

Western County Journal

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\$2.00 the Year in Advance Outside County

E. L. McKee PAPERBOARD COMPANY

Mr. E. L. McKee will be the manager and vice-president of the Sylva Paperboard Company, the newly incorporated company brought about through the merger of the interests of Parsons Tanning Company and the Meade Paper Company, as is learned on local authority.

The president of the new company is John G. Sutherland, of Dayton, Ohio, it is learned.

Mr. McKee has been the head of, and had the management of the Tannery and Extract Plant at Sylva for a long term of years, and has been greatly interested in the undertaking of utilizing the chips from the extract plant by making them into paperboard.

It is understood, as announced in the Journal several weeks ago, that the work of erecting the new paper plant will begin sometime this month, and engineers and others perfecting the plans preliminary to the beginning of operations are already in Sylva.

It was pointed out that while the Sylva Paperboard Company's plant is to be located in Sylva, that it is by no means a local concern; but one that spends immense amounts of money and gives employment to many people throughout the counties of Western North Carolina. Last year the Parsons Tanning Company bought chestnut wood from practically every county in the mountains.

The government is urging that the people harvest their chestnut as rapidly as possible, in view of the blight, and it is predicted that chestnut as a source of wealth will be exhausted within fifty years, on account of the pest. It is unquestionably true that the extract plants cannot possibly consume all available chestnut within that period.

Hence, it is stated that the new Sylva concern is not coming into this section in competition with any other plant, but to the contrary is welcomed by all of them, and should, and will prove of great advantage to the entire section by giving continuous and additional market to the chestnut timber of the Southern Appalachians, which has no protection from the South American tanning products.

Another feature that is advanced concerning the new plant is that it will make into marketable paperboard the chestnut chips that are at present a dead waste, and will probably be the forerunner of other plants of the same character that will come to Western North Carolina.

The product to be manufactured in Sylva will in no way conflict with products of any other Western North Carolina plant as the only paper in the same class manufactured in the United States at present is the straw board of the Middle West.

By assuring the operation of the tanning extract plant, through the entire year, without interruption caused by the importation of South American products, the new paper mill will afford a continuous market for large quantities of chestnut wood, and will thereby create a source of income for farmers in all Western North Carolina and give employment to many men throughout the entire section of the state.

Officials of the company emphatically state that there will be no pollution of streams or offensive odor from the mill.

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

The services Sunday morning at the Sylva Methodist church will be special for the young people. Adults will be welcome and are cordially invited to attend, but the service has been planned for the Junior congregation. The pastor will speak on "Lindbergh—Lucky, Or Plucky?" The singing will be led by the Junior choir. Rev. H. H. Ford will read the Scripture, Ford King Jr. and Mack Hooper will serve as ushers and take the offering. This is the second in a series of special services planned for the young people through the year.

In the evening at 7:30 Mr. Clemmer will conduct the first preaching service in the New Year at Dillsboro. The sermon will be a New Year message. The subject is "Facing Forward."

Following is the order of services for the day: Sunday schools convene at 10 a. m. Morning worship 11 a. m. Voluntary; Opening hymn No. 144, "True-Hearted, Whole-Hearted," The Apostle's Creed; Prayer, concluding with the Lord's Prayer; Responsive reading No. 16, 24th Psalm; Second Scripture lesson Isaiah 40:25-31; Announcements; Offering; Hymn No. 17, "Teach Me To Be True." Talk: "Lindbergh-Lucky or Plucky?" Hymn No. 60, "Footsteps of Jesus"; Benediction.

Epworth League, Sylva at 6:30. Mary Allison leader. Evening services 7:30. Voluntary; Opening hymn No. 32, "Come Thou Almighty King." Responsive reading No. 307, Prayer; New Testament lesson Philippians 3:7-14; Announcements; Offering; Hymn No. 123, "More Love To Thee." Sermon: "Facing Forward." Closing hymn No. 58, "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah." Benediction.

BALSAM

Miss Katie Kenney returned to Asheville Normal School, after spending the holidays with her parents.

Mr. A. P. Edwards of San Francisco, spent Christmas with his sisters, Mrs. D. T. Knight and Mrs. W. B. Farwell. He left Tuesday for New York, stopping over in Danville and Chatham, Va., to visit relatives and friends for a few days.

Miss Mary George Howell and Master Joe Howell have returned from spending the Christmas holidays with their grandparents in Spartanburg, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ensley and Doris, of Asheville spent Christmas Day with his mother, Mrs. H. P. Ensley.

Mrs. Will Reed returned Sunday from Franklin hospital where she underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Miss Hannah Warren of Asheville spent Christmas Day here with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Knight and little William Balfour, Miss Nannie Knight, Mrs. W. B. Farwell and Mrs. D. T. Knight visited Mrs. Harry Roths in Waynesville, Friday.

Miss Louise Arrington entertained many of her friends Tuesday evening. Delicious refreshments were served.

Balsam had snow for New Year and now below zero weather. But as Bill Arp used to say, "When it gets below 20, there isn't much difference. Anyway at present, we feel very much 'frez up'."

The teachers returned and school began on time Monday the 2nd. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Christy and Master Paul were here with relatives Christmas.

The Methodist Sunday school gave candy, oranges, toys and other gifts to each member Christmas Day.

Misses Ida Mae Oward, Evelyn Greca and Marie Coward were joint hostesses Friday night to the most enjoyable party of the holidays. The square dance was the feature of the evening and needless to say all had a merry time. Messrs. Carl Phillips and Beacom Hughes of Cullowhee added much to the success of the party. Topping sandwiches and coffee was served.

HOLD FUNERAL FOR S. G. ALLISON

Funeral services for S. G. Allison, who passed on at his home in Sylva, Monday morning, were conducted at the Methodist church at 10 o'clock Tuesday by Rev. Geo. Clemmer, pastor, and Rev. J. G. Mayers, pastor of the Baptist church. Interment was in Old Field cemetery, Beta, the services at the grave being conducted by the members of both churches.

Mr. Allison was born at East Liberty in this county, June 25, 1852, and passed on at his home in Sylva at 10:30 o'clock January 2, being 75 years, 7 months and 7 days of age.

He is survived by his widow, six children, 30 grandchildren and great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends. He was twice married. His first marriage was to Magdalene Fisher, on March 13, 1870. To them were born 8 children, 5 sons, Rufus, who is deceased, Cary, of Sylva, Birch Allison of Asheville, C. L. Allison and L. C. Cande Allison both of Sylva, and 3 daughters, Mrs. Mary Hyatt, of Bryson City, Mrs. Bessie Forkner, of Atlanta, and Mrs. Florence Varner, of Whittier.

His first wife preceded him to the great beyond on March 18, 1891. In May 1897 Mr. Allison was again married to Miss Blanche Moore, who survives him, and to them were born two children, Miss Evelyn Allison and Fred Allison, who both live with their parents in Sylva.

Mr. Allison was known as one of the best citizens of Jackson county. He made his home, until a few years ago, on his farm in Barker's Creek township, and was one of the leading farmers of the county. He later built a home in Sylva and lived here, but continued his farming at Barker's Creek.

He was a life-long member and active worker in the Methodist church, always attendant upon its services and loyally doing his part in the work of the church.

He was a Mason for many years, a good citizen, known and loved from one end of Jackson county to the other, as a man who loved his community, his county his state, his country, and his neighbors, and was always to serve them.

QUALLA

Las two weeks—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hughes and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hughes have returned from a visit with relatives in Asheville.

Mrs. W. F. Battle visited friends at Sandy Mush.

On December 21, Qualla school gave entertainment with Christmas tree. The teachers all went away to their homes to spend the holidays.

Most of our young folks who are away teaching or attending school came home to spend Christmas vacation.

Mr. Clyde Marcus and family of Andrews visited among relatives.

On Saturday Mr. G. T. Cooper and family of Sylva, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Owen and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gibson were dinner guests at Mr. H. G. Ferguson's.

Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. C. Hughes gave a supper reception to a number of friends. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hoyie, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hughes, Misses Marv Battle, Annie Terrell, Viola Grooms, Ida Battle, Edna and Claudia Hoyle Messrs. Luther and Carl Hoyle, C. B. Terrell, Jack Battle, Frank Battle and Ted Grooms.

Rev. J. R. Church and family of Andrews, Messrs. J. H. and D. C. Hughes and Miss Gertrude Ferguson spent Tuesday at Mr. J. K. Terrell's.

Prof. W. E. Bird and family spent a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bird.

Mr. H. R. Queen and Miss Sadie Queen of Sylva called at Mr. J. E. Hoyle's.

Mrs. S. J. Beck is visiting relatives at Sylva.

Mr. P. C. Shelton and family visited Mr. J. E. Rogers at Whittier.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Snyder of Willets and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Norton of Whittier visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Hall.

FAILURE TO PAY PLEDGES HANDICAPS PARK

Asheville January 3.—The Asheville Times carried an interview today, with Senator Plato D. Ebbs, treasurer of the North Carolina Park Commission, in which Mr. Ebbs stated that the failure of the friends of the park to pay their pledges promptly has greatly embarrassed the commission and is delaying the work of getting the park established.

The interview follows: Delay in the payment of pledges to the fund for the proposed Great Smoky Mountains National park means postponing the creation and opening of the great eastern playground, Senator Plato D. Ebbs, treasurer of the North Carolina park commission, warned Tuesday.

North Carolina pledges now due total \$225,000, Senator Ebbs said. Of the \$150,000 which fell due Jan. 1, 1927, only about \$75,000 has been paid, he explained, and \$150,000 additional fell due Tuesday, the first business day of 1928. The remaining \$150,000 will fall due Jan. 1, 1929.

"We need the money represented by the pledges now due in order to complete the survey of the lands and the appraisal of the timber," Senator Ebbs said. "Even if we had in hand every cent needed to purchase the park lands, we should not be able to proceed until the survey had been completed. We are exceedingly anxious to complete the survey by the time the purchase fund has been secured in order that there may be no delay in the development and opening of the park."

The survey, directed by W. N. Sloan of Franklin, and the timber appraisal, supervised by Verne Rhoades of Asheville, forester for the state park commission, have been proceeding rapidly, Senator Ebbs said. Appraisal of the spruce timber has been completed, he stated. Severe weather has necessitated suspension of the work since the Christmas holidays, but it is hoped the operations may be resumed about Feb. 1, Senator Ebbs said.

Maj. W. A. Welch, head of the national campaign to raise funds to supplement the \$4,500,000 provided by bond issues and popular subscriptions in North Carolina and Tennessee, has assured leaders of park movement in this state that his work is progressing satisfactorily. Senator Ebbs said. Since Maj. Welch is doing his work quietly through personal contacts, there has been no definite announcement as to the results he had accomplished.

NATION HAS SHIVERED ALL WEEK

The past week has been one of the coldest in many years throughout the South and the entire nation has been held in the grip of the cold. Sylva, while shivering every night, was one of the warmest places in the state, the lowest temperature here being 2 above zero, Tuesday morning, Hendersonville 7 below. The days in Sylva have been featured with bright sun shine and the mercury has climbed into the twenties every day.

One of the coldest spots recorded was on Mount Leconte, in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

A party of scientists from Yale, Cornell College, Ohio State and Lehigh Universities and the United States Bureau of Plant Industry, found the mercury 20 degrees below zero on top of Mount Leconte during a week end visit to the top of the highest peak, save Mount Mitchell, in the Smoky Mountains.

In spite of a log fire three feet high they were unable to sleep in a cabin. Water froze in a bucket 20 feet from the fire. None of the party was able to sleep.

Nevertheless, when the party of 4 men returned to Knoxville they said they had enjoyed the trip.

The scientists had attended the meeting of the American association for the advancement of science at Nashville last week.

Getting a supply of pure seed is one of the best paying jobs of winter. When planting time comes, it is too late to spend many days in the search for desirable varieties.

C. W. DENNING COMPANY BUYS HAYWOOD COUNTY LAND

M'LEAN PICTURE OF CAROLINA AS RESORT ALLURING

Raleigh, Jan. 4.—Writing in the recent edition of the New York Herald-Tribune Governor A. W. McLean painted a vivid and alluring picture of the resort possibilities offered in North Carolina, both as they apply to summer and winter tourist travel.

The Governor touches on all phases of the diversified activity afforded and closed his article with a tribute to the network of highways that have drawn the people of the State into one large family and affording excellent travel for the visitor coming into the State.

His article follows: "That section of North Carolina known as 'The Land of the Sky' and long famous as a vacation and referred to as 'The Playground of Eastern America.' The coastal section of the State also has become a resort of nation wide reputation, the development having received much impetus during the last few years because of unusual activity in building resort hotels and cottages to care for the many tourists who visit that section.

"While those parts of North Carolina have been attractive largely because of the cool and refreshing summers, tourists who arrived early or stayed late often prolong their visits into the winter months because of the short and mild season. As a result the mountain and coastal areas of the State have become almost as important as winter resorts as they have been attractive to summer tourists.

"The sandhill section of North Carolina, particularly in the national resort area, particularly in the nationally known and highly developed sections around Pinehurst and Southern Pines.

"North Carolina as a whole offers to the tourist both summer and winter relief—from heat and cold, for its seasons are extremely mild. They offer striking contrast to the heat of large cities and flat lands in summer and to the penetrating cold of more northern portions of the country in the winter.

"Resort sections have been made easily accessible. Three great lines of railroad cross the State from North to South, with splendid east and west lines and connections. Probably more attractive still are the several thousands of miles of hard-surfaced highways that have been developed into a network covering the state and placing all sections within easy reach by automobile. Excellent trans-continental highways enter North Carolina from north, south and west.

"Winter sports and recreational activities include hunting, fishing, horseback riding, golfing, polo, and others. Weather conditions permit such activities practically every day during the winter months, the air being particularly invigorating and bracing.

"North Carolina offers much to the visitor interested in industrial development, in educational progress, in historical incidents and in natural resources. She has her coastal plains and seashore, her piedmont plateaus and high mountains all within a day's journey, even over 600 miles of her length. The excellent road system she has been developing during the last few years has brought her people closer together, so it does not take long to mingle with the fisher folk on the eastern coast, the fruit and truck growers of the sandhills, the industrial workers of the piedmont section and the rugged mountaineers of the western area.

"The people of North Carolina extend to tourists from other states a cordial invitation to visit the state and see for themselves just what remarkable development has come about during recent years—fish in her lakes or mountain streams, follow the bounds or shoot quail over her fields and woods, ride spirited horses over her bridal paths and mountain roads, sport on her golf links and polo fields, or engage in any of the many other forms of sport and recreation she has to offer.

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Announcement is made of the purchase by C. W. Denning and Company, Sylva manufacturers and whole salers of lumber, of a 7,000 acre tract of timber land in Haywood county from the Suncrest Lumber Company.

The new owners of the tract will begin operations at once, it was announced, but will continue to maintain their offices and headquarters at Sylva, where they have been located for several years, during which time they have operated several large boundaries in Jackson, Swain, and other Western North Carolina counties.

Mr. C. W. Denning, of Sylva, is president of the company, Mr. I. H. Powell, also of Sylva, is secretary and treasurer, and Mr. C. Boies is vice president. Mr. T. J. Powell, who has been in charge of field work for the company, in this county, will move to the new location in Haywood.

AMMON CONNECTS WITH CULLOWHEE Brevard News, Dec 27.—L. A. Ammon farm agent of Transylvania county for the past several years, has accepted the position as manager of the farm at the Cullowhee State Normal, in Jackson county. Mr. Ammon will make a specialty of truck farming and dairying, according to modern agricultural methods, gained from his wide practical experience and theoretical knowledge along this line of business. The products of the farm will be consumed by the students of the school, while any surplus will be placed on the market for sale.

Mr. Ammon will assume his new duties, for which he is so well fitted, on January 1, and he, together with Mrs. Ammon and their two little daughters, will leave this week for their new home in the adjoining county.

FIVE BELOW ZERO AT COWARTS

Cowarts, Jan. 2.—Down this morning found this community, and all of Caney Fork Township shivering. The temperature at one point was five degrees below zero. Right much damage was done from freezing and early today merchants reported burst-egg, broken vinegar jars, etc. This is the coldest weather of the winter.

Miss Robanna Griggs, a member of the school faculty here, returned to the community late Sunday after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Griggs of Harbinger, N. C.

Miss Ruth Nicholson, Mr. Griffin Middleton, Mr. John Middleton and Mr. Jesse Smith of this place were guests of Miss Deane Parker at a party at her home in Sylva Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Oles Lovedahl of Hazelwood returned home last week after spending the holidays here with Mr. Lovedahl's father, Mr. J. L. Lovedahl.

R. N. Hanson and W. E. Smith of this place were in Asheville on business on Friday of last week.

Those from Cowarts seeing "Ben Hur" at the New Lyric Theatre last week were Elnor Arrington, Ruth Nicholson, W. H. Smith, Griffin Middleton, John Middleton and Jesse Smith.

Liver is a valuable addition to the family diet says Miss Mary Thomas nutrition specialist at State College. It is rich in vitamins and iron.

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