

Jackson County Journal

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Will Begin Surfacing 106 This Week

WORK ON HIGHWAY TO START TOWARD FORKS OF TUCKASEEGEE

Announcement is made by Highway Commissioner James G. Stikeleather, that the work of surfacing Highway No. 106 from Cullowhee to Tuckaseegee will begin this week. This statement was made by Mr. Stikeleather to the commissioners of Jackson County.

Mr. Stikeleather, after conference with the county authorities, made a trip to Raleigh and arranged for the transfer of a complete outfit of machinery to the Jackson county project, and workmen will be here this week, erecting the camp and preparing for taking care of the large force of convicts that will be put on the job. It is hoped to have enough of the road completed before bad weather comes to insure that the road will be passable this winter, avoiding tying up the important upper Jackson County country during the winter months. The plans now are to surface 106 with waterbound macadam from Cullowhee to Tuckaseegee at once, and as soon as the general assembly meets and makes additional funds available, to pave with concrete from Cullowhee to Sylva, to surface from Tuckaseegee to Glenville, complete the grading from Glenville to Cashier's Valley, and on to the South Carolina line, and then to finish surfacing the entire length of the highway from Sylva to the South Carolina line.

106 is considered Jackson county's most important road, by a large majority of the citizens of the county. It starts at Sylva, where it connects with No. 10 and traverses the length of the county from Sylva to the South Carolina line, going through Cullowhee, River, Hamburg, and Cashier's Valley townships, connecting the Cullowhee State Normal School with the county seat of Jackson with No. 10 and with the rest of the state. Into it come feeders from Webster, Caney Fork, Canada and Mountain township. Thus it is Jackson county's great highway, over which must come the traffic from the greater part of the fields, mines and forests of the county.

As a scenic highway, No. 106 is said to be the per of any in America. It goes up the Tuckaseegee Gorge, by the Falls of the Tuckaseegee, across the Blue Ridge, down through Cashier's Valley and on down the White-water River into South Carolina.

Highway 106 forms a part of the Wade Hampton National Highway, beginning at Charleston and coming through Wallhalla, Cashier's Valley, and Sylva to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, to Knoxville and the Middle West. This route shortens the distance from many of the cities of South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, to the Carolina Mountains and the West, and it is predicted that when it is completed, it will be one of the most traveled tourist roads in the state, because it shortens the distance and at the same time affords such matchless scenic beauty, and comes through the great region of upper Jackson county.

The present surfacing being done out of the funds loaned by Jackson county, to the state highway commission, a little more than a year ago, and it is believed that, with the beginning of the work, this week, that it will not stop, until the road is completed its entire length, as the general assembly meets in January, and will, in all human probability, make additional funds available out of which the highway commission expects to complete 106.

TO OPEN SANITORIUM

Charlotte, N. C., Sept. 6.—Formal exercises for the opening of the Mecklenburg County sanatorium, a \$100,000 hospital for tubercular patients, located near Huntersville, will be held in the hospital Tuesday, with R. Neal Hood, chairman of the board of commissioners of Mecklenburg county as chairman.

A. J. RHINEHART DIES FROM INJURIES

Canton Enterprise.—Mr. A. J. Rhinehart died at the Merrivether Hospital Asheville, early Tuesday morning as a result of injuries received last Friday when struck by an automobile driven by a Mr. Pearce, traveling salesman. The accident occurred as Mr. Rhinehart was crossing the street between C. B. Wells store and Martin's Tea room. No blame has been placed on Mr. Pearce as those who saw the accident say it was entirely unavoidable.

Mr. Rhinehart had made his home in Canton where he was employed by the Champion Fibre Company for a number of years. He was known by his many friends as "Uncle Jack." He was a member of the First Baptist church and one of the oldest members at the time of his death. He served on the Board of Deacons several years and was active in all the work of the church.

MASONS GREET GRAND MASTER

A large gathering of Masons from this section of North Carolina, gathered in Sylva, last night, to meet Acting Grand Master John H. Anderson, of Fayetteville. After addresses by Dr. W. C. Wicker, educational field secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, there was work in the third degree, and refreshments were served by members of the Easter Star, and Sylva Lodge. The attendance was large, there being Masons present from Franklin, Bryson City, Highlands, Glenville, East Laporte, Dillsboro, Webster, Marshall and other places in Western North Carolina.

PARKER DID NOT WRITE LETTER IN LAST WEEK'S JOURNAL

Mr. S. M. Parker, of River township, was in the office of The Journal the first of the week, and stated that some citizens of Hamburg township have gotten the impression that he is the author of a letter appearing in The Journal, last week, opposing the adoption of exclusive stock law in Hamburg; and requested that The Journal correct this impression. The editor of The Journal can state positively that the letter was not written by either Mr. Parker or by any member of his family.

THREE HELD WITHOUT BOND

Brevard, Sept. 4.—Although the coroner's jury held a three hour inquest in the Transylvania county courthouse Saturday morning nothing further of startling interest was uncovered in the mystery of Jesse Masters, 40 year old Transylvania county man, whose dead body was discovered yesterday 200 yards from the highway near the village of Rosman.

Nearly a dozen witnesses were put through a grueling examination by the coroner and attorneys for the defense. The principal fact brought to light by the testimony of witnesses and other corroborative evidence was that Masters was last seen in the company of Louie Whitmore of Rosman, nineteen days ago on the day of Master's disappearance. Both men were seen walking together down the old Toxaway road and it was testified in a state of intoxication and it seems that they left the road together and went into the bushes. Since that time Masters has not been seen until his body was found by a posse Friday afternoon. Arthur Peter and Oscar Pettit also suspected of being implicated, together with Whitmore are held in the Transylvania county jail without bond pending a preliminary hearing before Magistrate S. E. Shuford Tuesday morning.

This case is probably the most interesting and puzzling of any that has come before the Transylvania courts in several years.

MRS. BELLE EXTINE DIES

Mrs. Belle Extine died at her home on Cope Creek, near Sylva last night following a long illness. The funeral and interment will be held tomorrow at Wesley's Chapel.

Mrs. Extine, wife of "Bill" Extine, was one of the first residents of Sylva and has lived here almost ever since Sylva has been a town. Her husband, station hand at the Southern Railway Station in Sylva, is one of the oldest employees of the Southern, in point of service, having been in the service of the railway since shortly after the line was completed to Sylva.

She is survived by her husband and several children.

KILLS HUGE EAGLE

Mr. Vester Farmer of Qualla brought to this office Monday a huge eagle, which he was taking to an Asheville taxidermist to be mounted. The bird, an American eagle, was killed Saturday by Mr. Joseph Hipps, in the Qualla section, when it was attempting to catch a fish hawk. The large eagle, said to be one of the biggest in this region for many years, measured 7 feet and four inches from tip to tip.

DURHAM SCHOOLS MAKE RECORD IN HEALTH ACTIVITY

Durham, N. C., Sept. 6.—Durham county led all other counties of the state in school health work last year, according to information received from the State Board of Health today. One hundred class rooms in the city and county schools of Durham won health pennants last year for health work, half of which were won by rooms in the city system. The pennants have been received and will be presented to the winners this week.

CULLOWHEE STATE NORMAL OPENS

Cullowhee State Normal School opened for the fall session, yesterday morning with a large enrollment and big prospects for the school year, according to information received from the office of President H. T. Hunter. It is impossible to give accurate information as to the number of students enrolled, as the enrollment and tabulation have not yet been completed.

MEDICAL SOCIETY TO MEET HERE

The Tenth District Medical Society will hold a meeting here on Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 22. The program for the meeting, which will consist of addresses and clinics on subjects of interest to the medical profession, will begin at two o'clock.

This society is composed of physicians within the tenth congressional district and from fifty to one hundred doctors for whom entertainment is being arranged, are expected to attend the meeting here. Dr. F. M. Davis, of Canton, is president of the Society.

JACKSON COUNTY 8 MONTHS SCHOOLS OPENED MONDAY

The 8 months schools of Jackson county opened Monday morning, with the exception of Glenville Consolidated High School, the opening of which is delayed for some time because the new building is not completed.

The enrollment in the county schools is the largest in our educational history, and the prospects are very bright, according to information received from the office of the county superintendent.

Six months or short term schools opened the first Monday in August. Schools opening Monday were: Sylva, Dillsboro, Webster, Cashiers, Wilmot, Qualla Olivet, Barkers Creek, Beta, Addie, Double Springs, Willets, Balsam, Cane Creek, John's Creek, and Balsam Grove. The Cullowhee High School and Graded School opened Tuesday morning.

GROWS GATEPOST FROM CORN

Luther Burbank was a wonder worker in transforming one form of vegetation into another, but he was not the only miracle producer. He never planted a gatepost and had it develop into a stalk of corn 12 feet tall with two fine ears—and that is what has been done by H. T. Creasman, expert farmer of Avery's Creek township. And the gate post was planted only July 7 while the corn stalk was in the Citizen office yesterday.—Asheville Citizen.

HAMBURG WILL VOTE ON STOCKLAW

The voters of Hamburg township will cast their ballots Saturday, in a special election, called upon petition, by the county commissioners, upon the proposition of exclusive stock law.

There is a great deal of interest being manifested in the election by citizens of the township and the whole of upper Jackson county, and it is expected that the vote will be large.

LAYING WATER LINES AT OAKLYN HILLS DIVISION.

The Sylva Realty Company will begin laying water lines on the Oaklyn Hills Subdivision, the first of next week, it is stated by officials of the company.

While Oaklyn Hills, a restricted residential subdivision, is located outside the city limits, it will be supplied with water from Sylva's splendid water supply, and taps will be made to each lot, it is stated.

The formal opening of the subdivision, and the opening sale, which were to have been held a few weeks ago, and which were postponed on account of excessive rains, will be staged on September 24, officials of the realty company state.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL MEET TOMORROW EVENING

There will be a meeting of the Sylva Chamber of Commerce tomorrow evening, it is announced by the officers. At the meeting plans will be discussed and arrangements made for the entertainment of the motorecade celebrating the completion of the concrete road from Asheville to Franklin, which will be held on the 15th of this month.

WYATT GIVEN FULL PARDON

Jesse Wyatt former captain of the Raleigh police force, serving a term in the state prison, has been given a full pardon by Gov. A. W. McLean. Wyatt was sentenced to not less than eight or more than 18 months in the State prison for manslaughter, following the death of Stephen S. Holt, Smithfield attorney, who was shot by Wyatt when the latter mistook the automobile in which Holt was riding for a liquor car.

Wyatt's time, with allowances for good behavior, would have expired on September 22, and he is saved only 20 days by the governor's action.

A full pardon rather than a parole had been sought by Wyatt's friends in the belief that such action would restore Wyatt's citizenship. However, it was pointed out by the governor that this is not the case.

Assistant Attorney General Frank Nash, stated that he wrote an official opinion on the subject during the Morrison administration, holding that action by the courts, for which three years state citizenship. A pardon by the president of the United States for a federal offense restores citizenship and the same rule holds in a number of the states but in this state a convicted felon must apply to the courts.

Wyatt shot Holt on July 1, 1925, and the trial was bitterly fought, three continuances being secured by the defense on technical grounds. The case was finally brought to trial in November and Wyatt was convicted by a Durham county jury. Wyatt was sentenced in December but allowed to wait until March 15 to begin his sentence because of an expected birth in his family.

Governor McLean expressed the opinion that Wyatt should have been punished but that his previous good record entitled him to a pardon now.

S. P. WILKES STRUCK BY AUTOMOBILE

Mr. S. P. Wilkes, one of the oldest citizens of Sylva, was struck and painfully injured, by an automobile driven by M. M. McKnight, Monday afternoon.

Mr. Wilkes was walking on the highway in front of the residence of Mr. Dan Tompkins, when he was struck and knocked down by the car. Witnesses to the accident state that Mr. Wilkes attempted to cross the road, not seeing the approaching car, when he was struck, and that the accident was unavoidable.

It was at first feared that Mr. Wilkes had been dangerously injured; but medical examination showed that, while he was painfully bruised and cut, his injuries are not thought to be of a serious nature.

HIGHWAY ENGINEERS ON INSPECTION TRIP OF DISTRICT

Asheville, Sept. 3.—John C. Walker, district engineer for the new commission, accompanied by J. D. Waldrop, state maintenance engineer, of Raleigh, left yesterday afternoon for a general inspection of the highways of the district. The highway officials will be away from the city for several days on this work.

NATION'S OLDEST TWINS MARK 92ND BIRTHDAY

Celina, O., Sept. 4.—The birthday of the oldest living twins in the United States has become something of a fête day in Mercer county, peopled by festival-loving German and Alsatian immigrant and their descendants.

The twins are Mrs. Margaret Konrath, who lives near Coldwater, a few miles from Celina, and Mrs. Catherine Petot, of Loudenville. They were 92 on July 20. They staunchly maintain their "right by seniority to the oldest living twins in the United States.

The twins came to America from their home in Nederheim, Alsace, in 1854. They do not boast they expect to reach a hundred together, but admit "they wouldn't be surprised".

GEORGIA PEOPLE WILL ATTEND

Asheville Citizen, Sept. 8.—Several hundred residents of Georgia will attend Franklin's good road celebration on September 15, according to word received here from Atlanta yesterday.

A large motorecade under the auspices of the Atlanta Constitution and the Georgia Good Roads Association will leave Atlanta early on the morning of September 15 and will drive through to Franklin for the celebration.

Georgia's delegation will be met at the State line by a Franklin and Western North Carolina delegation and escorted to Franklin where barbecue and old fashioned picnic dinner will be served.

Following the celebration of the formal opening of the Asheville - Franklin - Atlanta highway the motorecade, enlarged by the Franklin and Western North Carolina delegates, will drive to Dillsboro, Sylva, Waynesville and into Asheville for the night. The drive from Franklin to Asheville will be in the nature of a progressive celebration, stops having been arranged at all towns along the route for refreshments, and a short look about the towns.

The motorecade will be entertained here in the night of September 15 with a banquet at the Kenilworth Inn.

The Georgia delegation is expected to be headed by several state officials by the editor of the Atlanta Constitution and by several other prominent newspaper men of Georgia.

According to announcement made yesterday afternoon by Holmes Bryson, president of the Chamber of Commerce, an invitation has been extended by the Franklin Chamber of Commerce to Asheville Chamber of Commerce members to be present at the picnic dinner and celebration scheduled for September 15. Local members have also been requested to join the Franklin body in the reception to be given the Georgia motorecade at the state line.

TRAVELING PASSENGER AGENT HERE YESTERDAY

Mr. William J. Caughlin, traveling passenger agent of the Southern Railway System, of Nashville, Tenn., working under supervision of Mr. J. H. Wood, division passenger agent, Asheville, N. C., was in Sylva for a short time yesterday.

Mr. Caughlin has been assigned to temporary duty in Western North Carolina for 30 days to assist the tourists who have been in this section during the summer in making the return trip arrangements. Mr. Caughlin has also been handling passenger matters relating to movement of boys and girls camps in Western North Carolina.

Mr. Caughlin stated that he has been in the service of the Southern Railway System for 17 years; but that this is his first opportunity of being assigned to duty in Western North Carolina, and that he is very favorably impressed with this section. He was especially pleased with the region west of Asheville.

Mr. Caughlin, while in Sylva, spent several hours in promoting the popular excursion to Cincinnati, Ohio, and Louisville, Ky. Being a native of Kentucky, he feels that he is in position to dispense such information as may be desired by any of the Jackson county people who may wish to take advantage of the excursion.

Any communications sent to him at 42 Haywood St., Asheville, will be treated with the utmost courtesy and promptness.

EXPECTS TO COMPLETE STREETS NOVEMBER 1ST.

Mr. W. Mike Brown, contractor on the paving of the streets of Sylva, states that he expects to have his entire job completed and his machinery moved by November First.