

Jackson County Journal.

\$1.50 THE YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

SYLVA, N. C., SEPTEMBER 23, 1925

\$2.00 THE YEAR IN ADVANCE OUT SIDE THE COUNTY

SOUTHERN WOMEN ENDORSE PARK

The Southeastern Council of Women's Clubs, meeting in Chattanooga last week, unanimously adopted a resolution favoring the establishment of the National Park in the Great Smoky Mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee.

Mrs. E. L. McKee, of Sylva, President of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, presented the matter to the council, in a special address she delivered on the subject and introduced the resolution, placing the club women of the South directly and actively behind the movement.

The Resolution follows: Whereas that portion of the United States east of the Mississippi is peculiarly devoid of national parks: Therefore be it resolved that the Southeastern Council of Federated Club Women endorse the establishment by congress of the proposed national parks in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, and the Great Smoky Mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee.

And that the presidents and representatives of the several state federations included in the Southeastern Council urge their respective congressmen and senators to do all in their power to expedite the establishment of these parks.

PROGRAM MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Program for Western North Carolina Ministers' Conference to be held at the Waynesville Baptist church on Friday and Wednesday, October 1 and 2. General Subject: The Pastor's Relation to the Present World Crisis.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON
Devotional, W. M. Pruett, Waynesville.

Sermon Southern Baptist Situation: The world challenge to Baptist, L. P. Smith, Andrews.

The effects of indebtedness, W. F. West, Cullowhee.

The serious effects of disloyalty, A. A. Mason, R. L. Creamer, Bryson City.

The need of a prophetic ministry, A. J. Smith, Franklin.

TUESDAY EVENING
Song and praise service.

Sermon, W. F. West, Cullowhee.

TUESDAY MORNING
Devotional, Pete Hicks, Clyde.

Pastor Making His Ministry effective: His private life, T. F. Deitz, Sylva.

His study, A. V. Joyner, Canton.

His recreation, J. C. Hough, Sylva.

His people, R. P. McQueen, Clyde.

Dinner: In the pulpit, P. I. Elliott, Mrs. Hill.

2:00 As a citizen, A. S. Solesby, Franklin.

2:30 Funerals and marriages, C. T. Brown, Waynesville.

3:00 The pastor with other pastors, W. W. Williams, Black Mountain.

3:30 The pastor and his denomination, J. B. Grice, Asheville.

4:00 Devotional: At this meeting of the year for the ensuing year will be conducted. Come and bring other pastors with you.

If for any reason any who are on the program can not attend, please notify W. Ross Yokley, Sylva, N. C.

HIGHWAY SYSTEM INCLUDES 6,444 MILES

Figures recently compiled show that on July 1st, the State Highway System included 6,444 miles of good roads. Of this mileage in excess of 2,000 miles has been paved or is being paved by the Highway Commission, exclusive of paving done by Counties and turned over to the State. Route 10, one of the most important routes in the State has approximately 500 miles of paving completed or under construction in its total length of 579 miles.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Emmanuel Moody to Elizabeth Burrill.
Wm. O. Nicholson to Paul Standford.
Edwards to Kitter Dills.
Edwards to Hester Henson.
Scott Allen to Eva Buchanan.
Oscar Daves to Eva Price.

FOREST FIRE RAGES IN WHITESIDE COVE

The whole of the Whiteside Cove country has been ablaze during the past of late week and the first of this, amounting to thousands of dollars less in timberlands, according to reports coming in from the upper Jackson County country.

The fire is said to have been of incendiary origin, and undoubtedly was spread over miles apart, and raged on both sides the Chatooga river. On Monday started near the Zeb Alley place, north on Little Terrapin, and another near Greenland Creek.

A large portion of the lands affected are the property of M. Buchanan, V. A. Rexford, and others. Large areas, augmented by the government foresters of the Nantehala National Forest, have been combatting the flames since Friday, and now have them under control.

The burned area is heavily timbered and sparsely settled, being one of the great forests of the county. The prolonged drought has dried out the land and the streams contained little water giving the fire every advantage to gain headway.

DO FALL CHICKS PAY AS LAYERS?

The increased interest in poultry has caused some of our farmers to consider and plan to buy or hatch all chicks for layers. Some one may have concluded they will pay because they or a neighbor had two or three all pullets that were good layers in the late spring and summer.

The trouble comes because those late spring and summer eggs sell so cheap they sold at a fair price this year because vegetables were so scarce as to a very abnormal year. We could buy our chicks or hatch them in the spring having Rhode Island Reds, Barred Rocks, Wyandotts, etc. come off February 15 to March 15 and Leghorns and Aneonas, etc. come off March 15 to April 15 for layers. When our pullets are properly housed, fed and cared for they will start laying in late September and give us the greatest production here the fall and winter months. When eggs sell high and there is a small profit.

If some one wishes to have early and late broilers and friers to eat and sell, the fall hatched chicks or early hatched chicks are all right, but don't plan to make layers of them. Most of the money anyone makes with poultry will be thru sale of eggs. The broilers and friers just come along in the process of raising to help pay expenses and feed the reacher.

TEACHERS HOLD MEETING

On Saturday, September the nineteenth, a county-wide all-day's teachers' meeting was held at Sylva for the purpose of getting before the teachers the general plan of work for the year, with the means through which the objectives for the year will be accomplished and the method of procedure. There were one hundred and one teachers present. The program was very interesting and most effectively carried out through cooperation and support of the teachers.

A fine school spirit was outstanding through the day and the teachers willingly participated in the activities of the program. The discussions by Professors Reed, Watson and Bird which were so effectively given were highly appreciated by the teachers present. Below is a copy of the program of the day:

- Devotional Exercises, Mr. A. C. Lovelace.
- Stunt Singing, All.
- Welcome To The Teachers, Mr. Wilson.
- Calendar for the Year--Supervisory Program for the Year, Miss Tullye Borden.
- The Standard for a Well Organized Room, Mr. Bird.
- The Requirements of a Workable Daily Schedule, Mr. Watson.
- Noon Repast, Singing, All.
- Teaching Pupils How to Study, Mr. Reed.
- Departmental Meetings--Intermediate Department, Mr. Alexander in charge.
- Primary Department, Miss Borden.
- General Session--Announcements.
- Dismissal.

MRS. VARNER SELLS EGGS FOR \$300

Mrs. Fay Varner of Whittier community bought 250 White Leghorn baby chicks in March of last year, 1924. From these 250 chicks 90 pullets were raised and started laying some the last of September. 3 months old. These chicks were raised in a brooder house with a brooder and less than 50 of the 250 died. Of course the 200 left were half cockerels, leaving 100 pullets. These pullets were placed in a good standard laying house at 5 months old and fed on laying mash and scratch feed regularly with some butter milk and green feed. It has been about twelve months now since these pullets started laying. Besides an abundance of eggs for home use Mrs. Varner has ready sold over \$300 worth of eggs. County Agent Tilson says the purebred hens and the proper housing and feed are the main factors in Mrs. Varner's success.

Right now she is planning to start a half dozen dairy cows in order to sell cream and market the skim milk thru her hens. An abundance of skim milk will cut down the feed cost tremendously and increase the egg production of any flock.

BOUGHT HURT STATE CROPS

Raleigh, Sept. 10.--A summary of conditions on farms in North Carolina during August and the first days in September show the prolonged drought very intensive and the longest on record in the Mountain area. Except in favorably situated bottom land, crops are reported as near a failure in the mountains and in many sections of the Piedmont. The Coastal counties fared splendidly in August but since that time dry weather has extended throughout the Coastal Plain and late crops are feeling its effects except where local showers occurred.

The condition of corn on September 1st was 69 percent of normal as compared with a past ten year average condition at this date of 82 percent. This represents a decline of 3 points since August 1st. This condition indicates a crop of about 41,314,000 bushels compared with 44,314,000 bushels harvested last year. The condition of the National crop declined 1.9 points from the 77.4 percent condition on August 1st, but indicates a crop 18 percent larger than the 1924 production. Generally throughout the South and in a large part of the corn belt, the crop is not so promising as it was on August 1st, dry weather being the principal cause of deterioration.

While potatoes look promising as to growth of plants, the potatoes show very poor development and in the western counties farmers report that very little is to be found where digging has been in progress.

The condition of sweet potatoes in North Carolina was reported as 69 percent of normal on September 1st, showing a decline of 9 points during August indicating a crop of 8,884,000 bushels, a decline of about 10 percent from the crop expected on August 1st. The condition of Irish potatoes was 60 percent of normal, reducing the yield to 64 bushels per acre and indicating a crop of 3,402,500 bushels, just a little over half of last year's crop.

The dry weather has damaged pastures and hay crops in the western counties almost to the point of extermination. Many farmers state that they have been feeding their livestock as they do through the winter months. Last year the yield of tame hay was over a ton per acre. Reports at present show an average condition of about 55 percent of normal, indicating a yield per acre of 1400 pounds. Wild grasses and meadow hays will yield about 1200 pounds per acre. Clover hays, with a condition 55 percent, yield 9 tons per acre.

Soy beans showed about the same condition as on August 1st, due to the more favorable prospects in the eastern counties. Cowpeas declined from 66 on August 1st to 58 percent on September 1st, and velvet beans also declined 10 points from the 79 percent condition on August 1st.

WEEKLY PUBLISHERS ENTHUSIASTIC OVER PARK

The publishers of the weekly newspapers of Western North Carolina, are enthusiastic boosters of the Smoky Mountain National Park. Each member left the meeting, at Lake James, Friday, pledged to support the park and cooperate in every way with the movement, following a general discussion of the project, led by the president of the Weekly Press Association, Mr. Dan Tompkins who is also a member of the committee appointed to organize the state wide park movement.

President Atkins, of the North Carolina Press Association was present at the meeting and expressed himself as heartily in favor of the park.

The weekly publishers met at Lake James, between Marion and Morganton, Friday afternoon, as the guests of the Marion Lake Club, at their club house. The business session was held in the afternoon, and the publishers were addressed on various subjects affecting the papers, by B. Arp Lawrence, Lee B. Weathers, F. A. Carr, Miss Beatrice Cobb, S. E. Whitten, and others.

In the evening they were guests of the Marion Kiwanis Club, at a banquet given at the Lake Club House. Mr. J. Q. Gilkey, who presided as toastmaster, welcomed the publishers in behalf of the Lake Club, Senator Giles, for the Kiwanis Club, and Mr. James for the people of Marion. Replies were made by Mr. Tompkins, Mr. Weathers, Miss Cobb and Col. Weathers, Mayor of Shelby.

Running through all the talks was the enthusiastic note of the coming great prosperity for all Western North Carolina.

THE PARK OURS FOR THE TAKING

Asheville Citizen.--There are so many different ways of financing the establishment of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park that delay in accomplishing it is inconceivable. Back of the project is, first, the nation-wide campaign to enlist moral and financial support for the two parks, one in the Smokies and the other in the Shenandoah region of Virginia. This will be started October 1 by the Bankers' Service Corporation, employed for the purpose by the joint efforts and contributions of North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

Secondly, there is the North Carolina campaign to raise funds and arouse public sentiment for the park in which this State is primarily interested. This also, it is announced, will begin October 1.

The State money can be raised entirely by voluntary contributions from the citizens or by purchase of any given number of acres in the park area and presentation of them to the government. Or a part of it may be appropriated by the North Carolina Legislature, the remainder being given by private citizens. Or, a third possibility, the sums secured from individuals and the legislature may be augmented by an appropriation by Congress from the Federal Treasury. It has been argued that the Federal appropriation is improbable because the United States has never before bought land for a national park. It has, however, donated for park purposes land which the government already owned; and in the long run, there is no real difference between the donation of land that is worth money and the donating of money to buy land.

All this relates to detail. The main thing now is that the people of all North Carolina shall show by their words and their works that they appreciate the stupendous opportunity offered them in the park proposal. It is particularly essential that the people of Western North Carolina prove their enthusiasm for the project with our people making a convincing demand for the park, with sentiment in support of it aroused throughout the country, with the State Legislature and the Congress impressed with the people's desire for it, there is no doubt of the outcome. The Great Smoky Mountain National Park, certain to bring to our people an added annual income of \$40,000,000, is ours for the taking.

TRAIN WRECKS CAR LEFT BY PEOPLE

A serious accident on the detour from Governor's Island to Bryson was fortunately averted Monday night as 19 came into town. Mr. P. O. Bufingame and his family were coming home from a ride up the road and his engine stopped just as he made one of the crossings. The family was fortunate enough to get the car off the track before the train came. The car was demolished, and the tender torn from the engine. The train was delayed only a short time.

The detour, which everyone is forced to use as they come into town, is a very dangerous one, as people are forced to cross the railroad track four times from Governor's Island here. The crossings are blind and one is very steep. The road is narrow and nothing has been done to the detour to make it more passable. It will be in use for some time as work from the bridge to Bryson is not really under way yet on the main highway.

BALSAM

Balsam tried to do her bit in welcoming the motortrade last Tuesday. Mr. W. T. Lee, Jr., the genial Proprietor of Balsam Store, and a large number of other Balsamites hailed the procession with greetings at the West end of the Balsam loop of the highway, while the teachers, school children and other citizens greeted them at the North entrance. Mr. Lee, not seeing the two governors in the procession, asked occupants of another car to present two pretty balsam walking sticks and two miniature stills to them, as souvenirs of our little town.

Miss Aileen Jones was hostess to a large number of the young people Wednesday night in honor of her 16th birthday. She was the recipient of many useful gifts. Delicious refreshments were served.

Mrs. Carrie Queen and children visited her sister, Mrs. E. B. Nicholson in Brevard last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Lee, Jr., have returned from a visit to his sister, Mrs. D. W. Dickey in Sweetwater, Tenn.

Mr. E. B. Howell and family visited Mrs. Mary Robinson in Willets, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Nicholson and little Billie, of Brevard, spent last week end with Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Queen.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bryson, September 9, a son, Clyde.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Coward, September 21, a daughter, Katie Lee.

Mr. T. M. Rickards, Jr., of West Palm Beach, Fla., is spending some time with his family in their summer home here. Their daughter, Miss Catherine, who has recently returned from Europe, left Monday for New York to enter Vassar College.

The following enjoyed a picnic lunch on Jones' Knob Sunday: Misses Hettie, Faye, Evelyn and Pauline Bryson, Messrs. R. H. Henry of Sylva, Claud Porter of Lake City, Fla., Glenn Bryson, Shirley Watson, Delas Parker, Miss Marie Coward and Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Lee Hoxit.

Mr. Odell Queen made a business trip to Sylva last week.

Mrs. A. H. Haight of Capital Heights, Md., is visiting friends in Balsam.

Mrs. Maybelle Perry is having her stores, boarding houses and cottages painted.

This has been a good season for tomatoes in Balsam. Mr. John Coward planted about six hundred plants and has gathered about twenty five bushels of ripe tomatoes and the vines are yet quite full of green ones. Mr. T. M. Rickards and Miss Kate Rickards went to Canton Monday.

CULL THE HENS NOW

If you have not already culled your hens and sold them with the small cull pullets and cockerels don't put off any longer. To keep the cull hens longer is a loss. They are stealing the profit you could make with your good layers.

You need the money out of the culls to buy baby chicks next Spring or to help feed your layers this winter. Your County Agent will be glad to help you cull your hens. Flocks are being culled in Whittier and Beta communities this week, and will be culled in your community with the culling demonstration at your farm if you will ask your County Agent or let him know yours are to be culled.

KEPHART THINKS PARK ASSURED

That North Carolina now has an excellent chance to secure one of the great National Parks proposed for the Southern Appalachians, is the opinion expressed by Horace Kephart, who is at the Kenilworth Inn.

Sixty thousand acres of virgin forest lying along the crest of the Great Smoky Mountains, which form the boundary line between North Carolina and Tennessee, containing 14 peaks of more than 6,000 feet, several of which are within a few feet of the height of Mt. Mitchell, has been finally agreed upon, to the exclusion of other proposed sites, Mr. Kephart declared.

A fund of 5,000,000 will be raised for the purchase of the lands required in a campaign that will, according to present plans, be placed in the hands of a financing corporation in New York.

North Carolina's share in the money required to finance the earlier stages of such a campaign has already been made available, and a tentative program adopted, at a meeting of the Commission in Asheville.

Mr. Kephart gave a very vivid description of the site of the proposed park. In it are the remaining acres of the virgin forests that once clothed the entire highland. There are hundreds of trees in it that measure ten and eleven feet in diameter, and seven peaks of more than 6,000 feet that have never been named. The country is exceedingly wild and sparsely inhabited. The lands have a wider variety of flora than any other place in the world, he says.--Asheville Citizen.

SHOAL CREEK

On Tuesday 15th, Prof. W. C. Reed with the other teachers, manifested their interest in the National Park by taking their entire school to the highway, where they were joined by quite a number of the community folk, to witness the passing of the motortrade. What more could we do? Shoal Creek joins hands with other sections of the country for any kind of building up or improvements. In the procession we recognized the Editor of the Journal and we presume several other Editors, and perhaps Governors, Senators, Congressmen, with many other gentlemen and ladies of renown, all of whom, of course we could not recognize so readily. But by far the most striking feature of the occasion to us was the friendship, fellowship and good cheer that prevailed throughout. Tho' the majority were strangers to each other, it seemed like one band of Brotherhood.

On Saturday night the school gave an entertainment and ice cream supper for the purpose of raising money to buy Library books. Prof. Reed stated in an earnest appeal the need of raising three hundred dollars for that purpose. Over two hundred of the amount was subscribed within a short while. We have hopes that we will soon have a fully equipped, Standardized High School. Our teachers and patrons are making a strong, united effort to this end.

Rev. P. W. Tucker preached Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon, dinner on the ground Saturday and the Quarterly Conference held in the afternoon.

A B. Y. P. U. was organized at the Baptist church Sunday night, with Mr. Carl Hoyle as president.

Our teachers attended a Teachers' Meeting at Sylva Saturday.

Rev. J. W. Bennett and family of Webster stopped at Shoal Creek Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hyatt were guests at Mr. York Howell's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Golman Kinsland, Mrs. A. C. Hoyle and Miss Edna Hoyle called at Mr. J. H. Hughes' Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hoyle and Miss Grace Hoyle were guests at Mr. J. O. Howell's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Candler Childers of Whittier called at Mr. G. A. Kinsland's, Friday evening.

Miss Maggie Kincaid of Murphy is spending awhile with Mrs. L. W. Cooper.

Mr. Will Freeman and family were guests at Mr. Weaver Freeman's Sunday.

Mrs. J. G. Hooper and Mrs. A. C. Hoyle visited Mrs. J. O. Howell last week.

Please correct! The stalk of corn bearing six ears as described in last week's Shoal Creek news, belongs to Mr. D. M. Shuler.

Mr. Golman Kinsland has purchased a car.