

Jackson County Journal

\$1.50 the Year in Advance in the County

Sylva, N. C., Wednesday, January 12, 1927

\$2.00 the Year in Advance Outside County

GOV. RECOMMENDS \$230,000 IMPROVEMENTS AT CULLOWHEE

Included in the budget for the next two years, as presented to the general assembly and recommended by Governor McLean is \$230,000 for permanent improvements at the Cullowhee State Normal School, the state institution located in Jackson county, and the friends of the institution and the people of the county are much pleased with the recommendation of the governor, although the institution had requested in its estimate of needs that the sum of \$321,000 be appropriated.

For the running expenses of the school it was recommended that \$55,000 be appropriated for 1927-28 and \$80,000 for 1928-29. \$70,000 and \$76,000 respectively had been requested by the institution. The present appropriations as made by the last general assembly were \$39,000 for the last year and 47,500 for the school year now in progress.

THREE FRANKLIN MEN HURT IN SMASH

Three members of a party of Franklin men enroute to Charlotte to attend a Shriners' convention were injured, one of them rather seriously, when their automobile skidded on the slick pavement and collided with another car several miles East of Canton shortly before noon Tuesday.

The injured are: T. S. Munday, proprietor of the Munday hotel at Franklin, broken jaw, taken to Meriwether hospital, Asheville.

Dr. Alvah Pierce, Franklin, bruised and sprained knee and ankle.

M. L. Dowdle, Franklin, injured knee.

Dr. W. A. Rogers, a member of the party in another car, gave first aid medical attention to the injured men.

Mr. Dowdle was driving the car which was wrecked in the accident and in which Mr. Munday and Dr. Pierce, the other men who were injured, were riding.

Among the other members of the Franklin party were:

F. L. Higdon, vice president of the Carolina Provision company, J. M. Roper, Franklin manager of the Western Electric company and Sam L. Franks, postmaster.

The uninjured members of the party, after doing all they could for the accident victims, continued on their way to Charlotte for the Shrine ceremonies Tuesday night.

DORMITORY BURNED AT RUTHERFORD COLLEGE

Hickory, N. C., Jan. 8.—Weaver Hall, the boys dormitory of Rutherford College, 12 miles from here, was destroyed by fire this afternoon. The loss was estimated at \$10,000.

This is the second college building within a radius of 12 miles of Hickory that has been destroyed by flames in the last three days, the administration building of Lenoir-Rhyne college at Hickory burning Thursday morning.

President W. F. Starnes of Rutherford College, said the building would be replaced as soon as possible. Meantime the 92 students who roomed in the dormitory will live in private homes.

All clothing was saved except that belonging to 12 students rooming on the third floor.

The fire started in the attic and when discovered had spread to the third floor. A large crowd gathered and watched the building burn to the ground.

There was no means of combating the flames.

119 MILES STATE HIGHWAYS BUILT LAST YEAR

During 1926 the North Carolina State Highway Commission has improved 1,119 miles of state highways at a construction cost of \$19,360,000.

SAYS RALEIGH FAVORS THE PARK

The general assembly and the Governor are favorable to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, according to Representative Harry Nettles of Buncombe county.

A dispatch from the Asheville Times Raleigh Bureau says:

"Much sentiment favorable to a state appropriation toward the development of the Great Smoky Mountains National park has been observed among members of the general assembly by Representative Harry L. Nettles of Asheville during the first half week of the session of the legislature, he said Saturday.

The fact that Gov. McLean did not mention the park project in his message has not been interpreted as meaning that the executive is opposed to an appropriation for it, said Representative Nettles, but as meaning only that the governor desires somebody else to make the proposal."

HOME WEEKLY AMERICA'S GREATEST PAPER

Chapel Hill, Jan. 7.—The greatest newspaper in America today is the country weekly and it is bound to survive, declared John H. Casey, professor of rural journalism in the University of Missouri School of Journalism, who addressed the Newspaper Institute at its closing session today.

Mr. Casey emphasized the point that the country weeklies now have "a combined circulation of 15,000,000 copies weekly, read by 75,000,000 readers."

"The weekly will survive as it has developed," he asserted, "that is, through service—service to the community.

"In the aggregate the country weekly in America is issued in 12,000 editions 52 times a year, published in 12,000 separate newspaper offices in 8,000 different towns and villages, which offices occupy a combined floor space far in excess of that afforded by the great Woolworth building of New York City and the great Wrigley building of Chicago.

"The country weeklies with their 75,000,000 readers, constitute in the aggregate and individually, the best advertising medium of products satisfying, or promising to satisfy, a human want that this advertising age has developed."

It was Professor Casey's belief that "we will always have the country weekly with us in some form even though all of our population should move to the city. These community weeklies, collectively and individually, will always assert a tremendous influence for the building of better homes, better communities in which to live, and better men and women. As contrasted with the primitive type of country weekly in America, run ordinarily for political purposes, the modern type of country weekly has prospered and prospered on every page in every issue.

"The one unpardonable thing about the country weekly," said Professor Casey, "is for it to neglect its editorial column to develop its news and advertising columns. Many weeklies ignore the editorial privilege or fill it with some canned stuff from the city syndicate house when there are so many local problems crying for the editor's attention. These things, too, have the right to expect editorial treatment in a small community.

"Without its weekly newspaper, typical American community would be like a school without a teacher or a church without a pastor," he concluded. "In the aggregate, the country weekly determines the outcome of more elections, exerts a greater influence for constructive community progress, is read longer by more members of the family and constitutes, with its circulation of 15,000,000 a better advertising medium than any other group of newspapers or periodical publications. In addition to which it has the most specialized of publications and at the same time the most universal in appeal. When properly conducted, it cultivates so intensively its home news field that city dailies, farm journals and general magazines circulating in the same territory become only secondary influences at best."

SYLVA GIRL TELLS OF FLOOD

Mrs. E. H. Zipperer of Nashville, formerly Miss Ruth Dillard of Sylva, in a letter to her mother, Mrs. H. E. Dillard, describes the west Tennessee flood, caused by the rising water of the Cumberland river. The letter was written while the river was at its highest:

"I thought maybe you'd think we had floated away, but we 'aint yit." Old Hickory is isolated, but mail and food are being brought to the people by aeroplane. Just think the river that we went fishing on in a little canoe, last summer, has risen 24.9 feet; but the paper said today that the crest was reached and the river would start falling today. That surely is good news because I've been scared stiff—as I can't swim. We went out to the edge of town Friday morning and just lots of little houses are covered up and some floating around on top of the water. Just think, now this was all happening from water backed up in the lowest places a mile from the river. We have to cross Stone River and the Cumberland is holding it up until it is a mile wide and it isn't a very large river."

QUALLA

During the past week—

Rev. Abe Norman preached an earnest sermon to a large attentive audience.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bird went to Cullowhee to visit the infant son of Prof. and Mrs. W. E. Bird, who is seriously ill.

Mr. Troy Lee Nation who is in Bryson City Hospital is reported improving.

Mrs. D. S. Flinton of Charleston, S. C. visited Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bird and other relatives.

Mrs. W. F. Battle returned from a visit with her son, Dr. Ras Battle of Etowa, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. James Parks of Greensboro visited at Mr. James Battle's.

Mrs. Faye Varner returned to Whittier after a visit to her sister, Mrs. P. C. Shelton.

Mr. Sam Perry Hyatt of Cullowhee school spent the week end with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Kinsland, Jr. visited relatives on Conley's Creek.

Mr. J. T. Bird of Sylva spent the week end at Mr. C. A. Bird's.

Prof. P. C. Henson and Rev. H. C. Crist of Whittier called at Mr. H. G. Ferguson's.

Mr. T. W. McLaughlin motored to Cullowhee.

Messrs. K. Howell, S. M. Crisp, J. D. Parker, and C. B. Terrell made a trip to Sylva.

Mr. J. B. Battle of Sylva stopped at Mr. E. S. Keener's.

Mr. Troy Gibson made a trip to Hazelwood.

Miss Eula Childers of Conley's Creek spent awhile with Mrs. Mary Kinsland.

Ruth and Edward Copening returned to Bryson City after a visit with their aunt, Mrs. Jno. Freeman.

Mr. J. C. Johnson and family, Mrs. Clyde Marcus and Mr. Jaek and Miss Emico Turpin were dinner guests at Mr. Homer Turpin's.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hughes visited at Mr. G. J. Raby's.

Mrs. J. R. Messer was a visitor at Mr. John Freeman's.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hughes visited at Mr. Horace Howell's.

Mrs. Mark Blanton and Misses Bertha Buchanan and Alpha Dickenson visited at Mr. D. M. Shuler's.

Miss Grace Hovle returned home after a visit with Mrs. W. Hovle.

Misses Irene Raby and Mozelle Moody were guests of Miss Mary Battle.

Misses Sadie and Elsie Hoyle called on Miss Grace Hovle.

Mr. Jno. Ward and family visited at Mr. D. L. Oxner's.

Mr. and Mrs. Golman Kinsland called at Mr. J. K. Terrell's.

Misses Claudia Hoyle and Evelyn

HOLD FUNERAL OF AUTO VICTIM

The funeral of Willard Norman, 13 year old Addie boy, who was killed by an automobile driven by J. K. Womsley of Asheville, Sunday afternoon, was held yesterday at the home of the boy's father and interment was in the Shular or Norman cemetery.

Willard Norman was instantly killed Sunday afternoon when he was struck by an automobile, driven by Mr. Womsley. Young Norman, with his sister and two other companions, was coming toward Sylva, when the automobile, containing Mr. Womsley and a companion, approached, coming in the same direction. According to witnesses, the boy was off the concrete on the right side of the road when the car struck him. Mr. Womsley stated that the boy was in the road, and became confused, and that he, Womsley, swirled his car to the right to keep from striking him, when the boy dashed in front of the car and was struck down.

Womsley after learning that the boy was dead, proceeded to Sylva and surrendered himself to the sheriff. A coronor's inquest was immediately held, and the coronor's jury reported that Willard Norman came to his death by an automobile driven by J. K. Womsley and recommended that Womsley be held pending further investigation of the affair.

Bond in the sum of \$2000 for the appearance of Womsley at a preliminary hearing to be held in Sylva on January 24, was arranged, and he was allowed to proceed to Asheville.

There has been much speculation regarding the outcome of the case. The state traffic laws require that the driver of an automobile, when he sees pedestrians on the highway, must have his car under control and slow down to 10 miles an hour or bring it to a dead stop if necessary. On the other hand, the rules for traffic on the highways, as promulgated by the North Carolina Highway Commission, require pedestrians to walk on the left side of the highway, so that they will be facing all vehicles approaching them on the same side of the road that they are occupying.

Willard Norman, the victim in the sad tragedy, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Norman of the Addie section, and is a grandson of the Rev. M. A. Norman. His people are among the early settlers of the Scott's Creek section of Jackson county, and have been prominent in the county for many years.

REPORT MADE ON SMOKY MOUNTAIN WATERSHED PLAN

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 11.—Findings in a survey of a proposed Great Smoky Mountain National Park watershed were announced today by Chas. E. Ray, Jr., assistant engineer of the State Department of Conservation and Development.

"A forecast cover is the most practical and influential factor," Mr. Ray declared, "for the regulation of surface waters toward flood control, municipal uses and power purposes."

He pointed out that destructive forces of nature through the effects of heavy rainfall may be turned into beneficial channels by proper handling. Streams of the Great Smokies are fed by the greatest rainfall in Eastern America. They form an important part of the Tennessee river system.

FIRST SNOW OF SEASON

The first snow of the winter greeted the people of this vicinity when they arose from their beds Monday morning. In the valleys west of the Balsams the snow really wasn't much of a snow, not more than a quarter of an inch being recorded, whereas in other parts of the state, including the Piedmont, the snow fall went into inches, Winston-Salem and Greensboro reporting 2 inches.

Kinsland called on Misses Ruby and Ella Cooper.

All nature is wrapped in a blanket of snow, and the cold, piercing winds continue to blow.

ROYAL PINES SALESMAN IS HELD ON DEFRAUD CHARGE

REP. NICHOLSON INTRODUCES 4 ACTS

Representative Nicholson of Jackson introduced four bills of local import, in the lower house of the general assembly.

The first bill is "to repeal present laws and provide for better prohibition enforcement in Transylvania, Jackson, Clay and Polk counties." It is evident that this bill would repeal the Galloway-Bryson Act, of the last general assembly.

Another bill is "to authorize road bonds in Jackson county."

Bill No. 3 is "to amend the law covering the use and sale of fireworks in Jackson county."

The last bill introduced by Mr. Nicholson is "to make game protection law applicable to Jackson county."

NORTH STATE RANKS HIGH IN FARM PRODUCTION

Morganton News-Herald. North Carolina during the past year produced more tobacco and peanuts than any other state in the Union, ranked second in the production of soy beans and sorghum, and third in the production of sweet potatoes, according to figures made public by the cooperative crop reporting service of State and Federal departments of agriculture.

In 1925 North Carolina ranked first in the production of peanuts and sweet potatoes and second in the production of tobacco and soy beans. It held no third places that year.

North Carolina ranks with the other States in principal crops grown in this state, with this state's production, follows:

- 1st in tobacco; 393,190,100 lbs.
- 1st in peanuts; 190,120,000 lbs.
- 2nd in soy beans; 1,312,000 bushels
- 2nd in sorghum; 4,004,000 gallons.
- 3rd in sweet potatoes; 7,560,000 bushels.
- 7th in cotton; 1,250,000 bales (estimate.)
- 8th in rye; 1,352,000 bushels.
- 8th in grapes; 6,840 tons.
- 10th in peaches; 2,100,000 bushels.
- 11th in buckwheat; 220,000 bushels
- 11th in cloverseed; 25,000 tons.
- 12th in apples; 5,986,000 bushels.
- 13th in potatoes; 7,400,000 bushels.
- 18th in corn; 52,272,000 bushels.
- 20th in winter wheat; 6,303,000 bushels.
- 22nd in oats; 6,820,000 bushels.
- 22nd in wild hay; 52,000 tons.
- 24th in pears; 270,000 bushels.
- 27th in barley; 390,000 bushels.

MRS. R. M. PARRIS DIES

Mrs. R. M. Parris, 81, widow of the late R. M. Parris, died at her home near Dillsboro, last Saturday morning, after a long illness, following her husband, who passed to the great adventure on December 6th, last.

Mrs. Parris leaves three sons, Jno. A. Parris, Sylva jeweler, and Allen Parris and Dock Parris, both of Dillsboro, and a number of grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Sunday afternoon by Rev. Thad F. Deitz, Baptist pastor, and interment was in the Parris cemetery.

BURT SUTTON IS IMPROVING

Burt Sutton, who was painfully injured, while helping to clean up a freight wreck, near Wilmot Sunday afternoon, is rapidly recovering.

Young Sutton, with others of Master R. E. Queen's section crew, was helping to clear the tracks following a freight wreck, Sunday afternoon, and it is said that as he was taking the bolts from a rail, that the angle bar struck him in the face, inflicting painful injuries.

He was brought to Sylva and given surgical attention and returned to his home.

The greater the percent of total income from cotton, the less the total savings through a period of years, say agricultural economists.

J. W. Roberts was held to the superior court of Jackson county, February term, under a bond in the sum of \$1,500.00, following a hearing in the recorder's court, Monday, on charges brought by Lawrence Cowan of Webster, in connection with the sale of a lot at Royal Pines, a realty subdivision, between Asheville and Hendersonville. The transaction it is alleged occurred last October.

The warrant issued by the solicitor of the recorder's court of Jackson county, upon complaint of the Webster citizen alleges that Roberts, by making false representations to him, concerning Roberts having already sold lot No. 12 at Royal Pines at a profit of \$250.00 over and above what he asked Cowan to pay for it, induced Cowan to give check for \$300 and three notes of \$500 each in payment of the lot, and that it was upon this representation that Cowan purchased the lot, when as a matter of fact the lot was not resold, and Roberts knew at the time he made the representation to Cowan that it was not sold.

The only witness heard was Mr. Cowan, and following his testimony, the judge of the recorder's court held that sufficient evidence had been introduced to establish probable cause, and ordered Roberts held under bond to the superior court. F. E. Alley, Jr., for the defense moved a change of venue to Buncombe county, which was denied.

Dr. Roberts, who is an elderly man was in court and made his bond in Asheville, Mr. Siler of the Royal Pines organization, furnishing the bond.

Roy Piekens was found guilty of being publicly drunk and drew the statutory fine of \$25.00 and the costs.

Will Crawford and Ted Bryson plead guilty to a charge of disturbing a school entertainment and judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost of the action and their good behavior for 12 months.

Hut Nicholson was found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon and was fined \$50.00 and the costs.

Herbert Bryson and Grady Beck plead guilty to resisting an officer and judgment was suspended for six months upon payment of the costs. Each of the two young men drew fines of \$25.00 on drunkenness charges.

Harley Waldroup drew a \$25.00 fine on a drunkenness charge.

Joe Burton Stanley was convicted of an assault and judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs.

Deek Nicholson was found guilty of operating an automobile while intoxicated. He was ordered to pay the costs and prayer for judgment was continued until the Second Monday in April.

All other cases in the recorder's court were continued until January 24th.

LICENSED TO WED

The following couples have been granted licenses to wed, by Register of Deeds W. W. Bryson, during the past month.

Hobart Brown to Ora J. Jones.

Woodard Hill to Niccy Mills.

Albert M. Anderson to Gertrude Enslay.

William Hayes Bryson to Essie Hooper.

J. H. Morris to Ruth Allison.

David Shuler to Lora Cochran.

Norman Nation to Sadie Beatrice Bradley.

Jim Allen to Geneva Watson.

Siler Frizzell to Berthan Bumpart.

James Luther Scott to Naomi Bradley.

John D. Broom to Lorena Rogers.

Herbert Young to Nora Mae Queen.

Robert L. Overstreet to Harriet Wilson.

Martin Mathis to Eva Taylor.

James Massie to Annie Wilson, Haywood county.

Lawrence Tilley to Bessie L. Moore.

Erastus Henson to Berdell Styles.

When grain and livestock farming is mixed with cotton growing, the highest accumulation of farm wealth results, according to recent studies.