

# The Jackson County Journal

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\$2.00 the Year in Advance Outside County

## SLAYERS OF GREEN STILL AT LARGE

### MEN WHO SLEW DEPUTY BELIEVED TO BE IN BALSAM MOUNTAINS

The two men who shot and killed Deputy Sheriff Claude Green, just outside the Balsam school house Friday night, are still at large, and are believed to be hiding in the Balsams, having made their escape immediately following the shooting and before the people inside the school house had reached the scene.

Rewards aggregating more than \$900.00 have been placed for the apprehension of the slayers of the Jackson county officer. The county commissioners have offered a reward of \$500.00. Governor McLean placed a reward of \$400.00 on behalf of the State of North Carolina, and a reward by popular subscription among Jackson county citizens is said to have reached several hundred dollars and is being increased as more and more citizens make additional pledges to the fund.

Claude Green, chief deputy sheriff and jailer of Jackson county was attending a box supper at the Balsam School Friday night and while the supper was in progress was shot to death just outside the school house, seven shots from two different guns taking effect in his head and body, it was brought out at the coronor's inquest.

So far as is known, Charlie Coward, 14 year old school boy is the only eye witness to the affair. He was standing on the steps of the school house and saw Mr. Green approaching two men who were standing in the heavy shadow at the side of the building. When the officer reached the pair a few words, which the boy could not catch were spoken, the officer seized one of the men, a short scuffle followed and then came pistol shots, and the pair disappeared in the darkness.

The body of Mr. Green was found some fifteen or twenty feet down the hill from the spot where the shooting began, by the people who rushed from the school house to investigate the meaning of the revolver shots and witnesses state that the guns which the officer carried had not been drawn from their holsters. Mr. Green was attending the box supper as a peace officer on behalf of the sheriff's department of Jackson county.

There are two or three theories as to how he met his death. One is that he approached the two, not knowing who they were, and that when he was close to them he recognized one as being an escaped convict, for whom the officers are said to have been long seeking, and attempted to make an arrest when one or both of the men opened fire, slew the officer, and escaped. Another theory is that he recognized the men when he saw them and approached them for the purpose of arresting them. Still another idea is that the two started some disturbance at the side of the school house for the purpose of luring Mr. Green to his death, and when he came outside to investigate that he was done to death in a most brutal and horrible manner.

The opinion is prevalent of Balsam and throughout this part of the county that at least one of the slayers of the officer is still in the vicinity and that he is hiding in Balsam mountains, and it is generally believed that both of them are still in Scott's Creek township. Numerous rumors as to their whereabouts and as to messages that they are supposed to be sending the officers and other citizens warning them to stay away from the vicinity, have been reaching Sylva throughout the week.

The officers of the county have charges and evidence that they believe sufficient to place the guilt upon at least one of the two men, and which they believe establishes his identity. Much indignation and chagrin has been expressed by citizens throughout the county over the affair.

### Geo. M. Cole Retires—Battles to Manage Store

Geo. M. Cole, veteran business man of Jackson county, and perhaps the merchant in the county who has been in the business longer than any man in all this section, has announced that he has retired from active business, because of his health, and that the management of his store will hereafter be in charge of John and Ed Battle.

Both the young men are well known in Jackson county, having been born and reared in Qualla township, and both of them have made their homes in Sylva for several years, John Battle having been associated with Mr. Cole in the mercantile business and Ed. having been a traveling salesman for several years. They are active young business men, with a knowledge of how to handle affairs, and expect to do a thriving business.

#### WHITESIDE COVE

The people throughout this community were shocked to hear of the sudden death by drowning of Mr. Hyatt Hill Saturday in Chattooga river. Mr. Hill and Mr. Will Watson were fishing in the narrows below the big drift when Mr. Hill slipped and fell in the water between two rocks and hung his body. He was rescued and taken to his father's home, Mr. Frank Hill, in Horse Cove. Interment will be in Horse Cove cemetery Monday.

Mr. W. S. Alexander has had a great many summer boarders this season.

Mrs. Eva Picklesimer and children are spending the summer with Mrs. Picklesimer's sister, Mrs. E. G. Lombards.

Mr. Ernest Norton has been successful so far in getting the bus out of here with the school children, but unless there is some work done on the road soon he surely will not be able to get the bus over the road much longer.

Mr. E. G. Lombard has had several guests in his house this season and quite a few fishing parties.

Mrs. Ed Bryson of Speedwell spent this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Picklesimer.

Rev. Frank Bumgarner will preach at the school house here Sunday, the 9th instant at 11 o'clock.

Edison Picklesimer spent Saturday visiting his sister, Mrs. Fred Edwards of Highlands.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Edwards received news this week from Mr. and Mrs. Hebert Powell of Canton of the arrival of a grand son, Orville Edwards.

#### POSTPONE MEETING AT JOHN'S CREEK

Due to the very inclement weather on last Sunday, the meeting at John's Creek was postponed, as these taking part in the program were unable to reach their appointments.

The program will be given next Sunday, September 9, and is tentatively as follows:

3:00 Song service and devotional, Rev. Jonathan Brown. General topic: "The Need for B. Y. P. U. Work in Our Churches"

3:15 1. Why the Churches Need B. Y. P. U. Work, Mr. Lawson Allen, Associational Secretary

3:20, 2. Why the Young People need the B. Y. P. U., Miss Louella Brown, Associational President

3:45, 3. The Purpose and Aim of the B. Y. P. U., Rev. Jonathan Brown

4:00, 4. Why Pastors and Deacons should encourage Young People's work in our Churches, Mr. Dan Tompkins.

4:15 Song Service; Adjournment. Louella Brown, Associational Pres. Lawson Allen, Associational Sec. Rev. I. K. Stafford, District leader.

### The Slaying of Claude Green

(Editorial)

Claude Green, chief deputy sheriff of Jackson County, was shot to death outside the Balsam school house, last Friday night, while many of the good citizens of the community were only a few feet away, inside the building, holding a box supper in an effort to raise funds for the local school, and to spread further the rays from the torch of education, and while others were peacefully sleeping in their beds.

The officer was on duty, protecting the good citizens of the county in their lawful and peaceful pursuits, from whatever lawbreakers might appear.

All that is positively known is that shots were heard outside the building. Seven bullets plowed their way through the body of the officer. Darkness concealed the deed, and darkness hid the slayers from the eyes of the good citizens. The body of the officer was found, some distance away, apparently slain in a most brutal and horrible manner.

There is a new made grave in the Parris cemetery. A good officer of Jackson county is gone. There is a new widow in the little home, and three boys left to make their way in the world without the help of a guiding hand and counseling head of their father.

Jackson county hangs her head in shame, humiliation, and sorrow, that such a thing could happen within the borders of a civilized country. All good citizens of the county feel deeply the hurt. And, of course, the good people of Balsam and Scott's Creek township join the rest of the county in such sentiments.

Human life is too cheap. People are prone to forget that when a life is taken, that which was given by God cannot be restored by man. The taking of human life is a fearful thing. It was written by the finger

of God upon the Tables of stone, amid the thunderings of Sinai:

"Thou Shalt Not Kill." — But another phase of the matter thrusts itself upon the mind.

In this instance the law itself has been attacked. The officer of the law was slain, as he was on duty. That is an attack upon the peace of Jackson county and an attack upon the dignity of the sovereign State of North Carolina.

This paper does not know who took the life of Claude Green. We do not know who it is that has defied the county of Jackson and the State of North Carolina. But we do know that this is a civilized county. The county where the writer was born, where he was reared, and beneath the shadows of whose beloved mountains he hopes to rest in peaceful slumber, when the end of the journey shall have been reached. We know that this is not Chicago, nor Herrin.

As the matter rests now it is a question between law and lawlessness. If law and order and good citizenship are to prevail in Jackson county the slayers of Claude Green, whoever they may be, must be brought into the courts of justice, given a fair and speedy trial, and justice meted out to them.

The good citizens of this county are a unit on the matter. There is no division among them when faced with such a crisis. The matter must be thoroughly aired in the courts of justice before a jury of honest, intelligent, upright, God-fearing, fearless citizens. That is the only way in which this blot upon the good name of the county can be removed.

Every resource at the command of Jackson county must be exercised to bring the slayers of Claude Green before such a jury.

Anything else is unthinkable.

#### METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Due to an unannounced visit from the Presiding Elder, Rev. P. W. Tueker, at the Methodist church last Sunday morning the program which had been prepared was not followed. Sunday morning this program will be given substantially as it was planned for last Sunday. The pastor, Rev. George Clemmer, will deliver a very practical sermon on the topic, "Why I Believe in Religion."

In the evening Mr. Clemmer will preach at Dillsboro and will have for a theme, "An Old Man's Death and a Young Man's Call."

Sunday schools convene at 10 o'clock. All are welcome to any of the services of the church. The order of the morning and evening worship follows:

Morning worship 11 a. m. Voluntary; Hymn No. 211, "O Worship The King." The Apostles' Creed; Prayer, concluding with the Lord's Prayer; Selection by the choir; Responsive reading No. 305; The Gloria Patri; New Testament lesson, John 1:1-18 Announcements; Offering; Offertory; Hymn No. 99, "Lord Speak To Me;" Sermon: "Why I Believe in Religion;" Hymn No. 58, "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah." Benediction.

Evening worship 7:45 Dillsboro. Voluntary; Hymn No. 23, "The Church's One Foundation." Responsive reading No. 303; Prayer; Scripture lesson Isa. 6:1-8; Announcements; Offering; Hymn No. 181, "Jesus Is All The World To Me;" Sermon: "An Old Man's Death and a Young Man's Call;" Hymn No. 100, "Hark Ten Thousand Harps;" Benediction.

Twenty-two farmers from Jackson county and 13 from Swain recently made a week's trip through Virginia to Washington and return.

Colvard Brothers of Ashe county will secure 9,000 bushels of certified Irish potato seed from 30 acres of land according to present estimates.

### TAX RATE JUMPS TO \$1.95. INCREASE OF 20c OVER LAST YEAR

#### Throngs Attend Funeral of Slain Deputy Sheriff

Monday morning at 10 o'clock, a great throng of Jackson county citizens, old men, young men, women, children, boys and girls, and babies in their mother's arms, gathered at the little church in Dillsboro, where two Baptist and two Methodist ministers conducted the funeral services of Claude Green, chief deputy sheriff of Jackson county, who was done to his death by seven revolver bullets in the darkness, outside the Balsam School House, while a happy crowd was celebrating a box supper, and raising funds for the school last Friday night.

The choir, composed of men and women from Sylva and Dillsboro softly sang the songs of Zion, as W. W. Bryson, Dan Allison, Ode Robinson, W. T. Martin, J. D. Cowan and J. C. Sutton, the pall bearers, bore the body of the slain officer into the church, followed by Theo. Queen, J. T. Gribble, E. L. Wilson, J. N. Wilson, Geo W Sutton, and M. B. Cannon, the honorary pall bearers.

Rev. Geo. B. Clemmer, pastor of the Sylva Methodist church, read the comforting passages from the Old Testament Scripture, and Rev. Mr. Lance, of the North Carolina Conference read the magnificent testimony of St. Paul on the resurrection of the dead. Rev. J. G. Murray, pastor of the Sylva Baptist church led a short prayer, and Rev. Thad F. Deitz, veteran Baptist minister of the mountain country preached a short sermon, warning men and women to be ready for the coming of death, speaking in most affectionate terms of the life and character of Claude Green, and concluding with a prayer for Divine protection for faithful officers of the law, in the discharge of their duties, and asking the blessing of the Most high upon the people of this, his native county.

The long line of Jackson county people filed past the casket containing the remains of the slain officer, coming from the great congregation inside the little church, and from the crowd gathered outside, eager to hear the words of the preachers, but unable to find space inside. Then the body of the officer was taken to the Parris cemetery and tenderly laid to rest.

Mr. Green would have been 42 years of age, had he lived until the following week. He was a native of Haywood county, but had made his home in Jackson for a number of years. He was a rock mason by trade, having learned the trade from his father. When M. B. Cannon was elected sheriff, two years ago, he appointed Mr. Green as his chief deputy, and as jailer. This office he held until he met his death in the darkness outside the Balsam school house, last Friday night. He is survived by his father and mother, his widow, and three little boys, as well as other relatives and friends.

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The general tax rate of Jackson county is increased from \$1.75 to the hundred dollars worth of property, the rate last year, to \$1.95 for this year, according to the tax levy made by the commissioners. This is an increase of 20c from the levy of last year, and \$1.34 from the rate of 1920, following the general re-valuation of all the property in the state.

The rate of \$1.95 is the general county rate, and does not include the local special taxes for local school, road and other local funds for local tax districts.

The new rate is based upon the levy for the following items for general county purposes:

1928	
General county	20
General school	94
Road Maintenance	24
Debt Service	57
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1.95</b>

The 1927 rate was:	
General county	12
General school	74
Special county	05
Poor	03
Health	03
Debt Service	75
Road	03
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1.75</b>

The 1926 rate was:	
State School	13
County school	21
General county	68
Special county	05
Bridge	10
Poor	04
<b>Total</b>	<b>.61</b>

#### REV. A. H. SIMS IS DEAD AT 73

Kings Mountain, Aug. 29.—Rev. Allen Hampton Sims, retired Baptist minister, died at his home here this afternoon after a long illness of heart trouble.

The funeral will be conducted from the First Baptist church Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the pastor, Dr. C. J. Black.

The masons will take charge of the body at the church and lay it to rest in Mountain Rest cemetery with masonic honors.

Mr. Sims was born in Towns county, Georgia, June 6, 1855, and was in his 73rd year. He united with Teokah Baptist church in Georgia, October, 1869, was ordained to the Baptist ministry at Shoal Creek Baptist church in Jackson county, North Carolina, October 10, 1881.

During the 45 years following he was an active and aggressive preacher in western North Carolina besides being an evangelist and one time missionary in western North Carolina. He had served 18 churches as pastor. He was a citizen as well as a minister and was always concerned about matters of civic and public welfare.

Age and infirmity rendering him unfit for the pastorate during his last few years he settled in Kings Mountain and did supply work as his health would admit and the need demanded.

#### POLLYANNA WAS GOOD SHOW

A number of young people of Whittier gave the play "Pollyanna" at the Lyric theatre, Tuesday evening for the benefit of the Whittier Methodist Church, and it proved to be one of the best home-talent plays ever presented in Sylva.

Miss Jessie Moody as Pollyanna, was remarked to be especially good, and much favorable comment was heard on Mr. Ernest Hall's playing. The entire cast was said by the audience to be far above the average for plays of the kind.

#### SYLVA CENTRAL HIGH OPENS

The Sylva Central High School students and teachers were in their places, Monday morning at 9 o'clock for the opening of the fall term of the school; and the largest enrollment in the history of the school was recorded for the opening day.

A number of parents, patrons of the school and other interested citizens were present and took part in the opening exercises.

The teachers of the school this year are: V. E. Wessinger, principal, L. D. Shealy, Mrs. Chester Scott, Miss Lillian B. Parham, Miss Mabel Fisher, Miss Mary Allison, Miss Helen E. Maywood and Miss Nellie Cowan.