

Jackson County Journal

\$1.50 the Year in Advance in the County

Sylva, N. C., Wednesday, January 27, 1927

\$2.00 the Year in Advance Outside County

WOMSLEY HELD ON \$2000 BOND

J. K. Womsley, of Asheville, driver of the car that struck and instantly killed Willard Norman, young Addie boy, a few weeks ago, was held to the February term of the superior court of Jackson county, by Geo. W. Sutton, judge of the Recorder's court, at a preliminary hearing, Monday.

Womsley did not offer any evidence, but the evidence of a young boy who said he saw the tragedy, was to the effect that Womsley was heading down the road at a great rate of speed and struck the Norman boy, who, the witness stated, was off a concrete roadway, killing him instantly.

George Robinson, who was prosecuted by the state and his wife on a charge of abandonment and non support, was acquitted by the recorder and ordered discharged.

Harley Bennett, found guilty of ranging stock in the stock law territory, was taxed with the costs of the action and judgment suspended.

J. W. Ribonson was fined the usual \$25.00 and costs on a drunkenness charge.

Johnny Jones was convicted on a second offense of drunkenness under the Galloway Bryson Act, and prayer for judgment was continued until April 11, upon payment of the costs.

Jim Hensley and Fred Sutton were found guilty of an affray and sentenced to six months each on the roads, the sentence being suspended upon good behavior.

Will Ridley and Clyde Gibbs were found not guilty of an assault.

Ed Barnes was acquitted on an abandonment charge.

D. H. Wood was fined \$25.00 and the costs on a charge of being drunk.

Will Styles charged with forgery was given a hearing. Probable cause was found and he was bound to the superior court under \$300.

Delos Burch, found guilty of transporting was fined \$100, and the court ordered that if he takes the papers oath and refuses to pay the fine, that the commissioners hire him out to work out the amount of the fine and costs.

Richard Hoxit and Arthur Hoxit, charged with manufacturing failed to appear when called, and judgment nisi sci fa and capias issued.

Joe H. McDowell also failed to appear and the same judgment was recorded in his case.

Dock Shular found guilty of driving an automobile without license, was taxed with the costs and judgment suspended.

MR. AND MRS. THOMPSON ENTERTAIN FRIENDS

On Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thompson entertained at cards a number of friends, at their home "Oakmont," at Beta, when four tables of bridge were assembled. Those present, besides Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, were Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Dillard, Mr. and Mrs. Ben N. Queen, Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McNeill, Mr. and Mrs. E. Ford King, Mrs. F. E. Alley, Jr., Mrs. D. E. Murray, Miss Lillie Everett, Mrs. George Bresingham and Mr. Dan Tompkins.

Mrs. Thompson served sandwiches, ambrosia, small cakes, doughnuts and coffee.

STUDY CLUB ORGANIZED

The executive committee of the Woman's Study Club met at the home of Mrs. M. Buchanan, Jr., on last Friday afternoon and organized a Junior Study Circle of the Woman's Study Club, the members of the P. D. K. forming the new organization.

Officers for the new club will be elected at a later date. The young ladies forming the new study club are Misses Ruth Oliver, Alma Fisher, Maude Leatherwood, Myrtle Henson, Evelyn Campbell, Katie McKee, Docia Garrett and Mrs. Pat Cole and Mrs. Walter L. Jones. Members of the executive committee of the Woman's Study Club present were Mrs. M. Buchanan, Jr., Mrs. M. H. Morris, Mrs. E. L. McKee, Mrs. J. L. Dillard, Mrs. J. R. Buchanan, and Mrs. Billy Davis.

After the organization of the new club, Mrs. Buchanan served sandwiches, cheese and confections and a social hour was enjoyed by those present.

LIQUOR, BLOODY CAR CAPTURED

Two men giving their names as Robert and Charlie Queen and their address as Dillsboro, taken by local officers Sunday night near the Georgia line on a liquor charge, may be held on a more serious charge, as a result of a quantity of blood found on the car they were driving, officers indicated Monday morning.

The officers had been co-operating with Georgia officers in a liquor raid just across the line, they said, when, on their return to Franklin, they were overtaken by a Dodge touring car. The officers blocked the road, whereupon the other car stopped, and the officers heard something thrown out of the Dodge. It was later found by the officers to have been six gallons of liquor.

The two men and car were brought to Franklin, and the men lodged in the Macon county jail.

The car showed evidences of having been in a wreck, both left fenders being badly smashed. The blood, however, was along the right running-board, under the hood, and just inside the front door of the car. Most of it lay, in great clots, along the running board.

The men's explanation of the blood is that they had given "lift" to a man whose foot was cut.

In the car was an extra overcoat, said by the men to have been their brother's, officers say; also two extra caps. Each of the two men had a pistol. One contained only two cartridges, while the other was fully loaded.

The capture of the two men followed a raid on a filling station, just across the Georgia line, by officers of this county and Rabun county, Ga. Two men and slightly more than 40 gallons of liquor were taken there. Two quart cans, the officers say, was hidden in the stove, while four 10-gallon barrels were discovered buried in the earth, in an ivy-thicket, just outside the filling station. Another small container filled with liquor was found buried in the bank of the road, according to the officers.

The men captured at the filling station were Cecil Holt, proprietor of the station, and a man named Leonard, said to be his employee. They were taken to Clayton by the Georgia officers, and local officers, returning to the line late Sunday night, found them back at the filling station, they said, presumably out on bond. Officers have long believed that the Georgia filling station was actually an "open saloon," they say. The above item, taken from the Franklin Press, refers to two boys who are well known and well thought of in Dillsboro and Sylva. They are of good families and are students at the Central High School in Sylva. They were released on bonds of \$500 each, the bonds being furnished by their fathers.

THE JURORS DRAWN FOR FEBRUARY COURT

The following is the list of jurors drawn for the February term of superior court, for this county.

FIRST WEEK.

Paul Warren, J. W. Buchanan, C. M. Wells, Lewis J. Smith, John V. Ashe, R. F. Hall, R. L. Blackwell, H. H. Bryson, H. B. Picklesimer, L. T. Watson, James G. Mcsser, E. D. Hooper, John L. Wood, B. R. Henson, J. C. Collins, James A. Reed, George Extine, James Cowan, J. E. Hooper, J. M. Galloway, D. A. Bailey, F. C. Fisher, J. W. Cope, W. L. Painter, Jr., W. M. Fowler, G. T. Cooper, R. A. McClure, Dallas Sutton, Charley Norris, W. M. Frizzell, D. A. Norman, Deck Henderson and T. B. Bryson.

SECOND WEEK.

W. L. Cook, W. H. Conley, W. S. Fowler, J. R. Dillard, J. T. Smith, L. W. Crawford, Alex Woodard, A. F. Clouse, W. G. Phillips, W. Mike Brown, C. M. Martin, J. J. Wild, Lee Hooper, Kenyon Moody, M. E. Buchanan, J. R. Hooper, R. A. Pangle and L. C. Cagle.

LITTLE CHILD DIES

Bettie Lee, the small daughter of Mrs. Annie Long, died here, early Sunday morning, following a short illness. The funeral and interment were held Monday, at Webster.

FIND PROSPECT BRIGHT FOR EARLY ACTION TO GET NATIONAL PARK

Prospects are brighter than ever before for obtaining legislation necessary in the acquisition of lands in the Great Smoky Mountains for a national park at an early date, it was asserted by Don S. Elias, publisher of The Times, on his return Saturday from Raleigh and Washington, where he was in conference with state and national officials in the interest of the park plan.

Members of the Appalachian National Park commission and representatives of the National Park Service will visit the Great Smokies this spring with the idea of determining what areas shall be acquired first, according to a Washington dispatch to The Times Saturday night.

On the trip to Washington Mr. Elias was accompanied by State Senator Plato Ebbs, of Asheville; Mark Squires, representative from

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE GIVEN AT CULLOWHEE

CULLOWHEE, N. C., Jan. 20.—One of the most enjoyable talks ever heard by a Cullowhee audience was the illustrated lecture given last evening in the Cullowhee auditorium by Mr. H. N. Wheeler of the U. S. Forest Service. At 7:30 o'clock the school auditorium was filled almost to capacity with Cullowhee Normal students and town folks.

In a forceful and interesting manner, Mr. Wheeler vividly described the wanton destruction that is being made of many of our most valuable gifts of nature. He exhorted his audience to take steps to preserve and conserve the forests, wild life, and other natural resources.

Mr. Wheeler is a special lecturer of the U. S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. He is now lecturing in various parts of North Carolina under the auspices of the Division of Forestry Service, Department of Conservation and Development, Raleigh, N. C.

WILL LEWIS DOING BALANCED FARMING

Will Lewis, who lives on Little Savannah, began about a year ago working his small farm on the cow, sow and hen program. Starting with one cow and a small flock, he now has 5 milk cows, 100 hens, and two brood sows. For a year now, Mr. Lewis has been selling cream, feeding hogs, and raising chickens. Evidently he finds it pays, for he is constantly adding to his herd and flock, and a short time ago invested in a cream separator.

Mr. Lewis has mated 45 white leghorn hens and will have his baby chicks hatched in April for fall layers. He has planned his crops this year with a view to growing feed for cows, chickens and sows; and will line a small part of his acreage this year in order to grow more legumes and cover crops. Mr. Lewis has gradually grown into the business and finds that it pays when properly managed.

County Agent C. W. Tilson says that he would like to see 100 Jackson county farmers developing this type of farming, this year.

MRS. MCKEE MUCH IMPROVED

Friends of Mrs. Mattie M. McKee will be glad to know that she is much improved, following her recent illness, at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. David H. Brown, at Cullowhee.

JOURNAL HAS SMALL FIRE MONDAY

Monday afternoon the Jackson County Journal suffered a small blaze, which starting from the end of a gasoline blow torch blowing off. For a short time the fire appeared really dangerous, and only the timely help of our friends extinguished the blaze before a great deal of damage was done. The loss sustained is approximately \$300.

Due to the fire, the Journal is delayed in putting in its appearance this week, and it is through the neighborly assistance of the Franklin Press that we are able to come out at all. The Press offered to assist us by setting up several columns of type for us, and the Journal is very grateful for that assistance.

HIGGINSON GIVEN HEARING HERE 1500 ATTEND THE YOUNG FUNERAL

Homer Higginson, held in Swain county jail, at Bryson City, charged with an attempted criminal assault upon Lucille Morgan, nurse at Bryson City hospital, was given a hearing in Sylva, Saturday, on a habeas corpus proceeding before Walter E. Moore, resident judge of this district.

Higginson applied to have his bond of \$3500.00, as fixed by Magistrate W. M. Taylor, at Bryson City, reduced, which was opposed by the state and the private prosecution.

Higginson's attorney, Judge Thad D. Bryson, took the position that there was not sufficient evidence to convict his client of the crime with which he is charged, admitting that a conviction of an assault upon a female might be sustained. The defendant gave his testimony in an affidavit appealing to the judge to reduce the bond.

A number of affidavits were read, and the 17 year-old girl and Dr. James DeHart went on the stand. Miss Morgan testified that Higginson had taken her from Bryson City against her protest, and arriving at the end of the bridge, near Governor's Island, that he began to put his arms about her and made improper proposals, and was insistent upon his demands, when she became frightened, jumped from the car and she said, followed her and forced her back into the car, and headed toward Bryson City, when he again began his misconduct. She said that she opened the door of the car, and that was the last thing she remembered, until she regained consciousness in the hospital, the next day.

Dr. DeHart testified that the girl was found in the grounds of the hospital and taken to a ward in an unconscious condition. She, he swore, had an evidence of a heavy blow on the back of the head, and finger prints on her throat.

The young girl proved an excellent character by the clerk of the court of Swain county, and by other witnesses.

Judge Moore refused the petition to lower the bond, and Higginson was committed to the custody of the sheriff of Swain, until bond in the amount as fixed by the magistrate is furnished.

W. F. LEOPARD IS DEAD

W. F. Leopard, affectionately known to Jackson county people as "Uncle Whit," died at his home in Sylva, Monday night, following a long illness, at the age of 69.

Mr. Leopard, who was a native of the county, lived for the greater part of his life in Mountain township, and was known as a good man and an excellent citizen. A few years ago he moved to Sylva and has made his home here since that time.

The funeral and interment were held Wednesday on the Cullowhee Mountain, near the old home of the deceased.

He is survived by his widow and four sons and three daughters, all of whom are grown. The sons are Alfred, Ransom and Ben Leopard, of Mountain township, and Lee Leopard of Sylva; and the daughters are Mrs. Porter Childers and Mrs. John Rogers, of Sylva, and Mrs. Will Hedden, of Walnut Creek.

P. D. K. HONORS MEMBER

Mrs. Pat Cole, who before her marriage during the holidays was Miss Louise Duckett, was the honor guest at a party, given by members of the P. D. K., at the home of Miss Ruth Oliver. Only members of the Klan were present, who were Misses Docia Garrett, Myrtle Henson, Maude Leatherwood, Alma Fisher, Ruth Oliver, Katie McKee, Evelyn Campbell, Mrs. Walter L. Jones and Mrs. Pat Cole.

A feature of the evening was the presentation of a set of silver from the Klan to Mrs. Cole.

Refreshments, consisting of ambrosia, in orange cups, cake, sandwiches and hot chocolate, were served. Lovely handmade place cards were used and on the plate of the honor guest was placed a miniature bridge.

WARD HAS OPERATION TODAY

Glenn Ward was taken to the Angel hospital, in Franklin, today, for an operation for appendicitis.

A crowd estimated at more than 1500 people attended the funeral of Mack Young, Mitchell county man, who committed suicide in Boonford, Saturday.

Young was well known in Jackson county, having frequently visited here, in his capacity as mica buyer for the Asheville Mica Company, and he was married in Sylva, several years ago.

He had just been driven by a son and daughter, Gale and Daphne Young, to the old home from Spruce Pine, and the two children were preparing to return to the hotel when they heard a shot, and rushed into the home to find their father dying from a pistol wound. Coroner Smith held an inquest and rendered a verdict of suicide.

The cause of his act has not yet been revealed although it was known that he had not been feeling well recently and had appeared worried, friends said.

He had been purchasing agent for the mica firm for 20 years, and had often visited Asheville and Biltmore on business.

He had lived at the Yowana hotel with his wife since he bought the hotel Sept. 1, 1926. His wife operated it.

Surviving him besides his wife are ten children: Mrs. Willie May Thomas of Boonford; and the following children in Spruce Pine: Herbert, John, Jette, Gale, Daphne, Murcetus, Ketta, Dorothy and another son aged 9.

THE NORMAL GIRLS FORM AN ASSOCIATION

The Young Women's House Government Association of the Cullowhee State Normal met last Monday and elected its officers for the winter quarter:

President, Miss Edna Robinson; Vice-President, Miss Cora Mock; Sec. and Treas., Miss Mildred Stancel; Council Members: Miss Elizabeth Sorrell, Miss Sudie Hunter, Miss Francis McCarter, Miss Elizabeth Moody, and Miss Hyburnia Shipman. Faculty Advisors: Miss Edna Reams, and Miss Lula Jones.

We are assured that with the election of this new executive committee our association will continue to do good work. We have chosen some of our finest students; this they have shown in their work at Cullowhee, and in their friendly manner.

Sec. & Treas., Y. W. H. G. A., Cullowhee State Normal.

CONDUCT HEALTH CLINIC

Dr. Lee, of the North Carolina Board of Health, is conducting a clinic for the school children of Jackson County, at the Central High School this week. The preliminary work had been done by the health nurse, and the children of the county who were found to be under weight were given examinations by Dr. Lee. This work is being done under the auspices of the Woman's Study Club, of Sylva.

MOORE ALLOWS \$7500 BOND FOR COLVIN

Judge Walter E. Moore, after hearing the evidence in a habeas corpus proceeding, Saturday, allowed D. Colvin, charged with the murder of Thomas Jordan, in Graham county, to be given his liberty under bond in the sum of \$7500.00.

The affair occurred in Graham county, last October, and is said to have grown out of a liquor transaction, when Colvin was assisting the officers. Since the shooting Colvin has been in the Cherokee county jail, awaiting trial. Albert Colvard, who was shot at the same time, and who it was thought had recovered, was said at the proceeding to be in a most critical condition.

MRS. GRIFFIN ROBINSON UNDERGOES OPERATION

Mrs. Griffin Robinson underwent an operation for appendicitis, at the Angel Hospital, Franklin, Monday. Her friends will be glad to learn that reports from the hospital are to the effect that her condition is considered satisfactory.