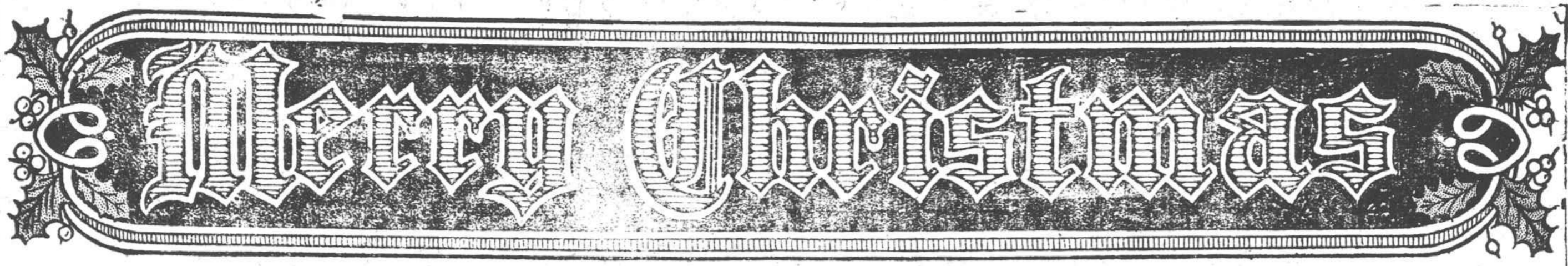


\$1.50 the Year in Advance in the City

Sylva, N. C., Wednesday, December 15, 1926

\$2.00 the Year in Advance Outside County



WINS \$12,000 IN ALIENATION SUIT

Franklin Press, Dec. 14— The civil case in which Perry Hyatt was suing W. L. McCoy for \$25,000 for alienating Hyatt's wife's affections, concluded in Superior Court here on Saturday night, will go to the Supreme court. The jury awarded Hyatt \$12,000, which sum was cut to \$10,000 by Judge S. W. Black of Bryson City, presiding, and the plaintiff appealed or a judgment for the whole amount of the verdict, or \$12,000. The defendant also took an appeal, based on a number of exceptions, to the higher court.

Hyatt, in his complaint, alleged that in August, 1925, while he was in the employ of McCoy, he fell from a load of poles, sustaining permanent injuries, resulting in his being paralyzed from the waist down; that McCoy, while apparently caring for Hyatt and his wife, alienated the affections of Mrs. McCoy, and that a child was born a few months ago to plaintiff's wife was McCoy's child.

The principal witnesses for the plaintiff were Hyatt himself, who was brought to the courtroom on his bed to testify, and Mrs. Hyatt. The latter told of McCoy's alleged attentions, while Hyatt testified as to the mental torture wrought by loss of the affections of his wife. He ordered her to leave his home when he learned of her condition, he said. Mrs. Hyatt brought her three or four months old infant to the courtroom with her.

McCoy was his own principal witness, denying any improper relations with the plaintiff's wife. He admitted, however, having been in the company of the woman at various places in the county. And the plaintiff, on his part, admitted payment by McCoy of Hyatt's hospital and other bills.

All three—McCoy, Hyatt, and Mrs. Hyatt—proved good characters.

The four issues submitted to the jury and the answers made by that body, follow:

Did the defendant alienate the affections of the plaintiff's wife as alleged in the complaint filed? Answer: Yes.

Did the defendant have immoral relations with the plaintiff's wife? Answer: Yes.

To what actual damage is the plaintiff entitled? Answer: \$10,000.

To what punitive damage is the plaintiff entitled to recover? Answer: \$2,000.

Judge Black reduced the amount of

FRANKLIN TO HAVE COMMUNITY TREE

Franklin Press, Dec. 14. The Franklin Troop of Scouts are planning a community Christmas tree and Carol singing. Knowing that there are always some children to whom Santa Claus has never been introduced these scouts plan to see that the children in this community all get an introduction. If you know of any children who will miss Santa this year please get in touch with Mr. Pipes or Gilmer Crawford.

The plan is to put up a tree in the square and as many as possible will gather around and sing Christmas carols with some good leader. Then some prominent citizen might make a very short talk to the children and the scouts will give out the presents.

The presents are to be furnished by the families living in the community. In most families there are toys, etc., which have been put aside. These can be brought out and made to gladden the hearts of those in less fortunate families.

WHO BLAMES THEM?

That certain flowers do not like jazz was noticed recently in England. In the experiments various blooms were placed as decorations close to a syncopating band. Soon after the music was started they deliberately turned their backs on the music. They reversed but soon repeated the sprouting, emanations, exclamations and lilies were among the most affected.

\$10,000 to \$8,000, making a total of \$10,000 to \$8,000, making a total of the plaintiff took his appeal. He will ask the supreme court to award him a judgment for the full \$12,000 verdict of the jury. The counsel for the defendant offered frequent objections during the trial to questions asked by plaintiff counsel, and took exceptions when their objections were over-ruled and it is on a basis of some of these exceptions that the defendant will ask for a new trial.

The plaintiff was represented by Judge T. D. Bryson of Bryson City and A. W. Horne, C. C. Poindexter, and George B. Patton of Franklin. The defendant was represented by Henry G. Robertson of Franklin, Newt Moody of Murphy and McKinley Edwards of Bryson City.

The principals in the suit are both well known in Jackson county.

SYLVA CITIZENS ADVISE FORESTRY CO-OPERATION

At a meeting on forestry, sponsored by the Sylva Chamber of Commerce and held at the Lyric Theatre, Tuesday night, by Mr. R. G. Wheaton, district forester a resolution was passed by a representative group of citizens and members of the Chamber of Commerce of Sylva and Jackson county favoring the cooperation of the county with the State and Federal government in forest fire prevention.

It was also resolved by the group that their member of the State Legislature be informed of this favorable attitude toward bills which might come up in favor of forestry work. Mr. John B. Ensley president of

the Chamber of Commerce, presided, and Mr. Wheaton showed five reels of forest fire and prevention pictures and accompanied the showing of the pictures with a talk on various methods of fire prevention and forest preservation. The meeting was held in the Sylva picture show, the regular showing of the pictures having been discontinued.

Mr. Wheaton said that Transylvania county has also gone on record as cooperating again this next year with the forestry service in the prevention of forest fires. The board appropriated \$400 for this work to begin January first.

Bryson's Store Entered—Two Held

The store of H. C. Bryson and Co. at Cullowhee was entered on Saturday night and robbed of merchandise. The extent of the losses sustained by the company has not yet been ascertained.

Two youths Joe Buchanan and Arthur Franks are being held by the authorities in Bessemer City for the Jackson county authorities. They are charged with the crime; and sheriff Cannon will leave Thursday morning for Bessemer to bring them to Sylva for trial.

GROUP CENTER COMMENCEMENT HELD AT WEBSTER.

On last Thursday the Group Center Commencement of the group schools composed of Gay Zion Hill View Point and Green's Creek was held at the Webster High School—the group center.

The programme for the greater part of the day consisted of contests among the different schools. These contests were very interesting and the students who participated showed the effects of untiring zeal and faithful work of their respective teachers. The judges of the contest were Miss Annie Ray of Cullowhee Miss Queen Duval of Sylva and Mrs. Morgan Cooper of Beta.

The very real and colorful exhibit of student work and handicraft was on display in the school building.

These examples of student skill and workmanship were exceedingly interesting to all who saw them.

At noon a delicious lunch, provided by the ladies of the community, was served to the visitors and teachers.

The day was a very successful one in spite of the inclemency of the weather. The Webster School was indeed glad to welcome and entertain the teachers, students and visitors from all the schools, and expressions that it would have the same privilege next year, were freely made.

Below is a tabulated list of the results of the contests held at the group commencement:

- Winners of Contests at Meet**
- First and Second Grade Dramatization:
 - 2nd. Zion Hill
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 - Primary and Singing Game
 - 1st. Webster
 - 2nd. Zion Hill
 - Third Grade Oral Language Contest
 - 1st. Webster
 - 2nd. View Point
 - Fourth Grade Arithmetic Contest
 - 1st. Webster
 - 2nd. View Point
 - Second Grade Story Telling Contest:
 - 1st. Webster
 - 2nd. Green's Creek

Tennessee Visitor Likes Mountains

Mr. J. A. Moore, of Cookeville, Tennessee, surprised his sister, Mrs. T. H. Hastings, by a visit arriving last Saturday. This is Mr. Moore's first visit to this region and he expressed himself as being delighted with the scenery, the climate, the roads and other advantages of Western North Carolina.

NORTH CAROLINA DRY AGENTS WILL LOSE THEIR POSITIONS

Charlotte, Dec. 15—Thirteen prohibition agents in North Carolina will be dismissed or transferred to other divisions by January 1, R. Q. Merrick prohibition administrator of Virginia and North Carolina stated today. The administrator said an order for the transfer of two North Carolina agents to Chicago was expected to be issued from Washington this week.

There are 41 agents in the state, and the force will be reduced to 28 it was stated.

WANT STATE PATROLMEN

Raleigh, Dec. 15.—Exponents of a State constabulary gathered late today to discuss recommendations governing the establishment of such a body to be placed before the coming General Assembly. The state automotive trade association, Carolina Motor Club, Highway commission, Frank Page and R. A. Daughton, expressed themselves in favor of the proposal. Governor McLean did not commit himself.

It is proposed to establish a patrol of 100 men, and it is claimed that \$600,000 annually will be sufficient to maintain the constabulary.

- First Grade Reading Contest
 - 1st. Webster.
 - 2nd. Gay
 - Seventh Grade Oral Composition Contest
 - 1st. Webster
 - 2nd. Green's Creek
 - Singing Contest (Grammar Grades)
 - 1st. Webster
 - 2nd. View Point
 - Spelling Contest (5th & 6th Grades)
 - 1st. Webster
 - 2nd. View Point.
 - History Dramatization
 - 1st. Webster
 - 2nd. Green's Creek
- EXHIBITS:**
- 1st. Webster
 - 2nd. Gay.
- Score**
- Webster 100—exhibits 25 total 125
 - Gay 5—exhibits 10—total 15
 - Zion Hill Total 10
 - View Point—total 20
 - Green's Creek —total 15

FLEETWOOD SOLD UNDER EXECUTION

Starting with high hopes for Hendersonville and Western North Carolina, the Fleetwood Hotel started building on Jumpoff Mountain by Commodore Stoltz a few months ago. It stands, a massive structure, unfinished and was sold by the sheriff of Henderson county under an execution this week.

Dispatches from Hendersonville state that attempts will be made by trustees of the Fleetwood of Hendersonville Hotel Corporation to set aside the sale of the hotel property to John R. Crye, Hendersonville contractor, it was revealed today. Crye bought the hotel and the real estate surrounding it at an execution sale Saturday, it just became known after he had filed a lien based on a claim of about \$7,000. The sale was conducted by Sheriff J. C. Hill after notice had been duly given according to law, it is said. Crye' bid of \$1,000.

A claim of O. A. Reynolds, vice president of Laurel Park Estates, was advertised at the same time that Crye's notice of sale was published. The action was against J. Perry Stoltz and the Fleetwood of Hendersonville Corporation.

That there was no competitive bidding is understood to be the principal basis on which the trustees will contest the sale. Other factors, it was said, will help to establish that the sale should be set aside.

In buying the property, Crye assumed other obligations against the corporation and in the words of another creditor, "perhaps a lot of lawsuits."

Mr. Crye was in South Carolina today but it was said at his residence, that he had not decided definitely on what disposition he would make of the property.

Just what effect this action will have on the deal several months ago with the Florida Gulf Coast Land Company for the purchase of the Fleetwood could not be learned here tonight.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Jackson county's new register of deeds started off the first of his term with the issuance of four marriage licenses for the month up to the 14th.

Brigg Allison of Jackson to Ennie Ray of Macon.

James Lee Welch to Freda Lakay both of Swain.

Jack Frizzell to Lily Mathis.

Robert Broom to Ora J. Jones.

RECORDER HOLDS HIS FIRST COURT

Geo. W. Sutton held his first term of court as judge of the Jackson county recorder's court on Monday.

Sevier McDowell Jess Howell Gard Bryson Alf Wilson Gene Love and Dolly Howell were convicted of disturbing a Negro entertainment. They are all Negroes.

Sevier Jess Gard and Gene drew a six month's sentence each on the roads; but the sentence was suspended upon good behavior and upon the payment of fines of \$25.00 and the costs. Prayer for judgment was continued in Dolly's case; and judgment suspended upon payment of the costs as to Alf.

Elsie Leigh was found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon and the judgment was suspended upon payment of Hon. Walter E. Moore and the charge came from his having shot a white youth in the leg with a shotgun.

Frank Jacobs was given a suspended sentence upon payment of the costs. He was convicted of an assault.

All other cases were continued until December 27 because of the absences of students who participated showed Hon. Felix E. Alley. These attorneys were attending the supreme court in Raleigh.

COLD WEATHER HELPS CHRISTMAS TRADE

Cooler weather coming out of the West like the "Bold young Lochinvar" swept through the mountains, last night sending the mercury tumbling to about 20 degrees above zero, the coldest weather of the winter.

With the cold weather came a noticeable stimulation of Christmas buying in the splendid shops of Sylva. Unseasonable weather, warm as early fall, had kept the folks from getting "Christmas in their bones," and despite the attractive displays and windows decorated in Yuletide attire, the people were not buying and everybody was afraid that a last minute rush would be the result.

However, the timely arrival of the imported cool spell from out of the west while it sent the mercury tumbling, the barometer of trade steadily mounted and the shops are all busy.

Farmers who adopt the system of better balanced farming advocated by the School of Agriculture at State College will reduce their cotton acreage by thirty percent.

SOUTHERN'S CORN CUP WON BY NORTH CAROLINA GROWER

Atlanta, G. December 14—Rowan county North Carolina has the honor of winning the handsome silver cup offered by the Southern Railway System to the grower of the ten best ears of corn produced in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, or Tennessee, the trophy having been awarded to J. A. Patterson of China Grove.

The award was made by a committee of experts consisting of C. A. Moore, director Agricultural Experiment station, Knoxville, Tenn., Prof. J. F. Duggar Alabama Experiment Station, Auburn Ala.; and W. C. Lasseter; editor The Progressive Farmer, Birmingham Ala.; which met in the office of Roland Turner general agricultural agent for the Southern in Atlanta on December 8th. The names of the exhibitors were unknown to the judges.

Mr. Patterson's exhibit which had won first prize at the Central Carolina fair at Greensboro was one of

eighteen which had qualified to compete for the Southern's cup by winning first prize at leading fairs. His name will be engraved on the cup, along with that of Willie Patton Roland of Newberry county, S. C. who won it last year and will remain in his possession until the winner for next year is announced.

Though the competition was keen the judges were unanimous in their decision and in announcing the award expressed gratification at the high character of the exhibits submitted to them, and added "We want especially to commend the Southern Railway on this effective means of awakening a consciousness of the importance of corn in southern agriculture and the importance of improving the quality and productiveness of the varieties adapted to this region. The annual award of this cup will serve as an inspiration to growers and breeders to secure the best for southern conditions and maintain high standards in quality and yield."

MAKING CHRISTMAS DINNER EASY FOR THE HOMEMAKER

A Christmas dinner which can be prepared ahead of time is a holiday suggestion of the Bureau of Home Economics of the United States Department of Agriculture. This does not mean a cold handout for the family, either. It means planning ahead and selecting dishes for which work can be done one or two days before Christmas. The homemaker can then spend the day in the front of the house instead of over the kitchen.

Start right off with the main course. Who needs an appetizer before turkey and fixins? This means fewer dishes to serve and fewer to wash up, all of which require time. Besides, starting with the main course leaves more room for the festive dessert which usually accompanies a Christmas dinner.

If turkey heads the menu, prepare the bird for roasting and make the stuffing the day before. Then in a short time the turkey can be stuffed and served ready for the oven. Or if a fat fowl holds the place of hon-

or, simmer it until tender the day before. About an hour before dinner time, heat up the dressing which was prepared the day before, stuff the chicken and brown it quickly in the oven. Ham for baking may be boiled a day or two before-hand left standing in a cold place in the liquor in which it was cooked, reheated in this, then skinned, covered with bread crumbs and sugar, stuck with cloves and put in the oven for final browning just before dinner.

White potatoes to be scalloped or sweet potatoes to be candied may be cooked the day before and arranged in a baking dish ready for the final cooking. The green vegetable—spinach, cauliflower, Brussel sprouts, or whatever it is—may be washed and prepared for the pot a day ahead of time.

Make the cranberry sauce or jelly two or three days before Christmas and set it away in a cold place. Wash