

Jackson County Journal.

\$1.50 THE YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

SYLVA, N. C. NOVEMBER 4, 1925

\$2.00 THE YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

ACCIDENT TAKES FRANKLIN SCOUT

Franklin Press, Oct. 30.—One of the greatest tragedies that has ever taken place in Macon county occurred last Saturday at 11 A. M., at Brown's Camp on Wayah Bald, when Thomas Edison Curtis, 16, a charter member of the local troop of the Boy Scouts of America was accidentally killed with a 22 calibre rifle. According to the coroner's inquest the deceased youth met death with a rifle held in his own hands.

The day before the accident Thomas with Chas. Davis, Eugene Welch and C. D. Baird, Jr., all boys of Franklin had gone to Wayah Bald on an outing. Saturday morning it seems that the boys went hunting. Thomas returned to the cabin first and when Chas. Davis and Eugene Welch entered the building Thomas, in a spirit of fun called "hands up" or "halt." About that time a rifle was discharged the ball entering the body of Thomas just above the heart. Chas. and Eugene then went to the nearest telephone and called town stating that Thomas had been shot. Mr. Frank Curtis, the boy's father, with Dr. Horsley immediately proceeded to the camp and found the boy dead on their arrival. From the nature of the wound it is believed that death was instantaneous.

The body was brought to Franklin and buried at three o'clock Sunday. Six boys scouts, Bill Higdon, Jr., C. D. Baird, Jr., John Arrandale, Jr., Phil McCollum, George Anderson and Howard Shook, acted as pall bearers while the remainder of the local troop acted as honorary escort.

Rev. E. J. Pipes, the scoutmaster, and Rev. J. Q. Wallace conducted the funeral exercises at the Methodist church where hundreds had assembled to pay a tribute of deserved respect to the departed youth.

Thomas was a senior patrol leader of the scouts and manfully lived up to every precept of the scout teachings. His example along that line is one well worthy of emulation by every scout in Franklin.

One of the most impressive features of the funeral services took place at the grave when more than 40 scout companions of the dead boy, though deeply grieved at the loss of their comrade, snapped to attention, came to the scout salute and repeated the scout oath, thus honoring the spirit of their departed brother.

The trip to Wayah Bald was no made under the direction or by consent of the local scout authorities.

Besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Curtis, the deceased youth leaves the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. Fred Parrish, Misses Emma Sue and Annie Lee Curtis, Hugh Edwin and Frank Smith Curtis.

ANOTHER LARGE DEVELOPMENT

Franklin Press, Oct. 30.—The J. E. McCrary company of Atlanta has purchased from Messrs. Charlie Gris and W. M. Martin 1000 acres of land lying partly in North Carolina and partly in Georgia, and situated between Estatoa (Mud Creek) Falls and Sealy. This tract of land has an average elevation of 3500 feet and contains several small mountain streams and numerous bold springs. According to reports reaching the Press office the new owners plan one of the greatest summer resorts in the south. Work has already started on a system of boulevards which will thoroughly cover the new development, making each section readily accessible. Present plans call for the construction of 800 summer homes and cottages within the next two years at a cost of \$300,000. These houses will obtain their water supply from pure mountain springs.

A dam will be constructed just above the Estatoa Falls for power purposes. This dam will impound a reservoir covering approximately 20 acres. It is also planned to harness the falls on Middle Creek as an auxiliary power. Another dam impounding a lake covering 100 acres will be built above the Mud Creek Falls and used as a storage reservoir and for resort purposes. The McCrary company, according to reports, will cooperate with the national government in the expenditure of \$25,000 to improve the road from Dillard, Ga., to the site of the development, a distance of five or six miles.

BOX SUPPER AT BETA SCHOOL

A box supper at the Beta school, on November 14, 1925.

MORGAN COOPER.

MISS DILLARD DANGEROUSLY INJURED IN CAR SMASH

Miss Clois Dillard, thirteen year old daughter of Cleveland Dillard, of Savannah township was dangerously injured, Monday morning, when Dr. W. F. Russell's car collided with one in which she was riding, on the curve, in Sylva, near the chipper house of the Sylva Tanning Company. Miss Dillard was riding with her father, when Dr. Russell's car, driven by Walter McDowell, colored, ran into Mr. Dillard's car. Miss Dillard received injuries in the throat, from breaking glass, and was rushed to Sylva where she was attended by physicians, and was very weak from the loss of blood, before its flow could be stopped.

The Negro driver was arrested and committed to jail, being unable to make bond, and Dr. Russell, owner of the car, who was also in it, was placed under \$500 bond for his appearance at the next term of the recorder's court. Both were charged with reckless driving.

THOMAS QUEEN DIES—BALSAM NEWS.

Rev. Thomas H. Queen passed away very early Sunday morning. He had not been well for some time. A short time before his death his wife asked him if he were hungry. He replied "Yes, I am hungry for peace and rest." The funeral was conducted in the home by Revs. Deitz, Carson and Snyder, after which the remains were laid to rest in the family cemetery. He leaves a wife, one son and several grand children to whom we extend deep sympathy. "Blessed are they who seek sweet peace, the gift of God's love and find it." "Mr. Queen was a good neighbor and will be greatly missed in the community. He was about 74 years old.

Announcement has been received in Balsam of the birth of an eight pound, eight ounce daughter in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Pennington in Asheville, Oct. 24th. Mrs. Pennington was, before her marriage, Miss Selma McKay.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith rs, October 26th, a daughter.

Master Benjamin Bryson spent last week end with Mr. M. C. Green, in Waynesville.

Mrs. S. C. Christy and little grand daughter, Camilla Refshal, left last week for Norfolk, Va.

Miss Edith Christy left last week to spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. Finley Carson in Lakeland, Fla.

Mrs. A. F. Doek was called home last week from Pablo Beach, Fla., on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. Annie Giessler.

"Home Coming Day" was observed in the Baptist church here Sunday out on account of the very bad weather, the attendance was small. The speakers also failed to come. However, Mr. R. R. Fisher of Addie made a splendid talk on the subject, "Self Control". Good singing was furnished by the Balsam choir. There was an abundance of good dinner and all who were present will remember the day as a most enjoyable one.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Jones went to Sylva Monday.

Mr. George T. Knight made a business trip to Sylva Monday.

Mrs. R. J. Bryson went to Waynesville Monday.

Mr. Corbett Ensley made a flying trip to Sylva Monday.

Mr. Bill Giessler of Newark, N. J., and Mr. Leroy Dock of New York arrived Thursday to see their mother and grand mother, Mrs. Anna Giessler, who is very ill.

There were many "Spooks" in Balsam Saturday night.

SYLVA METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. P. W. Tucker, presiding elder of the Waynesville District will preach Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and hold our Quarterly Conference at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Let us give Bro. Tucker a good hearing Sunday morning; and let every official be on hand, if possible, for the Conference in the afternoon.

Sunday School Sunday morning at 9:45. Epworth League Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. There will be no preaching Sunday evening as the Pastor goes to Dillsboro.

The Pastor and his family appreciate very much indeed, the cordial reception and the generous pounding given them on their return from Conference.

American Legion Auxiliary Will Stage Celebration

The Auxiliary of the American Legion has made plans for a big celebration in Sylva on Armistice Day, Wednesday November, eleventh. Beginning at eleven o'clock there will be a big parade marching from Sylva to Dillsboro and back. We are endeavoring to get a brass band here to lead the procession.

The parade will consist of floats gotten up by the Chamber of Commerce, business houses of Sylva and surrounding towns, and the schools of the county. We shall be delighted to have all of the schools and business houses in the county get up floats and join the parade. The Chamber of Commerce is offering twenty dollars as a prize for the best float in the procession and other prizes will be given for the best school and private floats.

The ex-service men of the county are requested to form in a body and march in the parade. We hope you will wear your uniform, but if you cannot, come in civilian clothes and let's remind the people of Jackson county of what a fine company they had during the World War.

On Wednesday evening at eight o'clock in the high school auditorium the Auxiliary is putting on a free entertainment in honor of our boys in the county. There will be a section reserved in the auditorium for you and we hope you will honor us with your presence. Every body is invited to come and enjoy the entertainment.

Anyone desiring further information in regard to the celebration may communicate with any member of the following committee.

Mrs. C. Z. Candler, Mrs. Ramsey Buchanan, Mrs. Corsey Buchanan.

NATION'S WILDEST SCENERY IS VIEWED FROM LIMOUSINE IN GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS

The following impressions of the Great Smoky Mountains were set down by Rollin Lynde Hartt, the well known magazine writer and editor, after a brief visit to Asheville and Knoxville and excursions into the mountains. Mr. Hartt has recently contributed articles to World's Work the Forum Outlook and Everybody's. He has been until recently an associate editor of the Literary Digest.

(By ROLLIN LYNDE HARTT)

Through the plate glass windows of a cushioned limousine, I have just been looking out upon the wildest scenery in America—mountain fastnesses in which no human being has ever ventured, virgin forests whose giant trees were full grown when Columbus was a youngster, and towering summits more ancient than any others on earth. That magnificent wilderness is to become the Great Smoky Mountain National Park, and when Tennessee and North Carolina have made the Park a reality, any one who likes may enjoy the new and thrilling sport of mountaineering by limousine.

Literally millions of Americans will go mountaineering then for nothing could be easier. We lunched in an industrial city. We were back in that same industrial city by dinner time. It is safe to say that no party of excited enthusiasts ever had a bigger feast of beauty of wonder and of breathtaking fascination between meals.

I know mountains. I have lived in Rio Janeiro, where Sugarloaf, Corcovada, and the superb Organ Range encircle the tinted city. I have visited the Azores, where a pointed rock seven thousand feet high springs out of the Atlantic and loses itself in the clouds. I have seen the maritime Alps all snowy in summer, the Scottish Highlands pink with heather, and the English mountains of the famous Lake District. I have seen Vesuvius with its pillar of cloud by day, and its pillar of fire by night. I have trapped the Catskills, the White Mountains, the Green Mountains, the Berkshires, and the amazing Rockies. But nowhere have I beheld anything so lovely and at the same time so majestic as these incomparable Great Smokies. Their veil of dreamy blue mist, their royal romantic mystery and splendor combine to set them off as altogether the most enchanting scenery imaginable.

Mountaineering by limousine is still a very tame sport by comparison with what it is destined to become. Last week I motored through the splendid Carolina Mountains above Asheville, but got no glimpse of the Great Smokies, and even today our car from Knoxville could not penetrate no further than Cade's Cove. We saw the Great Smokies only from a distance of eight miles. But wait. Once let that stupendous chain of mountains become the crest of a National Park, and there will be a highway from summit to summit all along the Great Divide for sixty miles and more. Hour after hour, you will motor above the clouds, looking down upon a wild chaos of sylvan beauty, and away toward the dim horizon across range after range whose ethereal blues and purples and soft green melt into an adorable harmony as surprising as it is exquisite.

and campers, and so accessible that the farthest resident of either State can reach it within a day.

Moreover, there is enthusiasm among hunters and fishermen, who know that game and fish will multiply in the park and overflow into the woods and streams outside it.

But the main motive is a different thing entirely—and finer. It is a desire to preserve one of Nature's masterpieces and to bequeath it unspoiled to the Americans of coming centuries.

That will cost something. Let it. Congress has never yet purchased Park property with federal money, and does not intend to break its rightly established rule; but Congress has had the Great Smoky Mountain Park area surveyed and, at its next session, will undoubtedly make the Park a reality if the people of Tennessee and North Carolina express their sentiments by raising a fund to purchase a part of that glorious highland range. In both states, a movement to raise a joint fund of \$1,000,000 is under way, with every prospect of success. In Tennessee, the Great Smoky Mountain Conservation Association has the campaign in hand. In North Carolina it is being pushed as vigorously by the North Carolina Park Commission. An Interstate Committee has been organized to co-ordinate the two movements.

All over America keen interest is manifested. Nothing in years has called forth such a flood of news paper and magazine articles. The November 20th issue of the National Geographic Magazine is given up entirely to the Smokies. The National Geographic Magazine is preparing a similar issue. Bark of Tennessee and North Carolina in this venture is the united American public, which has its way when it sets out to get it, and this time it is setting out with a will and a gusto that nothing can stop.

CULLOWHEE NORMAL CELEBRATES HALLOWE'EN

Callowhee, Nov. 2.—The young men and faculty members of Davies Hall gave a delightful Halloween party Saturday evening, October 31st from 8 to 10 P.M. Invitations were sent out in advance suggesting that each guest come masked and be on close guard for witches and ghosts. The reception halls were beautifully decorated with lighted pumpkins, crepe paper hangings, and rich colored foliage from the mountain sides. The lights were carefully shaded, which gave the whole setting an inviting habitation for strange spectres and weird looking creatures. At eight o'clock sharp the sister "spooks" and apparitions from Moore dormitory and the neighboring hills made their appearance a hundred strong. They were ushered in by unknown hosts, and at once the fun began. The whole party was soon conducted in a daring tour through the chamber of horrors, where they were permitted to peep into the lower regions. Here they saw Bluebeard and his wives, the attending imps, and other frightful scenes. The shrieks made by both the inhabitants and the guests created an atmosphere that was somewhat uncomfortable for the time. The fortune teller was kept busy in her booth for more than an hour revealing startling facts to those who were anxious about their future welfare and happiness.

After some time was spent in general merriment the guests were assembled in the large reception room (formerly the dining hall) where a specially prepared program was given. The numbers were in keeping with the spirit of the occasion and again some thrilling scenes were introduced along with a comical program. At 9:45 P. M. it was officially announced that refreshments were ready to be served in the front reception room. Here were found prepared punch wafers, candy, and apples which were served in abundance. At 10 o'clock the guests left after singing a goodnight song and giving fifteen rials for the boys of Davies Hall.

The whole arrangement for the party was under the supervision of Mr. P. W. Alexander, who was assisted in arranging the decorations and the refreshments by Mrs. Lucy Posey, Social Director and Miss Alice Benton, Chairman of the Students Activities Committee.

Meanwhile, I find automobilists and nature lovers enthusiastic over the Park, which will be a matchless playground, cool in the hottest summer months, a paradise for hikers

CALVIN COOLIDGE ISSUES CALL FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

Washington, Oct. 27.—President Coolidge today proclaimed Thursday, November 26, as Thanksgiving day, when gratitude should be expressed "for many and great blessings" which have come to the people during the past year.

The nation has been brought with safety and honor through another year the proclamation says, with peace at home and abroad, with the public health good, with harvests and industries productive and labor well rewarded.

The proclamation follows. By the president of the United States of America: "The season approaches when, in accordance with a long established and respected custom, a day is set apart to give thanks to Almighty God for the manifold blessings which His gracious and benevolent providence has bestowed upon us as a nation and as individuals.

"We have been brought with safety and honor through another year, and through the generosity of nature, He has blessed us with resources whose potentiality in wealth is almost incalculable; we are at peace at home and abroad; the public health is good we have been undisturbed by pestilence or great catastrophe; our harvests and our industries have been rich in productivity and our commerce spreads over the whole world, and labor has been well rewarded for its remunerative service.

"As we have gone and prospered in material things, so also should we progress in moral and spiritual things. We are a God-fearing people who should set ourselves against evil and strive for righteousness in living, and observing the Golden Rule we should from our abundance held and should those less fortunately placed. We should bow in gratitude to God for His many favors.

"Now, therefore, I, Calvin Coolidge, president of the United States, do hereby set apart Thursday, the twenty-sixth day of November, next, as a day of general thanksgiving and prayer, and I recommend that on that day the people shall cease from their work and in their homes or in their accustomed places of worship, devoutly give thanks to the Almighty for the many and great blessings they have received and to seek His guidance that they may deserve a continuance of His favor.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. "Done at the city of Washington, this 26th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and fiftieth.

"Calvin Coolidge."

Seal: By the President. Frank B. Kellogg.

MARKETING CALVES IN WESTERN CAROLINA

Dairying in Western North Carolina is developing along with good roads and better transportation for handling farm products. As the farmers of this section begin to milk cows, the question arises as to how best to handle the calves, especially the grade bull calves, and the grade heifer calves that are hardly worth raising. If these calves were produced in quantity, carlot shipments could be made at certain intervals, but at present there are not enough for this.

In order to take care of this situation for the present time, the plans of shipping by express to Cincinnati was tried out by W. R. Anderson, County Agent of Clay county, and V. W. Lewis, of the North Carolina Division of Markets.

A common thin black calf weighing 145 pounds brought 8c. on this market. The expense, including express, yardage, commission, etc., was \$5.57, netting the grower \$6.03 for the calf. Top veal calves were then bringing 13 1-2c per pound live weight.

This calf was not crated, but simply turned over to the express company with a rope halter on which was a tag bearing the name of the shipper and the parties to whom the calf was consigned. For light calves this is a very satisfactory way of handling as farmers usually make the crates too heavy in weight. However the calf crated would take 2-3 the rate when a rope halter is used.