

SYLVA, THE "HOT TOWN" JACKSON COUNTY, THE "LAND OF DREAMS"

Jackson County Journal

\$1.50 THE YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

SYLVA, N. C., DECEMBER 30 1925

\$2.00 THE YEAR IN ADVANCE OUT SIDE THE COUNTY

WORK ON BALSAM ROAD TO BE PUSHED

Advices from the state highway commission are to the effect that the contract for the surfacing of Highway No. 10, from Balsam to Nance, the low bidders, with the understanding that four miles of the surfacing is to be leased, and that two outfits are to be put on the remaining eight miles, the whole to be pushed to completion.

A letter from chairman Frank Page, to commissioner Stickleather, sets forth these facts, and follows: "Raleigh, Dec. 22.—Dear Mr. Stickleather: Overstreet and Nance, low bidders on Project No. 955, have been in the office, and I have discussed with them the practicability of putting two outfits on this project and they agree with me that they will put on two outfits, and lease at least four miles of it to some other contractor. They also agree to cut the working days not to exceed 100 to 140.

"Upon the above conditions I have awarded the contract. I assure you that I will keep right after them and see that they do rush this work to an early completion.

With best wishes, and compliments of the season, I am,

Very truly yours,
Frank Page, Chairman State Highway Commission."

The state is making preparations for the grading work necessary to eliminate a number of the dangerous curves on the mountain. The camp have been built. Two steam shovels and other grading machinery are on the ground and the grading work has actually begun.

It is hoped that the entire road will be completed before the beginning of the tourist season, giving the people a concrete road from the Georgia line, via Franklin and Sylva, to Asheville, and opening No. 1 through from Asheville to Murphy.

LOVE'S CHAPEL ITEMS

Miss Mamie Brown spent the Christmas holidays with relatives at Woodrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Franklin of East Sylva spent Christmas with Mr. Franklin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Ashe.

Miss Mamie Brown spent Tuesday with Miss Nettie Ashe.

Miss Bulah Mills of Cullowhee spent the week end with her brother, Mr. Fred Mills.

Miss Nina Parker has returned from Caney Fork where she has been visiting relatives.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Burk Painter December 22, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hooper and little daughter Rubie Sue of Sylva spent the week end with Mrs. Hooper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ashe.

Miss Nettie Ashe spent last week with her sister, Mrs. John Hooper of Sylva.

Miss Annie V. Tatham and Mr. Terman Ashe were guests at Savannah Christmas eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Enis Ashe and little son, Willard spent Christmas with Mrs. Ashe's father, Mr. Frady at Webster.

Mr. Edgar Platt of Canton was the guest of Miss Louise Parker during the holidays.

Miss Love Bumgarner a student of Sylva High School, spent Christmas at Waynesville.

Miss Ila Bumgarner, who has been at Waynesville is spending a few days at home.

Misses Mamie Hoxit and Jerdie Mills of Cullowhee spent the week end with Miss Nola Ashe.

Misses Fannie Belle and Nettie Ashe were the guests of their brother, Mr. Mack Ashe Sunday afternoon.

The community was saddened by the death of Mrs. John Williams of this place. The funeral was conducted at the Old Field grave yard at 10:30 by Rev. Western Reed.

Misses Annie and Lyda Painter spent Saturday afternoon with Mr. Rufus Hall.

TOY HELD IN WASHINGTON

Deputy Sheriff Deck Sutton left Saturday, for Tacoma, Washington, to bring Ralph Toy back to this county. Advices have been received that Toy is being held there, for the South Carolina authorities.

Toy is wanted here to face charges of forgery, it being alleged that he passed a number of checks, said to have been forged upon local business houses, and aggregating over \$600.00, several weeks ago.

MRS. MONTEITH DIES AT SAPPHIRE

On December 12, God called from this toilsome world Mrs. Lula Monteith, wife of James C. Monteith, to dwell in that beautiful place called "Heaven".

Mrs. Monteith, was mother to a new born babe only a few days before her death, and contracted pneumonia from which she never recovered.

The little infant only lived a day or so, and God took it to Heaven, then a few days later called its mother to be with her child.

Mrs. Monteith was the daughter of John London of Macon county, and married James C. Monteith, known by most every one in this county and Transylvania, as being an upright citizen in every respect. Mrs. Monteith, was the mother of Ernest Monteith, who ran in the last Democratic primary for Register of Deeds. Young Ernest is a son of a Cull who, and he is a young man of sterling qualities, and will be heard from in the future if he lives.

Mrs. Monteith was a kind mother and a splendid wife and neighbor. She was respected by all who knew her, and will be greatly missed by her many friends. She lived in Fairfield at the time of her death and all her neighbors were very kind to her and she family during her sickness and death.

She was the mother of eight children all of whom are living except the infant mentioned above. She leaves a husband, seven children, two brothers and two sisters and a host of friends to mourn her death.

She was converted and joined the Baptist church at Pine Grove Macon county at an early age, and was a member of the Glenville Baptist church at the time of her death.

She was 44 years of age. Rev. Frank Bumgarner, pastor of the Glenville Baptist church and Rev. N. L. Lynch pastor of the Cullowhee Methodist church conducted the funeral. She was buried at the Glenville Cemetery.

Students of the Cullowhee School sent a nice floral offering.

MRS. MARTHA WILLIAMS PASSES

Mrs. Martha S. Williams, wife of John A. Williams, died at her home, in the Leve's Chapel section, of this township, on December 22, at the age of seventy years. She was a faithful Christian woman, and had been a member of the Baptist church many years.

The funeral service was conducted on December 24, by Rev. Western Reed, and interment was in the Old Field Cemetery.

Mrs. Williams was the mother of 11 children, 5 of which survive her, with her husband.

CITY BUYS ADDITIONAL WATERSHED

In order to augment the supply of the city and to take care of the future growth of the town, the city authorities have just consummated a deal for the purchase of 663 acres, covering the entire watershed of the left hand prong of Fisher Creek.

Of the acreage bought by the city 493 acres was purchased from W. J. Fisher, at a price of \$22.50 per acre and 170 acres from Mrs. Kate T. Davis at \$20.00 an acre.

This purchase will a little more than double the water supply of the city and should amply care for its growth of several years.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the many people who have aided us during the illness and death of our dear wife and mother. Words will not convey the message that we should like to give our many relatives and friends. Without your help and comforting phrases our sorrows would have been much greater. Our loss is great. We are much grieved, yet we are comforted when we think of her beautiful philosophy of life, her unselfish devotion to her family, and her ever willingness to help others.

Again thanking you for your invaluable help, we beg to remain,
Sincerely your friends,
James C. Monteith and Children.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Resolutions adopted by the Cullowhee Baptist church in session Sunday, December 27, 1925.

About three years ago Brother and Mrs. West came into our midst, strangers from another state. Brother West was taking up the work as pastor of the Cullowhee Baptist church, succeeding Rev. P. L. Elliott, who had started a fine foundation work in the church.

Brother West faced certain situations, or conditions which might have discouraged a less stout-hearted minister. The church membership was relatively poor; it had but recently undertaken, for the first time, the support of a full-time pastor; the physical equipment was dishearteningly meager; the church heavily in debt, both on account of equipment and for pastor's salary! While a beginning had been made toward the inauguration of a budget system, the financial support of the church was still haphazard and uncertain.

To these aspects of the situation, one might add the fact that the Cullowhee Baptist church, made up as it is of two elements, made up as the community, which have quite different interests, itself constituted a distinct challenge. It is not an easy matter for a pastor to minister successfully to a church made up of school people and a rural population. Wherever this has been done successfully, it means that there has been a whole-hearted dedication to the Lord's cause on the part of both pastor and people.

We take pleasure in here recording some of the accomplishments of the church under Brother West's ministry:

(1) The church debt has been practically wiped out.

(2) The system of financing, inaugurated by Brother Elliott, has been extended and improved, with the result that we have a definite budget, with a large majority of the members pledged to regular giving.

(3) The church is well organized, with Sunday School, Missionary Society, B. Y. P. U's, Y. W. A., etc.

(4) The church has been definitely brought before the Baptists of the State, and especially before the State Mission Board, and is now recognized as one of the strategic centers of the denomination in Western North Carolina.

(5) The membership of the church, once a spirit of harmony that is highly gratifying and promises well for the future of our work.

(6) Numbers in the church, under the leadership of the pastor, have been stimulated to a more systematic study of the Bible.

Mrs. West, as pastor's wife and helper, and as an active participant in all that went to the upbuilding of the church and the community, has been no less a force than has Brother West. Their joint labors have been labors of love and devotion to the cause. Their presence in the community has been a benediction.

While we record, with reverent gratitude, the accomplishments enumerated above, we recognize the bigness of the challenge of things which should yet be undertaken by the church. Courageous leadership is no less demanded now than when Brother and Mrs. West came to us.

However, Brother West feels that the Lord would have him cast his lot elsewhere, and he feels impelled to go. We are asked, therefore, to accept his resignation as pastor of this church. We would, of course, like to have it otherwise; but since the will of Him whom we serve seems to be directing matters, we bow in humble submission.

Be it resolved, therefore, First, that we accept Brother West's resignation, and commend him and his family to the fellowship of the church at Roxboro, where he has been called;

Second, that we assure him and his family of our unabated affection, of our united interest and prayers;

Third, that a copy of these resolutions be placed on the minutes of the church, a copy given to Brother West, a copy sent to the Jackson County Journal, a copy to the Chairman of the Pulpit Committee of the First Baptist Church at Roxboro, also a copy to the Biblical Recorder.

TAKE WARNING

No one should build a fire in kitchen range having water front unless there is a hot water faucet. Failure to take this precaution has caused many deaths from water front and boiler explosions.

JOHN T. WIKE DIES

The venerable John T. Wike citizen of Jackson county, died at his home, near East La Porte, on December 22, in the eightieth year of his life. Funeral services were held on December 23, being conducted by Rev. Mr. Woolum, and interment was in the Wike family cemetery, with Masonic honors.

Mr. Wike leaves his widow, and three children, Charles Wike and Mrs. Hopkins, of East La Porte, and Will T. Wike.

He was one of the best known and best loved citizens of the county, in which he was born, and had lived his long life. He was a Mason of many years standing and Past Master of the East La Porte Lodge.

SHOAL CREEK

On Friday afternoon an interesting Christmas program was given by Qualla school. The manner in which each child acted its part showed careful training on the part of the teachers. Several beautiful songs were sung by the young ladies of the higher grades, and some were sung by the entire school. The program was followed by a treat of candy and oranges from the teachers to each of their students. Then last but not least a beautiful cedar tree was "deprived of its fruits" to the delight of those present. Our teachers left Saturday to spend holidays with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hughes since their returning from their wedding trip to Asheville are at home to their friends, at present, at Mr. J. H. Hughes. We are glad to have these useful and helpful young folks settle among us.

Messrs. Wayne Battle, J. O. Terrell and Buren Terrell are spending Christmas vacation with homefolks.

Messrs. J. E. Battle and Thos. Patton made a mountain trip last week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hughes and Mrs. J. M. Hughes called at Mr. W. H. Oxner's Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Jack Battle was the guest of Mr. Luther Hoyle Sunday.

Mr. Sevier Keener spent Sunday afternoon at Mr. W. F. Battle's.

Mr. J. R. Bradley of New York, spent Sunday night at Mr. J. E. Battle's.

Mrs. J. G. Hooper visited at Mr. W. F. House's Tuesday.

Mr. G. A. Kinsland called on Mr. C. B. Terrell Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Golman Kinsland called at Mr. J. H. Hughes' Sunday evening.

Miss Edna Hoyle spent Sunday night with Miss Clandia Hoyle.

Some of our news may never reach the Journal office as our roads are getting in a deplorable condition.

INMATES OF COUNTY HOME THANK CITIZENS

The Journal is in receipt of a letter from the old people, at the county home, expressing their gratitude for the Christmas cheer sent them:

The letter follows:

I am not a subscriber but a reader of the Journal. Hope you will give me space through the columns for a little item of thanks to the many good people of Jackson county for their kindnesses shown to us aged people at the county home. We can not express but our hearts can feel what this kindness meant to us. Hearts of love made us praise with joy the Mighty King.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Harvey Wiggins to Mayme Davis, both of Swain.

Edgar C. Fisher to Selma Green.

Bob Powell to Annie Lewis.

Claude Hughes to Flora Frances Battle.

Ernest Keener to DeEtta Moody.

G. Robinson to Hannah Jane Davis.

G. J. Robinson to Sallie Hooper.

David Dowdle to Della May Bryson.

Gaither Eugene Carter to Bertie Ada Ashe.

Odel Laeky to Beulah Lowery (colored).

During the year 123 marriage licenses were issued by the local register of deeds.

GERMAN NICKLE MANUFACTURE TO STUDY MINE

Asheville Times, Dec. 29.—J. Saylesberg, of Pabenburg-Ems, Germany is at Grove Park Inn, and plans to leave shortly for Webster, Jackson county, to investigate a nickel ore deposit near that place.

Whether the Jackson deposit is sufficiently rich to warrant its development is considered doubtful by Mr. Saylesberg, who told a representative of the Times that he has come to look over the mine and determine the percentage of metal in the ore.

In order to mine nickel profitably it is necessary that the metal runs at least 4 per cent of the ore, he said, and his information is that the Webster mine runs only one per cent.

Mr. Saylesberg operates an extensive nickel industry in Germany and has been engaged in that occupation all his life. Large quantities of nickel are imported for his factories from New Caledonia and Canada.

From what he has seen of America the German engineer is greatly impressed with this country. He deplored, however, the ruthless destruction of native forests. In Germany, he said, every effort is put forth to conserve the timber supply, and replace every cut tree with a new setting. In fifty years there will be no forests in America unless heroic efforts are made to reforest, he said.

USE ROUGH FEED SAYS JOHN AREY

Raleigh, Dec. 29.—John Arey, dairy extension specialist of State College, has for years been advising dairy farmers to grow their own legume hay to feed only such hay as is needed for heavy milk and cream production. Now, he has had to change his mind, and suggests that it might be better to use cotton seed hulls and other rough feeds this winter.

His reasons have reached his friends in the dairy game and consequently Mr. Arey has been besieged with letters wanting to know why in "this time of year" he has changed and just what the matter, anyhow.

As this year's death was so severe last summer that few dairy farmers grey enough legume hay to feed this winter. Some were planning to sell their cows; others were planning to buy high priced alfalfa or other hays and still others were in a quandary, not knowing what to do. Therefore they began to write to Mr. Arey and his co-workers.

In effect, Mr. Arey replied that those who are selling whole milk now can afford to buy both grains and legume hays; but the very small dairy man or the man producing cream for sale to creameries will find that he cannot buy the high priced hays, in addition to grains, and then make a profit.

"Therefore," says Mr. Arey, "if these cream producers will make up a grain ration consisting of 100 pounds of crushed corn, 100 pounds of cottonseed meal and 100 pounds of wheat bran, they can use this mixture on cottonseed hulls, and stover with good results.

"Some dairymen are using a solution of feed molasses and water with which to dampen the feed and are finding that the cows are eating every scrap. We still do not consider hulls and stover as good milk producing feeds, but they are best we have, in many cases, and with a good ration, may be used to advantage. We can get or have produced the corn and cotton seed for the first two grains and will only have to buy the bran. Even if we have to buy corn, it is now comparatively cheap, especially when bought cooperatively."

SYLVA BAND MINSTRELS BENEFIT

"The Alabama Minstrels" to be given in graded school auditorium on or about February 14 is an event well worth looking forward to.

The trained choir, with orchestra and some grand soloists will furnish the musical program.

The vaudeville sketches will be up to the minute and furnish plenty of laughs and keep your attention from becoming bored.

The cast will consist of local people. Miss Mary Fisher is Musical Director, all those wishing to sing in the chorus or to furnish a vaudeville sketch should see Mr. C. H. Daniels, who is managing the production.

NEW COMMERCIAL HOTEL PLANNED

Franklin Press, Dec. 25.—At an enthusiastic meeting held at the Hotel Franklin last Friday night steps were taken toward building a modern commercial hotel somewhere on Main street. At this meeting Dr. H. H. Kaplan, a prominent real estate man of Asheville, was present and made a splendid talk on Franklin and Macon county from the viewpoint of an outsider. Dr. Kaplan spoke of the mineral resources that lie underground in this county and stated that our citizens do not yet realize the mighty possibilities along this line. He also stressed the strategic location of Franklin and pointed out the fact that Franklin is preeminently the gateway from the south to the mountainous region of North Carolina.

After some discussion a motion was made and passed that the chairman of the Macon County Progressive Club under whose auspices the supper was served, appoint two committees—one on location with full authority to lease, option or buy a site for the proposed hotel somewhere on Main street between the tops of the two hills and one to solicit subscriptions. Mr. Patton appointed the following, as the committee on location: Messrs. Alex Moore, H. G. Robertson and Dr. Furman Angell. Messrs. Sam Franks, H. W. Cabe, E. S. Hunnicutt, John S. Trotter and W. N. Sloan were appointed as the committee to solicit funds.

JUDGE O. H. ALLEN DIES IN KINSTON

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 16.—Judge Oliver H. Allen, a native of Wake county, died here this morning at the age of 75.

Judge Allen was appointed to the supreme court bench in 1897. He retired on January 23, 1923, and has been an emergency judge since his retirement.

Death came to the aged jurist at his residence here this morning at 8 o'clock. He had been in failing health for some months death coming as a result of complications.

Judge Allen was a brother of the late Supreme Court Justice William Allen.

In 1922, Judge Allen said, "I have no satisfactory views as to prohibition."

"Rigid legislation will not make better people and that is the need of the hour. The church should exercise more power."

CAESAR'S HEAD PROPERTY SOLD TO FLORIDA MAN

The Caesar's Head property, embracing 2,416 acres of land on Caesar's Head mountain, the holdings of the Paris Mountain-Caesar's Head, company of Greenville, was sold last week to H. Walter Fuller of St. Petersburg, Fla., president of Laurel Park estates, Inc., and several associates for approximately \$500,000.

The purchase of this property is the initial step in the launching of a summer resort development which will entail the expenditure of something in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000 for a magnificent hotel and general improvements.

The purchasers will take possession of the property January 20, and will begin immediately upon its development. Plans as outlined by the purchasers call for completion of the hotel and 18-hole golf course by the summer of 1927.

SYLVA BOY SELECTED FOR NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

Frank Askey, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Askey, of Sylva, has just been notified of his selection for membership in the League of Curtis Salesmen, an honor organization maintained by The Curtis Publishing Co., for boys who sell its publications.

Admittance to this organization depends upon regular school attendance and a record of efficient service to customers. Through this training, teachers very generally report that boys gain a sense of responsibility that tends to make schooling more real to them.

As Frank's friends know, he is developing a sense of self confidence and an ability to make decisions quickly. That is one reason he is proud to show his badge of membership forward to advancement to the next higher degree in the organization.