

Jackson County Journal.

\$1.50 THE YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

SYLVA, N. C., MARCH 17, 1926

\$2.00 THE YEAR IN ADVANCE OUT SIDE THE COUNTY

BRUNSON DEFENDS COMMISSION FORM

To the Voters of Jackson County: Last year, when I was in Raleigh, I read an editorial in the Jackson County Journal, on the Commission form of government. I became interested and found a few counties in our state had adopted this form of government. I made inquiries to their representatives and found they were very much pleased with its operation. I drew a bill along the lines of Buncombe county's law, with a few changes. I have always felt that the most important offices in our county were our county commissioners, but they have never had a chance to give us the right kind of service, because they only meet the first Monday in each month, then have to go back to the farm and toil hard until the next month.

So I found this commission form of government the all-time commissioner, who can devote his whole time to the county's interests. In this bill we have a Commissioner of Finance, a Commissioner of Roads, a Commissioner of Education, who constitute the Board of County Commissioners and who are employed for all their time. I feel that we will make quite a saving in salaries, as these three take the place of ten men now employed; but I think the salary saved is very small compared to what we will save yearly, by having three men employed all the time to look after the interests of the county.

I have had invitations to go to different parts of the county to make speeches for the bill, but have refused, because I want the tax payers to study this bill and vote as they think best for the county's interest.

THE COMMISSION FORM

Some extracts from a booklet, written by George G. Scott, entitled "New Methods for County Administrations."

It is widely known that the administration of the business of counties is more or less conducted by an adequate and out-of-date methods.

The rapidity of the growing increase of demand and the importance of the development of our governmental activities have constantly added to the necessity of efficiency in the administration of our public affairs.

The methods adopted by the commissioners of Buncombe county parallel modern methods used in the conduct of large, successful, commercial business. They are so characteristically different from the old-time way of conducting county affairs that it may be interesting to contrast some of the principle features with the out-of-date methods of county administration.

Buncombe has an all-time commission form of government, which provides for three commissioners. The present Board of Commissioners is as follows: Hon. E. M. Lyda, chairman and Commissioner of Finance, salary, \$3,600; Hon. W. E. McLain, Commissioner of Institutions, salary, \$3,300; Hon. W. E. Johnston, Commissioner of Highways, salary, \$3,300.

Each of these commissioners devotes his entire time to the business of the county, as contrasted with the old way of county commissioners, who give about one or two days each month to the county business. These commissioners meet every Monday, as against the old way of meeting once each month.

The commissioners of Buncombe county prepare an annual budget and appropriate a stipulated sum to each of the departments, offices, institutions and agencies of the county, covering the fiscal year. They know in advance, or at the time the budget is adopted, what the expenses of the county will be and what the tax payers are expected to pay in taxes to meet such expenses. After the budget has been carefully considered and adopted, a levy of taxes on the assessed valuation of property is made to meet the budget.

Authorizations: Under the old-time methods, nobody knew what it would cost to run the county, except by the end of the year, and at the end of the year it was frequently discovered that the expenses for the year exceeded the revenues which resulted in a deficit or a current debt that was passed on to the next administration for liquidation, and frequently resulted in the issue of bonds for its expenditure.

One of the important features of this system: The commissioners know at all times, day by day, the conditions.

Under the old time methods the county commissioners met once each month and spent the first day, or the greater part of the day, going over monthly bills and discussing one bill after another, as to whether it was right or whether it was wrong.

The maintenance of the roads and highways is under the division of Commissioner of Highways, and in that division the ledger accounts show separate cost of maintaining each road in every township. It also shows the separate operating cost of each of the five trucks and each of the six tractors used for the maintenance purposes. The Commissioner of Highways has daily reports from each driver of the trucks and tractors, showing the distribution of the work for the day as to roads and townships. These reports are printed forms, on postal cards which are filled out daily by the drivers and mailed in.

LEATHERWOOD ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY

Thurman Leatherwood, of Bryson City, has announced his candidacy for the democratic nomination for solicitor, opposing Grover C. Davis.

Mr. Leatherwood's announcement follows:

To The Democratic Voters of The 20th Judicial District:

This statement will announce to you that I am a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Solicitor of the 20th Judicial District.

I have been engaged in the practice of law since 1910 and I refer you to the lawyers of each County in the District for their opinion of my character and ability as a lawyer.

By birth, choice and training I am a Democrat but up to the present time I have never sought political preferment.

I now request that the Democratic voters of the District make inquiry as to my character as a man and my qualifications as a lawyer, and give the nomination to that man among the aspirants whom they may decide will best uphold the traditions and dignity of the high office of Solicitor or Prosecuting Attorney of the 20th Judicial District.

I desire and request your support and if it shall be your will to place me in the position I seek, to the best of my ability I will honestly, impartially and fearlessly discharge the duties of the office of Solicitor.

Thurman Leatherwood.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS, SYLVA, N. C.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Sylva, N. C., at their office of the Mayor in Sylva, N. C. until 11:00 A. M., March 23, 1926 for Street Improvements.

The work will consist of about 40,000 sq. yds. of asphalt or concrete or other pavement with the necessary excavation, curb and gutter, storm water drains; and sidewalks; also water and sewer lines and connections under paving.

Proposals must be marked "Proposal for Street Improvements". All bids must be upon blank forms provided in the Proposal, Specifications and Contract.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for \$3,000.00 as an evidence of good faith.

Contractors bidding must show evidence that they are licensed under the laws of North Carolina providing for the licensing of contractors otherwise their bids will not be considered.

Plans and specifications will be on file at the Clerk's office in Sylva, N. C. and at the offices of the Engineer in Durham and Asheville, and copies of the specifications, form of proposal, etc., will be mailed upon application to the Engineer at Asheville, N. C.

The Right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

Dan Tompkins, Mayor.
B. H. Cathey, Clerk.

Engineer:
GILBERT C. WHITE CO.,
Durham, N. C. and
Asheville, N. C.

BROWN IN SHERIFF'S RACE

It is being circulated that I will not be a candidate for sheriff in the coming June Primary. I do not know from what source this information came, for I am sure I am not responsible for such report.

My intention is to stay in the race to the end unless asked to withdraw by those responsible for my candidacy.

Maek C. Brown.

WEEKLY PUBLISHERS TO MEET FRIDAY

Program Western N. C. Weekly Press Association, Asheville, Friday, March 26, 1926, Chamber of Commerce.

Afternoon Session, 3:30 O'clock Roll Call, reading of minutes.

1.—How Newspapers Can Best Serve the Farmers.—John W. Goodman, District Farm Agent for Western Carolina.

2.—Do Newspapers See Anything to Deplore in the Real Estate Boom?—Fred H. May, Lenoir News-Topic.

3.—How Much Should Small Newspapers Attempt to Imitate the Dailies?—Lee B. Weathers, Shelby Star.

4.—Are You Robbing Peter to Pay Paul in Operating Newspaper and Job Plant Jointly? How Do You Tell?—J. B. Craigmiles, Mitchell County Banner.

5.—How Best Educate the Business and Professional Men to Trade at Home for Job Printing?—W. A. Band, Waynesville Mountaineer.

6.—Minute Intermission.

7.—Round Table Discussions:

(a) How Much Should We Took Our Horn to Sell Our Wares?
(b) Would Paying for Country Correspondence Improve News Service?

(c) Report of Committee on Legal Advertising: Dan Tompkins, L. B. Weathers, B. A. Lowrance.

8.—Evening Session, 7:30 O'clock

1.—Where's the Safety Zone on Free Political Publicity?—Mayor Dan Tompkins, Jackson County Journal.

2.—Wishes of Making the Grade a New Publication.—R. E. Leatherwood, County News.

3.—Stages of Ample Space and Efficient Shop Arrangement.—Miss Beatrice Cobb, Morganton News-Herald.

4.—Advantages of a Field Man for North Carolina Newspapers.—A. C. Hengett, Stanley News-Herald.

5.—Minute Intermission.

6.—Question Box. What's Your Problem?

7.—Greetings to New Members.

8.—Annual Report of President.—Dan Tompkins.

9.—Annual Report of Secretary-Treasurer.—Noah Hollowell.

10.—Annual Report of Historian.—R. E. Priece.

11.—Annual Election of Officers.

12.—Annual Membership Dues Only \$1.—Cough Up.

No Free Rides—No Free Eats—No Side Shows—Just Business.

PARK HAS REPRESENTATIVE ON TOUR

Asheville, March 15.—Thornwell Haynes, formerly diplomatic commissioner of the United States to the United Kingdom, now a resident of Brevard, represents the North Carolina Park Commission on the second annual Western North Carolina good will tour through the south and southwest. The tour gets under way tonight, and nine states will be visited. Mr. Haynes will act as the chief spokesman for the Great Smoky Mountains National Park project at the meetings held along the trip.

Mr. Haynes, an enthusiastic proponent of the national park in the Great Smokies, has spoken in favor of the park during the park purchase campaign. He is a world-wide traveler, and is thoroughly familiar with the national parks of this country, as well as the great parks of the world. Mr. Haynes is a native of South Carolina, has served as American Consul at Rouen, France, Nanking, China, Helsingfor, Finland, and Berne, Switzerland. During the years after the war he was diplomatic commissioner to Finland with the rank of minister plenipotentiary. He is a writer, and an educator, having been superintendent of schools in Central and High Point, N. C. For several years he was president of Birmingham.

Mr. Haynes' speaking program, the first of which will be advertised by page in the State book, has been prepared particularly for distribution on this tour.

J. S. SELLERS IS DEAD

Funeral services for J. S. Sellers, 68, of Asheville, died at Asheville, Saturday, conducted by Rev. E. L. Cook.

CULLOWHEE NORMAL STAGES BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Cullowhee, March 9th.—The second annual basketball tournament for high schools held at Cullowhee March 4th-6th was a decided success, from every point of view. Eighteen visiting teams of boys and girls represented some of the best high schools and the pick of basketball lineups in this section of the state. The display of fine team work and the remarkable demonstration of sportsmanship throughout reflected much credit to the high schools represented as well as to the players and coaches of the respective teams.

The tournament opened at 10 o'clock Thursday morning when Andrews girls won a victory over Sylva Collegiate Institute. At 3 P. M. the boys of Sylva High School defeated Qalla's team, followed by a combat between Bryson City and Webster boys with the former victorious. At 7:30 P. M. the Sylva High girls eliminated the Waynesville six, and at 8:30 the Franklin boys won by a close margin over the Waynesville lads. At 9 A. M. Friday Andrews boys won over Marshall High School by default as the latter failed to appear as scheduled. At 10 A. M. the Iotla girls eliminated the Webster team, and at 3 P. M. Sylva Collegiate Institute took a victory from the Hayesville boys. Winning teams then began to meet for further eliminations during Friday afternoon and night as follows: Bryson City defeating Andrews (boys); Franklin defeating Qualla (girls); Sylva High defeating Sylva Collegiate Institute (boys); Sylva High defeating Andrews (girls). Saturday's games brought about the final eliminations with the Iotla High School girls and the Sylva High School boys as champions to be awarded the loving cups.

According to the schedule the two championship teams met the Cullowhee Normal School teams Saturday night, which resulted in Cullowhee's winning both games by a large margin. C. C. Poindexter of Franklin served as referee for the boys' game while P. W. Alexander of the Normal School called the games for the girls.

On Saturday evening during the intermission of games President Hunter was called upon to award of field to the two M. V. Moore loving cups to the Iotla High School girls and the Sylva High School boys as champion teams of the tournament. These cups are to be held for one year, and will become the permanent possession of any team holding either one for three successive years.

During the tournament the visiting teams were entertained by the Normal School, and every effort was made to insure their comfort and pleasure during their stay. They were given rooms in the dormitories and were provided with meals in the main dining hall.

Due to the interest already manifested on the part of the high schools and the splendid cooperation received, the Normal School has decided to make the basketball tournament a permanent event. It is believed that it will be much larger and better in every respect for another year. The recent enlargement of the gymnasium has proved very valuable in accommodating the large number of spectators who desire to see the games. The Athletic Committee consisting of Messrs. Alexander, Beach, Brown and Miss Benton should be highly complimented for the success of the tournament just closed. Mr. Alexander as chairman of the committee gave his untiring efforts to make the event entirely successful.

SHOAL CREEK

On March 2nd the body of Mr. Thos. Bradburn of Conley's Creek was brought to Shoal Creek for interment. The remains were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Will Moore, Mrs. Geo. Bedman, Mrs. Bayard and Mr. Rass Barrett of Whittier. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. Reed.

Several of the Shoal Creek folk attended the funeral of Hazel Snyder the nine year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Snyder of Wilcox whose remains were laid to rest in Worley's Chapel Cemetery on March 6th.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Howell and Miss Bertha Buchanan were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Johnson Sunday.

Prof. L. E. Mauney spent Sunday at Mr. R. L. Howell's.

Rev. E. W. Needham was a dinner guest at Mr. K. J. Bell's Sunday.

Prof. Leche's Coy. spent the week end at Mr. Hill's.

Miss Florence Turpin is visiting relatives in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sitton visited relatives at Barkers Creek Sunday.

Miss Ida Battle spent the week end with Mrs. Alice Howell.

Mr. H. G. Ferguson took the members of the school who belong to the Poultry Club to his home to be instructed by Mr. Oliver.

PARENT-TEACHERS TO MEET MONDAY

The Parent-Teachers' Association will meet on Monday afternoon, at three-thirty o'clock, at the Graded School building, at which time Mr. W. E. Bird, of the faculty of Cullowhee State Normal will speak to the association. Mrs. Billy Davis, president of the association, will present a picture to the game having the largest number of parents present at the meeting.

MISS BERTHA BUCHANAN SPENT THE WEEK END AT HER HOME AT WEBSTER.

Miss Ruth Ferguson was a guest of Miss Mozell Moody Sunday.

Messrs. J. K. Terrell, H. G. Byrd and Thomas Patton called at Mr. C. A. Bird's Sunday.

Mrs. John D. Norton spent Wednesday night with her mother, Mrs. R. F. Hall.

Messrs. J. B. Battle and Lewis Bumgarner were dinner guests at Mr. J. E. Battle's Friday.

Mr. J. M. Hughes is erecting a new bungalow in our community.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Kinsland called on Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hughes Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Hughes called at Mr. D. K. Beattie's Saturday night.

Mrs. A. C. Hoyle and Mrs. Laura Snyder spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Clark Snyder of Wilmot.

Mrs. Norman Turpin of Newport, Tenn. is spending awhile among relatives.

Mr. Gilbert is erecting a new residence near the Cray Ground.

Although the three winds continue to blow, and the Great National Park is covered with snow, yet in our hearts a long wishing, a little bird tells us that the West Spring.

SYLVA SUPPLY COMPANY IMPROVES FACILITIES.

The Sylva Supply Company, one of Western North Carolina's progressive mercantile concerns, is making extensive improvements in its already high class market department.

A new department, of the permanent, modern type, with lights surrounding the lower edge, such as is in use in the large cities, is being put up at the front of the building, adding greatly to the appearance of the town.

Mr. David M. Hall, manager of the department store, states that the market will be moved from the rear of the building to the front, in the place recently vacated by the Jackson County Bank, and many new fixtures will be put in, including a refrigerating show case, dust proof and rat proof bins, throughout the market and grocery departments, and the present large circulating plant will be retained. The entire building and fixtures will be of a spotless white, and the absolute cleanliness of each article will be assured.

The improvements, when completed, will make one of the best and most modern markets in the state, and the Sylva Supply Company is sparing no expense in making it so. Care has been taken to buy the best and most approved types of fixtures to be had.

GRAHAM COUNTY STARTS PARK DRIVE

Robbinsville, March 15.—The first \$1,000 of Graham County's quota of \$10,000 for the Great Smoky Mountains National Park purchase fund was quickly subscribed here today at a mass meeting in the Graham County courthouse. Judge John M. Oglesby, who is holding court here this week, adjourned the session of court early in the afternoon, and the court was given over to a national park program at which Judge Oglesby and Thomas L. Byrd, park campaign director spoke. Subscriptions amounting to \$1,600 were made at the close of the meeting, and work will be pressed until the balance of the quota is raised. Several large gifts from lumber and power interests in this county are expected.

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WEBSTER HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

The commencement exercises of the Webster High School will be held on Thursday and Friday, March 25 and 26.

The following is the order of exercises:

Thursday, 3:00 P. M., senior class-day exercises.

Thursday, 8:00 P. M., Literary address, P. L. Elliott, Mrs. Hill College Presentation of diplomas.

Friday, 8:00 P. M., Senior play, "Brother Elks".

SYLVA METHODIST CHURCH

Preaching Sunday morning at 10 o'clock and Sunday evening at 7:30. All the other services at their usual time.

J. Q. BARKER DIES IN FLORIDA

Mrs. C. C. Buchanan was called to Gainesville, Fla., last week, because of the death, in that city of her father, Mr. J. Q. Barker, prominent Western North Carolina business man and promoter. The funeral of Mr. Barker was held in Gainesville.

The Asheville Times of March 12, carried the following editorial concerning Mr. Barker:

"In the death of J. Q. Barker Western North Carolina has lost a citizen who loved its mountains, who was acquainted with the wealth of natural resources in this section and worked with intelligence and foresight for the industrial and social growth of the section.

Until he became associated with the E. W. Grove Investments in Florida, Mr. Barker was a citizen of Andrews and did much for the welfare of the town. It was through his efforts largely that a tannic acid factory was established in Andrews; he was no less interested in the building up of the public schools and other institutions that contribute to the public welfare. Mr. Barker will be remembered as one of the men who played no small part in the development of Western North Carolina.

TOLL TAKEN BY AUTO ACCIDENTS

Dixie yielded one of the lowest tolls to traffic during the week just ended that has been recorded in several months—34 killed and 231 injured. These figures were revealed in a survey conducted today in 11 Southern states by the Associated Press.

North Carolina was at the top of the column with six deaths, and Florida a close second with five. Kentucky brought up the rear with one, the only state having this record for the week.

Georgia was an easy leader in the injured column with 55. Florida came next with 43, Louisiana with 30, being her nearest rival. Mississippi and South Carolina reported the lowest number hurt with four.

The figures were compiled in these states from automobile, railway train, trolley car and motor-cycle accidents.

A tabulation by states follows:

State	Dead	Injured
Virginia	2	18
North Carolina	6	19
South Carolina	2	4
Georgia	4	55
Florida	5	43
Alabama	3	15
Mississippi	4	4
Louisiana	3	30
Arkansas	2	18
Tennessee	3	19
Kentucky	0	6
Totals	34	231

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