

# Jackson County Journal

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That Cullowhee road must be concrete.

Hi Johnson didn't erupt up to his usual ability.

The senate has knocked the shun out of nation.

Sylva paved will be a Sylva that will be a delight.

Real estate is getting members of even the fourth estate.

More and still more hotel facilities in Sylva wont be too much.

North Carolina, at any rate, has never produced a C. B. Blease.

Next Tuesday being ground hog day, we shall see what we shall see.

A road connecting this part of the state with Tennessee would be of great value.

It really pays to talk about the weather when you have a climate such as Sylva enjoys.

Cows and chickens, cabbages and spuds, are the hope of farm wealth in this county.

What's in a name? When mergers were treated, people howled bloody murder.

The diversion North Carolina always has is Bob Reynolds running for some office.

So far nobody has advanced the superstition that it is lucky to eat sausage on ground hog day.

We are willing to enter the World Court with reservations that nobody be allowed to sue us.

Another thing the public has succeeded in doing with Coolidge on is the coal strike.

"Half a League, Half a League, Half a League O' War", is the new motto of the U. S. A.

"Winter Forces Sweep Nation." Huh, we thought that happened a year ago last November.

Billboro will be all paved before this summer. It will be worth much to both towns and the whole county.

We see by the Atlanta Constitution where a corps of engineers is trying to locate the public highway over a Georgia.

When it comes to the park, the Champion Fibre Company appears to have succeeded in putting the can't in it.

This week puts us one month nearer to the big 1926 summer season, that will be a revelation to even Western North Carolina.

Those furniture factories, located in Sylva, where there are handy to a world of raw material, would pay the owners handsomely.

They are coming to the mountains next summer. The thing for us to be worrying about is what are we going to do with all of them.

It is of course understood that the Asheville police felt impelled to arrest somebody in connection with the murder of Mrs. Burgess.

"Little Daughter Born To Mr. and Mrs. Powell," was a headline. Quite an unusual case we would say, for a little daughter to be born.

Just think! Next winter we can travel the Swannanoa road without the mud. Something that has been a dream in Jackson for many years.

The walkin will proceed to ring and the tom toms will be until next June. There are three candidates for the congressional honors from this district.

Florida we fear, is outstripping this state. Once again the weekly toll of deaths in automobile accidents show Florida first and North Carolina second.

Another evidence of the progressiveness of North Carolina, if more were needed, is the number of sensational murder cases we are able to exploit.

We know a number of gentlemen who would like to have Senator Overman's place; but Bob Reynolds is the only one who has the hardihood to try to get it.

The North Carolina boys at the state university are better behaved than were their dads, says President Chase. Still no one claims that they are shining examples of rectitude.

The Greensboro man who committed suicide when his wife started divorce proceedings against him probably figured that the undertaker's bill would be less than the lawyer's fee.

The state wide system of public schools is the only plan that will entirely wipe out the inequalities of educational advantages existing between the rural and the city children of North Carolina.

We have been hoping for the past 'steven winters that that would be the last that the county would be bolted up by unfinished roads. Well we are hoping again.

Every once in a while we get blue. Then we remember that the trout will be biting in a few weeks; that congress won't always remain in session, and that the roads in Jackson county will some day be completed.

The Champion and the Suncrest people should know Haywood well enough to know that you can't tell that great people what they must do. Haywood has never had a boss nor worn a collar, and is too old now to learn the habit.

The High Point Enterprise tells it this way "Federal figures show that North Carolina's real value is nearly three billion dollars, and that figure probably represents 40 per cent of the truth.

Statistics would tend to show that the more progressive and more prosperous counties of the state are the ones that owe the most in bonded indebtedness per capita. The list showing the bonded indebtedness per inhabitant is headed by Buncombe, Guilford, Durham, Forsyth, Henderson, and Mecklenburg, in the order named.

The movement for the establishing of a national park in the Great Smokies goes on its triumphant march to victorious culmination. North Carolina and Tennessee are raising their million dollars. The nation has become interested in the project, and it is sure as anything human can be sure that the park will shortly be a reality.

The court martial convicted Mitchell and suspended him. The war department confirmed the sentence. Mr. Coolidge approved it, with reservations, ordering that the tempestuous Colonel be paid his monthly checks. It is to laugh! That isn't a suspension. It's a vacation; but the president wants to keep friends with the people and not antagonize the military aristocrats.

A park meeting was planned in Waynesville and widely advertised throughout Haywood county. Reports are that the Champion Fibre Company and Suncrest Lumber Company employees, attorneys and hangers-on, packed the meeting, and a row resulted. Since when did these self-interested corporations become the masters of Haywood? The silly demonstration but strengthened the determination of the people who are working for the good of the county and of Western North Carolina.

W. O. BUCHANAN.

Ripe in years, an Israelite in whom there was no guile, W. O. Buchanan passed to his reward, this week. As a citizen he was honorable and steadfast to the principles in which he believed. As a soldier of the Confederacy, he was as brave and true as any man who wore the honored gray. As a neighbor he was a true friend to all with whom he came in contact. As a Christian he was ever faithful to whom he had believed. His was a gentle, noble soul, and the entire community will miss this nobleman.

FLORIDA WILL COME TO CAROLINA.

(From The Charlotte Observer)

From personal investigation of situation and prospects, The Observer is willing to risk its reputation on fulfillment of the things it is predicting for North Carolina, "after Florida," and the "after" means the immediate future. A large surplusage of Florida money and people is headed for the mountains of this state and along with it will come new people and capital from other sections of the country.

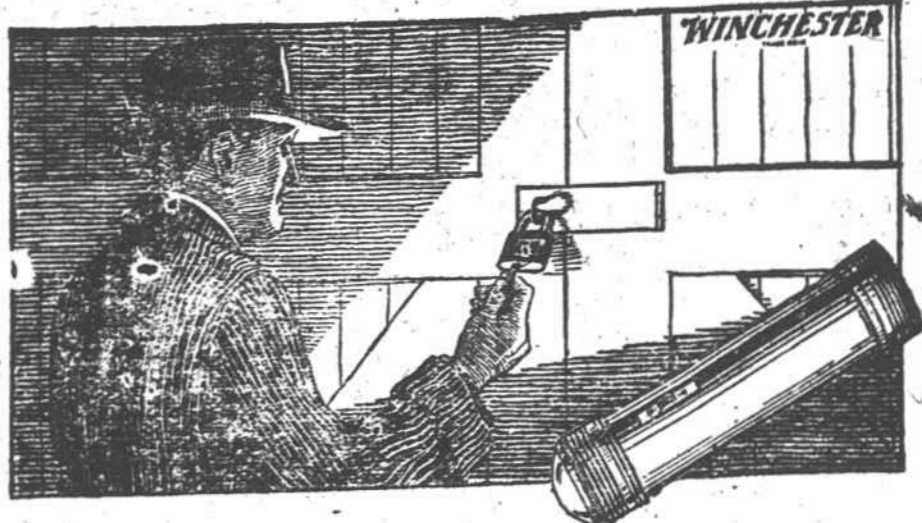
The Florida movement has set into action a current that is going to sweep over North Carolina the coming season with irresistible force. What we have been speaking of is the prospective movement for the coming summer.

The initial movement is already under way for Florida capital acts quickly. Money that has been made in Florida has already been planted in the mountains of this state in large volume. Hendersonville is the focus for these initial investments, but capital has found its way into the remote sections. Options have been taken on large tracts and in some cases these options have already been closed. In other cases smaller tracts have been bought and resold, for the re-sale operation is actually started. A North Carolina man in Palm Beach tells of buying a bit of property near Hendersonville last year for \$20,000 and of having disposed of it in December for \$85,000. And that is the way the thing was started in Florida. This transaction was not of the boom sort. The original purchaser did not expect to realize very much on the investment and parted with the property on the basis of \$45,000 profit "as an accommodation to a friend".

In Clay and Cherokee counties exclusive development is under way involving 20,000 acres of land. This development is for a colony of rich people, who will have the privilege of fishing, golfing, estate and hotel life. There are several million dollars behind this development alone. Million dollar transactions are going to become common in the mountains of the State this year.

There is sufficient definiteness about the movement South to justify the prediction that Florida and North Carolina will become two of the most populous and prosperous States in the Nation, and that within less than five years.

The prospect is rather hard to "take in", but the development of Florida is submitted as evidence that what can be done there can be done in North Carolina. Much of the Florida development calls for resources to back it. The difference in the case of North Carolina and Florida is that the resources, first of transportation and agriculture, and second in industry and commerce, are already developed. Much of the land in Florida has to be made. It is already made in North Carolina, and the developer in this state finds the foundation ready to hand. To that extent the North Carolina prospect is even more inviting.

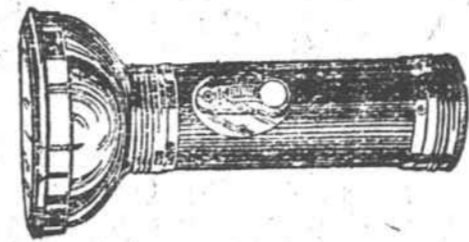


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SURVEY AND MAP TOWN

Thomas A. Cox and H. R. Queen, have been engaged by the town to survey and map of the principal streets, and will begin the work within the next few days. These gentlemen state that it will greatly expedite the work and save time and money.

ENTRY NO. 6158

J. G. Coggins, of the aforementioned County and State do hereby enter and claim, 10 acres of land more or less, in Hamburg Township, more particularly described as follows: Beginning on a chestnut in my line and runs thence N 44 E with my line, 1/2 mile to the corner of the M. Coggins' corner thence E to J. Y. man Moss's line, thence S with Moss

## LESS COTTON MORE MONEY

HASTINGS DECLARES PRESENT FARM PRACTICE WILL BANKRUPT FARMERS

Atlanta, Ga.—(Special).—"We have again seen the result of too much cotton acreage. Strange as it may seem, the more cotton we make the less money we get for what we make," declared H. G. Hastings, leading agricultural authority and chairman of the Farm and Market Bureau of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce.

"The only thing that saved the cotton growing farmer from outright disaster last year was the extreme drought that held down the price per acre on the more than forty million acres in cotton. There was sufficient cotton acreage planted to have made with favorable season somewhere near twenty million bales and a price of 10 cents per pound or less. "One of the Cotton Growers' Associations recently announced that the 1925 cotton crop will sell for four hundred million dollars less than the cost to make it, making reasonable allowance for labor cost. What sort of folks are we anyhow to keep on growing at a loss? There is no profit in the farmer in planting all or nearly all cotton and buying all or nearly all the food and grain consumed by family and live stock.

"Our farm operations and our farm pocketbooks are never going to get right until we quit spreading cotton over the whole South only to dress our meat and meal and other food stuffs as well as grain, etc., from Chicago, Kansas City and Omaha at prices two to three times what cost would be if made on home acres.

"We have been trying to carry on a farm system based on a one cash crop, which has impoverished every people everywhere in the world that has tried it. It is steadily impoverishing our farmers here in the South. There is only one safe farm system. That is to produce on home acres so far as possible every pound of food, grain and forage needed for family and live stock.

"A good all-year-round home vegetable garden, plenty of corn and oats forage and hay crops, to see you through without buying more, cows, hogs and chickens. All these cotton costs, afford the best of healthful living and leave the farmer owning his cotton instead of owing it at the end of the year."

## THE SOUTH MUST GROW ITS OWN FOOD

NO FARM SECTION CAN BUY ITS FOOD AND GRAIN AND BE PROSPEROUS

Atlanta, Ga.—(Special).—Few people in the South realize the enormous drain there has been on the South's wealth through the steady food and grain buying during the past fifty years. What's the greater plus of it is the fact that most of this money comes directly out of the farm pocket," said H. G. Hastings, of Atlanta, Chairman of the Farm and Marketing Bureau of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce.

"For fifty years or more the cities and towns of the Cotton Belt have been furnishing food and grain to the farmer instead of our farmers feeding the cities and towns. While the cities and towns have had the best of the unnatural business, it has really impoverished both country and city."

"As nearly as can be ascertained, my own state of Georgia has spent in the last 25 years not less than two and one-half billion dollars for food and grain from the North and West. real hard cash money that ought to be sticking in our farmers' pockets. That money is gone never to return.

"It is no over-statement or exaggeration to say that twenty-five million dollars of the South's money has gone that way in the last fifty years. It was good, hard worked for farm money. What we have been doing is spending our lives growing cotton, trading it off for bread and meat at no profit to ourselves.

"No use to 'cuss' the powers that be in Washington or the trusts, banks or speculators. They may have had a part but a mighty small part in comparison with the part we ourselves have played. The way to stop that drain on our pockets is to stop buying food, grain and forage and produce those necessary items on home acres.

"The time to start is now. Plans for 1926 are being made. Before a plow is stuck in the ground, food, grain and forage acres should be set aside. These acres should and must be first instead of last considerations. When these are fixed, then the farmer can go as far as he likes with cotton, tobacco or other cash crop safely.

"Give the home garden a chance in this food production. It's a wonderful helper in cutting store bills in half for the folks that will give it a square deal instead of the usual 'lick and a promise,' mostly promise. Start the food production procession in 1926, and a money procession will start toward your pocket."

G. J. Coggins, Chairman

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