

# Jackson County Journal.

THE YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

SYLVA, N. C., APRIL 17, 1925

\$2.00 THE YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

## FARMERS BUY PURE BRED CATTLE

April 16.—Farmers of McDowell counties are buying pure bred cattle to increase shipments from their headquarters for the Extension Service at Asheville. Through the efforts of Anderson, county agent, 25 head of high bred Jersey cows were purchased from that county. A number of these had individual purchase tags in the earlot shipment of last year will be bought.

Anderson reports that pure bred cows placed in the county and that a cream shipping station has been established at Hayesville which 850 worth of milk is sent out each week. The county are growing corn at home and making as possible profit from the crop.

Anderson, W. Goodman of Hayesville, who sold car of Jersey cows also went into McDowell county from Tennessee. These cows were special bred for their home farms by the Extension dairy school. Mr. Goodman states that the two years, pure bred Jersey cows placed in the county have few men are shipping. He expects to have a creaming station established and eventually to help in the production of a modern creamery.

Anderson says that all over the county there is more interest in pure bred register cattle," says Mr. Goodman. "The amount of cream is increasing and it is expected that this will result in a great milk producing section as a good beef cattle."

## MARY HARRIS DIES

Mrs. Mary Harris died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. W. Mills, at April 10, following a paralysis which she suffered the preceding day.

Mrs. Harris was 78 years old and was born in North Carolina. Her husband, Mr. J. H. Harris, was a prominent citizen of the county. She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. C. W. Mills, and other relatives.

## MARKET NOTES

April 17.—Inquiries sent to the market indicate that the crop of truck crops in North Carolina is good. The crop of strawberries is good and the plantings of the same are expected to produce a good crop. Shipments of strawberries have increased and the price is expected to rise.

The price of strawberries is expected to rise to \$1.50 per bushel. The price of peaches is expected to rise to \$1.00 per bushel. The price of apples is expected to rise to \$1.00 per bushel.

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## RALEIGH LETTER

By M. L. Shipman  
Raleigh, April 13.—The outstanding event of the past week at the capital was the re-appointment of George Ross Pou as Superintendent of State Prison; the reactions to the re-appointment. These were varied. During the week, Governor McLean took action looking to speedy trial of the Needleman case in Martin county, while the Attorney-General announced the appointment of an assistant. Solicitor Evans discussed vice in Raleigh, while National Commander Drain, of the American Legion, visited the city and made addresses. The State Fair and State directors met and the head of the newly created Roman Catholic Diocese of Raleigh was named.

George Ross Pou was re-appointed Superintendent of State Prison after a fight had been made on him in which it was charged that he had wasted the State's funds, and from a business standpoint, was unfitted to head the institution. While Governor McLean did not himself appoint Mr. Pou the Prison Board does not take action without his consent and approval before naming a superintendent, so it amounted to the same thing. In re-appointing Pou, the Board dropped Sam J. Busbee who has been on the Prison Staff for many years, combined the offices of warden and physician, gave the job to Dr. J. H. Norman and re-elected Hugh A. Love as prison chief clerk and assistant superintendent. The prison officials were all given increases in salary, but in the future will have to furnish their own board and house furnishings, these having been furnished by the State in the past. It is estimated \$1,000 a year will be saved in this manner.

The chief reaction to the re-appointment of Pou has been unfavorable to Governor McLean. Though he Board, when taking its action, stated that nothing wrong with the affairs of the prison had been found during an investigation it made, still no effort is made to get around the fact that Pou's administration during the last four years cost the State \$75,000 approximately each year, but being the annual deficit of the Prison under his management. Opponents of his re-appointment naturally stress the fact that for 25 years before Pou took office the Prison had been a self-supporting institution. The question is being asked repeatedly how Governor McLean will square this appointment with his announced intention of placing the State on a sound business basis. Pou can hardly be regarded as a good business man, says the opposition, on the basis of his record and it is well known that his appointment by Governor Morrison four years ago was a political move, for he is not known to have any particularly good record behind him which would warrant his being given political preferment. The general opinion here seems to be that politics and economy in state government clashed for the first time since the McLean administration opened and politics went out.

It is generally believed that Pou's support of McLean in the primary was the determining factor in his appointment. Warden Busbee, who has served the State for thirty years, fled—and he issued a statement after the action had been taken declaring that the vote he cast for Bailey in the primary cost him the job at the State Prison. Whether this be true or otherwise, Governor McLean's action has disappointed some of his strongest supporters.

The case of Joseph A. Needleman, charged with an attack on a young girl, and those of the crowd of men who took him from the Martin County jail and mutilated him will be tried at a special term of court in Williamston on May 4. Fifteen men are under indictment as members of the mob.

Some interest was manifested in the capital over the conviction in Charlotte of Tom Jimison, former Methodist preacher, on a charge of transporting liquor and his sentence of sixty days on the roads. While the labor leader-preacher is not overly popular in Raleigh, still there are many who feel that his sentence was unnecessarily harsh for a first offender. The point is made that the professional liquor runners very often escape with a fine while Jimison, who was accidentally caught, it appears, when he had a little hooch for a friend, was the victim of circumstances. He is not the type of man to run liquor for a living.

Solicitor Evans of Wake started a

# Clean Up--Painn Up. Keep It Clean.

On Friday and Saturday, April 24 and 25, there will be Clean Up and Paint Up Days in the Town of Sylva. Let all the citizens join hands and clean up our premises and streets on these days. It is everybody's job. Every man, woman and child will be expected to assist in this great work. Let there be no slackers. Our whole Town can and should be made as clean and orderly as its cleanest home. Then we will have a safer, happier and healthier Town. We need this thorough cleaning and renovation, it is the sensible thing to do—for the health, safety, thrift, pride and happiness of our people. Great things can be done by cooperation.

This April 14, 1925.  
GEO. W. SUTTON, Mayor.

The city officials, backed by the women's organizations and other civic bodies are organizing the town for a thorough spring cleaning next Friday and Saturday.

All the citizens of the town, big and little, are urged to join in the movement to make the town clean for once.

The unsightly condition of Sylva because of the accumulation of trash and waste papers, is a reproach to all of us. The town is officially offering its assistance for these two days. There is no reason why every nook and corner of Sylva should not be spotless by Sunday morning, April 26, if everybody will lend a hand.

One of the things about a town that first attracts the attention of the passer by is the condition of the streets and byways, the appearance of the homes and grounds. If they show that the people have some pride about themselves, and keep their town and their premises in a presentable condition, it makes a favorable impression upon the visitor, and he comes on his way with a mental picture of the town, that is pleasant to look upon. If, on the other hand, the town appears as Sylva does today, he comes on his way with a disagreeable one in his mouth and an unfavorable impression of the town.

It is against vice in Raleigh during the week in connection with the city elections. He made a number of general charges, but did not mention any names, though he says he has the "dope" when the right time comes to present it. He charged the police department with various and sundry derelictions. The general reaction to his address at this early stage of the game is that as Solicitor he should present his evidence to the grand jury and get indictments there. Jim Harwood of Bryson City will be assistant to the Attorney-General in place of attorney W. C. Vaughan, of Washington, who declined the appointment. It was generally believed that Vaughan was being rewarded for his friendship for the Attorney-General over a long period of years, but, at any rate, he prefers private life.

Governor McLean will not remove the death sentences hanging over C. W. Stewart and his son Elmer of Brunswick County to a later date as he does not believe in delaying executions. The men are sentenced to die on April 17 and the Governor will hear an appeal in their case on Monday. If he does not decide to commute the sentences, then he will not further delay the executions by granting a reprieve.

A larger State Fair will be operated in the future as the result of a decision reached at a meeting of the State Fair Directors this week. The Fair will operate six days instead of five as heretofore and there will be a horse show in connection with it, this being an added feature.

The Commissioner of Labor and Printing estimates the State will save \$10,000 a year as a result of Governor McLean's order that a cheaper grade of stationery be used in place of the present finely embossed grade. The State stenographers, however do not like the new paper as it is so cheap it does not take well to erasures. There is little doubt also that it looks mighty cheap to send printed stationery out from the "Great State of North Carolina" to poorer but prouder sister Commonwealths who feel

favorable impression of the town. Towns, like people, should look as well as they can, because we are judged largely by outside appearances. Sylva, today, is not valued at her worth, by those who visit us, because we don't put the best foot forward.

Let's remedy the condition. Let's have pride enough in our town to make it look well.

The conditions about the school grounds, and the highways and creek banks near them, are not as they should be. The children are being reared in an atmosphere of untidiness, and taught untidy habits, because they are allowed to throw papers and trash about the grounds and highways. It would be so easy to place barrels or garbage cans at convenient places, and make the children put their waste papers in them. It would improve the appearance of the school property. It would improve the appearance of the creek banks and highways. And it would teach the children a valuable lesson in civic and personal tidiness.

Let's all join heartily in the movement. Let's make Sylva a clean town. Above all LET'S KEEP IT CLEAN.

that a certain dignity must be maintained by the State governments.

The bus line war is on with an appeal to the courts to test the law giving the Corporation Commission right to regulate schedules. Certain of the lines contend that the schedules as laid down may well prove confiscatory and the case probably will go to the Supreme Court for final decision. It looks as though the fight of the railroads against State supervision will be repeated in the case of the bus lines, and it is probable that the powers of the State will be upheld.

The directors of the State Hospital held a routine meeting but did not take up the elections of officers. This is expected at a later meeting.

Commander Drain of the American Legion visited Raleigh in connection with the Legion drive to care for disabled soldiers and their dependents. He made a very favorable impression

## EXERCISES AT CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

The commencement sermon will be delivered Sunday morning at eleven o'clock by Dr. O. J. Chandler, of Asheville. The sermon will be in the high school auditorium. The public is cordially invited to attend.

On Friday Morning April 24 at 10:30 the seniors will give their class day exercises. Everybody is invited. Parents are urged to attend.

At eight o'clock Friday evening April 24, high school diplomas will be awarded the seniors, and the literary address delivered by Dr. A. C. Reid, of the Philosophy Department Wake Forest College.

Saturday April 25, promptly at 8:15 the senior Play, "Betty, The Girl of My Heart", will be given in the high school auditorium. This will be the first play to be given in the new high school building. An unusually large crowd is expected. This is a royalty play which will please.

Cooperative earlot shipments of poultry and eggs are proving to be a most valuable enterprise in North Carolina this season.

## APRIL CROP REPORT

That the sunshine follows the rain is being proven thus far this year. 1925 is a promising year for farmers. Except wheat, rice and large fruits, crops in North Carolina were largely a failure last year. Even the fall was unfavorable to the planting of small grains and preparation of the soil due to belated harvests and dry conditions. The mild winter and early spring have permitted farmers to be prepared for their spring planting far ahead of the usual for this time of the year. Fruit prospects are very good, so is truck. This does not mean that these crops are assured, as there is still time for disastrous weather damage before these crops are made.

The early Irish potato situation in North Carolina indicates a slight decrease in acreage from last year. The condition of 93 per cent of a fall crop promise is very encouraging so far as the growth is concerned towards making heavy yields. The strawberry outlook is for about 1000 cars for shipments centering around Chatham and Rose Hill. Some damage by the strawberry weevil is being realized. The outlook is for about 25 per cent less production than last year. Lettuce shipments this year should produce about 1000 cars, but this number may be greatly reduced, depending upon the prices received. Cucumbers amount to a big crop, as it is estimated that over 5,000 acres will be planted for shipment. Mt. Olive being the principal center.

The apple outlook is good at this time. Good weather for the past two weeks has retarded the blooming in the mountains, making most apples safe from frost on April 1st. The condition for the State averaged 84 percent of a normal forecast. Peaches, at 80 percent condition, appear to be best in the Sand Hills territory where most shipments are made. Considerable damage by cold weather to peaches was reported from the mountain counties. Something like 2,000 cars are expected to be shipped from the Sand Hills section this year. The great is using the most modern practice in fruit production, packing and shipping. Their success has made it necessary for the Georgia peach growers to raise their standards.

The price of farm apples is much the same as last year, averaging for the State at 20 per month with board, \$1.00 without and \$1.50 per day to the grower. The labor supply continues to show a shortage as compared with the farm labor need and demand.

## SHOAL CREEK

Mrs. Von Hall and children left for Hickory Monday after spending awhile at Mr. J. C. Johnson's.

Mrs. Charles Hyatt of Asheville spent Sunday at Mr. J. L. Wiggins'.

Mr. J. H. Hughes, made a trip to Sylva Monday.

Misses Pearl and Maud Cooper of Sylva spent last week among relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Crisp and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Howell were guests at Mr. K. Howell's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hughes dined at Mr. W. H. Hoyle's Sunday. They left Sunday afternoon for Asheville, where they intend to make their future home.

Mrs.attie Howell spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. P. V. McLaughlin at Sylva.

Mrs. J. C. Cooper spent Sunday with relatives at Ochs Hill.

Mrs. Graef Howell was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hughes spent Sunday at Mr. J. C. Johnson's.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Howell and D. C. Howell and Misses Martha Heritage and Frances Battle motored to Dillsboro Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Shular called at Mr. J. K. Terrell's Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. S. R. Hoyle is spending awhile at Mr. W. W. Anthony's.

Miss Annie Lizzie Terrell was a week end guest at Mr. G. T. Cooper's at Sylva.

## VERD COLVARD KILLED BY SMATHERS

Verd Colvard, sawyer at Case's saw mill, in the Shook Cove, near Tuckaseegee, was shot and killed, early Saturday morning at the mill, by Ed Smathers.

Smathers telephoned the sheriff that he had killed Colvard, and came to Sylva and surrendered himself.

A preliminary hearing was given, Smathers, Monday, by Esquire M. Y. Jarrett, and bond was arranged before Judge Finley, at Hayesville.

Colvard lived in Waynesville, and Smather's home is at Balsam. Both men were working at the saw mill, and Colvard was boarding with Smathers. It is stated that Smathers became jealous of Colvard and ordered him to leave, which, it is said Colvard agreed to do, on Friday.

Tolvin Ensley, the only eye witness to the shooting, stated that Colvard came to the mill before Smathers got there, bringing a shot gun with him. When Smathers came, the witness says he spoke to Colvard and told him that he hadn't left, as he had said he would. Then, according to Ensley, Colvard reached for the shot gun and Smathers drew his pistol, both men standing for a few seconds with guns presented, and Smathers fired three shots, two of which struck Colvard.

The body of Colvard was taken to Waynesville, where his wife and family reside. The funeral was at Hayesville, Monday.

## FROM MR. BIRD

Chapel Hill, N. C., April 12, 1925.  
Editor Jackson County Journal.

Dear Sir:—A number of students in the University of North Carolina, from Jackson County, were delighted to have sather guests Prof. C. C. Hanson and four young ladies from the Sylva Central High School, who took an enviable part in the State triangular debate preliminaries, here, Thursday and Friday of last week. The entire Jackson County group of students here felt that signal honor was done to the home county, and especially to the home school, by these young ladies, who waged a most valiant fight for the Aycock Memorial Cup, which is every year awarded to the final winners of the state-wide contest.

The affirmative team was represented by Misses Nell Edwards and Sue Allison, and the negative by Misses Elizabeth Moody and Sarah Sherrill, both teams being pitted against some of the largest and strongest high schools of the state in the very first preliminary on Thursday evening. Sylva's negative team was eliminated on Thursday evening from one of the largest groups, consisting of such teams as those representing Guilford College and Lexington.

The affirmative team from Sylva was more fortunate, winning on Thursday evening and holding its own on up to the very semi-finals, when it was eliminated by Winston-Salem's affirmative team, the team that debated in Friday evening's final contest.

This ought to be encouraging to the people of Jackson county. It ought to stir up new zeal among the younger people, who by this experience, can see that they are able to match talents with others over the state, working under much more favorable conditions.

Mr. Editor, I see in this heroic effort and surprisingly successful outcome of young, ambitious girls, fighting under countless disadvantages, at least one encouraging sign implicit in the spirit and heroism of young people at (what appears to me) a crucial point in the educational life of our county. Now is no time for hesitation and reaction. We may never hope to raise our rank in school attendance to the first, but we certainly should be unwilling to remain below the average for the state as a whole. There is as little reason that we should be willing to let our average school term remain below that of the state. The tragic loss to our county of handsome material aid from outside sources, instead of minimizing our efforts to lose ourselves in service to our young people, who do not, as yet, have an equal advantage with the average counties of the state, should spur us to more determined efforts to regain hold, and even improve upon what we have lost.

With best wishes for the Journal and its readers, I am,  
Respectfully,  
W. E. BIRD.