

# Jack on County Journal

\$1.50 THE YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

SYLVA, N. C. OCTOBER 7, 1925

\$2.00 THE YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

## WILL BUILD CHARLOTTE CLUB HERE

The Charlotte Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the erection of a Charlotte Club House in Sylva and the lot has been selected by a committee of the Charlotte Chamber.

A committee composed of C. C. Buchanan, manager of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, Col. Kirkpatrick, president, Col. Wadsworth, editor of the Charlotte Observer, and Mr. Thomas Kirkpatrick, arrived in Sylva, Monday afternoon and a dinner was given in their honor by the Sylva Chamber of Commerce. An attendance of more than 100 members and guests.

It was a most delightful occasion. Everybody was happy. Everybody was glad. Everybody was enthusiastic over the coming great project of Western North Carolina and the rapid expansion of the town of Sylva, and the development of Jackson County.

Mr. Dan Tompkins, who presided, presented Col. W. W. Watt, of Sylva and Charlotte, who delivered the address of welcome, in his masterly and pleasing way. Mr. C. O. Keustere, and other of the Charlotte folk, expressed their gratification at the fine meeting, at the spirit that prompted 43 Sylva citizens to go to Charlotte, last week, expressed his satisfaction as being delighted at the progress that is being made by Sylva, the chamber of commerce, and as regards the club site for the City of Charlotte. Mr. Horace Kephart was given an oration, and told of the progress that is being made, assuring the establishing of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park.

The general address was delivered by Col. Kirkpatrick, president of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce and known throughout the state as one of the dearest of good roads and progress in North Carolina.

Mr. Wade Harris, veteran editor of the Charlotte Observer, broke the record of a life time, and made a public speech. It was announced as his maiden effort; but it was a splendid address. Sylva has the distinction of being the only town in the world that Col. Harris has honored by making an address.

Mr. Frank Alexander delivered an interesting and helpful talk, and suggested that, in connection with the club house, Charlotte and Gastonia go in together and make it a Mecklenburg-Gastonia Club, with member ship in either the Charlotte or the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce as a requisite to membership in the club.

Miss Jones and Mr. Mullinax delighted the crowd with their singing, and Miss Poindexter with her reading.

Following the program Mr. C. O. Keustere read a resolution expressing the thanks of the chamber of commerce to Mr. J. M. L. Smith for his good work that he has done recommending him to the Birmingham Chamber, to which he is going. Mr. Harry Hoffman made a speech of presentation to Mr. Smith of a beautiful watch and chain, as a token of the affection of the people of Sylva to his Smith.

On Tuesday morning the Charlotte people visited a number of sites that had been offered for their club house, and finally decided upon the location of Courtland Heights, offered by Mr. M. Buchanan and Col. Charles J. Harris. They selected two of the most beautiful lots in Sylva, which means that they are as ideally located as can be found in Western North Carolina. The deeds will be drawn immediately and the work on the Charlotte Club House will begin in time to have it completed by next summer. From the location can be seen the National Park at two points, above the high mountains of the Plott Balsam range and also in the Great Smokies. The Cowes also stand to the south, rising to a high altitude.

The day noon the party left Sylva and visited the Indian Fair at Cherokee. The guests of the Indian School and Superintendent Henderson. There they enjoyed a game of football and the unique display at the Cherokee Fair.

Wednesday, today, they are going into the Smoky Range, by mule back, to the top of Hughes' Ridge, as the guests of the Sylva and Swain County Chambers of Commerce.

## SYLVA GOES TO CHARLOTTE

Arrived with an abiding faith in the future of our wonderful region as the playground and workbench of Eastern America, with views of Sylva and Jackson County, and with Kephart's superb booklet on the Smoky Mountain National Park, Sylva went to Charlotte last week to see and be seen. To see the "Queen City of the South" and to tie up with the progressive people of grand old Mecklenburg in the forward movement of Western North Carolina.

Leaving Sylva at 5:30 the party made the journey across mountain and plain, down into the cotton region, and into the city of Charlotte, arriving in time for a delightful luncheon with the Charlotte Kiwanians.

Following the luncheon, the entire Sylva party visited the Made in-Carolina Exposition, where a liberal education as to the manufacturing wealth of North Carolina, was given them.

In the evening they were the guests of Mr. W. W. Watt at dinner at the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, with Col. Kirkpatrick presiding. Mr. Watt delivered the address of welcome. Col. Kirkpatrick and other Charlotte gentlemen spoke, and responses were made by Mr. John B. Enslin, Dr. C. C. Buchanan, Dr. H. T. Hunt and Mr. R. P. Jarrett explained that Sylva in case some did not know where it is, located two miles west of Dillsboro. Mr. Dan Tompkins, on behalf of Sylva and the Sylva Chamber of Commerce, formally tendered a lot for the erection of a Charlotte Club House in Sylva. Mayor Moore accepted it on behalf of the Charlotte people.

It was a great trip, a great meeting, and it has so completely tied the lot binding Sylva and Charlotte, that it is hard to tell which is which. In fact, North Carolinians have quit talking Charlotte or Asheville, or Winston-Salem, or Sylva, and are only building North Carolina.

## SHOAL CREEK

Mrs. Samuel Monfith, familiarly known as "Aunt Fanny" departed for the September 28th and her remains were interred in the Hyatt Cemetery on Wednesday 30th. She was about 87 years of age. She was a clever and hearted, Christian woman, and was a member of the Methodist church for many years. Only one child survives her, Mrs. P. H. Ferguson, with whom she has made her home since the death of her husband which occurred several years ago. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. H. Bryans.

Mrs. P. H. Ferguson has been seriously ill for the past week, in fact her life is almost despaired of at this writing.

Rev. A. H. Bryans preached in the auditorium Sunday morning, a spiritual service at the close of the sermon, also a baptismal service at 1:00 in the afternoon by Rev. W. C. Leed.

Mr. Gordon Shuler of the United States Navy is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Shuler.

Mrs. Bertha Buchanan spent the week end with relatives at Webster.

Mr. Golman Kinsland made a trip to Asheville Monday.

Mrs. K. Howell is visiting relatives at Asheville.

Miss Essie Anthony spent Tuesday night at Mr. J. E. Hoyle's.

Mr. C. B. Terrell returned to Cullowhee Monday after spending the week end with homefolks.

Rev. A. H. Bryans, and family were guests at Mr. J. C. Johnson's Sunday.

Miss Sadie Queen of Sylva was a guest at Mr. J. E. Hoyle's Sunday.

Measames James Sifton and W. F. House spent Thursday with Mrs. J. I. Hughes.

Mr. Wayne Battle of Balsam Grove spent the week end with homefolks.

Miss Lethe House is visiting at Mr. K. Howell's.

Mr. and Mrs. Cope stopped at Shoal Creek Sunday enroute to their home in Murphy.

## PROGRAM SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION OCT. 25

Program Scott's Creek Township Sunday School Convention Mt. Pleasant Baptist church, fourth Sunday, October 25, 1925, Willets.

### MORNING SESSION

10:30 Period of Worship, Scripture Reading and Prayer, Led by G. C. Crawford.

10:45 Ways of Increasing the Sunday School Attendance, by Prof. W. H. Rhodes.

11:10 Song.

11:15 Methods of Teaching the Lesson, by T. C. Bryson.

11:40 Period of Business: (a) Record of School Present. (b) Appointment of Committees.

1:50 Practical Suggestions for Variety in the Sunday School Program, by Prof. R. L. Madison.

2:15 Adjourn.

Dinner on the grounds. Everybody come and bring a basket.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

3:15 Period of Worship: Song, Scripture Reading and Prayer, Led by C. L. Allison.

3:40 Graded Lessons: Their Advantages and How to Use Them, by J. C. Lough.

3:55 Song.

4:00 How to Hold the Young People in the Sunday School, by Rev. C. C. Bryan and J. T. G. G. G.

4:25 Period of Business: (a) Report of Committees. (b) Time and Place of Next Meeting.

4:40 The Value of the Organized Bible Class, by J. J. Hooker.

4:35 The One Best Thing Our Sunday School Is Doing. (Three minute messages from some representative of each Sunday School.)

4:50 Adjourn.

## BALSAM

Rev. W. M. Robbins preached his last sermon in the Methodist church here Sunday, before leaving to attend the W. N. C. Conference at Statesville. We hope he will return to Balsam after Conference.

Rev. Mr. Rhine of Waynesville preached in the Baptist church here Sunday morning.

Mr. H. H. Harris, teacher of the primary grades in our school and Mr. J. H. Hall, near Dillsboro were married at the home of Rev. W. S. Harris in Savannah, Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Hall will continue to teach here.

Miss Hattie Bryson and Selma Crawford left Saturday to spend some time in Gastonia.

Mr. A. H. McMiller left Sunday on a business trip to Washington.

Miss A. H. Haight, who has been spending some time with Mrs. W. P. Farwell, and other friends, left Monday to visit Mrs. J. C. H. Wilson in Asheville a few days before returning to her home in Capitol Heights, Ala.

Miss Belle Duncan and Mr. Bob Duncan are visiting relatives in Marion.

Mr. Henry Christy made a business trip to Samook Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kenney and baby and Miss Lillian Kenney visited relatives on Cane Fork Sunday.

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

There were many "chestnut hunters" in and around Balsam Sunday. The woods were full of them. We would be glad if they would remember not to molest private property such as cutting Balsams and pine trees, raspberries, etc. on private lands and enclosures.

Mr. Lloyd Quirt has returned from Florida.

Messrs. Luther Owen Patton and John Wilson were here Monday.

Scotts Creek Township Sunday School Convention will meet in the Mt. Pleasant Baptist church the 4th Sunday, in this month. Mr. R. R. Fisher, of Addie is the township president. (All day session.)

Mrs. D. T. Knight went to Lake Junaluska Sunday to attend a meeting of Sunday School Superintendents and co-workers in circuit type school who have a program of work. The meeting, which was interesting and instructive, was held in Long's Chapel and conducted by Mr. O. V. Wootley, of Lexington, Supt. of W. N. C. Conference Sunday School Board. Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Rickards went to Canton on business Monday.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Sara Norman which occurred at her home near Willets, Thursday morning.

## N. C. C. W. ALUMNAE CELEBRATE FOUNDER'S DAY

Jackson County Alumnae of North Carolina College for Women met October 5th at 4:30 at the home of Miss Ruth Allison to celebrate Founder's day in memory of the founder Dr. Charles Dumeau McIver.

A small but enthusiastic crowd sang "Carolina, Carolina, Heaven's blessings attend her", Dr. McIver's favorite patriotic songs and the College song. Letters from Dr. Foust, the president, W. C. Jackson, vice-president, Mr. E. J. Forney, Miss Goodenall, Miss Boddie, Dr. Wade Brown and Dr. J. H. Cook were received with interest and delight over the many improvements taking place back home, at their Alma Mater.

## SMITH GOES TO BIRMINGHAM

J. L. M. Smith left today for Birmingham Alabama, where he has accepted a position as Assistant Secretary-Manager of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Smith in leaving stated that in all of his experience in the Chamber of Commerce for the past five years he had not found the cooperative spirit and the progressive citizenship that he had found here. Mr. Smith stated further that he expected great things from the Sylva Chamber of Commerce due to the progressive attitude of its Directors and Officers.

He especially asked the Jackson County Journal to express his appreciation of the work that the good women of Sylva have done toward making the Chamber of Commerce a live organization for if it had not been for the good women of Sylva giving their time and energy the meetings would not have been so well attended. In every walk of life the women play an important part and in this instance they played the most important part, that of furnishing the best prepared, served and served meals that he had found anywhere.

Mr. Smith expressed his appreciation for the wonderful treatment he had received from the people of Sylva and stated that he would return, that he was going away for a little while then he would return.

## JADOLINA ROAD TO BE OPENED SOON

Knoxville Journal.—By the last of next week it is expected that the road from Tellico Plains to Monroe county to the state line touching Cherokee county North Carolina will be opened for traffic, in a few days after the road from Tellico Plains to Johnsonville will be graded, making connection with Knoxville.

On the North Carolina side, the road from the state line to Murphy, a distance of about 25 miles of this road having been graded, with the remainder to be opened for traffic within the next 60 days. This will give connection with the famous No. 10 highway of North Carolina, leading by Sylva to the Atlantic coast, a distance of about 350 miles from the connecting point.

It is understood here that highway officials of both Tennessee and North Carolina have about reached an understanding that will result in connecting Tellico Plains and Murphy, making it a state highway conforming to all requirements on the Tennessee side of the Unaka mountain. The new road already is built according to state specifications and is a practically hard-surface road with a maximum grade of 6 per cent. The opening of this link will aid in the development of a large territory and will afford tourists and travelers a long-wished-for short cut across the mountains.

This link will connect with the Lee highway at Sweetwater and with the Atlanta-Knoxville highway at Madisonville, giving a short line to the east and crossing the north and south highways in North Carolina.

## SYLVA METHODIST CHURCH

Preaching Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. No preaching at the evening hour as the pastor goes to Dillsboro. Sunday School at 9:45 A. M. Epworth League at 7 P. M.

This is our last service before Conference. Let us work and pray to the end that it may be a real good and helpful service. Come and bring some one with you.

## SYLVA COMES TO TOWN

(An Editorial in The Charlotte Observer.)

By the State Highway map the distance from Asheville to Charlotte is 120 miles. It generally runs up more than that on the speedometer, but let that pass. The distance from Sylva to Asheville is 53 miles. Sylva is the Capital of Jackson County, over in the far western part of the State. And that is a section which has been almost as much a stranger to interior in North Carolina some remote county in Georgia or Tennessee. Intervening between it and Charlotte was a 'devious system of wagon roads, in some sections amounting to nothing better than mountain trails. The only access was by railroad and that involved a day's journey. But along came the Morrison Administration and the good roads, and this section, formerly so remote, is now a near neighbor. The new day and the new condition had happy illustration yesterday afternoon, when at 12:30 o'clock a string of automobiles lined up in front of the Chamber of Commerce building. It was a delegation of representative business and professional men from the town of Sylva, who had come "all the way from their mountain home to see Charlotte, the exposition and Charlotte people. They had an early breakfast, and they got here a little after noon, without having done violence to the speed law. So close as that has the good road brought the remote mountain section into touch with the city far down in the piedmont.

There are 61 men in the party and they are under personal chaperonage of Mr. Walter W. Watt, the hardware man, who maintains a summer home at Sylva, and who was a prime factor in development of the Cullowhee State Normal, now ranking as one of the finest educational institutions in the country. It is a fine body of men, also including preachers, doctors, lawyers, merchants, manufacturers, an editor of a classy mountain newspaper and secretary of a Chamber of Commerce, farmers, county officials, and one of the best road-builders in the State, the latter being John Wilson. It was rather a fortunate circumstance that the party arrived at the Chamber of Commerce hall just as the Kiwanis were being seated for luncheon and, although an intermediate dining hall had been loaded for their entertainment, they were invited to sit with the Kiwanis, and their first introduction to Charlotte people was, therefore of the rousing character. Not many of these visitors had been to Charlotte, and not a man of them will go home without definitely-fixed ideas of coming back again. The visitors were shown the exposition, as a valuable contribution to their entertainment. Some will make return this morning; others will tarry to see a little bit more of Charlotte. It was a mighty welcomed set and they had every reason to know that Charlotte was glad to have them.

About six weeks ago a pair of Charlotte missionaries spent a couple of days in Sylva, and Sylva got the notion from these that Charlotte is the town they want to see and to cultivate. So, a week after return of the missionaries there came official information from the city of Sylva that its town had selected a site on Courtland Heights, which it had tendered the Chamber of Commerce as a free site upon which to build a Charlotte clubhouse. There is not a finer location in America and the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce has made formal acceptance of the deed. The Charlotte clubhouse at Sylva is destined to be one of the popular institutions of the future.

## SEWERAGE CONTRACT LET FOR CULLOWHEE NORMAL

Cullowhee, Oct. 7.—At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cullowhee State Normal held, September 23rd, a contract for the installing of a new and complete sewerage system was let to Boyd and Goforth General Contractors, Charlotte. The Governor has since approved this contract, and the work will begin at once. This project represents another big step in the permanent improvements now being made at Cullowhee.

## TO MAKE FINAL ROLL OF CHEROKEE

Mr. A. W. Simington, special allotting agent, is now at Cherokee for the purpose of making the final roll of the Eastern Band of Cherokees. The roll is being made for the purpose of giving all persons claiming membership in the Band an opportunity to present their claims to the final allotment of the Indian lands.

## CULLOWHEE STATE NORMAL, COMMENDED BY AUDITORS

Cullowhee, Oct. 7.—Auditor Baxter Durham of Raleigh and his chief deputy, Chas. M. Johnson, spent Monday, the 5th, at the Cullowhee State Normal for the purpose of inspecting the installation of the new system of accounting which has been recently adopted for all state departments and state institutions. They announced that the books at Cullowhee were in excellent shape and that the new system had been installed in a very satisfactory manner. Credit should go to Mr. W. N. Coward, Bursar, and Miss Ruth Oliver, Bookkeeper, for this commendation.

## CULLOWHEE CLUB ENTERTAINS BIG RALLY TUESDAY

Cullowhee, October 1.—The Community Life Club of the Cullowhee Training School entertained the members of the Normal School faculty, Tuesday evening with a delightful picnic supper at the home of Mrs. D. D. Davies. The guests arrived about 5:30 P. M. and about a half hour was spent in an informal reception. At 6 P. M. President Hunter announced for all to assemble in the front lawn where the long white tables were filled with tempting foods prepared by the women of the club. At this time Mrs. T. A. Cox gave a short address of welcome in which she stated briefly the work and objectives of the club and extended a cordial invitation to the members of the faculty to unite with them for greater things. Mr. P. W. Alexander followed with a most pleasing and effective response in which he praised the work of the club and the wonderful spirit which had prevailed among its members. He closed his talk by paying high tribute to mother and quoted the poem "Mother of Mine" which he dedicated to Mrs. Davies, whom we all love. The supper was then served in cafeteria style as approximately seventy-five people lined up along the tables and helped themselves to the bountiful spread. The rows of electric lights stretched across the lawn mingling with the pale moonlight made the scene extremely pleasing to behold. As the supper was completed, beautiful strains of music were heard from shades of the shrubbery as selections of special music were rendered by mixed voices.

## BRYSON CITY'S NEW POWER PLANT

Bryson City's red letter day was last Thursday, September 23, when half the population of the city gathered to see the current turned on at the new water plant recently completed at a cost of approximately \$200,000.

Although actual construction of the new plant was started about a year ago. Some delay was caused through necessity of acquiring the rights and land from the Cherokee Indian nation. At last these negotiations were completed, and following the acquisition of water and land rights, work on the new plant was started and proceeded without interruption until the completion of the plant.

The plant is one of 3,000 horse power capacity and model, the engine for which is secured from a pulp-plant, reinforced concrete dam spanning the Oconalufy river near the mouth and a short distance from its convergence with the Tuckasee river. It is located six miles from Bryson City.

The ultimate capacity of plant is from 2,000 to 3,000 horsepower. At present one generator of 750 horsepower furnishes the power.

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