

Jackson County Journal

\$1.50 THE YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

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THREE MEN ESCAPE FROM BREVARD JAIL

Brevard, Dec. 7.—Sawing out of their cell and using a cord to lower themselves from the second story, three white men escaped from the Transylvania county jail at Brevard last night about 7 o'clock.

The men are Homer Siler of Lake Toxaway, John Henry Rogers of Henderson county and Lloyd Matthews of Buncombe county. The latter were federal prisoners, and Siler was a state prisoner with a term of five years to serve in the North Carolina penitentiary. He was convicted last week in the Transylvania superior court on a charge of rape committed at Lake Toxaway about a year ago upon a young woman of that town. He was to be taken to the state prison this week.

Rogers was awaiting trial in federal court on a charge of violating the national prohibition law and had been bound over to the grand jury on that charge. He was also wanted in Hendersonville on three grand larceny charges and one charge of assault with a dangerous weapon growing out of a shooting affray in which he participated several months ago. Matthews was serving a term of sixty days in the jail on conviction by a federal court for violating the national prohibition law and had about 28 days to serve. He was also wanted by the state at Bryson City for violating the prohibition law, having been convicted there previously and sentenced to four months in jail.

The sheriff's office, according to Deputy C. W. Fishes, has been unable to find out how the men got the saw with which they cut through one bar of their cell, but it is presumed that it was smuggled to them in food sent by friends. The sheriff has sent out notices all over this section of the state asking authorities to be on a lookout for the men.

PARKS DRAW CROWDS

Asheville, Dec. 15.—More people visited the 19 great national parks of the United States during the past summer than in any previous years, Stephen T. Mather, director of the National Parks Service, has stated in his annual report to the Secretary of the Interior. During the 1925 season the report shows that 1,760,512 persons enjoyed the pleasures of the parks, and that 368,212 automobiles were driven through them.

In commenting on the growing popularity of these parks, all but one of which are located in the far West, Secretary of the Interior writes in his report to Congress: "calls attention to the need of parks in the Eastern United States and tells of the progress made towards the acquisition of national parks in Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee, and the Shenandoah National Park in Virginia.

"With one exception," he writes, "all of the National parks and monuments are west of the Mississippi River and their great distance from the centers of population suggested the need for establishing other appropriate park areas in the East to provide for the growth of the out-of-doors movement.

"Two sites of national park proportions have been selected, one in Virginia and the other in North Carolina. Tennessee, Congress, as well as the people throughout the East and the State authorities concerned, have given their support to the movement. Progress has been towards acquiring land for the purpose, for donation to the Government."

Speaking of the commercial advantage to the States of a national park within its boundaries Secretary Work says in his report to Congress:

"The huge sums of money derived from tourist travel is of increasing importance. It has been estimated that tourists expend something like \$50,000,000 in Colorado alone during the vacation period, while this sum is said to be exceeded in other states. California is reputed to receive \$500,000,000 a year from this same tourist source; while in Minnesota, the estimates are placed at \$150,000,000."

NATIONAL PARK TO ATTRACT MILLIONS STATES PHYSICIAN

Asheville, Dec. 15.—Dr. Philip Marvel, eminent and well known physician, who has been spending some time with his brothers, Joseph H. and Roscoe A. Marvel, departed yesterday for his home in Atlantic City. He is accompanied by Mrs. Marvel. During their stay at Kenilworth Inn, the days have been spent in exploring the many attractive mountain resorts and resorts in Western North Carolina. On one occasion, the trip was extended to Spartanburg, where they attended the meeting of the Tri-State hotel association.

"I am a great admirer of your country round Asheville," said Dr. Marvel just before his departure for the North, "and I am pleased to see that all sides many evidences of progress and prosperity. The numerous new bungalows and in many instances, pretentious and ambitious buildings for homes are springing up rapidly along the main highways. That is one feature of the hard-surfacing of roadways. The people like to be near the good roads, hence they are moving to the roads. You will find many of these people to be farmers from nearby places who have sold their lands at a price they had never dreamed of being possible. They are taking this money and building a home on the roadside, where they will be more convenient to everything. This is what I gathered from talking with a few selected at random, just to get a cross section view of the government of human beings under given circumstances.

"In the subdivisions I find that of the buyers are from states coming here. I found large numbers coming from New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Florida. I went to Florida this winter. Fell sick, would not feel natural under those conditions down there and I came back to Asheville. I remember the quiet days down there before we had any of my friends' affairs."

"We gave a great resort at Asheville City. Its main points are the transportation facilities and accessibility to green centers of population. It is nothing unusual for a 200,000 lot of people to descend upon us in a single day. And the remarkable feature is that all get in and out without unduly taxing the capacity of the railroads to handle. Dozens of trains can leave three minutes behind each other for New York, Philadelphia and other points. The regular service is almost as good and of course not so crowded as an excursion. From 4 o'clock in the morning until 11:30 p. m. we have a train each hour to Philadelphia, and sometimes that, scheduled train is operated in five or six sections to accommodate the traffic. Its flexibility necessary to meet the waves of traffic is extraordinary.

"Atlantic City's prosperity on tourist business exclusively is a fine illustration of what you may expect from the establishment of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park you are now engaged in promoting," continued Mr. Marvel. "I am here to tell you that it will be the greatest asset of Western North Carolina. At the present time, and in times past to the eye of the man in New York or Philadelphia, it did not seem just the natural thing to do to start South to North Carolina for a cool breeze during the summer season. It is far more natural for the Floridian to migrate to Western North Carolina for the summer. The trouble with our National Parks at present is their inaccessibility. They are mostly located beyond the Mississippi River and require about 2,000 miles travel to reach. The Smoky will be a day's journey of more than half the population of the United States. From what I have gathered about the subject it is destined to bring millions of people here who have never before thought it worth while to do so. They seemingly could not imagine such grandeur in this part of the world. Don't neglect the tourist business. It is growing to be the most powerful and profitable trade, and Asheville with its nearby attractions like Mount Mitchell, Chimney Rock, Lake Lure, Bryson City and Sylva is sitting pretty for a great influx of people who are now hearing of your salubrious climate and beautiful surroundings."

DRIVE FOR PARK NEARING END

Asheville, Dec. 15.—With the campaign in Asheville and Buncombe County nearing what is expected will be a successful conclusion, the Great Smoky Mountains National Park campaign committee will this week turn its attention to the work of canvassing the counties of Western North Carolina, where \$150,000 is being sought. Virtually every night in these county seats of this section to inaugurate the local campaign.

The team workers in Asheville and Buncombe county, who are attempting to raise \$100,000 by popular subscription, have received more than \$600,000 in subscriptions, and it is expected that the balance will be in hand before the end of the week. Meanwhile, the committee on special gifts, which has pledged to raise \$150,000 in larger sums, is working to this end. A number of substantial gifts have been pledged, it is understood, but announcement of these has been withheld for the time being.

The workers in Asheville and the county will make their final reports at a luncheon meeting at the George Washington hotel Friday at 1 o'clock, and at this time the special gifts committee is pledged to make its final report. It is anticipated that the meeting will conclude the campaign on a high note. Therefore, the committee is desirous that all who wish to make contributions do so this week.

To facilitate volunteer subscription the campaign committee has arranged that subscriptions will be received at the campaign headquarters, Asheville Chamber of Commerce building on Market street.

Each worker will receive volunteer contributions, also. It is asked that in making subscriptions of \$100 or more, make their names in large letters should be drawn to F. R. Miller, treasurer of the Great Smoky Mountains, Inc., the holding company of the state park commission, which is engineering the campaign for lands in North Carolina.

"I will be at campaign meetings or the mass meeting to be held on any evening at Weaverville," he addressed by State Representative Harry Nettles. On Monday night a meeting has been arranged at Rutherfordton. Judge T. D. Parson, of Bryson City, has been asked to address this meeting.

BALSAM

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Fisher, December 10th, a girl, Marjorie Helen.

Mrs. Rufe Jones received announcement of a grand daughter, Margaret Helen, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lowery, of York, S. C. The event took place Nov. 17th. Mrs. Lowery was, before her marriage, Miss Harriett Platt.

Mrs. Lona Green spent last week end with relatives in Bryson City.

Master Lloyd Bryson was an Asheville visitor last week.

Mr. P. V. Waeaster visited his daughter, Mrs. Alice College in Waynesville this week.

Mr. Fred Mehaffey and family spent Sunday in Canton.

Mr. Hubert Ensley celebrated his birthday the 9th. Many friends enjoyed his hospitality. A program of select music was rendered and an elegant supper was served.

Mrs. R. J. Bryson and Mrs. W. T. Lee, Jr., were joint hostesses to the Parent Teacher meeting at the school home Friday afternoon. They served delicious sandwiches and hot chocolate.

Mr. Cooper, principal of the school made a most interesting talk on the subject, Child Psychology. There were several responses made by others present. These meetings are growing in interest and it is hoped that every parent will be present at the next meeting in 1926.

Several men are here building camps, etc. and getting ready to remove the curves in the highway between Balsam and Sylva.

Mr. W. F. Porter motored to Waynesville Monday.

Mr. Hubert Ensley and little Doris were here Sunday, from Henderson.

Rev. Kay Allen preached an interesting sermon to the men Saturday night and one to the ladies Sunday morning.

Mr. George T. Knight, Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Annie Knight motored to Samook Sunday morning.

"BROADCASTING SOUND DOCTRINE"

Winston-Salem Journal.—It was no mean honor which came to Governor McLean when the North Carolina Chief Executive was invited to address the Association of Life Insurance Presidents in its nineteenth annual convention in New York this week.

The Governor's address on this occasion was not new to North Carolina people. While couched in different language, it was the same doctrine he has been preaching to the people of this Commonwealth ever since he set out on his campaign for the Democratic nomination for Governor. It was an appeal for more business-like methods in the administration of governmental affairs.

We imagine it was Governor McLean's outstanding leadership among the Executives of the United States in the efficient administration of State government that attracted the attention of those who made up the program for this convention. It would have been hard for the North Carolina Executive to have chosen a better platform or more propitious occasion than this to broadcast his doctrine of business methods in government. The life insurance presidents are in position to wield a powerful influence on the public opinion of America.

The State has had no better publicity than the Governor was able to give it through his splendid address in New York. He had the opportunity and grasped it to tell the world how North Carolina is making unparalleled progress and at the same time is conducting her affairs on a strictly sound business basis. In other words, the Governor was able to prove that North Carolina is not taking any leaps in the dark. She knows where she is headed and how to get there. She is able to pay for all the progress she is making and that without any means exhausting her resources. And her ability to do this is due entirely to business-like methods in the administration of State government.

"I wish I could leave with you," Governor McLean told the life insurance presidents as he concluded.

"When I finish with you, and these engaged another help and engaged other business pursuits, mind the weight of your experience and influence on the side of efficiency in the management of public affairs, you will be doing a service that will entitle you to the lasting gratitude of the American people.

This embraces cooperation in its most effective form, politics in its broadest sense—patriotism of that practical kind which every good citizen owes to his government."

CLINIC FOR CRIPPLES

The State Rehabilitation Department, which has been established to assist disabled civilians in securing needed treatment and training to the end that their earning capacity may be increased, has recently begun the organization of orthopedic clinics at central points all over the State, making available expert orthopedic service for every cripple in need of such attention.

One of these clinics is being located at Waynesville to serve a group of counties including Jackson, Haywood, Swain, and Macon. This clinic will be held at the Methodist church on Saturday December 19th, and monthly thereafter. It is being sponsored by Waynesville Rotary Club and will be in charge of an expert orthopedic surgeon. This clinic will be equipped so as to provide through examinations and also treatment such as can be administered outside the hospital. The examinations will be absolutely free for everybody and for those who need treatment and are not able to pay, provisions have been made to take care of their needs, without cost, at the clinic and in hospitals. All cases that can be treated without hospitalization will have the advantage of this clinic every thirty days.

It should be noted that all cripples, regardless of age, or race, are eligible to this clinic. Besides the orthopedic services, the Rehabilitation Department offers special training, without cost, to cripples over sixteen years of age whose disability warrants a vocational handicraft.

CAR OF JERSEYS BOUGHT BY JACKSON COUNTY FARMERS

On Friday of last week a car load of Jersey cows and heifers arrived in Sylva and were unloaded to the farmers of Jackson County. All of these animals will freshen within the next two months and will add much to the cream and butter supply of the county. The reader will observe from the following list of purchasers that these cattle were bought and placed on the farms of some of the most progressive men and farmers of the various sections of the county. Ralph Hunter, Cane Fork; J. M. Nicholson, John's Creek; Len Moody, Tuckasee; Roy Clayton, Beta; A. J. Dills, Sylva; J. F. Freeze, Sylva; G. C. Cooper, Sylva; J. C. Collins, Sylva; C. L. Allison, Sylva; Will Lewis, Webster; J. E. Rogers, Whitfield; R. C. Howell, Qualla; J. H. Reagen, Qualla; Some of these men bought one cow or heifer, some two and some three. The buyers all received choice cattle of good size and the breeding that will show results.

These cows and heifers were brought from East Tennessee through the services of F. R. Farnham, Extension Dairy Specialist, C. W. Tilson, County Agent, and the cooperation of the banks of Sylva with the farmers and these men. The farmers placed orders with their bankers and County Agent Tilson. The banks handled the finances and Mr. Farnham selected the cattle. Mr. Farnham has had ten years of successful experience of this kind and has placed over six hundred cows in several of the North Carolina counties in this way.

Authorities in Farnham line this was the first car of Jersey cattle shipped from Tennessee in the present year. There's plenty of buyers here not only have better cows, but breeding stock, they are more than our best. See your banker and talk to him about it. The price of three months ago is the way in February.

At the home of Mr. Claude Hughes was married to Miss Francis Battle, Dec. 12. S. Needham officiating. The bride and groom left at once for Asheville returning Saturday afternoon to Mr. J. H. Hughes where a reception was given in their home. Besides the bride and groom were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Battle, Mr. D. K. Battle, Mr. and Mrs. Golman Kinsland, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hoyle, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Howell, Mr. Jack Battle, Miss Mary Battle and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hughes.

On December 12th, Mr. Dallas Howell was married to Miss Janet Nation, of Bakers Creek.

Messrs. R. F. Hall, James Hall, Miss Clem Hall and Mr. J. G. Baby visited relatives in Canton Saturday.

Prof. W. E. Bird and family of Cullowhee spent the week end at Mr. C. A. Bridgman's.

Mr. Oscar Martin and family of Bryson called on Mrs. J. C. Johnson Sunday afternoon.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cooper, December 10th, a daughter, Charlotte Louise.

Mr. Edmond Beck of Asheville spent part of last week with his sister, Mrs. W. F. House.

Mr. Gordon Shuler of the U. S. Navy is spending the holidays with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Crisp, Misses Anna Deakins and Bertha Buchanan and Messrs. Carl Hoyle and Frank Hall were guests at Mr. D. M. Shuler's Sunday.

Misses Louise Parker and Bertha Clayton of Cullowhee were visitors at Shoal Creek Sunday.

Mr. Bill Howell has returned from a trip to Paris.

Rev. W. V. Anthony visited his mother at Boston last week.

Misses Gertrude and Ruth Freeman called on Mrs. Mary Battle Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mary Louise Ferguson was a guest of Mrs. Phyllis Moody Sunday.

Mrs. T. J. Ferguson spent the week end at Mrs. J. C. Cooper's.

A social was given by a number of young ladies at Mr. K. Howell's Saturday night.

Mr. J. C. Cooper of Smokemont visited here Sunday.

The C. L. Qualla Basketball team played at Shoal Creek Friday night. Several of the present players of visitors witnessed the game.

MILLION DOLLAR DEVELOPMENT NEAR BALSAM

Asheville Citizen.—Sale of 5,000 acres of land fronting a mile and a half on the Appalachian Scenic highway between Waynesville and Balsam to a syndicate composed of Hendersonville businessmen for a consideration running into several hundred thousand dollars has been made through the offices of H. G. Stone, real estate operator of Waynesville, it was announced yesterday. The land was known as the R. V. Welch tract.

At the time the purchase was made public, it was also announced that the land will be developed, starting immediately, and that around half a million dollars will be spent in making the property into a restricted residential development. Features of the development will be an 18 hole golf course, lakes and other high class improvements. It is also the intention of the syndicate to build a hotel.

Following the announcement of this and transfer and development program on the part of the Hendersonville syndicate, Mr. Stone made public the sale of a large part of 400 acres fronting for half a mile on the Appalachian Scenic highway and located three and a half miles west of Waynesville. One-half of this boundary has been purchased, it is stated by a syndicate composed largely of Hendersonville men. An additional fourth was sold to Clarence A. Campbell, of Delwood, while Mr. Stone retains the other fourth. The price was not given.

The Hendersonville syndicate buying the 5,000 acre tract is composed of the following men:

P. L. Wright, of Druid Hill, E. W. Ewbank, attorney and bank president; H. Patterson, Dr. W. R. Kirk, C. D. Weeks, C. P. Rogers, president of the Hendersonville Chamber of Commerce; F. H. Wright, Wesley Clark and W. F. Penny, of Wilmington; and P. R. Berranger, of New York.

HIGHLANDS TO VOTE ON BONDS

Franklin Press, Dec. 11.—Macon county's little town of Highlands is evidently determined to be ready for the tourists next season. A great building program has been under way for some time and now a special election has been called for January 5th to allow the citizens of that progressive town to vote on the proposition of issuing \$70,000 in bonds to build an electric and power plant and to install a sewage system. Those well acquainted with the situation claim that the election will be favorable to bonds by an overwhelming majority.

It is planned to build the dam at Kalakaleeska falls on the Cullasaja river about two miles below town. The plant at full capacity will produce approximately 900 horse power. Only one unit producing 300 h.p. will be installed until more power is needed.

It will be remembered that only recently Highlands voted bonds to install a water system. This system is now in operation with 90 pounds pressure in the business section of town.

In the new movement for lights and a sewage system Highlands is giving up its reputation as a progressive community. When all the conveniences and improvements are accomplished there is no doubt whatsoever but that Highlands will come into its own as one of the most famous summer resorts in the Southland.

SYLVA METHODIST CHURCH

Preaching Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

Sunday School 9:45 A. M. Epworth League 6:30 P. M.

Subject Sunday morning will be "The greatest thing in the world". Services Sunday evening will be "evangelistic."

If you do not attend church a year ago you will find a cordial welcome at the Methodist church. Come and see.