

THE "LIVE TOWN" JACKSON COUNTY, THE "LAND OF DELIGHTS".

Jackson County Journal.

\$1.50 THE YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

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\$2.00 THE YEAR IN ADVANCE OUT SIDE THE COUNTY

BIG PROMOTERS POUR MILLIONS INTO WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA IN 1925

The Charlotte News of December 27, carried on its first page under a streaming box-car headline, the following review and outlook with regard to the development of Western North Carolina:

Investment in Western North Carolina, principally in projects relating to industrial and real estate developments, that may approximate \$75,000,000 in the course of the approaching New Year were forecast in reports assembled here. Further extensive improvements in that section of the great natural beauty and undeveloped resources will be undertaken within a few weeks and other may be launched at intervals in the course of the year.

The popular interest in these prospects, all of them planned on a large scale, lacks any spectacular element. Investors here who have acquired interests in some of these numerous enterprises, particularly real estate and hotel properties, and agents here for some of those developments, companies are in accord in declaring that there is no excitement attendant upon the progress of the Western North Carolina counties. Neither is this interest concentrated on one or a few localities, but the accomplishments in a material way are well scattered over the whole section.

Some estimates, based on carefully made surveys place at \$100,000,000 the amount of foreign capital which has been brought into Western North Carolina in the course of the past three years by the appeal this section's potential resources has made to the judgement of financiers. These estimates indicate that perhaps half of that amount was invested within the past twelve months.

Approximately a dozen tremendous developments, largely in the nature of resorts, are being promoted with remarkable success, and are making the names of as many Western North Carolina localities known far beyond the limits of this State. At the same time this is being accomplished, there is industrial development of tremendous importance, which is serving a

double purpose. The millions are being invested in several scores of projects, the nature of which is such that the speculative element is being eliminated by the fact that manufacturing industry is simultaneously working out ambitious expansion programs and the agricultural, fruit growing, lumbering and other industries are profiting through increased opportunities. The influx of new population into these communities around which these big developments are in progress is another important proof of stability, and, at the same time, the population increase has not been at a rate greater than the preparations of the individual communities for the reception of new citizens.

Among this new population is an aggressive leadership, and the substantial, conservative natives, pooling their efforts and interests with the wealth, enthusiasm and daring of men from other sections, are reaping a harvest in increased riches which is proportionate to their progress in converting natural resources and long-neglected opportunities to practical purposes. The wave of development now spreading over approximately 30 counties in this Western North Carolina section is the result of a combination of favorable economic forces that first became appreciable with the turn of expansion in the textile manufacturing industry from New England to the Carolinas about three years ago. That was the result of conditions which steadily has been attaining greater influence over a period of years, and when capitalists of the Eastern States once turned their attention to this part of the South, the "discovery" of Western North Carolina's vast undeveloped resources was a natural and inevitable consequence.

A constant stream of representation is being received through this section now, with a view of investigating the possibilities of the local business. The many prosperous communities of Western North Carolina are assuming their full share of the burden of extending the proportions of activity for progress.

The opinion of numerous observers places at \$100,000,000 the

amount of capital which has come from without the State to assist Western North Carolina's program toward accomplishment, there is not available any estimate of the amount of "home" capital which has been turned into these many new projects in the course of the past three years. There is an accurate record showing, however, that approximately \$100,000,000 of investments was represented in construction work begun the first eleven months of 1925 in this State, of which available records indicate, slightly more than half was invested in Western North Carolina counties.

While hundreds of enterprises of various kinds are being carried forward in Western North Carolina, a great combination industrial and resort development projects seem to be just now attaining their stride, even though tremendous accomplishments have been put behind and more ambitious plans launched. The real estate market in Western North Carolina is increasing in breadth and volume at a great rate, and the constant addition of new projects to the already long list seems not to be doing more than keeping pace with the increase in public interest backed by cash. The sources of this public interest are becoming more and more scattered, and just recently large Chicago syndicates have begun negotiating deals for North Carolina mountain lands that involve hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The momentum which the enterprises launched in the past three years have given to the development of Western North Carolina bids fair to carry this section to greater and more varied undertakings, as well as bringing about an unprecedented volume of investments. One of the important economic considerations pointed to in support of this forecast is the fact that the territory is providing a means for the development of thousands of new jobs which the development companies are providing for on a steadily increasing scale.

The State Highway Commission's road building program, now far advanced, has had a tremendous effect on the lives and the attitude toward progressive propositions of the residents of the mountain counties of Western North Carolina. These highways opening up this territory of magnificent scenery and vast undeveloped industrial possibilities, have enabled thousands of visitors from other States to intimately acquaint themselves with the region and its opportunities. The present condition of great prosperity and rapid advance in these counties constitutes a further evidence that industry is following the automobile, and, as the State's network of fine highways is extended into more remote mountain regions, new developments are launched.

FLORIDA TIES WITH CAROLINA IN TRAFFIC DEATHS

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 11—A sharp increase in the number of traffic fatalities in the south was noted in a survey for the week ended last night by the Associated Press early today. Forty-eight were killed and 225 injured by train, automobile, trolley and motorcycle, the survey showed.

The previous week, 61 deaths were recorded and Christmas week seventy were killed in the 11 states covered by the survey.

North Carolina and Florida tied for first place with 14 deaths each, but Florida exceeded in number of injuries with 52, North Carolina reported 19 injuries. Mississippi and Alabama reported no deaths. Alabama and South Carolina reported

Population by states follows:

State	Deaths	Injured
Virginia	0	24
North Carolina	14	19
South Carolina	2	0
Florida	14	52
Georgia	4	49
Alabama	0	0
Mississippi	3	8
Louisiana	4	20
Arkansas	2	7
Tennessee	2	7
Kentucky	4	34

BED RIDDEN TWO YEARS CURES SELF WITH PRAYER

Asheville, Citizen, Jan. 12.—Almost a remarkable incident is reported from Candler, that takes somewhat the form of a miracle, in the person of Miss Estelle Wright, daughter of A. Z. Wright. Miss Wright has been an invalid for over two years, and has been unable to walk, or help herself in any way, until last Thursday night, at which time she sprang from the bed and went from room to room to awake the family, all the while rejoicing in her recovery.

Last Thursday night the family retired as usual, after attending to the wants of Miss Wright, and nothing unusual was noted as to her actions. It had been generally thought that Miss Wright would always be an invalid. It seems that the miracle was not accomplished so suddenly, as it appears to the family and to friends, but, according to Miss Wright, is the result and culmination of days and months of prayer that has helped her to reach a plane of faith that was perfect in its cure.

Miss Wright, it is reported, is no fanatic, nor does she belong to strange cults, but is a member of the Methodist church in her neighborhood. Since the night of her rejuvenation Miss Wright has been doing household work and insisting that she is absolutely normal in health again.

Miss Wright is a sister of Mrs. Will Cathey, West Asheville, and is well known to many Asheville people, as well as by people in the Candler community, it is stated.

LOVE'S CHAPEL ITEMS

Rev. W. C. Reed, pastor of the Baptist church, preached an interesting sermon Sunday morning.

Misses Cathleen and Opal Davidson spent the week end with Misses Annie and Edna Painter.

Misses Fruit and Opal Spaulding spent the week end with Misses Shiner, of Cope Creek.

Miss Louisa Brown spent Sunday with Miss Nina Parker.

We are glad to report that Mrs. B. M. ... is improving, after a long illness.

Joe Hoyle and Roger ... spent Sunday with Mr. Len ...

Mr. H. Evans spent Sunday at ... with his son, Jerris Evans.

Miss Lorene Evans is visiting her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. ... of this place.

Miss Myrtle Green spent Sunday with Miss Fannie Bell Ashe.

Mr. Cook, pastor of the Methodist church, filled his regular appointment here Sunday night.

Mrs. J. W. Bumgarner and Mrs. R. O. Bumgarner spent Wednesday with Mrs. Jerry Moody.

Miss Nora Parker spent Wednesday night with her aunt, Mrs. Harvey Cagle.

Mr. Carl Bumgarner has returned from Asheville, where he has been visiting his aunt, Mrs. Eli Cook.

Mr. Luke Long spent the week end with his aunt, Mrs. J. W. Bumgarner.

Miss Alva Cardon spent the week end with her grand mother, Mrs. John Pruett.

Miss Edna Painter went to town Monday, shopping.

Miss Annie Evans spent last Wednesday with her sister, Mrs. H. L. Evans.

FREE ORTHOPEDIC CLINIC

Orthopedic Clinic for treatment of cripples to be held at the new Methodist church, Waynesville, Saturday January 23, and monthly thereafter. Under supervision of State Rehabilitation Department, sponsored by Waynesville Rotary Club, and conducted by expert Orthopedic surgeon. All cripples urged to attend and receive free examination and treatment for young and old.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

John ... to Jerris Shuler. ... McCall to Cleo Edwards. ... Walter P. Jones to Nita Collins.

PARK HEADQUARTERS OPEN IN CHARLOTTE

Charlotte, Jan. 11.—Headquarters were opened here Monday in the offices of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce by the Great Smoky Mountains National Park campaign committee which will direct in this section of the state the canvass for funds for the purchase of lands in the Great Smoky Mountains for a national park. Already more than \$275,000 has been subscribed by the people of Western North Carolina, the people of Asheville and Buncombe county having contributed \$202,500.

From the Charlotte office, the campaign in the towns and cities of the Piedmont section will be directed. The campaign for funds for the park is being directed in North Carolina by the North Carolina state park commission. State Senator Mark Squires, of Lenoir, the chairman of this commission, is expected to arrive in Charlotte Tuesday from Washington, where he has been on business in connection with the park.

A mass meeting in the interest of the park will be held Wednesday evening in the chamber of Commerce, when Judge T. D. Bryson, of Bryson City, will make the chief address.

A brief address by L. W. Sprague, of Asheville, in which he urged support of the campaign to raise North Carolina's and Tennessee's million dollar quota toward taking over the Great Smoky Mountain range as part of a national park, was one of the features of the weekly meeting of the Charlotte Lions club Monday.

SHOAL CREEK

The Group Commencement was held Friday, 8th at Qualla High School. Owing to the inclemency of the weather only a few of the teachers were present. The contests were very interesting and well carried out. The different exhibits were splendid. They could not have the out-door contests on account of snow, but intend to have them later. Qualla was the banner. Among the visitors present were Supt. J. N. Wilson, Miss ... Prof. F. I. Watson, ... and Miss ... Several of the community girls were presents.

Rev. J. R. Church stopped at Mr. H. G. Ferguson's Monday, enroute to District Layman's Meeting at Waynesville.

Mr. John Battle who has been spending some time in Los Angeles, Calif., arrived at the home of his father, Mr. W. F. Battle, Monday.

A son, William Thomas, arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Bird, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Gibson, of Asheville have been visiting at Mr. Hubert Wilcox's and Mr. J. R. Messer's.

Mrs. Chas. Worley and Miss Grace Hoyle called on Mrs. J. M. Hughes Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. J. H. Hughes called at Mr. E. S. Keener's, Wednesday.

Mrs. W. H. Hoyle called on Mrs. A. C. Hoyle Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Golman spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hughes.

Mr. John Mills of Willets, called at Mr. J. G. Hooper's Saturday.

Mrs. J. R. Messer was the guest of Mrs. J. H. Hughes Thursday.

Mr. Mark Blanton called at Mr. D. M. Shuler's Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hughes were Wednesday night guests at Mr. J. E. Battle's.

Mr. and Mrs. James Beard of Wesser, are spending a while at Mr. J. L. Wiggins'.

In spite of rain and almost impassible roads, Rev. E. W. Needham preached to a small audience Sunday morning and Rev. W. C. Reed preached in the afternoon. Both these ministers delivered splendid messages to the edification of their hearers, so that their coming together was by no means in vain.

Rev. E. W. Needham was the guest at Mr. J. C. Johnson's Sunday.

Prof. W. C. Reed and Mr. Gilbert Moody made a business trip to Sylva Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hughes and Miss Hazel Battle made a trip to Sylva Saturday.

Miss Anna Deakins returned Sunday from her home in Jonesboro, Tenn., where she spent holidays.

Miss Bertha Buchanan spent the week end with her aunt, Mrs. D. M. ... and Mrs. D. C. Hughes, Mr. Paul Bradley and Mr. C. B. Terrell called on Mr. and Mrs. Golman Kin-

land Thursday evening. Mr. H. G. Ferguson was the guest at Mr. Bill Howell's Sunday.

Quite a number of the folks enjoying being entertained by the Radio at the homes of Mr. T. W. Melaughlin and Mr. Paul Ferguson.

Prof. C. R. Bird and family of Webster spent the week end at Mr. C. A. Bird's.

Several enjoyed sociables and music was enjoyed by the young folks in the different homes of our community during holidays.

Mr. H. G. Bird has moved to Spokeman where he is employed by ... Co.

BALSAM HOTEL SOLD.

We understand that Balsam Springs Hotel has recently been sold to a Florida man. The purchase price has not been ...

Sunday ... Mr. England, his sister, ... Miss Evelyn Green were riding on a highway in a Ford touring car. The car skidded and ...

Three times down the embankment in front of Mr. Jim Lindsey's, where the fence has been removed. All of the occupants were hurt, but at present none are thought to be serious. The car seems to be badly torn up.

Mr. Earley Mehaffey spent his Christmas vacation from Chapel Hill with home folks.

Miss Mary Mehaffey has returned from Hickory where she spent the holidays with her sister Mrs. Coy Hedrick.

Mr. E. B. Howell and family returned from a visit to his parents in Spartanburg.

Balsam is experiencing some very cold, rough weather. But no artist can paint the real beauty and grandeur of our snow covered mountains.

HALF MILLION RAISED FOR PARK

With a half million dollars subscribed to date, the campaign in North Carolina and Tennessee for funds for the purchase of lands in the Great Smoky Mountains to be turned over to the federal government for a national park is being renewed in the counties of Eastern Tennessee and of Western North Carolina. In Asheville and Buncombe county a grand total of \$202,500 has been contributed; a total of \$220,000 has been subscribed in the city of Knoxville; more than \$65,000 has been donated in the counties of Western North Carolina outside of Buncombe county, and in the cities and towns of Eastern Tennessee progress is being reported from every quarter.

During the month of January the campaign will be waged aggressively throughout all Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee in an effort to raise the \$2,000,000 that is being sought by the federal government, outside of the cities of Asheville and Knoxville. At the same time, active work in the down-state cities and towns of North Carolina has begun, and headquarters for the Southern Piedmont section have been opened this week at Charlotte. Plans are being formulated for the initial canvass campaigns in Nashville, Chattanooga, where it is expected headquarters will be established at the end of the present month.

Every step being made, the campaign headquarters has announced, to secure the two states' quotas before March 1st in order that the offer of the park lands may be submitted to Congress at the present session.

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POULTRY ASSOCIATION HAS MEETING

On the evening of the eighth, a meeting of Jackson County Poultry Association was held in the Mayor's office in Sylva, followed by an excellent dinner at the cafe of W. A. Hawkins.

Despite the inclemency of the weather, there was a fairly good attendance of representatives, enthusiastic poultrymen, and several subjects relating to the proposed work of the Association, were discussed.

It is believed by those who have been associated with this organization heretofore, and by the numbers of responsible persons who have joined this year, that the chicken and egg business will reach a high mark in Jackson this coming season, and in preparation for the spring's stock of baby chicks, eggs, and mature stock, all members of the association are urged to make their choice of breed, variety, strain and numbers early, as it is a well known fact that it is extremely difficult to secure delivery when wanted unless ample notice be given.

The association is anxious to be of whatever aid it may to those who are not in position to make their own purchases independently, and it is certain that a considerable saving in cost should be effected thru clubbing of orders. However, in order to expedite this work, it is absolutely necessary for the association to be advised immediately, in detail, as to what will be required by members, and it is hoped that no one interested will neglect the matter later than January 20th.

Kindly inform the association as to your plans, and if not already a member, you are invited to send the sum of one dollar, which will pay you thru December of this year, entitling you to the benefits of the of the cooperative efforts of the association as outlined above, and in recent letters mailed to a limited number of names, limited only because of lack of information as to who the poultry people were.

The next regular meeting of the association will be held on the first Friday night in next month. You are expected to attend.

Without further notice, please send your membership fee, which is to cover necessary expenses, and give the association any information you can as to what they may be able to do for you this spring, beginning now.

Two weeks from now, hatcheries and breeders will have sold up most of their desirable stock for the period when it will be wanted, so that it stands every one in hand to protect their interests by early action.

It is by no means required of members that they allow the association to represent them in buying, as the only difference is the saving to the buyer himself, and it is his privilege to do as he pleases.

In the interest of better poultry. Jackson County Poultry Association, Roy C. Allison, President. Ben H. Cathey, Secretary.

FUNERAL OF MRS. STYLES

The funeral of Mrs. W. B. Styles was held at Lovedale Baptist church last Tuesday, her death having occurred on Sunday, being conducted by Rev. B. M. Rogers.

Before her marriage Mrs. Styles was Miss Mary T. Ensley, and was born April 13, 1875. At the age of 13 she professed faith in Christ and lived a faithful christian life. She was a member of the Sylva Baptist church. On February 19, 1891 she was married to W. B. Styles. To this union were born 11 children, 7 of whom are still living.

TO HOLD COUNTY SINGING

The Jackson County Singing Convention will meet at the Court House in Sylva the 4th Sunday in January, 1926. All singers are requested to be present. Singers from other counties are cordially invited to come and sing. J. M. Crawford, Chairman.