

Jackson County Journal.

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TO BEGIN SURFACING BALSAM ROAD MARCH 1ST

TRAINMEN GASSED IN COWEE TUNNEL

Sam E. Ward and Joe Richardson, engineers, A. W. Hyatt and C. L. Ciment, firemen, and A. W. Earwood, brakeman on the Southern Railway, were gassed in the Cowee Tunnel, near Dillsboro, about 9:30, Thursday morning, when the air brakes locked and stalled the train. The men were overcome by the fumes from the two engines, when the tunnel was filled with smoke and gas, and had to be carried from the tunnel by other members of the train crew. They were rushed, by special train to Asheville, where they were given treatment in the hospital, and it is reported that all of them have now been discharged from the hospital.

FUNERAL OF MASON HELD

The funeral of T. McBee Mason was conducted in Dillsboro, last Wednesday morning at 10:00 o'clock by Rev. W. M. Robbins and Rev. Fred F. Deitz, and interment was in the Paris cemetery. Mr. Mason, well known in Jackson county, and a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Mason, of Dillsboro, died Sunday in Morganton, following an illness of some duration. Mr. Mason was born in Buncombe county, and lived in Jackson county for many years, engaging in the lumber business at Dillsboro and other places in this section, until his health failed him to retire from active business about four years ago. He is survived by his widow and three children, Mrs. C. E. Joyner and Miss Helen Mason and Thomas Mason, all of Asheville, and his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Mason, of Dillsboro, and Mrs. M. C. Mason, of Dillsboro.

George Washington's Birthday

George Washington's Birthday was very happily observed by all public school children. The following program was carried out: Song, American Flag; Prayer, Rev. W. E. Bird of Cullowhee. Unveiling of large portrait of Washington by Miss Catherine Bryson, representing Liberty; Song, Washington; Prof. Bird delivered an eloquent address on the subject, Education: The Kind of Education that George Washington would like for us to have to make good citizens. The raising of the U. S. flag, by C. C. Cooper. Song, Star Spangled Banner. A sumptuous dinner and social hour were enjoyed by all, after which school was resumed.

Mrs. Pincay Adelaide Crawford celebrated her 80th birthday Tuesday

Mrs. Pincay Adelaide Crawford celebrated her 80th birthday Tuesday the 23rd, with a bountiful dinner. She has two sons and four daughters living and eight dead. She has 17 grand children, 47 great grand children and two great, great, grand children. She has three living brothers Messrs. Dan, Frank and Will Clayton and one sister, Mrs. Sarah Murray. Three sisters and two brothers dead. Mrs. Crawford is not 80 years old but 81 years young. Her face is round and her step is light, her figure is straight. Altogether she is a remarkable woman and we wish her many more birthdays.

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REPUBLICANS TO HAVE CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS

(Asheville Citizen)

According to reports current in republican circles, Captain J. S. Smathers, prominent Asheville attorney, ex-serviceman, former college athletic star, and college professor, will be the Republican candidate for Congress from the Tenth District in this coming election. Captain Smathers, in an interview with a representative of the Citizen today, confirmed the report that he would be a candidate, but said that he would not make a formal announcement for several weeks.

Captain Smathers is widely known throughout the district and has many friends who are advocating his candidacy. If all the people by name of Smathers are related, and it is said that they are, Captain Smathers is probably related to a thousand or more persons in Buncombe and Haywood counties. He is the son of C. F. Smathers, postmaster, of Canton. Captain Smathers came into prominence in 1916 and 1917 as an athlete at Trinity college now Duke University, at which institution he received his education. He was a congressional officer during the war and in charge of physical training at a military camp. After the war he became a member of the University of North Carolina. He has also been very active in the army reserve and a strong advocate of preparedness and an adequate defense. He is a Captain of Infantry in U. S. Army Reserve.

Captain Smathers is associated in the practice of law with the Hon. George H. Smathers, one of the oldest lawyers in this state. He is a Mason and a Shriner and also a member of Pi Kappa Phi college fraternity, of which organization he is one of its National Officers.

KEEPING COWS MEANS \$40,880 EXTRA INCOME FOR THIS COUNTY

An added income of \$41,880 a year is enjoyed by Jackson county farmers indirectly as a result of keeping cows, according to the Larrowe Institute of Animal Economics. This income is in the form of a more fertile soil due to the manure of the dairy cows in this county. On the basis of practically a \$20.00 fertilizer valuation per animal per year, this means a total of \$40,880 added to the richness of the soil in this county every twelve months.

Manure is a source of the most valuable plant food obtainable, says the Institute, but at present it is its highest value or efficiency, it should either be put directly to the fields either by or conserved until such a time as opportunity offers itself to spread it. Feeding trials have proven that an ordinary cow, while putting from 15 to 18 per cent of the total energy of the feed she consumes into milk, actually returns to the soil 80 per cent of the elements of soil fertility in her feed in the form of manure. This had led many dairymen to discover that the purchase of good concentrate feeds for their cows not only more than pays for itself in increased milk production but that it also supplies necessary food for farm crops that are expensive when bought in the form of commercial fertilizer.

WAYNESVILLE CITIZENS SUBSCRIBE \$27,000 TO PARK

Waynesville, Feb. 22.—Twenty-seven thousand dollars has been subscribed to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park fund by citizens of this county and other communities. The county which has been the task of raising \$27,000 for the park fund.

The total raised has been with the aid of a large subscription of \$500 followed by the balance is made up of smaller subscriptions. The total to date represents the effort of a community of less than 2,000 persons, who have been split into factions by the interests, who for material reasons, have opposed the park.

Contractors Establish Camp

The contractors have established their camp at Foster siding near Beta and are preparing to begin the surfacing work. The state has had a crew on Balsam mountain, for some time, cutting out many of the sharp and dangerous curves, preparatory to the surfacing, and has been doing speedy work.

It is asserted that the project has been divided into three construction projects, Overstreet and Nance putting on two concrete mixers on the lower end of the job, and the four miles to Haywood county, has been subcontracted to the contractor who has the job from Hazelwood to Balsam. This has been for the purpose of speeding up the work, with the view to having the concrete road, No. 10, all the way from Sylva to Hazelwood by early summer.

The work is being done by funds from the state highway commission in anticipation of a general assembly in the next general assembly, and for the purpose of connecting Jackson county up with the rest of Western North Carolina. The completion of No. 10 to Balsam, No. 106 to Cashiers Valley, and No. 185 to Franklin, Jackson will have as fine a system of state highways as any of the mountain counties.

REALTY TRANSFERS

- Lillian Lee Potts and husband to George Exline et ux: Sylva township, \$100.00.
- J. J. Bradley, et ux to J. W. Bryson: 22 1-2 acres, \$500.00.
- Willy Galloway et ux to J. W. Bryson: Hamburg township, 15 acres, \$100.00.
- J. Jones to D. M. Hall and W. P. Smith: Savannah township: 2 1/2 acres, \$10.00.
- Willy Galloway et ux to John B. Bryson: 12 1-2 acres, \$75.00.
- Roderick Pierson to Sam L. McGee: Hamburg township, \$125.00.
- Sara Bryson to M. E. Farwell: Cashiers Creek township, \$250.00.
- McDonald, et al, Lillian Lee Potts: Sylva, \$10.00.
- John Buchanan to Nelson Buchanan: Greens Creek, 7 acres, \$100.00.
- E. O. Nicholson, et al to Ben McDonald: Cullowhee, 5 lots, \$350.00.
- J. B. McDonald to S. L. Nicholson: Cullowhee 3 lots, \$25.00.
- John E. Hooper to Lem Nicholson: Cullowhee, 1 lot, \$95.00.
- J. H. Buchanan to S. N. Buchanan: 20 acres, \$300.00.
- J. S. Higdon to F. W. Cole: Cashiers township, \$25.00.
- Blackwood Lbr. Co. to W. H. Hooper: Caney Fork township, 72 acres, \$10.00.
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- Blackwood Lbr. Co. to Samuel Parker: Caney Fork 16.07 acres, \$10.
- J. H. Morris to M. Buchanan, Jr.: Sylva \$3000.00.
- Wm. O'Connor to Carolina Mts. Realty Co. 127 acres, \$10.00.
- Arthur Rogers to Wilson Rogers: Cullowhee township 55 1-2 acres \$20.
- Harvey Henderson to C. C. Poinsett: Hamburg township, 24 acres, \$10.00.
- Henry Henderson to C. C. Poinsett: Hamburg township, 24 acres, \$10.00.
- to C. W. W. Savannah: 17.8 acres \$10.00.
- at all to J. L. Swain, White: 10 acres, \$10.00.
- Raymond F. Wilson to Mabel P. et al: Cashiers township 13 -14 acres, \$10.00.
- I. C. Ridley, Sylva, \$10.00.
- to J. L. Swain, White: 10 acres, \$10.00.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

John T. Stewart to Bernice Stewart; Bob Hensley to Edith Ginter; Ed Painter to Blanche Phillips; George Stephens to Mary Bowers; Floyd Brooks to Margaret Green; Mark Sorrels, of Haywood to Ida Hamilton, of Swain.

CLUB WORK HELPS OUT-OF-SCHOOL BOYS

Raleigh, Feb. 23.—Forty-two per cent or nearly half of the farm boys of North Carolina between the ages of 14 and 20 are out of school according to statistics secured by L. R. Harrill, specialist at State College. Out of this number, the law of averages will leave thirty-two per cent of these boys as those who will remain on the farms to furnish the citizenship of rural North Carolina and to become its leaders.

"Therefore, it is important that these young men should have some form of training that will fit them for becoming better farmers and will make their life work more profitable and secure," says Mr. Harrill. "We believe that such training is given by agricultural club work as it is conducted by the specialists and county agents of the Agricultural Extension Service." During 1923, a special effort will be made by all extension workers to reach as many young men as possible and to give them the opportunity to take advantage of the training offered by club work. To make possible the success of this effort, extension workers should have the support of every person in North Carolina who is interested in the upbuilding of the rural communities of the State. Mr. Harrill states that every farmer who has a boy or girl who should be receiving the advantages of club work, ought to give his cooperation and support to club work. Where there is a tenant boy or girl on the farm, these should also be encouraged to join the agricultural clubs.

"We are going to make an effort this year to have the largest enrollment of farm boys and girls in club work that we have ever had in the history of the State," says Mr. Harrill. "We want to complete this enrollment by April first and this means that the county home and farm agents should have every encouragement and help during the next month."

WILL SHIP CAR LOAD OF POULTRY

Through the efforts of V. W. Lewis State Specialist in Marketing Livestock and the cooperation of the Farm Agents and farmers of Clay, Caswell and Jackson counties a car load of poultry will be marketed this coming week.

The car will start loading at Murphy on Tuesday and will be on Sylva siding on Thursday, March 4th from 9 o'clock in the morning until 2 in the afternoon. Cash will be paid for poultry weighed at the car and the unusually good prices of 20 to 22 cents per pound for hens according to grade and quality and 9 cents per pound for roosters of all ages, and 13 cents for ducks. Mr. Lewis sells to some commercial poultry dealer and it is understood that this load will be sold to the Farmers' Federation of Asheville.

Right now is the accepted time for every farmer in Jackson county to sell his cull hens and loafers. Any body can tell the culls at this season of the year for if a hen is not laying her comb is not blood red and oily to feel and her egg sack is not large and soft and pliable to feel with the fingers. These hens that are not laying are loafers, cull hens and thieves and should be sold now while the price is good. Four to six weeks later they will sell for 5 to 7 cents less. The affects all our farms with mixed or purebred poultry for in either case there are lots of loafers and culls in your flock and for more if you do not have purebred poultry. One third of the hens in the county are loafers and culls right now. You have your part of them too. Now this is the opportunity of starting a good market for poultry at your convenience. If you are willing to help the farmers of your county build up a market for poultry as some are already doing with cream bring in your hens on Thursday and get a good cash market for them. Last year 84 Buncombe county farmers sold their cull hens at this season and bought purebred baby chicks and brooders. Today they have purebred poultry on their farms and a good market. Good poultry well kept pays more in cash returns for the dollars invested than any type of livestock kept on the farm.

TO CELEBRATE COUNTY COMMENCEMENT

The date of the County Commencement is set for Friday, March 12, The day will be held with a parade composed of the following sections: County Board of Education; School Committee; Parent Teacher Association; Community Life Clubs and any other school organizations; seventh grade graduation class; and the schools of the county. The parade will begin at 10 A. M.

Mr. A. T. Allen, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Raleigh, will deliver the address to the graduating class at 10 o'clock. Immediately following to address the seventh grade pupils of the county will receive their diplomas of graduation from the elementary school.

The afternoon will be devoted to the literary and athletic contests. The following contests will compete with each other in the contests named:

1. First Prize: Sylva, Cullowhee, Qualla, Glenville.
 2. Second Prize: Wilkes, Cullowhee, Qualla, Glenville.
 3. Spelling: Olive, Cullowhee, Addie, Glenville.
 4. Reading: Sylva, Webber, Cullowhee, Cashiers, Qualla.
 5. Third Grade Reading Contest: Cashiers, Sylva, Webber, Cullowhee, Qualla.
 6. Fourth Grade Reading Contest: Qualla, Webber, Cullowhee, Sylva, Cashiers.
 7. Fifth Grade Reading Contest: Olive, Cullowhee, Addie, Glenville, Webber.
 8. Grammar: Cashiers, Qualla, Webber, Cullowhee.
 9. History: Olive, Cullowhee, Addie, Glenville, Webber.
 10. Exhibits: Cullowhee, Qualla, Webber, Athletic Club.
- Boys:
1. Football: Sylva, Cullowhee, Webber, Cullowhee.
 2. Basketball: Dillsboro, Webber, Cullowhee.
 3. Running: Beta, Jewap; Dillsboro, Cullowhee, Webber, Cullowhee.
 4. Polo: Sylva, Webber, Cullowhee, Glenville.
 5. Wheel Barrow Relay: Beta, Cullowhee, Glenville.
- Girls:
1. Two Hundred Yard Relay: Dillsboro, Webber, Glenville, Cullowhee.
 2. Basket Ball: Sylva, Webber, Glenville, Cullowhee.
- Chariot Race: Beta, Glenville, Cullowhee, Webster.

JAVAN DAVIS IS DEAD

Javan Davis, one of the best known citizens of Western North Carolina, died in a hospital in Rochester, New York, last Tuesday, having gone there for an operation, some weeks ago, but not being strong enough to undergo the operation.

The body was brought to Sylva, Friday, and the funeral and interment were held at East Asheville, the home of Mr. Davis, Saturday. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. W. Lynch, the pastor, and completed with the solemn and impressive burial service of the Masonic order.

Mr. Davis was 78 years, 11 months, and 28 days, of age at the time of his death. He was a native of this county and lived here most of his life. He moved to Clay county several years ago, and since then has lived in that county, Cherokee and Mecklenburg. He leaves four daughters, Mrs. J. R. Eryson, of Cullowhee, Miss Bessie Davis, of Sylva, Mrs. Boy Wells, of Miami, Fla., and Miss Emily Davis, of Charlotte, and five sons, Billy Davis, cashier of the Tuckasee Bank, of Sylva, Boh Davis, of Franklin, and Ben, John and Javan, of Charlotte.

A large crowd of friends and relatives from all parts of Western North Carolina, attended the funeral services, which, together with the beautiful floral offerings, attracted a high esteem in which Mr. Davis was held. His sunny and jovial disposition, together with his personal worth and integrity as a citizen and a neighbor, had endeared him to all who knew him.

*PINK DYER KILLED BY TRAIN

Pink Dyer, aged white man of Hazelwood, was instantly killed, Saturday morning, when he was hurled from the trestle near the Still House Cut, on the Southern Railway, by the pilot train No. 17. The aged man was walking down the railroad track, and was caught on the trestle where the accident occurred. The body was brought to Sylva, to the Merford undertaking parlors and prepared for burial.

JACKSON COUNTY FARMERS BUY DAIRY COWS

F. R. FARNHAM, Dairy Specialist. There was a time, not long ago, when in Jackson County the idea of milking dairy cows did not receive a very popular welcome, however, the above condition existed when there apparently seemed to be no market for butter except the local country stores and home consumption. Today a noticeable change is rapidly taking place; more and more are the farmers, especially those who live in the river valley and along good roads, turning their attention to dairy farming. Why? Because it is a type of farming that builds soil fertility and produces a cash income each month. Because the old barrier of no markets have been overcome by the building of a large butter factory at Franklin which will provide a market for all cream produced in Jackson, Macon and Clay counties. This cream will be collected at the farm by cream gathering routes and hauled to Franklin to be manufactured into butter by the Carolina Creamery Company of Asheville.

The farmers of Jackson county are planning to follow dairy farming because it permits them to feed the by-product or skim milk to hogs and hens, and a system of farming that includes the cow, sow and hen where it receives fair management has never been known to fail in making prosperity for the owner. Therefore it was with considerable pleasure the writer accompanied by Jackson County's very efficient Farm Agent last week in visiting farmers with the purpose of purchasing another carload of Jersey grade cows, would hear the farmers say: "Yes, put me down for two cows, I want to get started in this dairy business because I know that type of farming will build up my farm in soil fertility and increase my bank account, Yes bring me two dairy cows in the next load."

SEVEN WEEK

Messrs. ... and H. G. Ferguson, ... meeting at ... week ... at Webster. Misses ... Owen have returned ... away for several ... school. Messrs. ... H. Ferguson and Misses ... Ruth Ferguson ... Carl Terrell motor to Asheville Saturday. Mrs. ... finished up her school ... Friday. Mr. ... has been teaching at ... for several months in ... Mrs. J. ... called on Mrs. D. M. ... afternoon. Mr. Paul ... Thursday night at ... Bradley's. Misses ... Cooper, Gertrude Ferguson and ... Carl Hoyle called on Miss ... and Sunday afternoon. Misses ... and Ora Cass visited Miss ... Sunday. Mr. ... called on Mr. J. E. Hoyle's ... Miss ... making a trip to Asheville. Mr. Sevier ... at Mr. J. K. Terrell's Sunday afternoon.