

The Jackson County Journal

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Sylva, N. C., Wednesday, June 1, 1927

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Heavy Storm Strikes Sylva Section

A severe rain and electric storm struck Sylva and the immediate territory Monday morning, flowing the streets and roads, doing serious damage to crops, gardens, and manufacturing plants.

The range of the storm appeared to be from the Savannah section, across by Webster, Locust Creek, Cope Creek and the Allen branch. In the town of Sylva the rainfall was exceedingly heavy, and as the water and mud poured down from the hillsides the storm sewers were unable to carry its volume, and the streets and basements of buildings were flooded with water.

The heaviest damage appears to have been done by the waters of Cope Creek, along the Cullowhee road, and through the Love's Chapel section of Sylva and Webster townships.

Many houses were flooded to their first floors, in the upper end of Sylva, by the rush of water from Cope Creek, gardens were destroyed, and small live stock drowned.

The American Forest Products Company was one of the heaviest losers, when the plant was flooded and large rats, anchored in concrete, and loaded with poles, were lifted from their bases. Mr. C. B. Thomson, superintendent of the plant estimates that the damage to the plant is in the neighborhood of \$1,000.00.

Small branches swelled to rivers in a few minutes after the rainfall started, sweeping everything in their paths. The loss of crops, chickens, feed and other property is heavy, and the streams reached their highest level in recent years, and perhaps the highest in history, for a local rain. There was no heavy rainfall on the head of Scott's creek, or of the Tuckaseegee river, and the waters receded in a short time.

The Smoky Mountain Special, from Murphy to Asheville, was marooned at Sylva for several hours, when Allen branch, a small stream just above the town, flooded the tracks and covered them with debris.

CANEY FORK HAS HEAVY RAINSTORM

Cowarts, May 30.—This section witnessed early today, one of the heaviest rainstorms that has ever visited it. The heavy lightning and thunder was accompanied by a downpour of unusual proportion. The downpour began near 8 A. M. and continued almost steadily for approximately three hours or more. A little hail fell with the rain. Fortunately very little wind was in the storm. Throughout the whole storm the electrical disturbances were very heavy and within less than four hours from the time the downpour began, Caney Fork was out of banks. There was a considerable loss throughout the township, due largely to the flood in the streams.

Considerable damage was sustained by the farmers, several serious washouts occurring. The greatest loss was sustained by the Blackwood works, the water and drifts damaging trees, acid wood, etc. Acid wood, cross ties and even saw logs floating in Caney Fork were not unusual sights. The township at large and its works sustained a loss of several thousand dollars.

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Snap beans and Irish potato in Bladen County have been severely hurt by the prolonged spring drought.

Candler-Tidmarsh Hospital Opens

A large crowd of interested citizens of Jackson and the surrounding counties attended the formal opening of the Candler-Tidmarsh Hospital on Monday afternoon and evening, when the owners held open house.

Visiting physicians and surgeons expressed themselves as being pleased with the splendid building and the modern equipment of the new hospital, and it was repeatedly said that Sylva has one of the best little hospitals to be found anywhere, and one in which the town and county can justly feel great pride.

The capacity of fifty beds, and the operating room, and other departments, are said to be equipped in the most modern manner, with the best of fixtures and appliances.

Near the hospital is the nurses' home, one of the best residences in Sylva.

Miss Ada Barrington is superintendent and Miss Roberta Rogers has been placed in the capacity of business manager.

The staff includes some of the most prominent physicians and surgeons of Western North Carolina, among whom are: Dr. A. A. Nichols, Dr. S. H. Lyle, Dr. A. S. Nichols, Dr. D. D. Hooper, Dr. Grever Wilkes, Dr. J. L. Reeves and Drs. Candler and Tidmarsh.

SIR JOHN RUSSELL SPEAKS AT STATE

Raleigh, N. C., June 1.—How a young British squire attempting to make his heavily encumbered estate pay its debts began field experiments which led to the establishment of the famous Rothamsted experimental station 84 years ago, was interestingly told by Sir John Russell, present director of the Station, in a series of lectures at State College during the past week.

The station is now the oldest in the world where field tests have been running continuously on the same land. There have been but three directors of whom Dr. Russell is the third. There have been only four chief plowmen. On the now famous Buckdalk field wheat has been grown continuously for 84 years. During that time it has been treated with different fertilizer mixtures and yields compared. Dr. Russell pointed out that it is necessary to make comparisons for a long time in order to arrive at any real truth and the conservatism of the British people had aided in making the Rothamsted studies a success.

The Rothamsted Station is on the estate owned by Sir John Lawes. It comprised 1,000 acres of land and had been in the family for 400 years when John Lawes began his first experiments looking to improving the acre yields of crops. He was associated with John Gilbert, a young chemist, who helped him manufacture the first artificial fertilizers.

Crop yields were so increased that John Lawes began to sell the mixtures to surrounding landowners after he had convinced them that the fertilizers would not poison their lands. The first fertilizer advertisement was the one placed by John Lawes in the Gardener's Chronicle on July 1, 1843.

Dr. Russell is on a tour of certain colleges and universities in the United States and the North Carolina State College is the only southern institution that he will visit.

IN THE INTEREST OF BETTER CHURCHES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS IN SYLVA

(By J. G. Murray, Pastor Sylva Baptist Church.)

Following is the schedule of activities at the Sylva Baptist church for the next two weeks:

- On Wednesday, June the first 8:00 P. M., there will be a brief devotional service, followed by an important church conference. Every member ought to feel honor bound to be present.
- Sunday, June the fifth: Sunday School at 9:45 A. M. Every church member and every child in a Baptist home ought to be there.
- At 11:00 A. M. the church will worship. The pastor's subject will be, "The Place of Teaching in the Plan of Salvation." The church wants the inspiration of your presence.
- At 7:00 P. M. B. Y. P. U.'s—

Court Adjourns In One Week

It took Judge A. M. Stack and his two juries less than one week to clear the docket of the two weeks' May term of Jackson county court, and his honor left Sylva Friday afternoon.

A special term has been called to be held in August for the trial of civil cases only; but Judge Stack stated from the bench that he could see no necessity for such a term, and the clerk stated that there are but three or four cases left on the calendar, and that they are all new cases.

Gay

We had a very hard rain and hail storm here Sunday morning. But after the storm was over the sun came out and we had a beautiful day.

The members of the Wesleyan Sunday school decorated the grave yard after the Sunday morning lesson.

Many beautiful flowers made in crosses, wreaths, etc. were laid upon the graves. Not a single grave was left unnoticed; all bore a profusion of flowers and sentiments of respect to the living have for the dead.

The choir sang several old tunes while the remaining members of the Sunday School placed the flowers on the graves.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bryson and little son of Balsam spent last week end with Mr. Bryson's mother at this place, Mrs. Sue Bryson.

Mr. and Mrs. Royston Cowan and children of East Fork visited Mr. and Mrs. Warfield Turpin, Sunday evening.

Mr. Leman Latham of Canton spent the week end with his home folk, Sunday morning he motored with his mother, Mrs. John Latham and sister Miss Riley to Watauga for the decoration of that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rickman of Cowee visited Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Higdon Sunday evening.

Glad to report that little Miss Annie V. Buchanan, who has been very ill with pneumonia is improving.

Mr. Sam Buchanan who is working away from home spent the week end with home folks here.

Mrs. Baston Buchanan spent last week with friends on Cowee.

Mr. L. B. Cabe went to Sylva last Monday on business.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Theodore Kinsland and Eunice Turpin.

Henry Phillips, of Virginia, and Ada Hooper.

Lawrence Monteith and Hattie Whittaker.

Jack Fisher and Elsie Cowan.

Huff Hooper and Patsy Deitz

Eugene Love and Grace Cox.

Farmers of Clay county are feeding 300 pigs for the September market.

Junior, Intermediate and Senior, will be organized for the local young people. Too long we have left the B. Y. P. U. work to the students of Sylva Collegiate Institute. Sylva young people are worthy of the best and capable of building the best. If you are of B. Y. P. U. age, be there and become a charter member.

At 8:00 P. M. Mr. A. V. Washburn will speak on some phase of Sunday School work. This will be the opening service of the Enlargement Campaign. The pastor is expecting every member to be there to get Mr. Washburn's message.

On Monday, June the sixth (probably at 8:00 p. m., exact hour will be announced later) Mr. Washburn will teach a class in "Building a Standard Sunday School" by Arthur Flake and Mrs. Washburn will teach a class in "Plans and Programs" by Miss Annie L. Williams.

It is expected that every church member twelve years of age and above will attend one of the classes. Every officer and teacher and prospective officer and teacher will bring tablet and pencil and do some real study in Sunday School work.

Every person interested in better churches and Sunday Schools is invited to all these services.

Mrs. Gibbs Injured In Automobile

Mrs. J. U. Gibbs, wife of the principal of the Sylva graded school, is said to be in a serious condition in an Asheville hospital, following injuries received in an automobile accident at West Canton, last Saturday morning.

It is said that the accident occurred when the car, driven by Mr. Gibbs, struck a stick lying in road.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs and their two sons were the only occupants of the car, and none of the others received injuries.

Qualla

Last week:— No S. S. Sunday on account of rain, but, anyway we were glad to see the rain.

Messrs. H. G. and P. H. Ferguson, Misses Gertrude Ferguson and Annie Lizzie Terrell attended the District Conference at Andrews.

Mr. James Freeman and family spent the week end at Mrs. A. J. Freeman's.

Miss Lucy Wiggins has returned from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Charles Hyatt of Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. Golman Kinsland visited relatives on Conleys Creek.

Mr. Weaver Freeman and family, Mrs. D. M. Shuler and Mrs. Bessie Worley were callers at Mrs. A. C. Hoyle's.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Norton of Whittier spent the week end at Mr. R. F. Hall's.

Mesdames Kate Hughes, Mary Kinsland, Misses Mary and Ida Battle and Annie Terrell were dinner guests at Mr. J. H. Hughes.

Mrs. J. D. Warrick and Miss Fisher of Snakemont called at Mr. G. A. Kinsland's.

Mrs. J. M. Hughes visited Mrs. T. T. Varner at Whittier.

Mrs. Ras Chambers is improving after an operation in Sylva Hospital.

Mrs. A. C. Hoyle was taken to Sylva Monday afternoon for an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Golman Kinsland, Misses Etta Kinsland, Grace Hoyle and Essie Anthony called at Mr. J. K. Terrell's.

A party of young folks enjoyed a social at Mr. J. E. Battle's.

TARHEEL FARM WOMEN WILL ATTEND COLLEGE

Raleigh, N. C., June 1.—The babies, gardens and chickens will be left to the care of friend husband or some other relative during the week of July 4 and mother will gather with 300 of her friends in home demonstration work at the third annual short course for farm women at State College.

"There is not a gathering in all the year that gives as much pleasure to the division of home demonstration work as this farm women's short course," says Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon. "Women who drop their household cares and turn the children over to the men folks or a willing relative for the week, come prepared to enjoy each minute of their stay. Their pleasure is reflected in the attitude of the staff of home agents who guide them through their study of home-making."

One of the fine things about the course, explains Mrs. McKimmon, is the exchange of experiences between women from all parts of the state. This is worth as much as the courses of instruction.

There will be courses in foods, house furnishings, clothing, gardening and poultry. No woman may elect more than two courses. However, women from the same county arrange to take different projects that they may carry as much of the program as possible back to their clubs.

Not all the time will be given to work. The college swimming pool will be available each afternoon; there will be sight-seeing trips arranged each afternoon. Mrs. McLean charmed the farm women with her gracious hospitality last year and Mrs. McKimmon announces with pleasure that she has kindly consented to entertain again this summer.

"Every farm woman in the State is welcome," says Mrs. McKimmon. "The cost will be small. It takes only \$7.50 to pay all expenses while attending the course and parties can be made up so that the cost will be little."

Revival Starts Next Sunday

A series of evangelistic meetings will start at the Methodist church, Sunday morning, with Rev. John Church assisting Pastor Robbins in the services. Mr. Church recently closed a series of meetings in Asheville, is pastor of the Andrews Methodist church and is known throughout this part of the state as a strong young preacher.

Mr. Robbins and the members of his church are urging that Christian people of all denominations join them in the revival, and the public is invited to attend the meetings.

WEBB ADDRESSES CULLOWHEE GRADUATES

Cullowhee, May 27.—The session of 1926-27 came to a close today at Cullowhee State Normal School with the presentation of prizes and diplomas and the baccalaureate address by Dr. H. A. Webb of Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn.

Dean Bird presented the diplomas to the twenty-one high school graduates, explaining that this was the last high school graduating class that Cullowhee Normal School would ever send out, as the high school work is being taken over by Jackson county.

Prizes were awarded as follows: Columbian Society Recitation Medal, Miss Harriett Brendle, Macon county; Erosophian Recitation Prize (five dollar gold piece), Miss Josephine Safrit, Rowan county; Erosophian Declaration Prize (five dollars), Roger Ferguson, Haywood county; Holme Bryson Essay Prize of ten dollars in gold, Miss Bertha Chandler, South Carolina; Mrs. E. L. McKee Essay Prize of ten dollars; Carr Hooper of Jackson county.

High School Graduates:—Davis Bryson, Nell Campbell, Hazel Crawford, Gladys DeHart Lou Etta Deitz, Frankie Diens, Madge Dillard, Ruth Gilley, Hetty Green, Lyle Higdon, Essie Key, John Sam Lay, Pearl Moody, Mayne Moses, Ruth Pittman, Charles Sutton, Mozelle Sutton, Carrie Thompson, Nelson Wilson, Glen na Woodard, Gudger Worley.

Normal Graduates:—

Mary Sue Allison, Margaret Lee Batts, Annie Maye Boone, Mrs. Janie Bryson Brown, Dora Lee Clarke Bertha Ruth Clayton, Eunice Currie Annie Elizabeth Deal, Ocie Mae Delinger, May Frances Downtin, Roger Riley Ferguson, Lazelle Henson Frances Louise Hinson, Sudie Emeline Hunter, Vivian Gray Jones, Frances Swan McCotter, Cora Lee Moeck, Elizabeth Josephine Moody, Ada Theresa Moss, Kate Paris, Edna Orabelle Robinson, Mary Josephine Safrit, Mary Theresa Taylor, Bonnie Teague, Annie Meneva Thomas, C. C. Williams.

WHO KNOWS WHEN THIS WAS?

Back in the old days, when Sylva was very young, there was held, in this town a great social event, a big one for those days, and it was called the "Rainbow Soiree and Musical Contest." We are publishing a copy of the program for the evening, and in looking over it, we can not find the name of a single person, who now resides in Jackson county.

Read the program, you old-timers and see if you can give the Journal the information as to the date when it was held, and the building in which it was held.

Here is the program: RAINBOW SOIREE AND MUSICAL CONTEST

Piano Solo, Miss Corrie Davis, Waynesville, N. C., "La Dolezza." J. G. Barnett.
Vocal Solo, Miss White, Highlands, N. C. "Cher'ette," J. Roeckel.
Vocal Duett, Dr. Tompkins and Miss Stedman, "Larboard Watch," T. Williams.
Violin Solo, Mr. J. H. Everett, Bryson City, N. C. "Rainbow Waltz and Variations." (Composed by Mr. Everett for this special occasion.)
Recitation, Mr. Guy Hoffman, Sylva, N. C. "Josiah Allen's Wife." "Visit from Mrs. Richardson."
Piano Solo, Miss Florence Enloe, Dillsboro, N. C. "The Magic Flute."
Vocal Solo, Miss Mamie Stedman, Sylva, N. C. "Esmeralda." A Halliday.
Organ Solo, Dr. W. F. Tompkins, Webster, N. C.
Recitation, Miss Ella Potts, Sylva, N.

Large Audience Enjoys The Cullowhee Pageant

Cullowhee, May 26.—The Cullowhee Pageant entitled, Among the Highlanders Yesterday and Today, was presented Wednesday evening, the 25th in the open air theatre before a responsive audience estimated to number between seven and eight hundred people. The stage was given a beautiful setting and the lighting effects, which were artistically carried out, added much to the impressiveness of the scenes.

The pageant, consisting of three episodes, was of local production and presented by local talent. The first two episodes were written by Normal School students under the direction of the English department, and the third was arranged by a committee of the May graduating class, under the direction of the departments of Music and Physical Education. The first episode, entitled, Tsali: A Tragedy of the Cherokee Indian, Removal, written by Miss Stella Cowan of Webster, Jackson county, portrayed the removal of the Cherokee Indians from this section in 1839 to the territory beyond the Mississippi river. The main characters of this episode were taken from history and with the exception of the element of romance interwoven, the presentation was true to recorded facts. The second episode, entitled As She Had Planned and written by Miss Mary Louise Russel of Hazel Creek, Swain County, represented a scene that might have happened in any school community where the progressive and the non progressive element are seeking mastery. The story pictured a school election for building a high school for Hazel Creek, which was opposed on account of increased taxes, but was carried to the ultimate satisfaction of all. The element of romance was not lacking in this episode to give it an added interest. The third episode, entitled, The Spirit of Song in Western North Carolina, and consisting of music dancing and song, was presented by the members of the May graduating class, with the assistance of the Glee Club. It also featured the May Day festival with Miss Josephine Safrit of Rowan county as Queen and the audience was delighted in witnessing the beautiful Maypole dance, a custom representative of the people from whom the inhabitants of Western North Carolina are directly descended. The stage arrangement and the costumes for this episode were especially attractive.

A unique feature of the program was the presentation of the old gun with which Tsali of the first episode was actually killed. The gun has been owned for a long time by Mr. J. E. Coburn of Bryson City, a member of the Board of Trustees, who voluntarily gave it to the school. The gun was presented by Prof. E. H. Stillwell of the Normal School faculty to Miss Stella Cowan, writer of the episode who in turn presented it to President Hunter for the School museum.

A club girl from Polk County won first place in a milking contest and third place in cow judging at the Mountain Branch Station recently.

C. "The Murderer" Edgar A. Poe.
Piano Solo, Miss Olive White, Highlands, N. C. "Romeo and Juliet."
Vocal Solo, Miss Marie Love, Waynesville, N. C. "Sweet Marie." (Guitar accompaniment.)
Vocal Solo, Dr. Will Tompkins, "That Pretty Girl," Wang.
Recitation, Miss Lela Potts, Sylva, Organ Solo, Mr. J. H. Everett, Bryson City, N. C.
N. C. "The Bridge." (Recitation and Music) by Longfellow.
Vocal Solo, Mr. W. R. Johnston, Franklin, N. C., "The Grand Old Ocean," H. Millard.
Cornet Solo, Mr. A. W. Freeman, Cherokee, N. C.
Vocal Solo, Miss Sallie Stedman, Sylva, N. C., "The Bend of the River" Blumenthal.
Vocal Duett, Mrs. Annie L. Buffum, Dillsboro, Mr. W. R. Johnston, Franklin, "Gobble Duett, From Mascot.
Presiding officer, Dr. J. H. Wolff.