

# Jackson County Journal.

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## ASSEMBLY DISCUSSES EVOLUTION

(By M. L. Shipman)

Raleigh, Feb. 23.—"Monkey business" has had the center of the stage in the General Assembly the past week and no great amount of progress has been made in the enactment of general legislation. The Revenue bill has been whipped into shape and is now under consideration by the committee of the Whole in the House. The bill providing appropriations to the State educational charitable and penal institutions, pensions to the Confederate soldiers and widows; for the payment of the interest on the State debt; equalizing fund for the public schools, etc. is to follow in due course. The Finance Committees have raked every available source of revenue with a fine tooth comb in an effort to comply with the demands of the appropriations committees. But "the call is not sustained." There is an appreciable difference between the two which is not likely to be "reconciled" at the session.

Two days were given to the consideration of the Poole resolution outlawing the teaching of evolution in State institutions, which had been made a special order for Tuesday night. The bill was displaced, however on account of the crowded condition of the hall and galleries of the House which were jammed with people eager to hear the discussion. The question for debate was: "Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that it is the sense of the General Assembly of North Carolina that it is injurious to the welfare of the people of the Commonwealth for any officer or teacher in the State, paid wholly or in part by taxation, to teach or permit to be taught, as a fact, either Darwinism or other evolutionary hypothesis that links man in blood relationship with any other lower form of life."

The resolution came up on the House calendar Thursday morning as unfinished and the "fire works" started without difficulty. The issues in favor of the resolution were directed by Representative Turlington of Iredell; the opposition by Representative Murphy of Rowan. Mr. Turlington could see no harm in prohibiting the teaching of theories as facts and paid his respects to the heads of State institutions who had appeared before the committee in opposition to the resolution. He was sustained in his contentions by Messrs. Madison of Jackson, Hunter of Polk, Braswell of Nash, Neal of Caswell, Miss Alexander of Mecklenburg, and Poole of Hoke, author of the resolution, pointed out the dangers to young minds of theories that are now being promulgated through the camouflage of science in the high schools and colleges of the State. Mr. Turlington declared he had parted company with Doctor Chrise and the University, under his management, after hearing the doctor's speech before the committee on Education in opposition to the resolution. Representative Madison sought to refute the suggestion of the abridgement of freedom of thought, freedom of the press and freedom of speech. Other proponents of the measure took much the same view.

Representatives Ervin of Burke, Connor of Wilson, Everett of Durham, and Yelverton of Wayne, concurred in the opinion of Mr. Murphy in his appeal for religious freedom and kindred influences. Freedom for everything was the slogan of the opposition. Besides, they contended that the legislature is not the proper forum before which to bring the issue and the House finally concurred in this view by voting to table the resolution. Following is the vote on the motion to table. Ayes: Speaker Pharr, Barber, Barker, Bellamy, Brinson, Broughton, Byrd, Gates, Chamberlee, Christian, Connor, Cook, Coulter, Council, Cox, Crawford, Devenport, Ervin, Erwin, Eure, Everett, Falls, Ferree, Fountain, Graham of Orange, Grant, Grier, Hawfield, Higgins, Horn, Hurley, Johnson, King, Leggett, McKinnin, Marshall, Massey, Matthews, Moore, Moss, Murphy of Rowan, Neal of McDowell, Nettles, Patton, Pittman, Pruden, Raper, Keys, Rogers, Ronse, Spruill, Sutton, Townsend, Turner, Tyler, Wade of Duplin, Watson, Whittaker of Guilford, Wilson, Womble, Wright of Yelverton.—67. Nays: Miss Alexander, Bailey of Washington, Batten, Beatty, Black, Bowie, Boyd, Braswell, Bray, Brown, of Wilkes, Brown of Stanley, Cobb, Currie, Davis, Dowtin, Riddiman, Galloway, Gann, Goodson,

Graham of Graham, Green, Harmon, Harrison, Hayman, Hunter, Lucas, Makepeace, Neal of Caswell, Pool of Alexander, Simpson, Smith of Rockingham, Swana Tarkington, Thompson, Turlington, Ward of Craven, Watkins, Whittaker of Jones, Whiteside, Wooley—46.

Defeated but undaunted in the situation in which the author of the resolution finds himself. But he declares that the fight has just started.

The Humphrey resolution, introduces that the fight has just started. Humphrey of Wayne "encountered" no difficulty in running the gauntlet of the two houses of the legislature and the assembly will soon be in possession of a list of the employees of each state department and institution and the amount of compensation "doled out" to them on the first of each month. The statement is to be filed with the chairman of the Senate and House finance and appropriations committees and with the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives. The number of automobiles purchased by the departments and institutions for State purposes with cost of up-keep, is to be included in the statement which the resolution calls upon the State auditor to prepare for the information of the General Assembly.

The Senate declined to compel "John Smith" to exhibit a light on any of his horse drawn vehicles when driving at night, or at any other time. In less time than is required to relate the story the House bill by Neal of McDowell, requiring wagons moving along the State highway at night to carry lights, found itself on the table, after consideration of the measure began in the Senate. The House passed it by a good majority and proponents of the bill expected the Senate to concur in its provisions.

It was intended as a protection to those employing ancient modes of travel, but "John's" friends in the Senate balked.

History is repeating itself, as it has during every re-occurring session of the General Assembly since the Democratic party resumed control of the legislative branch of the State Government in 1899. Representative Klutz, of Catawba, was the first member of the minority to feel the heavy hand of the majority at this session. The fight started when two local bills introduced by Senator Shuford, reached the House calendar, one to increase the salaries of county officers and the other to provide a special election law for Catawba county. A Democrat, and the House passed the bills over the strongest kind of protest from the member from Catawba who had pledged himself in the campaign to permit no salary increases by the legislature if in his power to prevent. But "politics is politics" in the estimation of Tam Bowie, and Representative Klutz feels the same way about it now.

Representative Moore, of Martin, recently introduced a bill in the House entitled "an act to create an advisory commission to investigate and report upon the question of freight rate discrimination and the question of the development of water ways." The bill, sponsored by Governor McLean, would create a special commission composed of twelve business men and shippers, authorized and directed to work in cooperation with the corporation commission towards the adjustment of exorbitant freight rates.

The members of the commission would receive the same per diem paid members of the General Assembly and have the right to expend the sum of \$25,000 for purposes of investigation. This general Assembly does not appear to think well of legislative commissions but the Governor's prestige may pull the Moore bill through. Mr. McLean promised to aid in the development of the State's waterways during the primary campaign last summer and he wants to make good that pledge.

The State wide game bill, having rough sledding. It has been "kicked and cuffed around", from the moment Representative Wade, of New Hanover and Senator Blue of Scotland, dropped it into the legislative hopper. The proponents and opponents of the "poor thing" do not appear to be any nearer in agreement than they were three weeks ago and the proposed measure has been placed in the custody of a "special committee" with the view to ironing out the differences. It is expected to bob up again when the average layman in

the assembly least expects it. That the number of judicial districts will be increased is a question yet undetermined. A bill by Senator Dunlap, which would authorize the Governor to appoint special judges to relieve congestions, has presented a brand new issue in the fight for four additional districts. The district bill is yet in "status quo" and it may repine for keeps."

## LOCAL BILLS INTRODUCED

(By M. L. Shipman)

Raleigh, Feb. 23.—The following local bills relative to Jackson county have been introduced:

By Senator Bryson: an act to create a more efficient form of government for Jackson county.

By Mr. Madison: An act to place the names of Mrs. Mary Matthis and Mrs. Florence Vogle, widows of Confederate veterans of Jackson county, on the pension roll. An act to amend an act passed at this session establishing the office of treasurer of Jackson county. An act to create a more proficient form of Government for Jackson county. An act to abolish corporal punishment of school children. An act to appoint a Board of Highway Commissioners for Jackson County.

## BALSAM

There are some improvements in Balsam. The Methodist church is being completed on the inside.

Mrs. Christy has returned to Balsam for a few days. She is nursing in Waynesville.

Mr. Corbet Ensley motored to Asheville Saturday.

Mr. Ode Bryson of Addie visited relatives in Balsam Friday night.

Mr. Edell Cogdill of Hickory visited his father and mother here last week.

Mrs. Mabel Perry made a business trip to Canton Wednesday.

Mr. J. R. McKay celebrated his 85th birthday last Wednesday. Many of his friends and relatives were present, who all extended their best wishes.

Mrs. H. P. Ensley and Hubert motored to Sylva Friday.

Miss Hannah Warren and Miss Myrtle Lindsey were in Waynesville Saturday.

Miss Aleen Jones and Mr. Claud Bryson visited in Hazelwood Sunday.

Mrs. Carrie Queen made a business trip to Sylva Friday.

## BAPTIST W. M. S.

The regular monthly meeting of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society will be held at the church in the Baraca Class room on Wednesday afternoon, March 4th at 3:30 o'clock. As two all-day meetings at the church are coming in March it is hoped that every member will be present.

Our enrollment now numbers 51 and we lacked two of having our average standard attendance at our last meeting. If you were on of those two you are especially urged to be present next Wednesday.

Mrs. Yokley, Society Pres.

## SYLVA METHODIST CHURCH

Preaching Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and Sunday evening at 7:30. Subject Sunday morning will be "Our Task and How To Do It." Every member, who can, is urged to be present.

Sunday School at 9:45 A. M. and Epworth League at 7 P. M. You are cordially invited to all these services.

## 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.

B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 P. M. Rev. H. T. Stevens will be with us on March the 15th, to begin a revival meeting. Bro. Stevens is a good man, and let us get the meeting upon our hearts that we may be ready when he comes.

A most generous invitation is extended to all to attend the services at our church.

## TO STANDARDIZE SYLVA GRADED SCHOOL

At the parent-teachers' meeting last week the following committee was appointed to solicit funds for the Sylva Graded School: Mesdames E. L. McKee, C. Z. Candler and M. Buchanan, and Professors C. C. Hanson, W. G. Dillard and A. C. Lovelace.

A subscription list being circulated has the following heading: "Do you want the Sylva elementary school to be placed on the standard list of graded school? To put it there we must have 347 more supplementary readers, 15 maps, two twelve inch globes and individual record cards. The readers will cost \$175.00, and the maps, globes and record cards \$75.00, making a total of \$250.00.

The parent-teachers' association has helped in a library drive; as a result we now have more than 600 books in the elementary library. Even if the association should put all of its remaining funds in this project, we would still lack from \$200.00 to \$225.00 of having enough to put the school on the standard list. Many of the men and firms on whom I have called have responded nobly; others have not been seen yet; still others say they will help later, while some are not able. I hope every patron and business man will be given an opportunity to help. We will continue the subscription. The following is a list secured up to Tuesday afternoon.

M. D. Cowan \$10.00, Sylva Pharmacy (set books) \$14.40, O. S. Dillard \$5.00, D. M. Hall \$5.00, A. C. Lovelace \$5.00, A. M. Simons \$5.00, Medford Furniture Co. \$5.00; Buchanan Pharmacy (set books) \$15.00, F. L. Hoper \$2.00, Dr. Grover Wilkes \$2.50, Dr. C. Z. Candler \$5.00 I. H. Powell \$10.00.

We hope to continue this list next week, give us your donation and help the school.

## BAPTIST SPRING RALLY

Spring Rally on 1925 Program of Southern Baptists.

This Rally for the Tuckasegee Association will be held with the First Baptist church of Sylva. All the pastors and lay members are invited to be present. Lunch will be served at the church. The date of the rally day is March the 11th. The program has been arranged by the committee as follows:

10:00 Devotional and song services, Rev. R. L. Randolph.  
10:15 State Missions, Rev. R. L. Cook.  
10:40 Home Missions, Rev. T. F. Deitz.  
10:50 Foreign Missions, Rev. W. F. West.  
11:00 How the money is spent, Rev. A. W. Davis.  
11:15 Inspirational address, Dr. H. T. Hunter.  
Dinner at the church.  
1:15 Devotional and song service, Rev. V. W. Breedlove.  
1:30 Round-table discussion by pastors and lay workers.  
2:00 Reaching the churches.  
2:30 Board of Education, Prof. J. C. Hough.  
(Signed) W. Ross Yokley.

## GAY

Mr. J. L. Bryson is improving some from a spell of sickness.

Mrs. Roxie Higdon visited her son, Mr. R. O. Higdon last Thursday.

Rev. Mr. Bennett closed his Bible School last Friday.

Mr. Sam Buchanan who is working at Asheville spent the week end with his family here.

Mr. Leman Tatham has been confined to his home with the mumps, but has again entered school at Webster.

Mrs. Mary Ann Cabe has been on the sick list, but glad to know she is improving.

Mr. Lyn Barron had the misfortune of getting his knee badly hurt while working at East La Porte last week.

Miss Iris Bryson spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Robert Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Almond spent Sunday with Mrs. Almond's mother, Mrs. G. C. Turpin.

Mrs. John Tatham visited Mrs. T. B. Cabe last Friday.

Mrs. R. G. Buchanan was calling on her son, John Buchanan at Webster last week.

## TEACHERS ENDORSE STATE SUPERINTENDENT ALLEN'S EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Teachers from Sylva, Qualla, Webster and Cullowhee, in their meeting on Saturday, Feb. 15th, endorsed State Superintendent Allen's educational program. The need for an adequate building fund, as well as an equalizing fund has long been felt.

Therefore we of Jackson County petition your honor to give your hearty support to the following bills:

1st—The bill providing \$10,000,000 for the Building Fund.

2nd—The bill providing \$2,600,000 for Equalizing Funds.

Be it further enacted that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Representative R. L. Madison, Senator T. C. Bryson, and the Jackson County Journal.

Respectfully,

P. W. Alexander,  
Mrs. A. D. Parker  
F. T. Watson  
Committee.

## SHOAL CREEK

Prof. and Mrs. C. R. Bird and little daughter, Mary, of Webster spent the week end among relatives.

Misses Anna Deakins and Bertha Buchanan went to Sylva Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thad Varner of Whittier and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Howell spent Sunday afternoon at Mr. J. H. Hughes'.

Misses Frances Battle and Caro King were guests of Miss Winnie Cooper Sunday.

Miss Clara Buntain dined at Mr. J. G. Hooper's Sunday.

Miss Oliver Hall who is teaching at Barkers Creek and Mr. Frank Hall of Cullowhee school spent the week end with home folks.

Mrs. W. S. Farmer of Asheville spent Sunday afternoon at Mr. W. F. Battle's.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Shuler, and Mr. Dewey Ensley of Beta, were guests at Mr. W. W. Anthony's Sunday.

Misses Winnie and Bessie Martin went to Cherokee Friday returning Sunday.

Misses Ida Battle and Annie Lizzie Terrell visited at Mr. W. H. Hoyle's Sunday.

Mr. D. K. Battle spent Saturday night at Mr. Sevier Keener's.

Mr. Clyde Marcus and family of Ravensford were visitors at Shoal Creek Sunday.

Mrs. Albert Reagan, of Olivet, spent Friday with Mrs. W. F. House.

Mrs. Maggie Raby of Wilmot, spent Friday with her sister, Mrs. D. L. Oxner.

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

Misses Etta Kinsland, Winnie Cooper, Clara Buntain, Frances Battle, Caro King and Messrs. Luther Hoyle, D. C. Hughes and Thomas Patton made a trip to Birch Mountain Sunday afternoon.

## COWARTS

A large crowd attended the M. E. Quarterly Conference Sunday, Feb. 22, 1925.

Mr. John Henson of Asheville and Miss Myrtle Henson of Sylva made a brief visit here last week.

Mr. J. M. Plemons, the principal of our school, spent the week end at Cullowhee.

Misses Ruby and Jimmie Tucker and Elva Shelton of Speedwell were visitors here last week.

Mr. Charlie Connor of Speedwell spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Nicholson.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tritt and family of Mt. Vernon Wn., spent the week end with Mrs. Tritt's father Mr. R. S. Green.

Mr. J. H. Smith made a business trip to Sylva the first of the week.

Mr. Ralph Rigdon and family of Tuckasegee spent the week end with Mrs. Rigdon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Nicholson of this place.

Miss Maggie Hunter of East La Porte visited Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brown last week.

Mr. David H. Brown of Cullowhee was here last week.

Jesse Smith who has been attending school at Sylva spent the week end with his father Mr. W. H. Smith.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

John Thompson to Ethel Ward.

## DILLS ENTERS PLEA OF GUILTY

Rosecoe Dills entered a plea of guilty to the charge of involuntary manslaughter, for the killing of Ruth Brooks, a 4 year old child, in Dillsboro, late Saturday afternoon, in superior court.

The jury had been hopelessly dead for more than two days, and it was apparent that a mistrial would result, when Felix E. Alley, one of the attorneys for young Dills, announced to the court that an agreement had been reached whereby the young man would enter a plea of nolo contendere and the minimum punishment would be inflicted; which agreement, he stated, was satisfactory both to the solicitor and the private prosecution.

It was admitted that in driving his car, near a street intersection, at a rate greater than 10 miles per hour, that Dills was violating the state law, and that, while it was apparent that the jury would not convict him, it would be best to settle the matter.

Judge Finley sentenced Dills to serve four months on the county farm, his sentence to begin the first Monday in May, following the close of the present term of the Sylva High School, where he is a student. He was released under a bond of \$500 until that time.

## MARK REYNOLDS CONVICTED OF MANSLAUGHTER

The jury brought in a verdict of manslaughter against Mark Reynolds a youth of Dillsboro, for the slaying, with a rock, last November, of George Hensley. The verdict followed deliberation of about an hour, by the jury, Monday afternoon.

The evidence was to the effect that Reynolds and Hensley were at the home of Will Brooks, where they had some dispute, and that Hensley left the house first, followed shortly by Reynolds, and that Reynolds struck Hensley in the forehead with a rock, causing his death some two weeks later.

The contention of the state was that the two young men were rivals for the favors of one Beulah Shular, a sixteen year old girl, and that when the difficulty arose Hensley left the house and was followed by Reynolds, who admitted striking the blow that caused his death.

Reynolds contended that he struck only in self defense and that Hensley was advancing upon him with a stick, that he retreated, and when he became entangled in a wire fence, Hensley was about to strike him when he reached for a rock and threw it to defend himself.

There were no eye witnesses to the actual killing, and there was much disagreement among those who were at the Brooks home, as to the facts and circumstances surrounding it. Beulah Shular stoutly defended the cause of Reynolds, and supported his testimony, while her grandmother, Mrs. Brooks, Arthur Brooks, and Claude Hensley asserted that Reynolds was the aggressor. The declaration of George Hensley was also introduced, through his father, who told how George had related the whole transaction to him.

Young Reynolds was examined by Dr. Dr. C. Z. Candler made X-ray photographs of his lungs, and told the court that he was suffering with tuberculosis.

Sentence had not been passed at the time of our going to press.

Kelley Frady and Glenn Norton, two Cullowhee boys entered pleas of guilty of forcible trespass in connection with the larceny of Mr. E. H. Stillwell's automobile, for which Ben Buchanan had plead guilty to taking.

The boys were examined, and placed in the custody of the sheriff until Judge Finley could make up his mind what to do with them.

## HARWOOD TO BE HERE MARCH FOURTH

J. H. Harwood, Deputy Commissioner of Revenue, will be in Sylva next Wednesday, March fourth, for the purpose of assisting any who may desire his assistance in making out State Income Tax returns.

## COURT ADJOURNS PREMATURELY

Judge Finley adjourned court, yesterday afternoon, two days ahead of time, stating that he was compelled to go to his home in North Wilkesboro, on urgent business.