

The Jackson County Journal

\$1.50 the Year in Advance in the County

Sylva, N. C., Thursday, August 2, 1928

\$2.00 the Year in Advance Outside County

CLUB SHORT COURSE NOW IN SESSION

Raleigh, N. C., July 31.—With an expected attendance of between 800 and 1,000 for boys and girls, the annual state 4-H club short course held at State College during the week of July 30 to August 4 will likely be one of the principal farm events in North Carolina this year.

"Our four-H clubs are better organized in all parts of North Carolina than ever before," says L. R. Harrell, club agent. "The program for our annual state encampment has been in the course of preparation for some weeks and we have a balanced meeting in which play and recreation will take an important place along with the courses of instruction. For the boys we shall start the day with a swim at 6:30 o'clock each morning. Then after breakfast, the young men will go to their classes in poultry, livestock, farm shops and field crops. Games, sightseeing, rest, and recreation will be the program for the afternoons."

Miss Maude E. Wallace, in charge of the girls club work, has arranged courses in food and health, clothing, room improvement, recreation, poultry and culture. House mothers who will have charge of the girls during the week are Misses Mattie Lee Cooley, Ethel Nice and Daisy Caldwell and Mrs. Sabrie Williams Reid. Several of the home agents have been selected to aid in the teaching work also. Miss Ella Gardner of Washington, D. C., will have the courses in recreation for the girls and Miss Fannie Buchanan of a leading talking machine company will teach music appreciation.

The young folks will need little spending money during the week. The actual cost of the camp is \$7.50 per person, this to include all charges for room and board, laboratory fees and other incidentals. The young people will be divided into groups with competent leaders in charge and some responsible person will be on duty with them each minute of their stay.

ANNUAL FARM MEETING WAS GREAT SUCCESS

Raleigh, N. C., July 31.—Despite a lower attendance than in previous years, the 26th annual State Farmer's and Farm Women's convention held at State College during the week of July 23 was a great success.

Total registration for rooms was about 300 below that for last summer due largely to delayed crops, the tobacco harvest and low prices for early truck crops in eastern Carolina. However, on Thursday, a few over 1,000 persons had registered and hundreds of others had driven in for some part of the program and did not desire rooms. The men were greatly outnumbered by the rural women, many of whom left their husbands at home with the crops and children, so that the advantage might be taken of the annual short course for farm women which was a part of the convention exercises this year.

In fact, some of the main features of the program were arranged for the ladies. Five were honored with the title of Master Farm Homemaker. These were Mrs. J. E. Corriher of China Grove; Mrs. W. B. Lamb, Garland; Mrs. A. R. Poyner, Moyock; Mrs. W. T. Whitsett, Whitsett and Mrs. W. D. Graham, Mt. Ulla. Four others were awarded certificates for having attended four short courses. These were Mrs. Henry Middleton of Warsaw; Mrs. S. B. Nash, Franklinton; Mrs. Martha Jackson, Cooper and Mrs. C. M. Rhodes, Zebulon.

Excellent programs were provided in each of the sectional meetings. The general meetings held each day at eleven o'clock carried the principal addresses of the convention. Questions pertaining to all phases of farm life were discussed from feeding children to forming state organizations of farmers. The program was almost entirely a made-in-Carolina affair. Only one person from outside of the State was invited to speak. The program was also featured by the larger number of practical farmers and farm women having part in the proceedings than in past years.

While meat cannot compare with fish meal as a supplementary feed for hogs according to recent tests made at the North Carolina Experiment Station.

SURVEY OF SPRING FIRE SEASON

The State Forest Service divides the calendar year into two parts for the purposes of convenience in making up the records. The first six months constitute the Spring Fire Season and the last six months the Fall Fire Season. At the end of each season figures upon the fires therein are worked up and compared with figures for previous seasons, thus acting as a sort of barometer of the Service's progress.

A resume of the past six months, constituting the Spring Fire Season of 1928, shows the occurrence of 179 fires in the nine cooperating counties of District One. Three of the western counties, Clay, Cherokee and Graham are not now working with the state and no accurate data on fire occurrence in them are kept.

Of these 179 fires, Buncombe had the most, with 32, and Macon had the fewest with 10. The other counties ranged between these two. However, the actual number of fires burning does not constitute the best criterion of a county organization's work, since the more thickly settled counties are much more liable to fire occurrence than those where population is sparse. And this is true because about 98 percent of our fires in this part of the United States are man-caused. A better indication, then of a county's standing is found in the figures showing total acreage burned and the average number of acres burned per fire. Madison county had the best record in total acreage burned, the figure being 399 acres. Swain county, with an average of 34 acres per fire, held the best record in that respect. Incidentally, Swain's record is noteworthy because the county re-entered the organization in February, after an absence of a year.

The average record for the nine counties of the District is as follows: Total acres under protection 1,895,000 Total acres burned 8,910 Total number of fires 179 Average acres per fire 49.7 Percent of protected area burned, less than 1-2 of 1 percent.

Total actual fire-fighting costs throughout the District amounted to about \$1900, or an average of something over \$10 per fire. The 130 county and District Wardens spent about \$1300 in first prevention, educational, and administrative work looking toward attainment of the Service's goal of PREVENTING fires.

An interesting point in connection with finances is the fact that 350 men donated their time and effort on various fires during the season. These men are classed as volunteers, and the increase in their number during recent seasons indicates growing appreciation of the work of the Forest Service.

All moneys spent in this work come equally from the various county treasuries and the State treasury. The State's work with a county is always on the basis of a 50-50 maximum appropriation. This system has the advantage of stimulating local interest in the stamping out of fires because local money is invested in the work. Its weak point is, of course, the fact that cooperation on the part of the county is purely voluntary. Present county annual appropriations in District One are as follows:

Buncombe	1000
Haywood	400
Henderson	300
Jackson	500
Macon	400
Madison	500
Polk	300
Swain	500
Tennessee	400

On the whole, these appropriations are low. Their average is much lower than in the eastern part of the State, where appropriations of \$2000 and \$2500 are not at all uncommon. However, the mountain counties have established very good fire records, despite this handicap.

A very important phase of the work of the Forest Service is law enforcement. North Carolina boasts of a good set of laws looking toward the curbing of the forest fire menace, and this enforcement is left largely to the Forest Wardens. District One, during this Spring Season, had 7 prosecutions under these laws, 5 of which were won and 2 of which are still pending. A total of \$58.75 was collected in fines and court costs. This money of course went to the counties in which collected. Further-



Which Road will Lead To The White House?

The Republican and Democratic candidates for the presidency and the houses wherein they were born are pictured above. As can be easily seen, Alfred E. Smith, Herbert Hoover is the product of a small town and Alfred E. Smith the product of a big city.

Men from the country and city both have attained the highest office in the land.

This year, which will be the victor—a city or a country product? This supreme test—the contest between a Small City and a Big City product—is engaging the attention of the entire country. Everyone is wondering and asking: "Smith or Hoover? Which?"

CANTON OFFICER FREED OF MURDER CHARGE

Canton Enterprise, July 20.—According to word received here Thursday noon, Jake B. Parham was found not guilty of the murder of E. W. Bell, whom he shot and killed here on the night of June 2.

The case was begun at the Haywood County Superior Court in Waynesville, Monday morning, and went to the jury Wednesday afternoon. A verdict of not guilty was given shortly before noon Thursday.

Bell was shot by officer Parham, then night policeman in Canton about ten o'clock on Saturday night, June 2, following a mix-up between the two when Parham attempted to arrest Bell, alleging the latter to be under the influence of whiskey and causing a disturbance. On Monday following the tragedy bond was fixed for Parham at \$4,000 pending the hearing of the case at the July term of court.

The State sought to show that Bell had stopped to rest, and asked a verdict of second degree murder. The defense entered a plea of self defense, showing that Bell stopped in a side street, and the officer testified that he thought Bell was about to lunge at him or to draw a gun.

Attorneys for the defense were J. Bat Smathers of Asheville, S. M. Robinson of Canton and J. W. Ferguson of Waynesville; while the solicitor was assisted by T. A. C. Clark of Canton, Morgan, Ward and Stamey of Waynesville.

This is the second murder case to be disposed of during the present term of court. The case of Hopkins vs. Hopkins of the Big Creek section, was completed when a verdict of not guilty was given. The self defense plea was also offered in this case.

more, 11 parties responsible for setting out fire carelessly were billed for the suppression costs, and paid a total of \$92.76 to the State and county treasuries. The landowners, on whose property fires occurred also paid \$13.88 into these treasuries as suppression costs.

In summation, 13 parties paid \$106.64 as reimbursement to State and county for fire-fighting costs. The Forest Service, of course, keeps rather accurate data on each fire that occurs within a cooperating county, and these figures constitute one of the best answers to the occasionally-voiced claim that fires in the woods do little or no damage. During the Spring Season, for example, Forest Wardens estimated the following damage done by the 179 fires in the District:

To merchantable timber	\$5,246
To young growth	13,577
To improvements, crops etc.	5,741
Total	\$24,564

In other words, the average fire this spring burned 49.7 acres, cost \$10.50 to suppress, and did damage to the extent of \$137. Is it to be wondered at that the Forest Service regards Fire Prevention as its primary mission, rather than merely fire suppression? The best and easiest way to fight a fire is to keep it from starting.

SYLVA BAPTIST ENCAMPMENT BEGINS AUGUST 17

A large number of Baptist workers, pastors, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. people are expected to be in attendance at the Baptist Encampment, beginning at Sylva Collegiate Institute August 17, and continuing through August 24.

Dr. A. B. Wood, Pastor of the First Church of Maxton, Dr. Fred F. Brown, Pastor of the First Church of Knoxville, Miss Gladys H. Beck, State Elementary Sunday School Secretary, Perry Morgan, State Sunday School Secretary, A. V. Washburn, State Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. worker, Dr. W. R. Cullum, of the chair of Bible of Wake Forest College, Miss Winnie Rickett, State Junior and Intermediate B. Y. P. U. worker, and other Baptist leaders of North Carolina and the Southland are on the program for the encampment.

There will be a registration fee of \$1.00; and room and board will be furnished at Sylva Collegiate Institute at \$1.00 per day.

OUR SOURCES OF NEW WEALTH

Hollowell's Mountain Farmer. New sources of income for Western North Carolina and the development in agriculture in its various branches as the quickest source of great potential wealth were discussed in our last number with the promise that we would turn next to the opportunities and duties of business and professional men of the cities in the promotion of more profitable farming.

Farmers have been too content to "hoe their own row" and to foster distrust of city interests while businessmen have too long satisfied themselves with "letting well enough alone" to secure that wholesome independent farm life with an assured modern plane of living somewhat on a par with that of the city or in keeping with what the farmer's hard labor deserves.

If agriculture is to come into its own and reward the efforts of those who labor in the fields there must be an awakening to the necessity for the use of more labor-saving machinery, more economical production and more business-like methods of marketing.

This calls for outliving distrust, prejudice and antagonism on the part of the farmer and more sympathetic interest on the part of the business men of the city.

The balance of trade has been too much against Western Carolina. We have not only imported heavily of those things we could not profitably produce but have nearly "eaten our heads off" importing those things that should have been profitably produced at home.

The agricultural departments of the state and nation have laid great stress on high production until marketing now becomes a big problem. We have developed our farmers faster than we have created markets. Farmers have become master producers but unskilled at marketing on a large scale.

Gigantic production and restricted markets don't contribute as they should to the farmer's prosperity.

TENNESSEE BASIN BEING SURVEYED

Franklin Press, July 26

Here in connection with the aerotopographical survey of the Tennessee river and its tributaries, Robert A. Leorn, Lum Runyan, H. Erwin and W. T. Gann of the Chattanooga District of the War Department will be in the vicinity of Franklin for a month or six weeks.

After the survey of the tributaries has been completed, the region drained by the various streams is to be mapped. The information is being secured for the Federal Power Commission by the War Department. Much of the data gathered is not for release, with the result that the full plans of the survey and the results of what has so far been accomplished are not for publication.

The work in which the four representatives of the War Department here are engaged has been in progress for six years. The Tennessee river with its tributaries drains a vast area of the southern states, including broad districts of farming country, as well as more sparsely populated mountain sections such as are found in Western North Carolina.

QUALLA

Mr. P. H. Ferguson with a large party of young folks left Thursday to visit different points of interest in the Smoky Mountains. They returned Saturday.

On Friday evening Mr. Frank Kinsland gave a Birthday reception to a large party of young folks. They report a pleasant time. Ice cream was served.

Miss Ida Battle is making a trip to Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hyatt attended the Sunday School Convention at Dillsboro, Sunday.

Mrs. A. H. Bryan of Glenville has returned home after a visit with friends at Qualla.

Mrs. K. Howell has returned from a visit with relatives in Asheville. Mr. James Reeves of Madison county was a week end guest at Mr. G. A. Kinsland's.

Mr. Felix Picklesimer of Sylva was a Qualla visitor Sunday.

Miss Etta Kinsland is visiting in Madison county.

Mrs. Dan Gass, Mrs. Horace Gass of Ravensford, Mrs. Eva Conner and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Conner of Smokemont visited at Mr. J. H. Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeter Snyder of Willets were guests at Mr. R. F. Hall's.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Battle Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Shelton, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Swan and Miss Hazel Battle visited at Mr. J. E. Rogers Whittier.

Mr. H. G. Ferguson and family went to Sylva to hear Rev. J. M. Rowland, Tuesday night.

Mr. Will Kimsey of Asheville and Mr. Jim Kimsey of Smokemont visited at Mr. D. L. Oxner's.

Mr. and Mrs. Nute Snyder and Miss Winnie Cooper called at Mr. P. M. Cooper's.

Mrs. Steve Bradburn visited her mother, Mrs. A. J. Freeman.

Mr. Otis Freeman of Fines Creek is visiting relatives.

Mrs. York Howell left Sunday for her home in Tennessee, stopping en route to visit her daughter Mrs. G. T. Cooper, at Sylva.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Howell have returned to Morganton after a visit among relatives.

Mr. Frank Edwards and family of Waynesville spent the week end with relatives.

Messrs. C. P. Shelton Will Freeman and David Worley made a business trip to Georgia.

Mr. Claud Hughes and family visited at Mr. James Battles'.

Mrs. A. C. Hoyle and Miss Dora Crisp were guests at Mr. W. W. Anthony's.

Miss Nell Edwards of Waynesville spent last week with Miss Mary Emma Ferguson.

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

Robert Varner of Whittier spent a few days with his aunt, Mrs. C. P. Shelton.

Mr. D. M. Shuler has gone to Swain county on a fishing trip.

Mr. J. O. Howell and family visited at Mrs. A. C. Hoyle's.

Mr. Wayne Battle of Sylva stopped at Qualla Sunday.

Miss Mary Battle called on Miss Oma Gann.

DR. J. W. CRAWFORD BURIED AT CORNELIA

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Cornelia, Ga., July 21.—Dr. J. Wiley Crawford, one of the most prominent physicians in this section died at his home here yesterday. He was well known in north Georgia medical circles and also in western North Carolina, where he formerly lived. He took an active part in all community projects....

He is survived by six sons, Farrell, Dewey, Vernon, Todd, Stranleigh and Kenneth Crawford.

Funeral services were held Saturday with interment in Cornelia cemetery.

Dr. Crawford is a cousin of Mr. Lee Crawford and was widely known as he often visited here.

BETA VALLEY

While I am wondering what has become of our Beta writer I will jot off a very few items myself. I wish more people would write to our paper. We ought to have a few items from most every town in our county. Come on! Let's make our paper more home like.

Our farmers are very busy now with their crop since the weather has been favorable for work.

Mr. and Mrs. Guerson Dillard from Akron, Ohio, are visiting Mr. Dillard's mother, Mrs. Tabitha Dillard.

Last week the death angel visited our valley and bore away on its wings the spirit of Uncle Tom Dills, also the infant son of Mr. Bill Monteith. We sympathize with the sorrowing families.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Nellie Norton is improving.

A party of our young people enjoyed a mountain hike to the pinnacle Sunday.

Mrs. S. H. Phillips of Asheville has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Cole Ensley.

Miss Lucy Kitehen who has been spending some time with her sister, Mrs. T. K. Guthrie, has returned to her home.

Mr and Mrs. A. J. Justice, Mrs. Selma Ensley and children, Mr. Dill Mason, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Kitchin and children, Mr. Roy Sellers, and Frank Justice, Miss Maud Martin enjoyed the beauties of Lake Lure Sunday on their return home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Kitchin visited Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Cooper.

Miss Bertha Dean visited her aunt Mrs. Richard Moore last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Dillard spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Dillard near Sylva.

Mr. John H. Green of Dillsboro visited Mr. P. W. Kitchin this week end on business.

ROTARY CLUB RECEIVES NEW MEMBERS

The Sylva Rotary Club, at its weekly luncheon, Tuesday, at the Potluck Tea House, received four new members, Messrs C. W. Denning, Reginald Enloe, Scroop Enloe, Jr., and Daniel G. Bryson.

Five visitors met with the Sylva Club, and an interesting dissertation on the meaning of Rotary was given by Mr. Claude Sisk of the Belmont, N. C., Club.

COUNTY GETS \$3,000 INCREASE

An increase of \$3,000 from the state equalizing fund was awarded to Jackson county at the meeting of the state equalizing board, in Sylva, last week. The total of the equalizing fund that the county will receive will be \$31,000 as compared with \$28,000.00 last year. In addition to that the state pays the county school fund \$200.00 for home economics work, \$12,000 for the supervisor's salary, and \$800.00 on the high school fund, making a total of \$33,000 that the county will receive from the state.

The total school budget is \$134,000 of which \$28,500 is payments on debts and interest, leaving an actual operating expense of \$112,000, of which the state will pay \$33,000.00 and taxes from the local tax districts will be \$29,000.00.

Members of the North Carolina Bankers' Association will attend a special short course at State College on Thursday and Friday, August 2 and 3.