

Jackson County Journal

\$1.50 THE YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

SYLVA,

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\$2.00 THE YEAR IN ADVANCE OUT SIDE THE COUNTY

MOODY DAIRY MADE GOOD RECORD FOR YEAR 1924

For the past two months County Agent Tilson has been writing up some of the results obtained here and there over the county by beginners dairymen on a very small scale. His purpose in this is to show the people in the county just what can be done right at home as beginners in dairying with no experience. The readers will recall some statement indicating that farmer who works his experience/gradually on a small scale to begin with could not make good money with six or seven cows.

I am asking you now to consider what Jackson County's one and only real dairyman did last year. In March 1921 he started with cows. Mr. Moody milked at the Moody Dairy last year, 1924 an average of 20 to 22 cows. His income from sales were as follows:

Sweet milk	\$6809.50
Buttermilk	445.40
Butter	180.80

Total from cows \$7,435.70
From a flock of a little more than 100 hens Mrs. Moody sold eggs and poultry to the extent of \$394.50 making the total gross income from the cows and chickens \$7,830.20 or a gross income of \$652.50 per month. Of course the cost of feeding the cows, the interest on the money invested in the barn, truck, cows and other dairy equipment are to be deducted before we determine what Mr. Moody and his family have received for their time as dairy farmers last year.

At any rate we can readily see that their farm has had a mighty good chance of paying its operators a fair profit for the 365 days put in during the year 1924. The fact that we know that the operators of the Moody Dairy Farm put in every one of 365 days with the cows and chickens while the average Jackson County farmer put in less than one third of the 365 days working with less profitable cash crops makes largely the difference of the gross farm income of the Moody Dairy Farm and the average Jackson County farmer.

Mr. Moody has an up-to-date dairy barn and dairy that are well kept. The people who get milk from the Moody Dairy are getting a good product and value received for all they are paying for the milk and butter delivered to them. These year of faithful service furnishing a good product Mr. Moody has built up a retail milk trade of satisfied customers. The farmers of Jackson County will have open to them next March a wholesale cream trade unequalled anywhere in the South, and a good cream trade with feeding the skim milk to good poultry and hog will pay just as well according to labor and investment as Mr. Moody's whole milk trade.

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

Announcement was made of the appointments of preachers for the Western North Carolina district, at the conference, meeting in Statesville, Monday.

Waynesville District: P. W. Tucker, presiding elder, Andrews; J. R. Marsh, Bethel; R. P. Fikes, Bryson; D. V. Howell, Canton; A. C. Cullowhee; A. W. Lynch, Delwood; H. E. Christ, Supply Franklin; B. C. Reavis, Franklin circuit; R. A. Truitt, Fines Creek; J. C. Brown, supply, Glenville; W. C. Medford, Supply, Hayesville; C. S. Plyler, Haywood; Van B. Harrison, Highland; R. C. Kale, Hiwassee; C. E. Steadman, Jonathan; H. M. Kenner, Judson, to be supplied. Lake Fork, supply, Frank Siler, Macon; T. H. Botsen, Supply, Murphy; D. H. Rhinesard, Supply, Robbinsville; W. T. Correl, supply, Sylva; W. M. Robbins, Waynesville; T. F. Marr, Webster circuit; W. F. Cook, Whittier; E. W. Whittier, Wm. Hornbuckle, Jr., supply, Yale Divinity School, Murphy Q. C., F. E. Hartsfield, Agent of hospital; J. T. Magnum.

Other appointments of interest to journal readers are: Leicester, L. T. Corbell; Lilesville, Myers, Spindal, J. J. Gray; Rutherford College, O. J. Jones; Spruce Pine, G. H. Christenberry; Elkins, L. B. Abernethy; Presiding Elder Statesville District, J. E. Bernethly; Oak Ridge, R. S. Howie.

SMATHERS GETS FIVE YEARS

Monday morning Judge T. D. Bryson, presiding at Jackson county superior court sentenced Ed. Smathers to a term of not less than five nor more than seven years in the state prison, following conviction by the jury, late Saturday, of manslaughter, for slaying Vird Colvard at Case's saw-mill, on Tuckasee river, last April.

Smathers entered a plea of self-defense, and both in the evidence and in counsel's argument to the jury crossed the unwritten law, appealing to the jury to acquit him on both counts.

After about two hours deliberation, the jury returned its verdict of guilty.

Smathers, according to the evidence was working on a logging job, at the saw mill, of which Colvard was foreman, and was running a boarding house where a number of the saw-mill employees slept and boarded. Smathers alleged that Colvard made improper remarks to his wife, the night before the shooting, in the presence of Smathers, who, after Colvard had retired to his room, across the street, ordered Colvard from the house, and exacted a promise that he would leave that section.

On going to the saw mill, the next morning, Smathers contended, he found Colvard, and when he asked him why he hadn't left, Colvard arose and presented a shot-gun in his face, whereupon Smathers shot. This was the evidence of both Smathers and Tolvin Ensley, who was the only eyewitness to the affair. The state contended that the range of the bullets, from the shoulder downward, was inconsistent with the verbal testimony, as Colvard was about six inches taller than Smathers, and that Smathers must have shot while Colvard was sitting down at his workbench.

The jury took the state's view and returned a verdict of guilty.

The state was represented by Senator Grover Davis, G. Lyle Jones, of Asheville, W. R. Sherrill, of Sylva and T. L. Jenkins, of Robbinsville. While the defense was represented by Alley and Alley.

Both Smathers and Colvard married men and have families.

Dock Messer, who pleaded guilty to transporting was fined \$100.00, on appeal from the Recorder's court; although it was his second conviction since the Galloway-Bryson Act was ratified. Judge Bryson stated that it was his opinion that the second offense was not sufficiently alleged in the bill of indictment.

Other cases disposed of were: Paul Dillard, assault, continued, and capias ad testificandum for Gus Allen and Cirs Passmore. Dewey Bryson, assault, called and failed. Jasper Wren, C. C. W. called and failed. Jenn Ash, seduction, not pros. Walter Hawkins, transporting \$50.00 and the costs. Hubert Stanley, bandonment, instructed verdict of not guilty. Perry Dumeau, false pretense, not guilty. Will Nicholson, violating bus law, instructed verdict of not guilty.

TWO PRISONERS ESCAPE

Guy Wells and Sam Reece, two young white prisoners, sawed their way to freedom, from the Jackson county jail, Saturday night, and have made good their escape, at the time this is written.

Wells was under sentence to serve one year on the roads for breaking and entering Monteith and Davis' store; and Reece was sentenced to 18 months for shooting Pierson Owen, at a prayer meeting, in Canada, a few months ago.

BALSAM

Children's week was observed by the Methodist Sunday School, last week and a pageant, "The Voice of the Future" was given at the Parents' Meeting Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Cling Ensley and family of Sylva visited Mrs. H.P. Ensley Sunday.

Mrs. Maybelle Perry made a business trip to Sylva Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Lee Jr., attended Ringling Bros. Barnum-Bailey circus in Asheville Friday.

Mr. T. M. Rickards of Canton was here Monday.

Mrs. A. H. McHaffey and Master Glenn, went to Sylva last week.

Mr. Robert Bryson, Jr. made a business trip to Sylva Saturday.

Mr. A. H. McHaffey has sold his farm in Haywood county to Mr. T. M. Rickards and son, T. M. Jr.

WORK IS MOVING ALONG SCENIC HIGHWAY

Asheville Times, Oct. 18.—With work progressing into the fall at a halfdozen points, and the entire mileage either completed, under construction, contracted for, or surveyed, highway No. 10, between Asheville and the Georgia line will be virtually one continuous hard surface throughout next summer.

An inspection trip over the route from Asheville to Bryson City Friday by J. G. Stikeleather, district highway commissioner, accompanied by an engineer and a representative of the Times, gave proof of high pressure activity that is to convert this highway into one of the finest scenic routes of America.

Accomplishment to date on this mountain artery, lying wholly through rugged country, has been little short of marvelous.

Over the highway in a few short months will pour thousands of automobiles, bearing tourists, investors and home seekers.

A golden stream is coming to this vantage section of Western North Carolina—an exchange of gold for mountain home sites—for the erection of hotels, club houses, and playgrounds.

And the great opportunity will not find the people along the Murphy road unprepared. The vision has been caught by communities all the way from Asheville to Murphy. There is a realization that investment in good roads will pay returns in the near future. The people of every town are stanning their resources to obtain the very best highway possible.

The coming events are casting their shadows before them.

There is an activity in mountain real estate all along the route. Only a few days ago representatives of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce selected a site for their new club house in Sylva. Keen to the situation and the advisability of getting started properly, the people of Sylva donated some five and one-half acres of land.

The presence of construction engineers, contractors' forces, and vast quantities of equipment, has lent reality to the great day that is ahead for these western counties.

Optimism everywhere is expressed. Early completion of the Scenic highway is the talk of the hour. Communities are turning from a mere hard surfaced roads to congeration of the best highways possible.

The county of Jackson has authorized a loan of \$500,000 to the state so that the entire 12 miles between Bryson and Sylva may be built of concrete. And this loan is being through the mountains at a rate of \$22,000 to \$25,000 per mile. Present estimates are that it will last a minimum of 20 years.

The lateral highways feeding to and from the Atlanta-Murphy-Asheville highways are booming.

The road through Franklin to Atlanta is all paved or under contract. The court of Sevier county, Tennessee, has proposed to the commissioners of Swain county that they are ready at any time to meet North Carolina with a road at the top of Luffy mountain.

In a conference at Bryson City last night, the letter from Sevier county was read, to which Commissioner Stikeleather replied: "North Carolina has always stood ready to meet any other state with a through highway."

All the way to the Georgia line hard surface has been built, is under contract, or under construction.

MORE THAN THIRD OF MILEAGE PAVED

According to figures compiled in the Maintenance Department of the State Highway Commission more than one third of the mileage now under State Maintenance is paved. The types under maintenance and the mileage of each is as follows: Concrete 879.4 miles; Asphalt 887.85; Penetration macadam 125.5 miles; Brick 46.8 miles; Macadam 170.5 miles; Topsoil sand clay, etc., 2,591.54; Gravel 503.9; Shale, Feldspar, etc., 37.8; and Dirt 904.9.

District One, composed of Counties lying in the northeast section of the State leads with 912.7 miles of road under maintenance while the Eighth District, composed of Counties in the western part of the State has 549.6 miles.

DAIRY CATTLE

From The Asheville Citizen. Jackson county is stirring in more ways than road building—it is alert, up-and-coming. Each week we note in the progressive Jackson County Journal some new symptom of county activity and Sylva-Dillsboro enterprise.

The Journal is impressed with the possibilities in the dairy business for Jackson, Macon, Clay, Swain and Cherokee counties which will open next Spring with the opening of the creamery which the Carolina Creamery of Asheville is building at Franklin. The counties have the grass and the creamery will supply a market for the milk.

Anticipating this enlarged market, farmers from four sections of Jackson county have engaged County Agent Tilson and State Dairy Specialist Farnham to buy for them a number of fine Jersey heifers in Tennessee so that they will have more high grade milk cows in service by the time the creamery is ready. Other farmers are invited to join in the purchase plan, and it is stated by The Journal that the banks of Sylva are promoting it.

HENDERSON SEES FUTURE FOR OUR COUNTY

Asheville Citizen, Oct. 18.—The Hendersonville News is emphatically in favor of good roads—the best of good roads for that matter—but it sees a danger to its community in good roads elsewhere unless Henderson County goes actively good-road-building.

"Henderson County hasn't time to stop and pat herself on the back for anything she has done in the way of roadbuilding. She must keep moving to occupy her strategic position on the road map" says The News. It hangs out a danger sign for Hendersonville—but it is no "Stop, look and listen" warning.

On the contrary it is a full-speed-ahead order The News gives. It looks ahead and sees signs and interprets them rightly. Highway No. 10 it sees as an important highway calculated to divert travel from the South through Murphy and the up and coming towns between there and Asheville—keep now for tourist trade. With this highway hard-surfaced it will draw travel from the Greenville-Hendersonville road unless the short link of the State line be paved by Henderson County.

Travel from Charlotte now comes to all Western North Carolina by way of Hendersonville, but The News foresees that with the paving of the Charlotte-Asheville highway No. 20 through Hickory Nut Gap, "travel will keep on the straight, paved road rather than take a turn over an unpaved road at Bat Cave bridge." Therefore it is for Henderson County to pave the Hendersonville-Bat Cave stretch.

"If Henderson County sits still and folds her hands paved roads will run rings all around her," warns The News. "We must build roads rapidly or suffer the loss of our advantageous position."

HIGH HAMPTON OFFICERS ELECTED

Mr. E. L. McKee, of Sylva, late owner and developer of High Hampton, was elected as its first president, since incorporation, at a meeting of the board of directors, Tuesday. Mr. Gilbert C. White, nationally known engineer, of Durham, is first vice-president, and Charles E. Waddell, of Asheville, second vice-president. Mr. H. W. Plummer, of Asheville, well known business man and developer of the Asheville Power and Light Company was elected as secretary and treasurer. The board of directors consists of the above named gentlemen, and Mr. J. O. Cobb, president of the First National Bank and Trust Company, of Durham.

The property will be developed by the present incorporators, although they are said to have received a number of attractive offers for the property. It is the intention of the directors to add to the capacity of the hotel, by enlarging the present building and adding a number of cottages, for family occupancy. The golf course will be enlarged to 18 holes, and a new lake, covering a large acreage, and backing water to the foot of Rock Mountain will be constructed. It is said that sites for homes will be made available with a number of buildings, and other restrictions.

JACKSON COUNTY BANK HAS GRAND OPENING

With deposits, for the day, aggregating \$283,000.12, as the first day's business in its new banking home, the Jackson County Bank held open house and entertained its hundreds of friends, from 5:00 to 10:00 o'clock, Tuesday evening. A number of bankers from Asheville, Canton, Marshall, and other Western North Carolina points were present, to participate in the celebration of the opening and moving of the bank into its new quarters on its twentieth anniversary.

Sandwiches, punch, cake and cigars were served, and each lady was presented a beautiful rose. The prize of \$10.00 in gold, offered for the closest guess on the day's business was won by Wayne Higdon, he guessing \$245,000.00, and the deposits being \$283,000.12. Mrs. J. C. Hough guessed that there was \$76.76 worth of pennies in the big jar, and was awarded \$5.00 in gold, being the nearest estimator. The jar contained \$75.99 in one cent pieces.

Music was furnished by the Auditorium Orchestra, of Asheville. All the officers and directors of the bank were present, including the president, Col. Charles J. Harris, who been its chief executive officer since it was founded in October, 1905. The other officials are: M. D. Cowan, cashier, F. L. McKee, vice-president, H. W. Hoffman and W. R. Enloe, assistant cashiers, and John W. Phelps, bookkeeper. The board of directors consists of Messrs Charles J. Harris, E. L. McKee, S. W. Enloe, M. D. Cowan, Thomas A. Cox, I. H. Pcwell and J. W. Keener.

Beginning business in October, 1907, with a capital of \$12,000.00, the bank has had a continual and steady growth, keeping step with, and being a barometer of the progress of Jackson County, until it has now a capital of \$6,000.00, a surplus of \$12,000.00, and undivided profits of \$10,000.00, and a handsome banking house that would do credit to any bank in any city in the state.

The first officials were: Col. Charles J. Harris, president, Coleman C. Cowan, vice-president, M. Buchanan, cashier, Thomas A. Cox, secretary to the board, and a board of directors consisting of Col. Harris, O. B. Coward, Judge D. D. Davies, E. L. McKee, Coleman C. Cowan, Thomas A. Cox, and M. Buchanan.

The first depositor in the bank, in its new home, Tuesday morning, was Dr. Charles Z. Candler.

DAVE TOWNSON AND BEN POSEY FIGHT ON STREETS IN MURPHY

Tri-County News, October 16. Ben Posey and W. D. Townson, both of Murphy are said to be in serious conditions as a result of a fight they had on the street here last Wednesday night.

Posey, it is said, was dealt a hard blow on the head with a stick by Townson and Townson was badly cut on the throat and one shoulder with a knife by Posey.

The trouble, it is said, arose about Posey walking up the street with Townson's wife.

SHOAL CREEK

Prof. and Mrs. W. C. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Howell, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hughes, Mr. Lueius Cope, Miss Anna Deakins and Miss Bertha Buchanan attended the Teachers' Meeting at Asheville Friday and Saturday.

Miss Ollie Hall, who is teaching at Barkers Creek spent Sunday with homefolks.

Mr. Garland Oxner has returned from a trip to Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bird and Miss Nellie McLaughlin were guests at Mr. H. G. Bird's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Shuler were guests at Mr. J. G. Hooper's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hoyle spent the week end with relatives in Canton and Sylva.

Mr. Frank Battle who is attending school at Asheville, spent the week end with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. Thad Varner of Whittier, Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Freeman and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hughes spent Sunday afternoon at Mr. D. K. Pevler's.

Mr. S. M. and Mr. Phil Crisp spent part of last week with relatives at Forney.

Mr. H. G. Bird is moving to the Blackwell farm.

Messrs. J. H. Hughes and J. K. Terrell called at Mr. W. H. Hoyle's Sunday afternoon.

ANCIENT CITY DISCOVERED IN NORTH CAROLINA HILLS

Washington.—John R. Bartlett, of Penland, Mitchell county North Carolina, has unearthed something akin to the tomb of King Tut. In a letter to Senator Overman he has asked for a government expert to look into his find.

"I have on my place on Bear Creek four miles north of here, an ancient city, uncovered by mining," Mr. Bartlett wrote. "Would like to have you give me the names and addresses of the government geologists who handle this kind of matter, and if possible some one who could read the inscriptions on the engraved rocks. Can get a sample of the rocks and forward them if they wish to see them."

"I have discovered an idol partly jutting out, with about six feet still in the ground, with writing on it. This would weigh from six to eight tons. Two large stones set up north and south of this large one about six inches thick, and about six feet high, and about six feet wide. The best information I can get is that this was done from 400 to 600 years before Christ. These stones are cut smooth."

"I would like to sell this property if it is of any value for the material there is in it."

TWO IS HOSPITAL AS RESULT OF WRECK

Waynesville-Mountaineer, Oct. 15.—J. R. Hyatt and James Thomas, Jr., were carried to the Mission hospital Sunday night suffering from injuries sustained in a wreck Sunday afternoon on the Balsam Road. It was feared that the injuries were serious, but examination disclosed that they were of a superficial nature although extremely painful.

The car driven by Thomas collided with that of Teague, from Whittier. Both cars were badly damaged and the driver of the latter was killed.

Both Mr. Hyatt and Thomas were able to be brought home in a few days, however, they have not entirely recovered from the shock and injuries.

OILVET

We are getting our share of the rain in this part of the county. Miss Bertha Jordan has returned to her home here after an extended visit to Ravensford.

Mrs. Otto Jordan and children are visiting relatives in Asheville.

Mr. Vestor Farmer of Asheville visited his father, Mr. J. B. Farmer, last week.

Mrs. Parris of Willets visited her daughter, Miss Willa, last week.

Mr. Albert Allison was a week end visitor at the home of Mr. Styles on Dicks Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Cope and Miss Willa Parris visited Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hyatt Sunday.

Mr. Charles Hyatt and family of Asheville have been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hyatt.

Mr. H. Hyatt of Asheville has been visiting relatives here.

Mr. Cope, Kelly Hyatt and Lenoir had a goor fox race Saturday night.

TENN. ROAD TO N. C. LINE

Tri-County News, Andrews.—The Knoxville Sentinel in speaking of the new highway through Monroe county, Tennessee, to the North Carolina line, says:

"The section of this road on the Tennessee side of Unaka Mountain is already completed and open to traffic. It is built according to state highway specifications with a maximum grade of 5 per cent, and easy curves. From the top of the mountain the road is a formation of gravel and is practically a level road. Work on the North Carolina section is being pushed rapidly and the entire road will be ready for travel within sixty days."

"The highway will not only open up a new territory available to Knoxville, but will also open up a new territory available to the Tennessee side of the mountain."

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