

# The Jackson County Journal

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## EXPANSIONS OF CULLOWHEE STATE NORMAL

(By H. T. Hunter, President)  
A recent editorial in the Jackson County Journal, regarding Cullowhee State Normal School, abounded in good judgment and in evidence that the editor had given thought to the actual situation. The editorial referred to some of our pressing needs, especially recreational needs, to the growth of the school, its importance to Western North Carolina and so on. But the significant and important reference in the editorial concerned the question as to whether Cullowhee's legitimate growth in the future would be in the direction of a liberal arts college or a teachers college.

I want to say a few words on the last point. I am frequently asked such questions as the following regarding Cullowhee: "Why doesn't Cullowhee offer two years of academic work? Why do students from Western North Carolina have to go to Chapel Hill or to North Carolina College for Women in order to get a college education? Why to you not have more men at Cullowhee? Do you think Cullowhee will ever become a four-year college and offer degrees?" These are legitimate questions. I am persuaded that many of the students of Cullowhee, in Jackson and neighboring counties, have frankly wished to see the institution duplicate the work done at the University and at North Carolina College for Women; in other words these friends have wanted to see here an academic institution pure and simple. I would not say that the folks who hold this view lack appreciation of the value of a teacher-training institution, but as we are trying to build, I believe, on the contrary, that all citizens in Western North Carolina take a pride in Cullowhee and rejoice in its steady growth. Doesn't the trouble arise from the fact that Cullowhee is not offering courses which would appeal to all students, whether such students want to be teachers or not? From the fact that high school graduates who are not interested in becoming teachers must go elsewhere for their education?

One must to a degree sympathize with those who hold to these views with respect to Cullowhee. It would be quite a saving to hundreds of young men and young women in these western counties, if they could secure their academic training near home; and there would, of course, be this additional advantage, that scores of our boys and girls would enter college, if there were one near their homes, who do not now go to college at all.

In view of the above facts, it is legitimate to ask, Should Cullowhee State Normal School be made into a four-year academic institution? I have given thought to this question, and have discussed the matter with a large number of citizens, including state officials and legislators, and have come to the conclusion that, however much convenience and financial saving might accrue to the western counties by having a state liberal arts college near their doors, there is not the slightest possibility that the state will establish and maintain a liberal arts college at Cullowhee. I shall offer several reasons for this conclusion.

In the first place, North Carolina now has two institutions, the University and the College for Women at Greensboro, offering mainly courses leading to liberal arts degrees. Very few states have gone beyond a state university in the creation of liberal arts colleges; and so far as I know, there is not a single state in America in which three four-year liberal arts institutions are being maintained. In most of the American commonwealths the University stands as the only purely liberal arts institution, all the others being technical and professional, such as agricultural and normal schools.

In the second place, friends of the University or State College and of N. C. C. W., who are members of the legislature, do not look with favor upon the proposition to establish any where in North Carolina a competing

## STILL TIME TO WIN JOURNAL'S \$25.00

There is still time in which to gather your data and prepare your articles for the Journal's \$25.00 prize offer for the best papers on "Why It Pays To Trade With Home Merchants."

The contest closes on October 15, and all papers must be in the office before 6:00 o'clock on that date.

It is easy to win. Just connect your thoughts and express them in your own way.

The Journal is offering \$25.00 in prizes for the best papers telling why it pays to buy locally. \$12.50 in cash will be paid for the best paper, \$7.50 for the second best, and \$5.00 for third prize. In addition we will give one year's subscription to the Journal, Jackson County's own paper, to the writer of every article that is submitted and published.

Rules:  
The contest opens September 12 and closes October 15.

Each article must be not more than 500 words in length.

Write only on one side of the paper. Style, ideas, neatness and originality will be taken into consideration.

Three judges, to be announced later, will grade the papers and award the prizes.

Anyone in Jackson County and Sylva's trade territory is eligible to enter the contest.

No one connected with the Jackson County Journal or any mercantile establishment in this county will be allowed to submit papers.

Every article submitted must be in the office of the Journal by 6 P. M. October 15.

## SAVANNAH

The B. Y. P. U. Senior Class of the Old Savannah church enjoyed a watermelon feast at the home of Miss Violet Hall, Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hoyle and little son, Wesley, of Sylva, were guests at Mr. R. H. Hall's Saturday night.

Mr. Claude Rogers of Webster, was a visitor at this place Sunday.

Mr. Claude Buchanan of Ravensford is spending a few days with home folks.

Miss Violet Hall spent Sunday with Misses Ina and Essie Greene.

Mr. and Mrs. Elsie Sutton and little son were visitors at Mr. A. B. Ashe's Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Andrew Robbins and Mr. Earl Deitz of East LaPorte were visitors at this place Sunday.

Miss Alice Green was a dinner guest at Miss Dorothy Green's Sunday.

Miss Leona Greene visited Miss Gertrude Cagle Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hall and Miss Edna Hall motored to Andrews Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Ashe and daughter, Gladys, spent Sunday with Mrs. Ashe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Gribble at Gay.

Miss Amy Thompson of Sylva spent the week end with home folks.

Miss Violet Dillard was a guest at Miss Edna Hall's Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Crisp Brooks of Gastonia spent a few days with Mr. Brook's sister, Mrs. A. B. Ashe.

Mrs. Jim Bryson, Mrs. Frank Latham of Gay and Miss Vera Latham of Thomasville spent Friday with Mrs. Bryson's daughter, Mrs. Carl Cagle.

Only the bets products, properly displayed will win a premium at the fair.

institution. No legislative body which has gathered in Raleigh for twenty years, or which is likely to assemble in this state, would ever agree to set up another liberal arts institution as a rival to the ones we now have.

In the third place Cullowhee, being in the extreme western "nose" of the state, and away from the populous centers, urban or rural could hardly hope to build up an all-year student body of more than 500 to 600, which is an expensive unit for a liberal arts college, a unit in which efficient post graduate work is out of the question.

It seems to me therefore, that the dream of a great state liberal arts college at Cullowhee, while being altogether laudable and worthy, has not a shadow of chance of ever being realized.

I may have something to say later as to the future of Cullowhee as a teachers college.

## WHO WILL WIN THE FIGHT?

They Meet In Chicago Tonight at 8:00 O'clock

Gene Tunney



AUTOGASTER

Jack Dempsey



AUTOGASTER

Carrying the responsibility of the title, Champion Gene Tunney was never more serious in his life than in the finishing hours of his training at Chicago for the first defense of his crown.

Here is the former king of heavyweights as he appeared in final workouts at Chicago for his battle there to regain the title, which he lost to Gene Tunney at Philadelphia last year.

## HERE'S HOW THEY COMPARE

TUNNEY	DEMPSEY
Age 29	Age 32
Weight 190	Weight 193
Height 6 ft. 1 1/2 in.	Height 6 ft. 1 in.
Reach 76 1/2 in.	Reach 77 inches
Wrist 8 in.	Wrist 9 in.
Forearm 13 1/2 in.	Forearm 13 in.
Biceps 14 in.	Biceps 14 1/2 in.
Chest (normal) 41 in.	Chest (normal) 40 1-2 in.
Chest (expanded) 44 in.	Chest (expanded) 44 3-4 in.
Waist 34 inches	Waist 33 inches
Neck 17 inches	Neck 16 1-2 inches
Thigh 23 inches	Thigh 22 inches
Calf 16 inches	Calf 15 1-2 inches
Ankle 9 inches	Ankle 9 inches

## BETA

Rev. W. C. Reed preached an excellent sermon Sunday, his subject being "How Shall We Escape If We Neglect So Great Salvation?"

The Woman's Missionary Society spent the day Saturday at the home of Mrs. Thomas Monteith. At 11 o'clock a state mission program was given. Dinner was spread on the lawn at 12:30 and a great feast was enjoyed. At 3:00 o'clock the regular monthly program on "Medical Missions" was given, and several talks were made by members of the society. A fine talk by the pastor was enjoyed. Mrs. Robert Fisher, from the Addie society was a guest for the day.

The Wednesday night prayer service was conducted by the deacons of the church. Several splendid talks were made.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Fisher and Mrs. R. W. Fisher spent Monday in Franklin.

Mrs. Ed. Fisher is in the hospital. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Mary Crumble and two daughters of Canton visited Mrs. Jennings Bryson, Wednesday.

Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Murray of Sylva were here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cope of Murphy visited at the parsonage Friday.

Mrs. A. B. Dills visited her sister, Mrs. Tom Frizzell, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Thompson of Sylva were here Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Reed and son, Olin visited Mr. John Reed and Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Bryson Sunday.

## AGENTS CALLS SEED WHEAT MEETING

(By C. W. Tilson)  
On Saturday, October 1st at 2 p. m. there will be a meeting in the county agents' office at Sylva to make definite plans for buying good seed wheat. The county agent has some very definite information on good reliable seed wheat well adapted to this section and will help the farmers secure the seed for this fall's sowing. Every farmer interested at all in getting good seed wheat this season is urged to attend this meeting and get his wheat with the others. This will be the last and only chance to get wheat this way.

## HOOPER FAMILY WILL HOLD REUNION

There will be a reunion of the Hooper family at the old Eph Hooper homestead on Caney Fork, next Sunday, September 25th. It is expected that there will be a large gathering of the members of this pioneer family of Jackson county. Dinner will be served in picnic style.

## CARD OF THANKS

The family wishes to thank our many friends and relatives for their kindness and beautiful floral offering in bereavement of our dear sister and daughter, Mrs. Sadie Gibson Dillard. Mrs. James F. Gibson, Grace A. Gibson, R. E. Gibson, Maggie L. Moody, Mrs. Nannie S. Ward, Ida B. Noland, Mrs. Cash Dillard, Mrs. J. E. Keener, Mr. J. V. Dillard, Mrs. C. D. Sanford, Mr. James Dillard, Mrs. Nannie Ward.

## A SQUARE DEAL TO THE LOCAL MERCHANT

Twenty-six merchants of Sylva placed a page advertisement in The Jackson County Journal, reading as follows:

"Do you get your tires from a firm in Chicago, then give your 'free air' business to the local dealer?"

"Do you get your clothing from a firm in New York, then give your button and thread business to the local merchant?"

Do you buy your musical instruments, your sporting goods, your jewelry from firms in other cities, then expect the local dealer to always give you just the kind of needles, fish hooks and collar buttons you want?"

"Then do you expect Sylva merchants to contribute to every movement and organization in the county that needs money, to be enthusiastic boosters and supporters of everything you're interested in, to always be delighted to do far more than their share in everything to help the town and county?"

"In other words, do you make the retailer 'the goat?' If you do, you're a 'piker,' and we don't think much of you, and that's that. Sylva merchants are far ahead of the average. They carry as attractive line as can be found anywhere, and at prices that are as low as you can get in any city, for the same quality of merchandise. A comparison with prices elsewhere will convince you that it pays to buy in Sylva."

The above may apply to any town or city anywhere. It applies to Morganton as well as Sylva. Therefore, the News-Herald is passing it along to our readers with a request that in reading it the substitute Morganton for Sylva.

The retail merchants as a rule are public spirited. In addition to paying taxes and meeting other public obligations, they are usually the first class of people called upon for special contributions and special efforts in behalf of the community welfare and upbuilding.

—Morganton News-Herald.

## JOURNAL HAS FINE CHRISTMAS LINE

The Jackson County Journal has received samples of as beautiful a line of Christmas greeting cards as could be obtained, and now has the samples on display at the office of the Journal. Drop in and see them, or call phone 158 and ask to have our representative call.

## SHERIFF ADVISES FIXING HEADLIGHTS

Sheriff Cannon has requested this paper to call attention to the law that requires all automobile owners to have their headlights tested and adjusted and the yellow certificate of the test placed on the windshield. The sheriff stated that The Higdon Motor Company is the garage that has been selected by the state to certify the headlights in this county, and that the Jackson officers are going to enforce the law, which he believes to be one of the best for the prevention of motor accidents that has yet been enacted.

## CANNONS BUY WOMAN'S SHOP

Cannon Brothers, owners of Cannon Brothers Department Store in Dillsboro, have just completed negotiations for the purchase from Mrs. Inez Carroll of the Woman's Shop, popular Sylva shop.

Mr. J. C. Cannon states that Mrs. P. W. Kincaid will be in charge of the shop in Sylva, which will be known as Cannon's ladies' and children's ready to wear, and that a large stock of merchandise for women and children will be carried. Included in the stock will be millinery, dresses, hosiery, coats and all kinds of ready to wear at prices suitable for every pocket book.

The new shop will open Saturday morning with Mrs. Kincaid in charge.

## LEAGUE CHANGES MEETING HOUR

The hour of meeting of the Epworth League has been changed from 7:00 o'clock to 6:30 each Sunday Evening, according to announcement made by Mrs. Doyle Alley, president. The League will meet at 6:30 during the fall and winter months.

## CAR SMASHES THRU CROWD KILLING TWO

Ransom Bryson and Alvin Smathers are dead and Miss Evelyn Derriek, Roy Brooks and Alvin Caldwell were injured, when an automobile driven by Charlie Scruggs smashed into a crowd of people, on Highway No. 10, below Balsam, Sunday night as the people were returning to Balsam from attending services at Pleasant Balsam Baptist church at Saunook.

Scruggs, the driver of the death car, stopped his machine as quickly as possible and rushed the injured to the hospital. Bryson was dead, when they arrived at the hospital, and Smathers expired a few minutes after ward. Caldwell is now in the hospital recovering from his injuries and Miss Derriek and Brooks were able to be removed to their homes.

Scruggs surrendered himself to the sheriff of Haywood county and is being held in bond of \$100 awaiting a hearing of the case, which is set for two o'clock Saturday afternoon in Waynesville.

According to the version of the tragedy given out by Scruggs, as reported in the daily press, he was driving toward Waynesville and meeting a Ford, with glaring headlights he was blinded and did not see the pedestrians in the road until his car was too close to them to stop.

## HAS OPERATION

Mrs. Ed. Fisher of Beta is seriously ill at the Angel Hospital in Franklin following an operation on Monday.

## DILLSBORO CLUB TO MEET

The Community Life Club of Dillsboro will meet at the Dillsboro school house tomorrow, Friday at 3:30 in the afternoon. All members and interested persons are urged to attend the meeting.

## OLD LANDMARK BURNS

The old Henry Cannon homestead, now the property of D. W. Alexander, was destroyed by fire about 11 o'clock last Wednesday morning. A small part of Mr. Alexander's furniture was saved and it is said that there was a little insurance on the building. The house, which was formerly the home of the late Henry Cannon and later of W. A. Withers, was located near the mouth of East Fork, on Savannah. Mr. Alexander bought the property from M. Buchanan about a year ago and moved his family there from Sylva.

## HOLD FUNERAL FOR AUTO VICTIMS—BALSAM

Saturday night as a crowd of people from here were walking home from attending church service at Saunook a car driven by Charlie Scruggs ran into the party killing Ransom Bryson and Alvin Smathers and badly wounding Miss Evelyn Derriek Roy Brooks and Alvin Caldwell. Mr. Caldwell is in the Candler-Tidmarsh hospital in Sylva and improving as well as can be expected. Miss Derriek and Mr. Brooks are at their respective homes and are also improving. Mr. Scruggs immediately gave himself up to the officers and gave bond. It is said that Mr. Scruggs was blinded by the lights on a Ford car that was coming towards him. We did not learn the name of the party driving the Ford. Mr. Scruggs car was wrecked. Funeral services for Mr. Bryson and Mr. Smathers were held at the Dutch Smathers cemetery near Saunook Monday morning. Rev. Kay Allen, pastor of Balsam Baptist church and Rev. Jule Carson conducted the services. The floral offerings were many and beautiful.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Knight and two children and Mrs. Knight's mothers, Mrs. Kathleen Ingram of Orlando, Fla. are visiting Mr. Knight's mother, Mrs. D. T. Knight. Mrs. Laura O'Kelley and son of Asheville visited Mrs. J. R. Warren Sunday.

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