

# Jackson County Journal.

\$1.50 THE YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

SYLVA, N. C., AUGUST 26, 1925

\$2.00 THE YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PAVEMENT ROAD TO TUCKASEEGEE

The Sylva Chamber of Commerce unanimously adopted a resolution favoring a hard-surfaced road from Sylva to the forks of the Tuckaseegee River, via Cullowhee and East La Port, and a hard-surfaced road from Sylva to Balsam, at a meeting held Thursday evening. The resolution was read by Mr. John R. Jones, as follows:

Whereas, the future growth and prosperity of Sylva and the county of Jackson is dependent upon the immediate construction of an adequate hard-surfaced road system throughout the county, including the link of about 10 miles from Balsam to Sylva, and the road from Sylva through the county to the south via Cullowhee State Normal School, East La Port and Tuckaseegee, connecting with Number 28, in Cashiers Valley.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Chamber of Commerce go on record as favoring a highway of concrete construction from Balsam to Sylva and from Sylva to the forks of the Tuckaseegee River, and that a committee of five members of the Chamber of Commerce be appointed to confer with the State Highway Commission, the County Highway Commission and the County Commissioners of Jackson County, to ascertain what arrangements can be made to meet these needed progressive movements.

It was enthusiastically received and its adoption moved by Harry E. Buchanan and seconded by J. Ramse, Buchanan.

The president appointed Mr. D. G. Bryson, W. P. McGuire, E. L. McKee and T. C. Bryson as a committee to confer with the county and state road officials regarding it. The committee is now working on the details and it is believed that their program can be gotten through with out a hitch, and that the roads, which we have dreamed, will be realities within a few months.

A resolution, as follows, was adopted favoring the Smoky Mountain National Park, read by Mr. C. C. Buchanan for his committee:

Whereas, a concerted effort is now being put forth by various organizations throughout the country for the establishment of a great National Park here in our Southern Appalachian mountains, which said movement is for the purpose of preserving the forest primeval in all its grandeur, and

Whereas, Jackson county is in close proximity to the proposed area and will be greatly benefited by its establishment; and

Whereas, Sylva is vitally interested in every movement which is for the upbuilding of Western North Carolina in general and Jackson County in particular;

Now, therefore in order to promote said movement and use every effort for the establishment of said park; Be it Resolved by the Sylva Chamber of Commerce:

Section 1. That the said Sylva Chamber of Commerce place itself on record as being wholeheartedly unreservedly, and enthusiastically behind any worthy movement for the promotion, establishment and maintenance of said Park.

Section 2. That the said Sylva Chamber of Commerce will encourage the acquisition of suitable lands for this purpose by donation, purchase, condemnation or otherwise.

Section 3. That a copy of these resolutions be mailed to the press of the State, and that a copy of same likewise be sent to the Chambers of Commerce, Boards of Trade or other Civic organizations having an interest in said movement, and that a copy of same likewise be sent to our Senators and Representatives in Washington.

Adopted in session assembled, this 20th day of August, 1925.

The meeting was held in the dining room of the Methodist church, and the dinner served by the missionary societies of the Baptist and Methodist churches.

It was opened with an invocation by Rev. Mr. Lands. Following the dinner, interesting addresses, looking backward on Sylva's history and forward to its splendid future were made by Messrs. John B. Ensley, J. K. Higdon, M. D. Cowan, W. W. Watt, J. C. Allison and E. L. McKee.

Music was led by Mrs. J. R. Jones and Mr. B. O. Painter.

Mr. J. M. L. Smith, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, was introduced and spoke on what it means to be a booster.

The following committees were ap-

pointed, or made reports

Report of Committee for maintenance of Atlanta Motor

Report of three Memberships, E. E. Brown,

A. J. Dills, no report

Appointment of Stewardship Committee, D. C. Cowan, J. B. Ensley.

Committee for selection of Camp Site for Boy's Camp, W. D. Warren, I. H. Powell, J. R. Long.

Committee appointed to clear path to Tuckaseegee Falls, J. H. Wilson, J. S. Higdon, G. T. Cooper.

Committee for next meeting of Chamber of Commerce, J. C. Allison, Chairman, W. M. Brown, J. W. Keener.

Go Getters for Meeting Tuesday September 1st, Dan Allison, F. E. Alley, Jr., R. U. Sutton, Frank Morrison, H. E. Monteith, E. P. Stillwell, J. L. Dillard, L. C. Moore.

## FORTUNE IN PRIZES OFFERED BY STATE FAIR

Raleigh, August 24.—Offering a total of \$2,216 in prizes to successful exhibitors, the official preliminary list of the North Carolina State Fair to be held in Raleigh on October 1, has been received from the printer and is now being distributed by the manager, E. V. Wilborn. With the exception of \$7,200 offered in the race department, \$600 offered in the fine arts department, nearly all of this sum goes for agricultural products. There are twenty departments of the fair each headed by a member of the Board of Directors appointed under the law passed by the last General Assembly, which made the fair a public institution largely controlled by the State College of Agriculture.

Nearly all of the departments have a member of the faculty of the College in actual charge as superintendent.

The premium list shows that there will be a number of high class freights put on at the race track each afternoon and night. An excellent racing program has been secured with some of the finest trotting and pacing thoroughbreds in North Carolina entered. An enlarged horse show is also expected to bring many lovers of good horse flesh to Raleigh this fall.

As was the case last year, prizes of \$500, \$400, \$300 and \$200 are offered for the best county display. These prizes go on down to \$50 for tenth place. The best live-at-home farm display will win \$250, with second place bringing \$175 and so on down to \$25 for sixth place. Community displays will win at the same rate as the individual farm and according to Mr. Wilborn should attract considerable interest.

Mr. Walborn states that there is already much interest shown in the fair this year and that many exhibitors are writing in to reserve space.

## SHOAL CREEK

Several Cottage Prayer Meetings were held in our homes last week preparatory to revival services to begin in the auditorium Monday night 24th, conducted by Rev. J. R. Church of Winston-Salem. Rev. A. H. Bryson preached the introductory sermon Sunday night, in the Methodist church. It was delivered in an earnest and impressive manner.

Prof. W. C. Reed preached a very interesting sermon in the Baptist church Sunday morning to a large attentive audience.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bird, Prof. and Mrs. W. E. Bird and Mrs. D. S. Flinn motored to Asheville to visit Miss Audrey Bird, who has under gone an operation for appendicitis. They report her doing nicely.

Messrs. H. G. and P. H. Ferguson went to Franklin Saturday to attend revival services, returning Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. W. F. Battle and Miss Hazel Battle returned Saturday from a trip to Sylva.

Mr. James Freeman and family of Ducktown are visiting among relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Martin and Miss Jessie Martin of Cherokee spent Sunday at Shoal Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hughes were guests at Mr. J. K. Terrell's Sunday.

Mrs. A. J. Freeman and Mr. and Mrs. Will Freeman have returned from a visit among relatives at Almond.

Mr. and Mrs. Ras Chambers have moved to the D. K. Battle farm.

## ATLANTA JOURNAL BROADCASTS SYLVA ATTRACTIONS

The Atlanta Journal's broadcasting station, one of the largest and most popular in the Southeast, sent out information of Sylva, its people and its attractive surroundings, to thousands of radio fans, on Monday night. The Journal was advertising the giant motoreade, which it is sponsoring, and which leaves Atlanta on September 14, coming through Murphy, Andrews, Bryson City and Sylva to Asheville.

For weeks the Journal has been carrying news stories, daily, dealing with the motoreade, and the attractiveness of the region through which it will come. All this is incidentally giving Sylva advertising that money could not buy.

## A CREAM CHECK EVERY WEEK

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hooper whose farm is in the valley above Cullowhee are getting a creamcheck of over five dollars each week for cream sold from three cows. These cows are not even getting any grain feed now but are on pasture under dry weather conditions. Mrs. Hooper says that by feeding the cows well they could get a big increase in cream and in profit. They keep a flock of White Leghorn hens to which they feed the skim milk at a good profit, as 3 pounds of skim milk is worth one pound of corn for poultry and hog feed.

On the cream alone the income from three cows is over \$20 per month. Mr. Hooper says, "These cows with even ordinary care will produce an amount of cream for ten months in the year and bring in for cream about \$200 each year."

County Agent C. W. Tilson says by feeding the skim milk to good grade female dairy calves, poultry and pigs it will bring in at least half as much as the cream. This will make the income from the three cows \$300 per year. The improvement made by the increase in soil fertility on the farm from keeping the cows will practically pay for the labor in caring for the cows. Any farmer can readily see what Mr. and Mrs. Hooper's income would be from six or nine cows and decide for himself if this is not a very profitable way to spend his time and market the feed he produces on his farm.

## SYLVA SCHOOLS

### OPEN MONDAY

Sylva Schools will open Monday. Chapel exercises will be held at the Graded School at 8:45, while the opening exercises at the Central High School will be held at 10 o'clock. This will enable patrons and friends to attend both, should they desire.

Everybody is cordially invited to be present.

A. C. LOVELACE.

## RABURN JOINS ATLANTA SHORT ROUTE

Information from Clayton, county seat of Raburn county, Georgia, is to the effect that Raburn county has let the contract for the construction of the highway from Habersham county line to North Carolina, joining the concrete road from Dillsboro via Franklin, near Dillard, Ga.

## RESULTS OF BIG REVIVAL GOOD

Franklin Press Aug. 25.—The ten day revival meeting conducted by Dr. George W. Truett of Dallas, Texas, and Dr. F. C. McConnell of Asheville, came to a close Sunday night. During the past week there have been two services daily, Dr. McConnell preaching in the morning and Dr. Truett at night. For the past several days thousands of people from all of the Southland and from states as far West as Missouri and Texas have been present at each service to hear these eminent divines expound the old time gospel in such a manner that even a child can understand.

The simple and profound faith of these great preachers has touched responsive cords in the hearts of thousands who have listened.

## SELLS TOMATOES FROM ONE EIGHTH ACRE FOR \$50.00

Mrs. W. A. Hooper of Cullowhee Township says she has sold over \$50 worth of tomatoes from a small patch of less than one eighth of an acre. Mrs. Hooper says that she sold the tomatoes from a patch no larger for \$75 last year, and has canned all she needed at home each year. At this rate tomatoes would pay \$400 an acre as a cash crop. It is good cash crops that make farming a paying business.

## JOURNAL MOTOR CARAVAN WILL BE FIVE MILES LONG

All indications are that the Atlanta Asheville tour via Murphy will have more than 150 entries with between 400 and 500 tourists. Up to Thursday the entry list had reached 110 with around 50 assurances of additional entries, according to dispatch of the Atlanta Journal, which paper is sponsoring the tour. The entry lists do not close until noon Saturday, September 12th.

It is estimated that less than 25 per cent of those entered will drop out. It appears that his tour will be one of the largest and most important ever conducted. A statistician has figured that allowing an interval of about 100 yards between the cars the motoreade will stretch out for a distance of more than 5 miles.

## THE SMOKY MOUNTAIN PARK

Editorial in the Charlotte Observer Sunday, August 16.

State Highway No. 10, its eastern end 500 miles distant where the surf pounds the sand at Beaufort, will lead to the gateway of the Smoky Mountain National Park, when that develops into an asset for the eastern world, and the gateway will lead into and through the beautiful little town of Bryson City, around which rise the knobs and cliffs of the Smoky outposts. It is a drive of enchanting views over the finely-paved highway from Sylva to Bryson City, for, winding around courthouse hill, the highway turns in alongside the tumbling Tuckaseegee and the Murphy division of the Southern, following these in their twistings, through valleys that alternately contract and expand, skirting gorges and passing through level plains of waving corn fields, through thrifty villages and giving revelation of a land full of abounding plenty and of great natural beauty.

One of the interesting institutions of the town is the ancestral home of the Brysons, now occupied by Judge T. D. Bryson, of recent favorable introduction to Charlotte. It is one of the grand old homes that have been preserved in the original beauty of its setting. And it is from the vine-clad porch of this sequestered spot, looking across the shaded lawn and the open tennis court to where the surface of the river shines like splashes of silver through the breaks in the trees, that Judge Bryson can tell one all there is to know about the proposed National Park, now swiftly coming into the notice of the people of all the State. In the narrative he is ably assisted by his brother, Dr. D. R. Bryson, and if reinforcement is required the most competently equipped authority on National Parks in the country may be called in, for Mr. Horace Kephart is at all times handy. And it is Mr. Kephart we are to quote in the main, for he lived a life of seclusion in the wilds of the Smokies for sixteen years, as that long ago had gone into these mountains to regain his health. The Smokies gave him life and he is manifesting his gratitude in a persistent and never-flagging endeavor to save the Smokies in all their primeval glory for the benefit of posterity. And Kephart is a mighty advocate. He is a man qualified by observation and gifted with the talent to put these observations into print. He has probably produced more literature on the Smokies than any other authority living. That he does this well may be indicated by the fact that he is author of "The Southern Highlanders", a book which has been accepted as the most complete work of the kind that has ever come from the press.

Pipes are knocked out and re-lighted many times while Kephart is relating the glories of the Smokies and visioning the future blessings that will come from establishment of the park. All along, The Observer was looking for the "high light" in his argument, and this high light was quickly discovered. We are going to handle it now, as an offset against the objections that have been brought forward, or that may be advanced in opposition to the project. It is the government-constructed road along the ridge of the Smoky range.

The crest of the Smokies constitutes the dividing line between North Carolina and Tennessee. The line is sharply defined as the top of a tall fence. It is nowhere lower than 4000 feet; in places it is over 6,000 feet. Its distance from the upper border of the proposed park in Haywood County, to its lower border in the upper edge of Graham County,

is about forty miles. Along this ridge the Government would build a highway 60 feet wide. This great boulevard, averaging one mile above sea level, would be crossed by three or four Government-built roads to connections with the various State Highways, so that the entire territory of the park would be opened to automobile tourists. It would all be new territory, with attractions that would take precedence over the more familiar features of the western parks. It would open a wonderland for the American tourists, and where the State now has a thousand tourists it would have a million.

How little the great body of North Carolina people living east of Asheville know of the vast domain lifting its head to the west of that center. We are accustomed to think of the Black Mountain range, with its Mount Mitchell lifting its crown 6,711 feet into the clouds and its score of 6000-foot peaks as constituting the ridge pole of the State. But the ridge really runs between North Carolina and Tennessee, the home of the Smokies. There we are in the region of over 6000-foot ranges and peaks, for there as a mighty sentinel over lower Swain, towers Clingman's Dome reaching up to the ears of Mount Mitchell. Old General Clingman contended to his death that his mountain is, in fact, just 30 feet higher than the Swain County bulk. In the same Smoky range is Mount Guyot, which rises to an altitude of 6,636 feet and its neighbor, Mount LeConte, is but 36 feet lower. Waterloo Knob, Mount Collins and Jones' Knob are among the more-than-6000-foot mountains. The Smokies cover an area of 700 square miles. The Craggies and the Black, magnificent as they are, are comparatively restricted in area, covering only 85 square miles. Mr. Kephart relates that for "wild beauty and grandeur" he has seen nothing in Eastern America that equals the Smoky divide and its outlook. Over a goodly part of the range, he says the primitive forest still stands in all the majesty of many hundreds of years of growth. It is the most varied forest in the world today. There are 136 species of native trees and 174 species of wild shrubs. Under their shades grows an immense variety of wild plants that can thrive nowhere but in a forest primeval; they perish forever as soon as the big trees are felled, and lovers of plants and wild flowers will know them thereafter only as pictures in books or as dried specimens in a herbarium.

And it is for the prepartal preservation of all this natural treasure that the movement for creation of the Smoky Mountain National Park was organized. Success seems nearer as investigations of the area have progressed. It now appears certain that Virginia, backing the Shenandoah National Park movement, will unite with Tennessee and North Carolina in a common cause that the combination of parks—the Shenandoah and the Smokies—may go through as a whole.

## TO CELEBRATE OPENING ROAD

Franklin Press Aug. 21.—To celebrate the opening of the road from Franklin to the Georgia line the Macon County Progressive club will sponsor a meeting to be held at the tabernacle in Franklin on August 28. Arrangements have already been made whereby hundreds will be entertained. Invitations to various Chambers of Commerce in cities and towns in four states have been sent out. The replies so far received indicate that people are coming by the hundreds. Many prominent men have expressed their willingness to speak on this occasion. Among these speakers will be Commissioner of Revenue R. A. Doughton of Raleigh and Judge Thad Bryson of Bryson City. The latter will talk on the importance of a National Park in the Great Smoky Mountains.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

V. B. Cooper, of Jackson county to Amanda Debord, of Swain county.

## MEETING CLOSED AT CONLEY'S CREEK

Rev. J. D. Sitton assisted by Rev. Thad Watson and Rev. Wes Green have just closed a very successful meeting at Conley's Creek, in Swain county. The meeting resulted in eighteen converts. Eight being baptized into the Whittier Baptist church.

The meeting was held in an old church that had not been used for a number of years.

## FINANCIAL STATISTICS OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA, FOR 1924

Washington, D. C., August 29, 1924

The Department of Commerce announces a summary of the financial statistics of the State of North Carolina for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924.

The payments for maintenance and operation of the general departments of North Carolina for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924, amounted to \$15,745,898, or \$5.79 per capita. This includes \$1,729,783 apportionments for education to the minor civil divisions of the State. The expenses of public service enterprises were \$23,370; interest on debt was \$3,494,219; and outlays for permanent improvements were \$32,670,011. The total payments, therefore, for expenses of general departments and of public service enterprises, interest, and outlays were \$51,933,498. In 1923 the comparative per capita for maintenance and operation of general departments was \$5.10, and in 1917, \$1.96. The totals include all payments for the year, whether made from current revenues or from the proceeds of bond issues.

Of the governmental costs reported above, \$30,346,673 was for highways, \$4,122,126 being for maintenance and \$26,224,551 for construction.

The total revenue receipts of North Carolina for 1924 were \$21,202,235, or \$7.80 per capita. This was \$1,938,948 more than the total payments of the year, exclusive of the payments for permanent improvements, but \$30,731,563 less than the total payments including those for permanent improvements. These payments in excess of revenue receipts were met from the proceeds of debt obligations, Property and special taxes represented 27.0 per cent of the total revenue for 1924, 23.2 per cent for 1923, and 50.2 per cent for 1917. The increase in the amount of property and special taxes collected was 73.6 per cent from 1917 to 1923, and 10.9 per cent from 1923 to 1924. The per capita property and special taxes were \$2.10 in 1924, \$1.92 in 1923, and \$1.20 in 1917. There were no general property taxes in 1923 or 1924.

Earnings of general departments, or compensation for services rendered by state officials, represented 14.5 per cent of the total revenue for 1924, 11.5 per cent for 1923, and 20.4 per cent for 1917.

Business and nonbusiness licenses constituted 39.1 per cent of the total revenue for 1924, 34.5 per cent for 1923, and 19.4 per cent for 1917.

Receipts from business licenses consist chiefly of taxes exacted from insurance and other incorporated companies, privilege taxes, and from sales tax on gasoline, while those from nonbusiness licenses comprise chiefly taxes on motor vehicles.

The net indebtedness (funded and floating debt less sinking fund assets) of North Carolina on June 30, 1924, was \$68,739,976, or \$25.28 per capita. In 1923 the per capita debt was \$20.16, and in 1917, \$3.85.

There is no levy of the general property tax for state purposes in North Carolina.

## SYLVA METHODIST CHURCH

Preaching next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The message of the hour will be for the young people of the community, especially those going off to school. Let every one, both young and old, who possibly can, be present. The back bone of the hot weather seems to be broken, now let every fellow rally to the cause and make these last weeks of the Conference year tell for the most possible.

Sunday School 9:45 A. M. Epworth League 7:30 P. M.