were taken and accompanied them to Chicago.

The cause of the death of the youths is not known.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

W. Ross Yokley, Pastor. Preaching at 11 A. M. B. Y. P. U. at 6:45 P. M. Preaching at 7:30 P. M. Prayer Meeting each Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

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

Sunday School at 9:45 A. M.

J. T. Gribble, Supt. A church with a full program, won't you make it the church of your choice, if you are not already affiliated with some church?

Just walk in and you will find a happy welcome to any and all the services.

BALSAM

"Toxation without representation" means mud, mud, mud in Balsam.

Miss Selma Crawford of Addie is visiting her sister, Mrs. Roy Bryson.

Mr. Earl McHaffey spent the week end with his parents in Balsam.

Mrs. Ellen Barnes and Mr. John Warren went to Waynesville Monday.

There is much sickness in and around here. Supposed to be on epidemic of whooping-cough, but there is not much "whooping".

HORTONS WRITE COMMISSIONERS ASKING POWER SURVEY

O. E. and M. C. Horton, of Atlanta have written the commissioners of Jackson county recommending a water power survey of the county. These gentlemen see vast possibilities for Jackson county towns / as manufacturing centers, and are anxious to see the potential power surveyed, developed, and used in the county.

Their open letter to our commissioners, as well as a personal one to the editor of the Journal, follows:

Atlanta, Jan 10th, 1925.

To the Board of County Commissioners, Jackson County, N. C. Sylva, N. C.

Gentlemen:—Mr. Pratt president of "Western North Carolina, Inc.," of Asheville, told our Mr. O. E. Horton last summer that the state of North Carolina each year appropriated several thousand dollars to bear half the expense of surveying out water powers in such counties as would pay the other half of the survey. The first one accepting the offer, being first served.

Doubtless the North Carolina Legislature will at the February session make another appropriation for the purpose of surveying out these water powers in 1925. Do you not think it would be a good idea for you gentlemen to meet the State half way and have the water powers of Jackson County surveyed out? You know Jackson County has some fine water powers and if developed would produce many thousand horse powers with which to drive the wheels of industry. It is not more than from fifty to sixty miles, the way that a wire line would run, from Sylva to the Southern Railroad at Seneca and Central, in South Carolina. When you get to those points you are on the border of the great industrial cotton mill section of South Carolina.

Electric current or energy can now be conveyed over high powered wire lines one to two hundred miles without the loss of more than 10 to 15 per cent of the primary energy received at the generating station, which the water powers of Jackson County are capable of producing, could be conveyed to Seneca, Anderson, Piedmont, Easley Greenville and Spartanburg, South Carolina, without the loss of much energy.

If the Jackson County water powers were developed they would bring thousands of dollars taxes to the County and State which they now do not get. Then, too, it would give employment to so many Jackson County people and bring a market for practically all home produce.

There is over three hundred feet fall on the east prong of the Tuckasegee River from the fork of the river to the mouth of Robinson's Creek. There is, perhaps, as much or more fall on the west prong of the Tuckasegee River. These streams, with their enormous falls, are rich with streams of gold, which are running to waste year by year.

There is no reason why Sylva and Dillsboro should not become great manufacturing centers, blessed as they are with such vast natural resources and surrounded with such quantities of raw material. They ought to build up furniture manufacturing interests, which no doubt would come were the water powers of the County developed. No doubt Jackson County would hum with industrial activities, which would do credit to New England, were the water powers of the county properly utilized.

Please let us know what you think of our suggestions.

We are writing this letter to you, because we have some interests in the county, which would be enhanced were the water powers developed.

Thanking you for anything you may do in the way of assisting in the development of the water powers of the county, we are

Yours very truly,

O. E. & M. C. HORTON.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan 10th, 1925.

Editor Jackson County N. C. Journal, Sylva, N. C.

Dear Sir:—Inclosed you will find copy of letter which we have just written to the Board of County Commissioners of Jackson County, North Carolina, which we hope you will see fit to publish, if you think our suggestions, if adopted, would help the county. In our opinion if the water powers of Jackson County were de-

veloped they would make the community one of the richest and most progressive in the State.

Thanking you for any assistance you may give our suggestions, we are

Yours very truly,

O. E. & M. C. HORTON.

SHORT COURSE

AT SAVANNAH.

Rev. Bennett, of the Webster Circuit will conduct a short course in religious education at Savannah beginning January 19th. This course will consist of three classes in order to meet the needs of the different ages which attend.

Rev. Bennett has had extensive training and experience in this type of work. He is a graduate of Trinity College and in addition has done graduate work in Peabody College. He was instructor in Rutherford College, and prior to this taught in a business college.

The people of this district have a rare opportunity in having such a person serve them in this capacity. Those who fail to enter at the beginning of the course and stay until the close will miss something worth while.

NETTIE E. BROGDON, Supervisor of Public Schools.

COMMISSIONERS REELECT BUCHANAN SOLICITOR

The county commissioners have discontinued the farm demonstration work in Jackson county, after a trial for a number of years, of this progressive and far-reaching work, that has proved so popular throughout the United States, the commissioners of the counties, the state department of agriculture and the United States Department of Agriculture cooperating in spreading the gospel of better farming and better marketing.

There was no order made concerning the discontinuance of the work, judging by the minutes of the commissioner's meeting; but the Journal has it of good authority that the new board of commissioners decided to discontinue the county's financial support to the work, and have so notified the state and federal departments that have been cooperating in the work in Jackson county.

BRYSON HEADS MINING COMMITTEE

By M. L. Shipman

Raleigh, Jan. 14.—Senator Bryson is chairman of the senate committee on mines and mining, is a member of the following committees: Agriculture, Claims, Counties, Cities and Towns, Distribution of Governor's Message, Propositions and Grievances Public Health, Railroads, Immigration, Institutions for Deaf and Dumb.

Representative Madison has been appointed to the following house committees: Banks and Banking, Education, Institutions for Deaf and Dumb, Journal, Oyster Industry, Privileges and Elections, Federal Relations, and Justices of Peace.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Business for Dan Cupid will be good during the year 1925, although it is not leap year, if the number of licenses issued by the local register of deeds, for the first few days of the year are to be taken as an indication.

License to wed has been granted to:

Zach H. Hooper to Cordie Wood.

J. C. Browning to Lela Cope.

James McCall to Flora Fitzgerald, of Haywood.

Abe Estes to Margaret Conner.

James Herple to Ollie Thompson, both of Georgia.

Geo. F. Bryson to Beulah Galloway.

Roy Buchanan to Nancy Tatham.

Wilburn Childers to Lela Styles.

James Norman to Lavenia Turner, (colored.)

LOCAL REGISTRARS APPOINTED

The county commissioners appointed the following as registrars of vital statistics for the several townships of the county, at their regular meeting Monday:

Barkers Creek, Bessie Sellers;

Canada A. E. Galloway; Caney Fork

Mary J. Hooper; Cashier's C. G. Rogers; Cullowhee, Mrs. R. V. Brown.

Dillsboro, Mrs. Minnie Jarrett;

Green's Creek, Mrs. T. E. Green;

Hamburg, Carl Jamison; Mountain-J. B. Bumgarner; Qualla, Dr. R. D. Holt;

Charlie Hyatt; River, Mrs. J. C. Hooper; Savannah, Mrs. A. C. Bar-

rett; Scott's Creek, Mrs. Los Snyder; Sylva, Miss Bessie L. Davis.

Waters, Mrs. J. C. Henderson.

HARLEY PIERSON KILLED IN GREENVILLE

Greenville S. C. News.—The alleged carelessness of the bell man who signals for movements of the derrick used in erecting the steel framework of the building was blamed by a coroner's jury yesterday for the death of Harley Pierson, 30 who was almost instantly killed at about 1 o'clock when he fell from the seventh to the second floor of the Chamber of Commerce building on South Main street. The man, who was walking on the seventh floor, was said to have been swept off his footing and down through the building, when a piece of timber broken by the heavy weight-ball of the derrick fell from the eighth floor and struck him.

Pierson was a member of the steel erecting crew of the Carolina Steel company erectors of the framework of the building. By coincidence, he was to have left the employ of the company at closing time yesterday, being killed on his last day of service on the job.

Coroner Arthur Vaughn empaneled a jury yesterday afternoon to hold an inquest into the death of the man. The following verdict was returned by the jury: "We find that Harley Pierson came to his death through accidentally being struck on the head by falling timber this accident being caused by carelessness of the bell man in not stopping the ball in time before the weight-ball struck the scaffolding."

Pierson had been with the Carolina Steel company only a little more than one month. He is survived by his wife, who has been in Greenville since Pierson has been working on the present job. His home was in Norton, North Carolina. It was stated yesterday that Pierson's death was the first fatal accident that has happened to employees of the Carolina Steel company during its five years of existence. It is understood that the company carries heavy liability insurance on all its workmen and Pierson's life was insured. Work was suspended by steel workers for the remainder of the afternoon following the accident.

Mr. Pierson was a son of M. M. Pierson, of Norton and the body was brought back to his old home, in Hanburg township for funeral and interment.

SHOAL CREEK

Shoal Creek gossip has been almost "drowned out" by recent rains.

Miss Kate Battle, who has been detained at home for the past month on account of the illness of her mother, returned to her school at Wilmot Monday.

Miss Annie Deakins and Miss Buchanan were Thursday night guests of Miss Grace Hoyle.

Messrs. D. C. Hughes and Theodore Kinsland called at Mr. J. E. Battle's Sunday afternoon.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Owen, Jan. 4th, a son.

Miss Gertrude Ferguson spent Sunday night with Miss Mary Emma Ferguson.

Mrs. M. Shuler called on Mrs. S. R. Hoyle Saturday.

Mrs. W. H. Hoyle spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. J. G. Hooper.

Mrs. J. K. Terrell spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. J. H. Hughes.

Messrs. York Howell, Jim Hughes, Golman Kinsland and Jerry Howell are at work on the Tidmarsh hospital at Bryson City.

JURY DRAWN FOR FEBRUARY TERM

The following citizens were drawn by the county commissioners to serve as jurors for the February term of the superior court.

FIRST WEEK

Bragg Allison, Oscar Coggins, W. T. Crisp, J. Robert Cotter, J. S. Tov, W. G. Phillips, R. B. Cowan, G. W. Pangle, A. S. Campbell, H. L. Taylor, O. D. Moses, J. W. Frizzle, J. V. Jeredahl, W. C. Jennings, J. E. Trutt, J. E. Buchanan, W. H. Rhodes, J. C. Sutton, A. H. Hooper, J. A. Stillwell, W. D. Bishop, T. B. Cabe, Fred McMain, S. M. Parker, W. L. Wike, John B. Jones, D. O. Green, F. E. Green, John Allison, J. R. Dills, J. F. Math's, H. C. Bryson, T. L. Monteith, Ed Childers, Will C. Bryson.

SECOND WEEK

S. M. Buchanan, Boone Bryson, J. C. Patterson, H. L. Barnes, W. C. Cagle, J. M. Fowler, Mack Ashe, Lyon Stewart, J. N. Wilson, T. C. Bryson, Huston Blanton, C. R. Moody, J. A. Adams, J. E. Green, J. M. Hoyle, T. C. Wilson, E. M. Moss, R. C. Howell.