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SYLVA HAPPY OVER INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

MEADE PAPER COMPANY PLACES HUGE PLANT HERE

All Sylva and Jackson county, and the rest of Western North Carolina, for that matter, is agog with the talk of the location of the Meade Paper Company's huge plant in Sylva, and it is frankly considered that this is the most important business transaction, for Sylva and Jackson county, that has happened in many moons.

The contracts between representatives of the Meade Paper Company and the Parsons Tanning Company were executed in Chicago last Thursday, and it is understood on the very best authority that the work of erecting the great additional plant in Sylva will begin within a very short time.

Negotiations between the two contracting companies, whereby a large interest in the Extract Plant passed to the Meade Paper Company, have been in progress since last February, and engineers, efficiency experts and other representatives of both parties have been in Sylva frequently, checking up on the capacity and output of the extract plant, and making plans and estimates of the new plant into paper at the new mill.

The Meade Paper Company, whose coming to Sylva will spell the erection of the big paper mill, is one of the major paper manufacturing concerns in the United States. It is understood that they will enter, in Sylva, for the first time in making the rougher grades of box and carton paper that will be manufactured here, and that it was with the intention of entering this field that the purchase of the large interest in the Parsons Tanning Company was consummated.

The new mill, it is understood, will be located near the junction of State Highways Nos. 10 and 106, between the Southern Railway Company's tracks and those of the Tuckasee and Southeastern Railway Company, and that in addition to this tract, which is a part of the present property of the Parsons Tanning Company that other realty will perhaps be used.

The huge plant, which will soon be in process of construction, will cost several hundred thousand dollars, it is understood, and will perhaps come up close to the million dollar mark.

It is anticipated that between three and four hundred men will begin employment in the new mill, a considerable percent of which will be highly skilled and specialized labor, earning good wages.

Not only does the coming of the additional plant assure the employment of three or four hundred more men, it was pointed out, but it also assures that the extract plant will run full time, as the present wasted byproduct of chestnut chips will be utilized, thus placing the old plant on a better paying basis.

It is understood that the plan is to take the chestnut chips that are at present burned, after the tannic acid has been boiled out of them, and transfer them to the new mill, where they will be manufactured into boxing and carton paper, to be placed on the market by the Meade Paper Company.

Mr. E. L. McKee, president of the Parsons Tanning Company, has stated that as soon as the entire plans of the company are ready that they will be made public through the press.

HOLD FUNERAL OF WRIGHT

Funeral services of Charlie Wright, nationally known hero of Whiteside Mountain, who was killed in an automobile plunge over a 350 foot embankment, near Lake Toxaway, Sunday evening, were conducted in Cashier's Valley yesterday.

Mr. Wright, who was 54 years of age, and who lived in Highlands, was one of the best known citizens of the "Sapphire Country," and who won national fame, a Carnegie gold medal from the Carnegie fund, several years ago, when he, together with Will Dillard, rescued Jess Baitly, from the face of the 2000 foot precipice on Whiteside Mountain. Articles in various newspapers and the American Magazine directed attention to Wright as one of the nation's greatest heroes, and one of the less than a dozen men who have been awarded the Carnegie Gold Medal.

Jess Baitly, a member of a picnic party, fell over the famous cliff on the mountain, catching part of a way down on a slender bush. It was then that Charlie Wright, assisted by another man, Will Dillard, climbed the face of the cliff, a task that required nearly an hour, reaching the victim of the fall just as he was about to collapse. The trip back was even more dangerous, and Wright himself collapsed from exhaustion.

It was a feat that up to that time had been considered an impossibility. Dillard, who assisted in the feat, also received a medal.

The automobile accident, which took Mr. Wright's life, Sunday night, is said to have been caused by a dense fog, which prevented him from seeing the road, as he and A. D. Bryson were driving near Lake Toxaway. Mr. Wright drove too near the edge, in the dense fog, and the damp earth gave way, plunging the touring car down a 350 foot embankment, killing Mr. Wright and dangerously injuring Mr. Bryson, by fracturing his skull.

Mr. Wright is survived by his widow and five children; Harry, Grace, Chester, Barak, and nine months old infant. His brothers and sisters surviving are: Miss Frances, who is teaching at Cullowhee, George and Bob Wright, and Mrs. Eva Saxe of Atlanta, Ga., and H. M. Wright of Cashier's Valley.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marcus Hensley, 24, to Edna Wilson 18, both of Jackson county.
James Bert Conley 28 to Lilly Mae Palmer, 26, both of Swain county.
S. H. Walker, 24 to Mabel Bradshaw, 19, both of Haywood.
Andy Robbins 22 to Violet Hall, 21, Jackson county.

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Obediah Swimmer, 21 to Sarah Jumper, 20.

lina, west of Asheville, and in addition to being at present the trading center of a large and prosperous territory, will become a manufacturing center of no mean importance. This, coupled with the large volume of tourist business that will pour into Sylva with the opening of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, will unquestionably make it a town with three principal sources of income—the great tourist business, the large agricultural interests of the surrounding territory, and manufacturing interests of large importance.

It is definitely stated on the highest authority that the paper mill at Sylva will have no offensive odor, as is often the case in paper mill towns; but that on the contrary, the process that will be used here will have no odor, and there will be even less discoloration of the water in the streams below the mill, than is the case at present.

FATHER AND SON BANQUET TONIGHT

The prospects for the father and son banquet to be held this evening have so far exceeded the most sanguine expectations of the committee from the Baptist and Methodist churches, that is promoting it, that it has been found necessary to change the place of the dinner from the Chamber of Commerce hall to the auditorium of the Central High School, in order to accommodate the large crowd that is expected to attend the meeting.

At an early hour this morning more than 150 tickets had been sold, and it is anticipated that fully 200 people will be present.

The dinner, said to be one of the most elaborate menus ever served here, is in charge of the ladies of the missionary societies of the two churches, and, with roast turkey as the basis for a start, the women of the two churches are preparing a splendid banquet.

Mr. M. D. Cowan will preside as toastmaster, and Rev. Joe S. Hiatt, pastor of the West Asheville Methodist church will be the principal speaker. Other features on the program will be congregational singing, led by Mr. W. C. Reed, principal of Sylva Collegiate Institute, a toast "To our Dads," by Mr. Edwin Allison, one "To Our Mothers," by John Parris, Jr., and another "To Our Sons," by Mr. C. C. Buchanan.

The committee in charge of the arrangements announce that the change of meeting place to the Central High School, and additional cooks at work preparing the meal, will assure that all who wish to attend the meeting will be cared for.

SERVICE FOR YOUNG FOLKS SUNDAY MORNING

The services at the Methodist church in Sylva Sunday morning will be special for the young people of the congregation. The pastor, Rev. George Clemmer, will speak on "Some Things Young People Ought to Remember." A feature of the service will be the part the young people take in it themselves. The singing will be led by a Junior choir. William McKee will lead in the reading of the Scripture lessons. Edgar Moody and John Wilson will serve as ushers and take the offering.

The pastor and officials of the church, acting upon a request of the Junior members of the congregation, have made this arrangement permanent. The second Sunday morning in each month will be devoted to the interests of the young people. Adults are invited and will be welcome to attend these services, but the young people and their interests will be to the fore.

In the evening at 7:30, Mr. Clemmer will preach at Dillsboro. The service will be especially for church members and leaders of the church. "The Method and Ministry of Work" will be the subject of the sermon. The public is cordially invited. Following is the order of the morning service of worship:

Morning worship
Voluntary. Opening Hymn No. 16, "Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us."
The Apostles' Creed; Prayer, concluding with The Lord's Prayer; Responsive reading No. 14; Second Scripture lesson Ecclesiastes 12:1-7; Hymn No. 56, "Give Of Your Best To The Master." Announcements; Offering; Sermon: "Some Things Young People Ought to Remember." Hymn No. 72, "I Choose Jesus." Benediction.

BETA SCHOOL TO GIVE MINSTREL

There will be a Negro minstrel show at the Beta school house, Saturday evening, at seven o'clock, given by members of the students body and faculty. An admission charge of 15c and 25c will be made, and the proceeds will be used for purposes of the school.

Cold weather is coming so it would be a good plan to look after the radiator and the battery of the old family car.

SYLVA BALMY WHILE STATE FREEZES

Saturday and Sunday the whole of North Carolina was freezing. Haywood county was under a blanket of snow. Buncombe was snow-covered, all east of there was coated with heavy snow or inches of icy sleet. Three men froze to death at different places in the state east of the Blue Ridge. As for Sylva and the country "West of the Balsams" the weather ran true to form. There were no unusual manifestations of the weather. There fell, it is true, a lot of much needed rain, which soon faded away and the balmy sunshine bathed the country west of the Balsams, while east of them the people shivered, and slid along at their various tasks. Telephone and telegraphic communication was greatly handicapped and many lines were out for hours.

The towering peaks of the Balsam and Smoky Ranges were covered with deep snow, but west of the Balsams the storm did not penetrate down into the valleys and not a flake of snow fell. The contrast was so marked that every traveller coming across the mountains congratulated the people of Sylva upon their fortunate winter climate.

The winter climate west of the Balsams is one of the most remarkable freaks of the weather, and it can be safely said that there is the finest winter climate in North Carolina, for time after time, winter after winter the same contrast exists as was noticed the first of this week.

BUY LICENSE TAGS NOW

Within a few weeks, a majority of the Nation's 22,000,000 motor car owners will be faced with the necessity of acquiring new license plates, says A. J. Dills, Secretary of the Carolina Motor Club who suggests that the individual can save himself considerable trouble and inconvenience if he resolves now to put this task behind him before the last minute rush.

"Every year," says Mr. Dills, "motorism goes through the same few days merely because so many car owners defer the purchase of their new tags until the last minute. If the proposition of getting next year's plates was spread out over six weeks or more as the motor vehicle authorities make provision for, car owners would save themselves a tremendous amount of time, irritation and inconvenience.

"New plates are inevitable. One must have them to use a car. Why not acquire them well ahead of time?"

"In connection with the purchase of new license tags, the car owner would do well to check over his registration card or title to determine if the official record of it is straight. It frequently happens that serial or engine numbers are registered incorrectly, through clerical or other error, and then, in case a car is stolen, recovery is made that much more difficult.

NEW FORD ON DISPLAY AT HIGDON'S

The first of the new Fords to come into Jackson county is on display today at the Higdon Motor company, and large crowds of people have been visiting the show rooms to get an eye full of the new Ford.

The best Christmas for the farm housewife this year would be running water in the home, says one farm woman.

LARGE POWER DEVELOPMENT PLANNED BY COL. C. J. HARRIS

NO. 28 GRADED TO THE NANTAHALA

Franklin Press, Dec. 1

Less than six months ago people contemplating a trip to the Black Place, west of the Nantahala Mountains, hesitated to start because of the bad road crossing this famous range. Now there is a different story to tell. The steam shovel has worked its way across from the eastern slope and is now three miles beyond Wallace Gap. A half mile further and the grading will have reached the "River of the Noon-day Sun" at the home of that estimable citizen and famous pioneer Charlie Slagle. From there to Black Gap at the Clay county line is only a short distance. Whether the grading can be completed to Black Gap before winter sets in is a matter of doubt but probably not. One can now reach the saw mill at the Littleton place, a distance of 17 or 18 miles from Franklin within 30 or 40 minutes after leaving town. Just at present the road is in excellent condition, but when the rains of winter come the road will become almost impassable due to the nature of the soil through which the highway is graded.

All along the new grade beyond Wallace Gap new residences are going up. Everywhere one sees evidences of prosperity in the beautiful valley of the Nantahala, approximately 3,500 feet above the level of the sea.

JUDGE MOORE HAS HEAVY DOCKET

According to the Brevard News Judge Walter E. Moore faced an unusually heavy docket when he convened Transylvania county court, Monday morning.

It is probable that as many as 150 cases will be on the docket, the majority of which are liquor cases. Ten dissatisfied husbands and wives are asking for a divorce, breaking the fine record set by this county last year, when not a divorce was granted throughout the whole year. Some one half dozen divorce cases have already been disposed of since January, 1, 1927, and a large number making application at the coming court will bring the county to the forefront in this unusually heavy demand for legal separation.

J. Will Pless, Jr., solicitor of this district will prosecute the criminal docket for the state.

HONOR ROLL FOR GLENVILLE SCHOOL

First Grade—Billie Corbin, Thomas Corbin, Chris Robinson, Emma Lee Fisher, Helen Jennings, Louise Lusk, Bessie Lee Wilson,

Second Grade—Christine Bryson, Carl Bryson, Clyde Bryson Bickett Bryson Riddell Breedlove, Clinton Lusk, Myrtle Leopard, Harold Monteith,

Third Grade—Zell Bryson, Carl Bryson, Lillian Fisher, Cordelia Hoxit, Nellie Johnson, Ada Jennings, Annie Leopard, Ruth Moss, Margaret Monteith, Lewis Pressley.

Fourth Grade—Ransy Bryson, Corsey Bryson.

Fifth Grade—Mary Johnson, Michael Johnson, Leata Moss, Winifred Alexander, Nola Breedlove, Everard Lusk, Gordon Jennings, Neil Bryson.

Sixth Grade—Glenn Jennings Edith Calhoun, Leslie Norton.

Seventh Grade—Candler Bryson Volle Lanning, Ray Pressley, Cecil Bryson, Arthur Bryson.

Eighth Grade—Annie Alexander, Mae Alexander, Jessie Bryson, Mary Edwards, Edith Henderson, Arlin Fowler, Lillian Robinson, Dorothy Wilson, Guy Zachary.

Ninth Grade—Phoebe Evitt, Roy Henson.

Tenth Grade—Lucile Long, Edith Norton.

It is understood on good authority, while the officials of the company have made no announcement of their plans, that a big power development at Dillsboro is being planned by Col. Charles J. Harris, Jackson county capitalist and principal owner of the Dillsboro and Sylva Electric Light Company. It is said that the project will probably be under way within a very short time, in anticipation of the largely increased need for electric current in the territory, within the immediate future.

It is said that the plans call for the erection of a large dam, on the Tuckasee River, below the mouth of Scott's creek, and the drilling of a tunnel through the Tunnel Mountain, a considerable distance, giving the river a fall of some 63 feet from the dam to the power plant, which is to be erected at the mouth of the tunnel. This project, it is understood will create large amounts of hydroelectric power.

The property where the development is to be made, has been in the possession of Col. Harris for a number of years, he having bought some years ago, with the idea in mind of making the development when conditions in Sylva and the adjacent territory would justify the expenditure of the large amounts of money that will be necessary to complete it.

It is understood that a number of improvements will be made at the present power house, immediately.

FAMILY REUNION

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Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Sullivan, of Hayesville received an unusual surprise for Thanksgiving Day. They were expecting their daughter, Mrs. Floyd Johnston, her husband and children, of Madisonville, Tenn., to spend Thanksgiving with them. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston and children arrived about seven o'clock Tuesday evening. A few hours later another daughter, Mrs. Vern Swan, her husband and little son, of Asheville arrived, and a few minutes later another car drove up and Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Carrol of Atlanta, alighted. Mrs. Carrol is also a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Sullivan. Wednesday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bales and children, of Sylva, arrived and Thursday morning Mr. and Mrs. Poe Crawford and children of Elf came. This completed the family circle. Father and mother, five daughters and sons-in-law and ten grandchildren.

MRS. J. T. HAYES DIES

Mrs. M. Buchanan, Mrs. M. D. Cowan and Mr. J. D. Cowan were called to Tomotla, Sunday, because of the death of Mrs. J. T. Hayes. Mrs. Hayes had been in poor health for a long time.

The funeral services were held on Monday.

Among those surviving is Miss Kate Hayes, who taught in the Sylva schools for several years.

REPUBLICANS WILL MEET IN KANSAS CITY

The national Republican executive committee, yesterday, chose Kansas City, Mo., as the meeting place of the 1928 convention, and the convention will be called to order on June 12.

LYRIC TO SHOW WHAT PRICE GLORY TOMORROW

What Price Glory, from the stage triumph of the same name, by Lawrence Stallings, another of the great epics of the screen, will be shown at the Lyric Theatre tomorrow and Saturday.