

Jackson County Journal

\$1.50 the Year in Advance in the County

Sylva, N. C., Wednesday, August 25, 1926

\$2.00 the Year in Advance Outside County

MURPHY CELEBRATION TRIUMPHANT GATHERING

Thousands of Georgians and Carolinians gathered two triumphant processions starting at Asheville and ending at Atlanta and being augmented at every town and village along the road, all headed for Murphy on Saturday, to celebrate the completion of North Carolina's part of the Appalachian Scenic Highway. There were many notables there from all parts of the South, and thousands of people who have been interested in the completion of the scenic road, which starts at Asheville on the St. Lawrence and ends at New Orleans on the Gulf of Mexico.

When the Murphy gathering was held in its proportions, it was but the beginning of the great motoreade planned for next year. The 1927 motoreade is to traverse the entire scenic road, immediately after completion, will start at Montreal and end in New Orleans.

The people celebrated in Murphy. They had something to celebrate. The Murphy and the Nantahalas have been before the engineers and the state highway commission, and now the state is making the Murphy to Macon, with a road.

The people of Murphy and Cherokee county had prepared a sumptuous dinner, served in the style of a restaurant, and the flood of automobiles poured in from all directions. The highway commission had arranged for the Murphy folks just as they were to dine to the interior of the scenic building, and served the food with expediency, smilingly handing out plate after plate to the good natured crowd.

When the speaking, with Rev. M. D. Darris, president of the Appalachian Scenic Highway Association, presiding.

And after all, the most hopeful note of the gathering is that the scenic road is not only to be completed but also to be improved. The highway officials are planning and preparing to carry on the good work of building and improving the scenic road, especially those that are needed in their courses.

Chairman John N. Holder of the scenic state highway commission declared that he expects within two years to complete paving to Atlanta the highway leading from North Carolina to Atlanta. He added that by Dec. 31, 1927, there will be a paved road from Atlanta to Macon and that a year later there will be a paved highway from Macon to the Florida line.

Chairman Holder also announced that the scenic highway board will be a contract this year to pave the Clayton highway. This thoroughfare touches North Carolina at a point near Franklin and passes through Clayton to Atlanta. North Carolina is now completing paving its section of this highway and a celebration of its opening is to be held at Franklin Sept. 15.

When highway No. 10 is completed, Chairman Frank Page, of the State Highway Commission, is determined to start at one end of this "Main Street of North Carolina" at daybreak and to arrive at the other end by the time darkness falls, James G. Stikeleather of Asheville, State Highway Commissioner of the ninth district, announced. Ten miles beyond Murphy is one end of that "Main Street" and the other end is at Macon, 690 miles away, it is to be pointed out. And not only that, but it is determined to make the scenic trip from tip to tip of a beautiful state, but Mr. Stikeleather said he would like the commissioner of the ninth district is going to travel with the chairman.

It is announced that in the last four years North Carolina has spent more money for highways than has any other state in the union. Declaring he wished to correct a statement made by an earlier speaker, Mr. Stikeleather announced that the Federal Government is contributing \$1,750,000 annually to aid highway construction in North Carolina and that the total thus contributed is more than \$6,000,000. As compared with this sum, the

PAGE WILL ATTEND HIGHWAY CELEBRATION

It is announced by the committee on arrangements that Chairman Frank Page, of the North Carolina Highway Commission, will attend the celebration of the completion of North Carolina's end of the Asheville-Sylva-Franklin-Atlanta Short Route on September 15th.

The plans for celebration include a motoreade from Atlanta to Asheville, which is being sponsored by the Atlanta Constitution. The Carolina delegation will meet the Georgians at the state line, and escort them to Franklin, where luncheon will be served and addresses made by a number of the big men of the two states.

From Franklin the trip will be made to Dillsboro, Sylva, Waynesville and Canton, with stops and appropriate ceremonies at each place; then on to Asheville where the members of the motoreade will be guests of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce at dinner.

It is expected that prominent North Carolinians making the trip will be O. Max Gardner, of Shelby, Former Governor Cameron Morrison, Col. Wade H. Harris, editor of the Charlotte Observer and many others.

GET HEART BEAT OVER TELEPHONE

Heart beats were successfully recorded recently over a distance of one mile by the aid of telephone wires attached to a cardiograph, says the North and South Carolina Public Utility Information Bureau. There is a record of a similar attempt made in England but the results were unsatisfactory and its success in the United States is believed to be the first.

The cardiograph is a delicate machine used for the purpose of obtaining the forces and intervals of heart actions. It is operated electrically and is one of the most recent inventions used by physicians in the treatment of heart disease.

Recently a noted physician desired to obtain a record of heart beats from a patient who was too ill to be moved to the laboratory containing the cardiograph equipment. The physician approached the New York Telephone Company with his problem and the company officials were quick to cooperate.

The nature of the case required immediate action and within an hour the circuit was completed between the patient's house and the laboratory containing the cardiograph. The wires were connected to the machine and the physician's assistant was sent to the patient's home with the necessary lead pads which were attached to the body.

When a few minor changes had been made in the circuit the machine was put into operation and two complete sets of heart beats were satisfactorily obtained.

IMPORTANT MEETING

A very important church meeting is called for next Sunday evening at 7:45. Every member is urged to be present at this meeting.

Sylva Baptist Church
By Jno. R. Jones, Clerk.

State itself has spent \$85,000,000 on improved highways, he said.

There is, he said, a dependable highway every mile of the way from Montreal, Canada, through Western North Carolina and on to New Orleans and to Miami, Fla.

Charles A. Webb, copublisher of The Citizen, made a plea for increased federal aid for highway building in North Carolina.

Other speakers included Congressman Zebulon Weaver, Frank T. Reynolds of Atlanta, Col. John S. Cohen of the Atlanta Journal, Former Gov. Charles H. Brough, of Arkansas, Charles A. Webb, Don S. Elias and Harlee Branch. (A large number of Sylva, Dillsboro and Cullowhee people attended the celebration.)

GET YEAR EACH FOR STEALING JUDGE

Way Cross, Ga. Aug. 24—Seven men were convicted here yesterday of mob violence in connection with the recent attack upon county Judge Henry Johnson of Charleston county. Five of the defendants were sentenced to one year each in the penitentiary. A year's sentence or a \$1,000 fine was imposed upon the other two.

Judge Johnson, seized at a store in Folkston after nightfall, was taken by a group of men in automobiles out on a country road. He escaped without injury when citizens in pursuing cars overtook the party.

The judge had been active in enforcement of the prohibition laws by inflicting sentences upon liquor selling offenders. His assailants were brought to trial upon his identification.

The men convicted yesterday pleaded guilty. J. D. Hunter, N. H. Hughes, W. G. Brooks, S. A. Lucas and J. L. Aldridge received the prison sentence without alternative. John Stephens and J. C. Herrington were given the choice of a year in the penitentiary or the \$1,000 fine.

STATE HEADS DEATH LIST

North Carolina again reported the largest number of persons killed in accidents during the week, with 12, exceeding the previous week's total by one. Georgia, Tennessee and Louisiana reported six persons killed each. Louisiana lead in the number of persons reported injured with 52. Georgia was second with forty and Florida third with 38.

Traffic killed 56 persons and injured 298 in eleven southern states during the past week it was revealed today through a survey conducted by The Associated Press. The totals represent an increase of three in the number of persons killed and a decrease of five in the number of persons injured in comparison with casualty figures for the week previous.

Ten of the persons killed and over a score of those injured were victims of grade crossing accidents. Three Georgians were killed in grade crossings while Alabama and Tennessee reported two each. Three persons were killed in Virginia yesterday in an accident involving two automobiles and an electric car near Richmond.

Tabulation by the states follows:

State	Killed	Injured
Virginia	4	23
North Carolina	12	35
South Carolina	5	7
Georgia	6	40
Florida	4	38
Alabama	4	25
Mississippi	3	13
Louisiana	6	52
Arkansas	3	24
Tennessee	6	22
Kentucky	3	15
Totals	56	298

WHY ADVERTISE?

"Banks are far more liberal in their terms to companies that have been regular advertisers than toward those that do not advertise," Frank L. Blanchard of Henry L. Doherty & Company, New York told the Public Utilities Advertising Association at the Twenty-second Annual Convention of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World.

"They rightly feel," he added, "that a company that has, through advertising, won the good will of the public is more likely to retain its position in the community as an important business enterprise than a company that does not advertise and therefore does not have the hold upon the residents of the city that the former company has."

STATE BLUE LAW TESTS FOREGONE

Asheville, August 21—The blue laws of North Carolina will probably remain untested and unattacked, officials of the association opposing the blue laws have disappeared. Linn A. E. Gale and other officials of the association who recently came to Asheville and announced preparations to make a test of the blue laws in North Carolina, have faded into oblivion and have apparently left.

AUTO RIDE FATAL TO CANTON YOUTH

Canton, N. C., Aug. 21—Fred Moore, prominent young man of this place, was killed about 5 o'clock this morning and W. O. Murr and Newman James also of Canton, were injured when the car they were riding in left the highway at Walnut Gap and plunged 100 feet to the bottom of the cliff. Moore was driving the machine.

Murr was seriously, but not dangerously hurt, while James was only slightly injured. The latter walked ten miles to Marshall to summon aid. A brother in law of Moore in Canton was advised and he with friends went to the scene. When they arrived they found Moore dead. Murr was carried to a Marshall hospital and James was given medical attention.

The three men, all popular in Canton, were on their way to Tennessee points for a week end rest when the accident happened. The automobile badly wrecked.

Moore, who was 25 years of age, is survived by his widow and two children, his father, Homer Moore of Canton, and several other relatives.

SENATOR FERNALD DIES

West Portland, Me. Aug. 23—United States Senator Bert M. Fernald, died at his home here late Monday evening after a short illness with intestinal poisoning and heart trouble. He was in his 69th year and has served in the senate since 1916. Sen. Fernald had suffered a relapse during the night and early today, and Dr. W. G. Boster, the attending physician had announced that death was only a matter of hours. The senator's son, James H. Fernald of this town and daughter, Mrs. Norris T. Ezeleth of Kennebunk, were at his bedside when the end came.

Fernald, a native of West Portland, had been identified with State and national politics many years. In 1909 he was elected governor of Maine on the republican ticket and served one term, 1909-1910. In 1916 he was chosen United States Senator to fill the unexpired term of Edwin C. Burleigh. Fernald was elected to a full term in 1918 and again re-elected in 1924. His present term would have expired in 1931.

PHONE COMPANY GOES TO PAY IN ADVANCE

Jackson Telephone and Telegraph Company announces that the company will on September 1st, change to the pay in advance plan, in collecting telephone rents. On that date, in order to effect the change, it will be necessary to bill every telephone subscriber for two months, those of August and September. Then the bill mailed subscribers on October First will be for the month of October, and so on through the year, paying the first of each month for that month's service.

Mr. Murray stated that this change has been made necessary because of the increasing transient population of Sylva and environs. "The old plan worked all right," said Mr. Murray, "as long as the population of Sylva stayed put; but now, when we are becoming more and more a tourist center and the number of transient population is steadily increasing, the new plan is the only one that will work to the satisfaction both the people and the company."

GIRL INJURED — DRIVER REFUSED BOND

Hendersonville News, Aug. 24. Buford Nelson was ordered held without bond pending the outcome of the injuries of Miss Thelma Bowen, whom he is alleged to have run over and painfully injured late Sunday afternoon as she in company with Morris Shipman were walking down the Willow road.

Buford, the driver of the car that struck the couple, is in jail without bond, committed by Esquire Milward, upon a charge of driving a car while under the influence of liquor and assault with a deadly weapon.

Miss Bowen was taken to Patton Memorial hospital where injuries were pronounced to be slight, consisting mainly of bruises and cuts about the head.

THINGS LOOKING-UP IN THE MOUNTAINS OF WESTERN N. C.

ASHEVILLE WILL HAVE REPUBLICAN WEEKLY

"The Blue Ridge Republican," a weekly organ for and in the interests of the Republican party in Western North Carolina will make its first appearance Friday, September 3rd, it has just been announced from Asheville by Hubert F. Lee, Asheville newspaperman, who will be editor and publisher.

The new publication will take an active part in the congressional and county elections in the Tenth district during the next two months and for this purpose will establish its offices temporarily in the Tenth district headquarters over Seruggs' Drug Store in Asheville. The organ will also take a large part in activities of the Ninth district and in a few counties of the Eighth.

Plans for the publication have been quietly going on for some time. Leaders of the Republican party in Western North Carolina were practically unanimous in the belief that this organ will fill a long felt need of the party and will urge all individuals in the G. O. P. to support it, it is said.

COUSIN OF SYLVA PEOPLE KILLED

Mrs. M. D. Cowan and Mrs. M. Buchanan were called to Rockwood, Tenn., to attend the funeral of their cousin, B. L. McDarris, who was instantly killed by a live wire last week.

The following account of the accident which occurred near Kingston is taken from the Knoxville Sentinel of August 20:

"B. L. McDarris, 25, manager in this section for the Southern Cities Power company was instantly killed by a live wire this morning. Following a heavy storm yesterday, some wires were reported down. Current was off at Kingston Knitting Mills and Mr. McDarris had gone to investigate. He came in contact with a wire carrying 3,500 volts and was electrocuted. The accident occurred in front of the home of W. C. Hartwell.

Mr. McDarris was a popular manager. He had charge of the company's interests at Kingston, Rockwood, Spring City, and other points. Surviving him is his widow, formerly Miss Jeanne Smith of Spring City, whom he married only about a month ago. Also his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee McDarris, of Cleveland Tenn.

The body was sent to Rockwood. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

TENT MEETING DRAWS CROWDS

Large crowds of people are being attracted by the tent meeting being conducted on Cullowhee road, by Rev. B. N. Rogers who is doing the preaching and Mr. L. Glenn Sumner is leading the fine congregational singing. The meetings will continue for some days longer, it is announced.

CULLOWHEE PRESIDENT AND PARTY FRANKLIN VISITORS

Franklin Press. Dr. H. T. Hunter, president of Cullowhee State Normal, accompanied by Mrs. Hunter, Miss Eliza Powell, dietician at the institution, and Mrs. Walton, assistant matron, were visitors in Franklin Tuesday, having motored over from Jackson county to see Franklin, Macon county, and the new road connecting the two counties.

Dr. Hunter expects to have approximately 150 normal school students enrolled when the institution opens the fall term on September 6, he said. Later as the short term schools end, additional normal students will enroll, as many teachers complete their teaching and then go to Cullowhee to continue their studies.

The Charlotte Observer gives us, from the pen of Col. Wade Harris, the following article, showing that the "boom" did not hit Western North Carolina, why it didn't come, and why there should be general rejoicing that it didn't; and at the same time proving that the substantial growth is in progress.

That the speculative "boom" so widely advertised for the mountains of Western North Carolina was not realized this summer is a well known fact. Those who set out to repeat in that region the real estate gambling of Florida were defeated and disappointed and it is to the credit of the region that they were. The editor of the Charlotte Observer who has recently visited the region, presents the situation as he found it and heard it:

"Then a real estate operator in person gave The Observer some information. It was to this effect: There has been no 'boom' in the western part of the state; no boom had been desired and it was purposely held off by joint action of the real estate boards of Asheville and Hendersonville in the early spring, when Florida 'promoters' began swarming in. Hordes of speculators were driven from the field but not until much harm had been done thru operation of the 'opionist.' These had secured options on about all the desirable properties in the vicinity of the towns and when the prospective buyers began coming in they found these lands held at exorbitant prices—at figures which they could not look at—and they went on, instead of settling down as investors. But the contention is that Western North Carolina is all the better for that because affairs in the investment field have settled down to a sound and sensible basis, and within the past three weeks there has been manifestation of a marked revival in real estate activities, not of the subdivision kind, but largely in purchase of homes. As an example there has been no check in building activities in and around Hendersonville, new homes and business houses and apartments completed and in course of completion being there on all sides to show for themselves.

"Development work in the mountain sections got off to a late start, but it has started in a direction that means steady progress and on plans against which there is to be no reaction. Very much more money has been safely and profitably invested in Western North Carolina towns and projects than is generally imagined and that this section of the state has been going at a pace fast enough is indicated in the fact that the money invested at Lake Lure, at Tryon and vicinity, at Brevard, Sylva, Murphy, Andrews, Bryson City, Waynesville, Asheville, in the Sapphire, district at Hendersonville, Spruce Pine, Little Switzerland, in the Marion and Black Mountain district, and at Lenior and Happy Valley and Roaring Gap now foots up around \$39,000,000. As a starter for the first year, that ought to be regarded as an encouraging index to the future.

"Things are 'looking up' in the western section. The man inclined to doubt it has only to go up there and cast about on his own hook."

MRS. MONTEITH CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

The celebration of Mrs. Hicks Monteith's 67th birthday was at the home of her son, Mr. John Hix Monteith Sunday, August 22, 1926. There were about fifty friends and relatives present who wish her many more happy birthdays. Mrs. Monteith has six living children all of whom were present except Mrs. D. E. Hunnicutt of Akron, Ohio, and Mr. Jim Monteith who was gone to visit his father in law.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Pannel, Mr. John Pannel and children, Mrs. Julia Jones of Addie, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Bradley and son of Wilmot and Rev. J. C. Gibson of Barkers Creek were present. Mrs. Monteith received many beautiful and useful gifts. A bountiful dinner was served on the lawn. In the late afternoon Rev. J. C. Gibson preached an interesting sermon to the remaining crowd.