

# The Jackson County Journal

\$1.50 Year in Advance in the County

Sylva, N. C. Thursday, February 21, 1929

\$2.00 Year in Advance Outside County

## JURY ACQUITS RHINEHART

The jury brought in a verdict of acquittal, at 3:30 this afternoon, after having deliberated for about five hours in the case of Frank Rhinehart, charged with an assault with intent to kill Warfield Turpin with a hammer.

The case was given to the jury about noon today, after it had taken up the better part of two days of the time of the court. Rhinehart was tried on a bill of indictment, charging him with a felonious assault upon Turpin, with a hammer, with intent to kill.

The affair occurred on the 29th day of January in the consultation room of W. R. Sherrill, attorney. Turpin testified that he was invited from the main office of Mr. Sherrill to the consultation room, either by Mr. Sherrill or Mr. Rhinehart, and that he informed them that he had been to see the solicitor regarding a bill of indictment against Rhinehart, returned at the October term of court, charging Rhinehart with an attempt to commit a statutory offense, and that he had asked the solicitor to not prosecute the case, as he had nothing against Rhinehart except that he wanted him to quit teaching at the school where Turpin's children were attending. He said that Mr. Sherrill left the room, and that he and Rhinehart were talking over the case, when Rhinehart struck him upon the head with some weapon, knocking him unconscious, and that he knew nothing further of the attack.

Dr. Candler and Dr. Nichols testified that there were five serious wounds upon the head of Turpin. Mr. Sherrill testified that he heard a noise in the next room, as if someone were calling for help, and that he opened the door and saw Rhinehart strike Turpin twice on the head with a hammer, which he kept for the purpose of breaking up coal. He stated that Turpin was attempting to rise, and about half up, when each of the blows was struck.

Rhinehart's version of the affair was that he and Turpin were in the room discussing the case against Rhinehart, and that Turpin told him that if he couldn't get rid of him one way, he could another, and thereupon attacked Rhinehart with an open knife, cutting his shirt and coat, and he caught Turpin's hand with his left hand, seized the hammer with his right and struck Turpin at the same time calling for help, and that every time he struck Turpin, he was being attacked with the knife.

Mr. Sherrill swore that he saw no knife, and Turpin denied having had his knife out or open, or of making any attack upon Rhinehart. Rhinehart exhibited his coat and shirt, showing one cut or tear on the shirt and two on the coat, which he said Turpin made with the knife. He said that he ran from the room and surrendered himself and the hammer to Chief of Police W. T. Martin.

R. A. Painter, 91 year old magistrate, told of hearing the trouble, and of helping Turpin to wash the blood from his face, and that Turpin asked about his knife, and that they found it on the floor, half open, and that Turpin put it in his pocket.

The case has attracted considerable interest in the town and county; as both men are well known and both proved excellent characters by the same witnesses.

## Sylvan Theatre to Show Edgar Rice Burroughs Picture

The Sylvan Theatre announces that they will show the serial picture "TARZAN, THE MIGHTY", written by Edgar Rice Burroughs and a sequel to the other Tarzan books by the same author.

The first chapter of this picture will be shown on Saturday, February 23rd with the feature picture "King Cowboy," starring Tom Mix.

Frank Merrill, world famous athlete has the leading role in Tarzan, the Mighty, and Natalia Kingston takes the feminine lead. It is reported that this is one of the outstanding serial pictures made in recent years and is said to be especially interesting to those who have read the Tarzan books.

## JURY ACQUITS DEPUTY SHERIFF OF SHOOTING

Claude Parker, former deputy sheriff, was found not guilty of a charge against him, of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, growing out of the shooting of Howell Stevens, on Caney Fork, last year.

Howell Stevens, Bob Stevens, Carl Smith and James Parker, were the witnesses for the state, and all three of them testified to practically the same thing, that the deputy sheriff drove up where they were, at the Moses Creek bridge, demanded to search the car in which Smith and Howell Stevens had been riding, that Stevens stepped out of the car while the officer was searching under the back seat, and that the officer took hold of Stevens and demanded that he surrender a bottle of liquor, which he said Stevens had, at the same time drawing his pistol. Stevens, according to the state's testimony, was backing away from Parker, and asked the officer not to shoot, twice before the pistol, in the officer's hand was fired, shooting Howell Stevens in the arm, and into his side, lodging in the lung.

The version of the affair as presented by the former officer was that he had information that Smith and Stevens had some liquor hidden in the Middleton Gap, and he had sent word to the sheriff for assistance in making the capture. He said that he saw Howell Stevens in the garage at East Laporte, drinking from a bottle, and that he saw the two enter Smith's car and go up Caney Fork, that he followed them and found them parked at the Moses Creek bridge.

He stated that he started to search the car, and when Stevens got out, that he placed him under arrest and demanded the bottle of liquor, that Stevens stated he wouldn't give him the bottle, was fighting him in the face and attempting to get away from him, when Bob Stevens and Carl Smith began advancing on him, and telling him he shouldn't have the liquor. He stated that he drew his pistol to defend himself, and that Howell Stevens struck the gun, and that it was discharged accidentally.

## GRAND JURY INDICTS ANNIE FORTNER

Annie Fortner was placed on trial immediately after dinner today, charged with the murder of Manuel Hooper, with an automobile.

The business of drawing a jury for the trial of the case began soon after dinner recess of superior court, today.

The Jackson county grand jury came into court Tuesday morning and presented a bill of indictment against Annie Fortner, Bryson City woman, charging her with murder in connection with the death of Manuel Hooper, highway patrolman, between Sylva and Beta, last fall.

The solicitor stated in open court that he would not ask for a verdict of murder in the First Degree, but only for second degree or manslaughter, as the evidence may warrant.

The trial of the case will begin some time today.

The grand jury is composed of the following men:

W. H. Snyder, foreman, R. E. Moore, Ed. Fisher, T. S. Nation, J. C. Buchanan, R. G. Buchanan, J. P. Bumgarner, J. A. Bumgarner, I. B. Bumgarner, G. W. Woodard, R. H. Hall, A. B. Fullbright, Western Mathis, Jonathan Brown, W. J. Nicholson, Zeb. Cook, T. S. Fortner and E. D. Beck.

## ROTARIANS MEET IN FRANKLIN

The Sylva Rotarians, with those from Waynesville, and Andrews met with Franklin Rotarians in an inter-city meeting at the Scott-Griffin Hotel, in Franklin, last night.

This was the first of the quarterly meetings of the inter-city clubs of Western North Carolina, that it is planned to hold.

The Sylva Club with 16 members present had the largest representation among the out of town clubs.

Lost, small, white gold, wrist watch. Swiss movement, gray hand attached. Reward.

## GROWING TOBACCO -- SEED AND SEED BED

Order your seed now and sow your bed between the 15th and 28th of February. If you will put your tobacco in the field on light loamy soil use Kelly's Stand-Up and get seed from B. L. Kelly and Son, Lancaster, Ky., at \$1.00 per 1-2 ounce. If you intend to have your tobacco on heavy or rich clay loam soil get Judys Pride and get seed from W. S. Judy Seed Co., 108 Walnut Street, Lexington, Ky., at 75c for 1-2 ounce.

Seed Needed: 1-2 ounce plenty to make plants for one acre.

Bed: Select a warm south or southeast cove with rich soil if possible, and away from the branch or creek and frost. Use plenty of brush, leaves, etc., to thoroughly burn a bed 9 feet wide and 50 feet long for plants to set one acre. When the ashes have cooled scatter 200 lbs. of dry poultry manure or 100 lbs. of high grade fertilizer over the bed land and dig it in good. Now thoroughly pulverize this into a fine seed bed. Make a good tight wall around the bed by using two by six's or timber of similar shape so that the canvas can be put on absolutely bug tight around the edges and all over the bed.

Before sowing the seed always be sure to treat the seed by soaking ten minutes in a pint of water containing one table spoonful of commercial formaldehyde. Allow the seed time to dry and then mix the seed in one gallon of corn meal and sow the bed. The corn meal will act as aid in distributing the seed properly. Scratch the seed in lightly with fingers or light rake, and then use a straight smooth pole and roll the bed to firm the seed in fairly firm.

You are then ready to put on the canvas. Inch strips of wood cross ways on the bed every three feet will help to hold the canvas. The top of the bed or canvas should be 5 to 6 inches from the ground in the bed.

A real good grade of plant bed canvas can be had at the Paris Store at cost through courtesy of Mr. A. M. Simons who is interested in tobacco growing. The tobacco fertilizer will be kept for sale by the Sylva Supply Company. Use strictly the variety of seed recommended and also the plant bed canvas and tobacco fertilizer 8-4-6 for light loam soils and 12-4-6 for heavy and clay loam soils.

Other information will be published later as season approaches.

C. W. Tilson,  
County Agent.

## YOUNG GIRL DIES

Miss Inez Bryson, 17 year-old daughter of W. E. Bryson, of Addicks, died Monday at a local hospital, following an illness of about three weeks.

The funeral was held at Scott's Creek Baptist church, Tuesday, being conducted by Rev. Thad F. Deitz and Rev. K. Allen. Interment was in Old Field Cemetery. The young lady was survived by her father, six brothers and four sisters.

## MISTAKE IN EDITORIAL

In an editorial in this issue, the statement is made that the school tax rate in one township in this county is 50c. That is the amount of the special tax rate in that district. The general rate for schools is 94c, making a total in that township of \$1.45 for schools alone.

## HONORS DAUGHTER

Mrs. B. E. Harris, at her home on highway No. 10, gave a birthday party, Tuesday afternoon, in honor of her little daughter, Kate, age four. Playing games and toasting marshmallows was the entertainment of the afternoon. Refreshments were served by the hostess. Those enjoying the party were Paul, Billy and Helen Sutton, Margaret and Helen Goldman, James and Hattie Harris, Floyd and Bessie May Mills, Bettie Sue Reed, Herman and Helen Mitchell, Hattie Gean and Dan Word, Francis Hall, and Bee Jane Harris.

## BRYSON, NEGRO GOES TO PEN

Steve Bryson, colored man, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of a serious nature, brought by his two daughters, the one 17 and the other 23 years of age, in superior court this afternoon, and Judge McElroy sentenced him to serve from 8 to 10 years in the state's prison.

## WOULD MAKE CULLOWHEE STANDARD COLLEGE

Raleigh, Feb. 19--Cullowhee normal school will be made a State college with four years work and the privilege of conferring standard college degrees, under the terms of a bill that is being prepared by Senator T. Coleman Galloway of Brevard and Representative W. H. Smith of Jackson County.

The two legislators have the cooperation of superintendent of Public Instruction A. T. Allen in the movement which would greatly increase the scope and usefulness of Cullowhee as one of the pioneer educational institutions of Western North Carolina.

Under the terms of the measure four full years of regular college work will be given at the institution and the privilege of conferring college degrees just as any other standard college in the State does will be granted.

In preparation for the passage of the bill copies of the "Cullowhee Yodel," student publication of the institution were placed upon the desks of each legislator this morning by pages at the request of the two legislators who are behind the movement. The school paper is a creditable sheet, well edited and made up and has many cuts that make it especially attractive and which reflect credit upon the members of the faculty and student body instrumental in its publication. Favorable comments were heard this morning from several members of the legislature as a result of the distribution of these papers.

## CHURCH NOTICE

Two interesting and helpful services have been planned for the Methodist churches of Sylva and Dillsboro Sunday. "The Strength of Weakness, or the Advantage of a Handicap," is the unique topic which has been chosen for discussion at the morning hour of worship in Sylva. In the evening at Dillsboro Mr. Clemmer will have as the subject of his discourse, "The Final Orthodoxy."

The Sabbath schools of the church convene promptly at 10 a. m. Epworth Leagues meet in the evening at 6:30 and 7 o'clock. A friendly welcome awaits all at any of the services of the church. Following is given the order of the morning and evening programs of worship:

Morning Worship 11 a. m.  
Voluntary; Hymn No. 211, "O Worship The King," The Apostles' Creed; Prayer; Responsive reading 307; The Gloria Patri; Scripture lesson II Cor. 12:1-10; Announcements; Offering; Offertory; Hymn No. 54, "From Every Stormy Wind," Sermon: "The Strength of Weakness," Hymn No. 58, "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah," Benediction.

Evening Service, 7:45  
Voluntary; Hymn No. 41, "A Charge to Keep," Responsive reading No. 302; Prayer; Scripture lesson Luke 22:24-30; Announcements; Offering; Hymn No. 165, "Help Somebody Today," Sermon: "The Final Orthodoxy," Hymn No. 45, "Work for the Night is Coming," Benediction.

## SCOUTS WILL BANQUET TOMORROW NIGHT

Rev. John H. Griffith, rector of the Episcopal church, at Canton, will be the principal speaker at the banquet, to be held in the Chamber of Commerce hall, tomorrow night, which will celebrate the first anniversary of the organization of the local troop of Boy Scouts. The event will also be in celebration of Washington's Birthday.

The banquet will be prepared by the ladies of Sylva and a number of plates will be prepared in anticipation of a large attendance. The proceeds from the banquet will be used to augment the fund the troop is accumulating to defray expenses of the educational tour to Washington.

The following menu will be served at the banquet:

Fruit Cocktail	Oyster dressing
Baked Chicken	Cranberry sauce
Asparagus on toast	Sweet potatoes en casserole
Waldorf salad	Hot rolls
Cherry pie	Whipped cream
Salted nuts	Mints
Coffee	

## CORN IS FARMERS' MONEY SAVING CROP

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 20--While corn may not be called a money-making crop it does take high rank as a money saving crop. The grower who spends his cotton and tobacco money for food and feed will find a good corn crop helpful in this respect.

"Home grown corn will aid the crop farmer of North Carolina to save his cotton and tobacco money and for this reason alone, is one of the State's most important crops," declares G. M. Garren, cereal agronomist at State College. "The crop is also important because of the great acreage planted. In 1927, there were 2,352,000 acres planted to corn in North Carolina and the value of the crop ranked third in importance, exceeded only by cotton and tobacco. There is not a farm in the State where corn may not be grown while cotton and tobacco are suitable to more restricted areas."

The third way in which corn is important to North Carolina, says Mr. Garren, is as a feed crop for all kinds of livestock. Hogs fattened and butchered at home must have been fed corn for the production of the best grade of pork and lard. Fat hogs shipped to market must be corn fed if the highest prices are to be secured. Last year 404 cars of fat hogs were shipped to northern markets by county agents for cooperating farmers. The records show that where these hogs were fed corn in a properly balanced ration, the animals brought the top prices for the day. Hog shipping is rapidly becoming a major farm industry and because of this more corn will be needed.

Finally, says Mr. Garren, corn production should be increased but not by increased acreage. Enough acres are planted now. The increase should come by using better varieties, better fertilization and better cultivation so as to build up acre yields to where they will be profitable to the grower.

## JUDGE MOORE LIKES CITY AND PEOPLE

Winston-Salem Sentinel.

Judge Walter E. Moore, who has been presiding over the February term of civil Superior Court, is much impressed with the city and its progressive spirit. He likes the friendly attitude of the people and has enjoyed his stay here, he says. He expressed the hope yesterday that he will be able to remain in the city for the two weeks of criminal court beginning next week.

The Jackson jurist has made a very favorable impression upon members of the local bar and others having connection with cases coming before the court, it was also stated. It is the desire of court officials and barristers that Judge Moore's health may permit him to preside over the coming criminal term.

Judge Moore had a serious attack of influenza shortly before coming to hold the present term of civil court and has not completely regained his strength. However, he seems to have improved while here, and although 72 years old, the judge appeared as active as a boy yesterday.

## FASHION SHOW MONDAY

The Second Annual Fashion Show in Sylva will be presented next Monday evening at the Lyric Theatre, by the Paris, The Sylva Supply Company, Hale's, The Leader and The Man Store, under the auspices of the Junior Giddy Club of Sylva.

The members of the Club have been working hard on the Fashion Show, and believe that it will be even a greater success and even more interesting than that of last year, when the largest crowd ever to attend a theatre in Sylva enjoyed the fashion revue.

Miss Marguerite Smathers, of Asheville will be the pianist. Billy Dove in "The Night Watch," will be shown by the Lyric. And there will be a large number of other attractive features.

The show will open with a spring scene and the chorus of children, with "Welcome Sweet Springtime." Two violin solos have been arranged rendered by Miss Corrine Wools, accompanied by Miss Feagans. Miss Smathers will give several selections.

## SPRING STYLE HINTS FOR FARM WOMEN

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 20--Knees must be covered; dresses are more feminine; color is important and the ensemble is the most popular costume type in spring styles.

"Dresses are to be longer this spring," says Miss Willie Hunter, extension clothing specialist at State College. "For afternoon wear there is considerable increase in length and for evening dresses, still more. The uneven hem line is still good. We find also that dresses are more feminine in character with more fullness introduced in flares, flounces, ruffles, and plaits. Neck lines also are unusual and interesting. Many unique drapes are seen. Hip lines are fitted and featured. The coat dress is one of the most popular types for daytime wear. Coats are of several different lengths."

Miss Hunter states that two prints are good. In this the same design is used in varying sizes, with small conservative designs for the dress and the same design but larger for the coat. Woolens will be much used and tweeds are extra good, especially for sports and street wear. Flat crepes are excellent for daytime wear with chiffons, georgettes and softer silks for the afternoon in both prints and solid colors.

The one and two piece dresses are good. In silk, the two-piece dress is favored, although the one-piece belted type is considered newer. In colors, says Miss Hunter, there are the blues in bright and silvered tones; the reds in tomato, chinewood red and other pinky tints; the yellows and the greens. Shiny, silk, sheeny materials are not so good but the duller gloss is better.

Miss Hunter finds that hats are still small and closefitting. Felt, alone and in combination with straw, still leads the list.

## GRAND JURY MAKES REPORT

To his honor P. A. McElroy, Judge Presiding and holding the Superior Court for Jackson County, February Term, 1929:

Committees were appointed to visit and inspect the county home, jail and the court house. The committee visited the county home and found the buildings in good condition and the inmates well cared for.

We also find the farm in reasonable condition.

We find the jail in good condition, but recommend that the county commissioners make some arrangements whereby the outsiders will have no chance to give the prisoners anything to break jail.

We find the sheriff's office in good condition, with the exception of one table which should be repaired or replaced with a new one and one door should be repaired in such a way as to keep the door from dragging.

We also recommend that one of the fountains in the hall should be repaired or replaced with a new one.

We find the clerk's office in good condition, but recommend that more space for records should be provided.

We also find that some guardians have failed to make their yearly reports and the clerk requests that they make their reports at once. Only two justices of the peace have made their reports as is required by the statutes of North Carolina.

We find the commissioners office and the register of deeds office in good condition.

We find the court house grounds in excellent condition and the janitors service good.

We submit the above report this the 20th day of February, 1929.

W. H. Snyder,  
Foreman of the Grand Jury

## PROGRAM FOR TUCKAHOE BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION -- NEW SAVANNAH BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, March 3rd. Theme-Training. F. I. Watson, Group Superintendent, presiding.

2:30--Song and Praise, R. N. Deitz.

3:45--Reports from Superintendents.

4:00--The Teacher at the Grindstone, D. G. Bryson.

3:20--The Sunday school Teacher a Soul Winner, F. I. Watson.

3:40--Sunday school music, W. C. Reed.

4:00--Business and adjournment. R. R. Fisher, Ass. Supt.