

The Jackson County Journal

\$1.50 the Year in Advance in the County

Sylva, N. C., Wednesday, Aug. 10, 1927

\$2.00 the Year in Advance Outside County

Recorder's Court Holds Two Day Session

The recorder's court of Jackson county was in session Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Albert Messer was sentenced to serve four months for an assault and resisting an officer. No appeal was taken.

Fred Sutton was found guilty of an assault and judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs. Fred Sutton, Ting Sutton and Mrs. Ting Sutton were all placed under bonds to keep the peace.

Maetrie Dillard and Manila Hall were found guilty on a statutory charge and given a six months suspended sentence, each upon the payment of a fine of \$100 and half the costs by the male defendant and one half the costs by the female defendant. From the judgment of the recorder, and the verdict of the court, the defendants appealed to the superior court and trial by a jury.

Robert McCall was fined \$25.00 and the costs upon being convicted of resisting an officer.

Orville Gibbs drew a suspended judgment for operating an automobile without license.

Parker Haskett was fined \$25.00 on an intoxication charge and drew a suspended judgment of an assault charge.

Jesse Cunningham was convicted of drunkenness and possession of liquor and prayer for judgment was continued for two weeks.

Frank Green was convicted of being drunk, fined \$20.00 and the costs, and took an appeal to the superior court.

Lennie Bolt, Blumie Millsaps, Garfield Millsaps, Archie Millsaps, Gola Millsaps and Fred Allen drew fines of \$3.00 and the costs each upon conviction of fishing without license.

Walter McCall, Paul Dillard, Paul Bangarner were convicted of intoxication and prayer for judgment was continued for 60 days.

Ranson McCall drew a continued judgment for 60 days on being convicted of possession of liquor.

Walter Green, possession and transporting, guilty prayer for judgment continued for two weeks.

Julius Sutton, possession and transporting \$50.00 and the costs

Arthur Brooks, possession and transporting prayer for judgment continued for two weeks.

John Allison and L. D. Bradley, intoxication, \$10 each and the costs.

A. D. Womack, charged with operating an automobile while intoxicated and with drunkenness, was sealed and failed. Judgment nisi sei ca and capias was entered against him and his bondsman.

CHEROKEE LENDS STATE \$50,000

Cherokee Scout, Aug. 5.—

A total of \$50,661.11 was placed on deposit in county banks this week to the credit of the State Highway Commission by the board of County Commissioners, according to announcement Thursday by Hon. D. Witherspoon, attorney for the board.

The fifty thousand dollars is to be used by the State in grading work on the Hothouse route to Tennessee, which road was taken over by the State Highway Commission as a state project at a recent meeting, and the other money is to be used on State Highway No. 28 beginning at the corporate limits of the town of Murphy and extending to the top of Patterson hill.

The appropriation is made by virtue of an act of the State Legislature of 1927 authorizing the Cherokee County Commissioners to turn over to the State Highway Commission this amount to be spent as enumerated. Last week the County Commissioners received official notification that the Hothouse road had been taken over by the state on the condition that this county put up fifty thousand dollars, and the action was prompted as a result.

A MISTAKE

The report or announcement of marriage of Mr. Samuel P. Hyatt of Whittier, N. C. to Miss Louise Haigler of Hayesville, N. C. on July 23 is false.

One Killed, Six Hurt In Graham Explosion

Robbinsville, August 9.—One man is dead, six others are so badly injured most of them probably will die and fellow workmen are battling underground in an effort to rescue two other entombed miners as the result of an unexpected explosion of dynamite in tunnel No. 7 between Yellow Creek and Rhymer's Ferry about six miles from here late Monday.

The entombed men are trapped behind a fall of earth in a passage being blasted out by the Comor Construction Company forces to carry water for the Tallassee Power company underground from the great Santeela and to the Rhymer's Ferry power plant. The tunnel is the longest of three being two miles in length. The men were working near one end when the explosion occurred.

The dead man is a negro and five other negro miners in a crew headed by Claude Kingsland white foreman, were caught in the premature blast, which blocked the passage and destroyed a small part of the workings.

Kingsland, so badly injured that he is not expected to live, and the five negroes, were rushed to a Knoxville hospital are not expected to survive their injuries and little hope is held out for the entombed pair.

The tunnel was being blasted out by the use of upper and lower shots. The upper tier holes had been drilled and filled with dynamite, and the lower holes were being dug out when some workmen apparently set off the dynamite prematurely, by hitting it with a drill.

Aid was summoned from Robbinsville and work of digging out the fallen earth was being pressed Tuesday.

JOHN M. WATSON IS DEAD

John M. Watson, former chairman of the board of county commissioners of Jackson county, and one of the leading citizens of the county, passed on, at his home, near Cullowhee, Thursday morning, of a stroke of apoplexy, while he was seated at the breakfast table. Mr. Watson had been in poor health for several months, but was thought to be improving in health, and his death was a great shock to his many friends throughout the county.

He was 68 years of age, a native of Jackson county, and known to practically everybody in the county, having served for many years as chairman of the board of county commissioners, and having been identified with public affairs in the county throughout his life.

He is survived by his aged father, "Uncle Bobby" Watson, a Confederate veteran of 93 years of age, three sons, F. I. Watson, principal of the Dillsboro schools, Lawrence Watson, of Sylva, R. L. Watson, of Cullowhee, two daughters, Mrs. Milton Bryson and Miss Rhoda Anne Watson, of Cullowhee, and a number of grandchildren and other relatives.

The funeral services were held in the Cullowhee Baptist church, Saturday, at which was gathered a host of admiring friends, to pay their last respects to this citizen who had identified himself with Jackson county progress for so many years. The service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. I. K. Stafford, assisted by Prof. Robert L. Madison, Prof. E. H. Stillwell, Rev. P. L. Elliot, of Mars Hill, a former pastor of the Cullowhee church, of which Mr. Watson had been an active member for many years, a member of the board of deacons, and at one time, chairman of that church board.

DENIES REPORT OF MARRIAGE

In its Qualla correspondence last week The Journal carried an item stating that Mr. Samuel Perry and Miss Louise Haigler were married on July 23.

Mr. Hyatt was in the office of The Journal Monday and emphatically denied the report requesting that this paper publish a correction which we are glad to do.

Demonstrations conducted during the past year show an increased production of all crops where cover crops were cover crops and well balanced fertilizer was used.

Cullowhee Students Hear Mme. Lawson

Mme. Franceska Kaspar Lawson, Soprano of Washington, D. C. pleased a large audience at the Cullowhee State Normal tonight when she gave a song recital here under the auspices of the school lyceum course. She received hearty applause for a number of her selections, and graciously rewarded the audience with several encore numbers. A large number of the students and members of the faculty and patrons of the school attended. Mme. Lawson thus filled her third engagement at Cullowhee; from here she goes to Weaver College, where she will sing on Wednesday evening.

Her program consisted of a variety of classical airs and national songs, which included selections from the Indian, French, Italian, English and American. Miss Daisy Franklin head of the music department, played piano accompaniments.

The program was as follows: The Lass with the Delicate Air, Thos. Arne.

Ave Marie, Franz Schubert. Swiss Echo Song, Carl Eckert. The Three Cavaliers, Kurt Schindler. A Song of India, Rimsky-Korsakoff. Nightingale of France, Kurt Schindler.

Il Bacio, Luigi Ariditi. Violin Solo, Mr. VonCourt. Hope On, Caroline L. Sumner.

Roses in the Garden, Frank H. Grey. Daddy's Sweetheart, Liza Lehmann. Just an Ivy Covered Shaek Carl Rapp. The Nightingale, John H. Densmore. A Baby's Hair is built of Sun, William Wentzell.

Black Bird Keep Singing, Cuthbert Harris.

SAVANNAH

The B. Y. P. U. of Old Savannah met Sunday night and gave a short program.

Mrs. R. H. Hall and daughter, Susie, visited Mrs. Mollie Fisher at Cullowhee, Sunday. She has been ill for several days. We hope for a speedy recovery.

Mr. Cleveland Dillard who has been working away is now visiting home folks.

Miss Hixie Ashe has returned from Franklin where she has been visiting her cousin, Miss Hilda Ashe.

Mrs. Alice Dillard called on Miss Annie Hall, Saturday afternoon.

Misses Ina and Essie Greene and Violet Hall are planning to attend the Baptist encampment at Sylva, Wednesday.

Miss Eva Estes visited the Candler-Tidmarsh Hospital, Sunday.

Mrs. Columbus Higdon and Miss Lola Higdon visited Mrs. Higdon's daughter, Mrs. Alice Dillard, Sunday.

Mrs. Ida Brooks went Monday, to see her son, Mr. Frank Brooks, who is in the hospital at Sylva.

Miss Violet Dillard took dinner with Miss Violet Hall Sunday.

Mr. C. K. Hall who has been confined to his home for some time is able to be out again.

Miss Margaret Buchanan spent the week end with Miss Anna Bell Childers.

Mr. R. H. Hall and son and daughter, Mack and Violet, went to Asheville Wednesday to see Mr. Emlis and Mr. Landon Hall of that place.

Mrs. Felix Hall called on Mrs. Austin Greene, Sunday.

Mr. Charlie Brooks took supper with Mr. Kelly Hyatt, Sunday.

Mr. Taul Hall seems to be improving after a long illness.

Mr. Ebb Greene called at Mr. Henry Hall's Tuesday evening.

Miss Irene Cagle was a guest of Lou Ellen Greene, Sunday.

Misses Dorothy Leona and Layonia Greene and Dessie Brooks and Edith Buchanan called at Miss Violet Hall's Sunday.

Miss Vinnie Cagle went to Whitesides, Sunday.

CRIST TO PREACH SUNDAY

Rev. H. E. Crist, pastor of the Whittier Methodist church will occupy the pulpit at the Sylva Methodist church, next Sunday morning, it is announced by Rev. W. M. Robbins, the pastor who is taking his vacation. There will be no service at the Methodist church, Sunday evening.

Cullowhee Students Take Mountain Tour

Mrs. W. W. Parham, of Tillery, student at Cullowhee State Normal Summer school, chaperoned a Saturday trip to Chimney Rock and Lake Lure. The party was composed of Mrs. Parham, Miss Edith Parham, Miss Bessie Chapin, Miss Mary Lou Roebuck, Miss Mary Dell Bynum, Miss Tennie Privette, Miss Louise Brooks, and Miss Bernice Bridges, students at the summer school.

Mrs. Lucy Posey, Social Director Miss Edna Reams, and P. Wade Alexander visited relatives of Mrs. Posey in Weaverville during the week end. Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Collier spent the week end in Asheville.

Among the students going away for the week end were: Mrs. H. F. Burley, to Ravensford; Pauline Reece to Brevard; Harriette Bréndle, and Lily H. Callaway, Franklin; Edythe Terrell, Clyde; Lois White, W. Asheville; Essie Cunningham, Sue Lindsley, Waynesville; Mrs. G. B. Finley, Marion; Kate Hayes, Tomotla; Miss Mary B. Ketchie, Bryson City; Mrs. Annie Briscoe, Mill Spring; Grace Carpenter and Myrte Bolick, Franklin; Carol Carver and Pattie Dudley, East Laporte; Elizabeth Eaves, Heiskell, Tenn.; Clara Williams, East Laporte; Pearl Dixon, Cullowhee; Isabel Osborne, and Rose Morris, Candler; Grace Edwards, Andrews; Daisy Stewart, Glenville.

QUALLA

Last week:

Qualla folks are rejoicing because Qualla High School is still on the accredited list. We are making new resolutions to "look up and climb."

Rev. James Coggins preached a very instructive sermon at the Methodist church Sunday.

Mr. R. F. Hall and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Norton, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hall, Mrs. J. G. Raby and daughter Miss Irene, and Prof. C. L. Cope motored to Canton Sunday for Decoration Day.

Mrs. P. C. Shelton and family and Miss Martha Heritage motored to Waynesville to visit relatives.

Miss Gertrude Bair, H. Woods and Frank Batle of Asheville were guests at Mr. J. M. Hughes.

A reunion of children and grand children was held at the home of Mr. York Howell Sunday.

Miss Kathryn Hipps of Canton is visiting among relatives.

Mr. Carl Hoyle of Charles Creek spent the week end with homefolks.

Miss Gertrude Ferguson was guest of Miss Martha Heritage.

Miss Jennie Catey was guest of Miss Annie Lizzie Terrell.

Messrs. Jack and Joe Hyatt and Wayne Keener of Asheville Farm School are spending their vacation with homefolks.

Mrs. T. T. Varner and children and Mrs. J. D. Norton of Whittier called on Mr. J. M. Hughes.

Mrs. G. A. Kinsland visited Mrs. P. H. Ferguson.

Prof. and Mrs. James Coggins were guests at Mr. C. M. Martins.

Miss Ruth Ferguson called on Mrs. Ted Kinsland.

Mrs. J. H. Hughes visited Mrs. J. R. Messer.

Mr. J. O. Howell and family visited at Mr. W. H. Hoyle's.

Mr. J. O. Terrell motored to Stone Mountain, Atlanta and other points of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Henson of Whittier visited Mrs. W. H. Cooper. Messrs. Arthur and Edgar Worley visited James Battle.

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

Mr. Layman of Ravensford who recently purchased the J. L. Wiggins farm is having his house remodelled before moving.

Messrs. J. L. Wiggins and Thos. Allen have recently moved to Qualla.

On Sunday morning Mr. G. A. Kinsland being attracted by the barking of his dog near his home went to investigate. He found a rattlesnake. After he killed it he found that it had eight rattles. The rattler is a very rare specimen in our section. May his tribe not increase!

Auditor Exonerates Odell S. Dillard

Odell S. Dillard, Jackson county man, former superintendent of public instruction of this county, and until recently superintendent of Madison county schools was held to be entirely without blame or responsibility for the alleged large shortage of the school funds of Madison county, in a statement, issued last week by the county auditor.

Marshall, N. C., Aug. 5.—According to J. N. White, county auditor and Dr. W. E. Finley the present deficit of over \$40,000 in the public school funds of Madison county can be attributed to an accumulation of deficits running over a number of years and no official is to be blamed nor is responsible for the shortage.

These two men also said that the school board has been facing a deficit for a number of years and has been drawing on the prospect of uncollected taxes. The banks have been loaning the money to take care of the deficit until the tax was collected each year, it was said, and this year in accordance with the new law, all 1926 taxes had to be in by July 1, and a budget of all expenses made. Consequently this brought to a head a condition which is said to have existed for a number of years, and for which condition neither ex-County Superintendent Dillard nor any one board of education is responsible.

Upon the completion of the audit now being made by Dr. Finley, a report of the condition of the books and records involved in the affair will be made public, it was stated this morning.

No charges of dishonest practices in the discharge of their duty have been preferred or intimated against anyone, and it is not probable that this will be the case.

CANADA

Please allow space for a few news items from Canada.

Quite a large crowd from various places attended the memorial services at the Wood's cemetery Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Queen of Webster were week end visitors here.

Mrs. J. R. Matthews and little son Cornell of St. Petersburg, Fla. are spending several weeks here with Mr. Matthews' people.

Mr. Edgar Queen of Eagle Lake, Fla. was a visitor here Sunday.

Messrs. R. M. Broom, H. W. Phillips and M. R. Matthews made a business trip to Johnston City, Tenn., Monday.

Mr. Andy Queen and family of Sylva were visitors here Sunday.

Mr. Ebb Smith of Asheville was a recent visitor here.

Mr. H. T. Shipman and family of Brevard were week end visitors here.

Mr. J. H. Smith of Cowarts was a recent visitor here.

Mr. Jess McKay and family of Franklin were week end visitors here with relatives.

Mrs. Lambert Wike and little daughter of Asheville recently spent a week here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brown.

Funeral services were held at Rock Bridge cemetery Thursday for Shirley Shook who died in Sylva hospital from injuries in a wreck on the Cullowhee road. Surviving are his father and one brother with a step-mother and several half brothers and sisters all of Hornet, N. C.

Mr. James Parker is spending some time in Brevard.

DISTRICT MEETING O. E. S.

HERE NEXT WEEK

The district meeting of the 13th district Order of the Eastern Star, will be held with the Sylva chapter next Tuesday afternoon beginning at 1:30. Mrs. Alice H. Parker of Farmville, Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. J. W. Davis of Andrews, District Deputy and other grand officers will be present.

After the work in the lodge room dinner will be served to the visitors at the Chamber of Commerce rooms before the resumption of the work on the evening.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Elmer Massey to Edna Wheeler. John Henry Hensley to Belle Edwards.

Earl Higdon Hurt In Auto Crash

Earl Higdon was painfully and perhaps seriously injured early Wednesday morning, when a car which he was driving ran off the road and turned over in the Moody bottom, just above Sylva.

Young Higdon, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Higdon, was brought to the Candler-Tidmarsh Hospital and given surgical attention. He suffered a broken jaw bone on both sides, a number of teeth knocked out, and other cuts and bruises; but it is thought that he will recover.

The young mechanic was testing an old car, upon which he had been working and it is thought that the steering apparatus either broke down or failed to work properly, causing the smash.

MACON PRISONERS BREAK JAIL

Franklin, N. C. Aug. 9.—Every prisoner in the Macon county jail escaped some time Monday night, it was discovered by Deputy Sheriff Fred Cabe, jailer, when he made his first round of the bastille early Tuesday to find the cells empty, his six charges gone and ten bars on cells and windows sawed.

In the absence of Sheriff C. L. Ingram, in Gastonia on business, all available deputies were taking part in a wide search for the escaped men and adjoining counties were notified to be on the lookout.

Deputy Cabe reported that everything appeared quiet in the jail when he made his last round about 11 o'clock Monday night. One man was in the corridor, and it is Mr. Cabe's theory that someone threw a saw up into the corridor of the second floor, where the cells are located, and that this saw was used by the man to cut through the cell-bar and then through three bars on the corridor windows.

A blanket was split up and used by the men as a rope on which to descend to the ground.

The men who unceremoniously absent themselves after receiving the hospitality of the county are: Ranson Hopkins; J. B. Ridley, Sam Allison, Jerome Gorrick, negro; and Charlie Cochran.

KILLS MAD DOG

John Sheppard killed a stray dog, which was thought to be mad at his home last week. One of Mr. Sheppard's daughters was in the garden, when the dog approached, passing close to her, and giving chase to another of his daughters who ran to the house and closed the door. The dog then attempted to break through the screen and the girls called their father who quickly dispatched the animal. Mr. Sheppard stated that the dog had every symptom of rabies, was foaming at the mouth and snapping at every object with which it came in contact.

EAST LAPORTE CEMETERY TO BE DECORATED

All persons having relatives buried at the East Laporte cemetery and the public in general, are invited to attend the services to be held August 14. There will be two sermons one in the forenoon and one in the afternoon. Dinner served on the grounds.

TROUT SEASON NEARING END

The open season for trout will close on September first, and the close season for bass begins October first, according to J. J. Wild, warden for Jackson county, who was in Sylva Monday morning.

Mr. Wild stated that a large number of arrests and convictions have been necessary during the past few weeks, for violations of the fishing laws.

When harvesting the crops this fall don't forget to save some seed for planting next year. This suggestion is made by plant breeding specialists at State College who also advise field selection where possible.