

The Jackson County Journal

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SAMS PREDICTS GREAT THINGS FOR JACKSON

J. R. Sams, Pasture Specialist of the State Department of Agriculture says Jackson county is one of the richest in the state. Mr. Sams spent the whole of last week in this county, meeting the farmers, seeing the soil, and making a survey of the conditions and possibilities in this county.

Before leaving, Mr. Sams directed a message to the people of this county, through The Jackson County Journal.

His statement follows:

To the Farmers of Jackson County:

We read in the Bible, Prov. 29:18, "Without a vision, the people perish." It is as true today as when this scripture was written.

It is as true relative to agriculture as it is morally and spiritually. As I see Jackson County, coming in from the outside, it is agriculturally a growing and consequently a live stock county. At present it seems to me that beef cattle and sheep should be the major live stock projects up the creeks and on the mountains, with good dairy cattle, hogs and poultry in the valley. The reason for saying this is, because of the power of your soil to produce Kentucky Blue grass and other valuable grasses, and this is the foundation of livestock growing. You have the soil, the water and the sunshine necessary to produce the very finest soil, which will hold your lands from washing away. Your greatest need right now is to catch the proper vision. That is, to see and realize this greatest need; which is to build, or rather rebuild the pastures you once had, and restore them with pure beef cattle, dairy cattle and sheep. Another great need is for the farmers to understand the difference between a meadow, a temporary, a rotation pasture, and a permanent pasture. Nothing will make a pasture permanent in these mountains but Kentucky Blue grass and white Dutch clover. These will do it when sown on rich land and properly cared for. Every farm should have at least a farm pasture to support one or more milk cows, some poultry, and a pig or two. Now some farmers will string some barbed wire around a piece of wood land, or old, worn out briar field and call it a pasture; which in no sense of the word is a pasture; but only a place to turn cattle to starve. A first class Blue grass pasture, when well set to Blue grass and white Dutch clover on rich land will support well, two grown milk cows per acre. Now this is the kind of vision I want the farmers of Jackson county to catch, yes two grown cows per acre, rather than five acres to the cow. Now this is no delusion. We already have such pastures in Piedmont North Carolina and in the mountains too.

The great problem for Jackson county farmers to solve is to build up your multitude of poor pastures, to a multitude of pastures of the highest quality, stocked with the highest quality of live stock of every kind. This should be your ideal, and your excellent county agent, Mr. Tison is here to help you do this very thing. Here is what should be your perpetual agricultural program until the thing is accomplished:

1st. Make our soil rich, when worn out.

2nd. Use Kentucky Blue Grass, and make everlasting pasture and grow other suitable crops on your improved soil.

3rd. Then grow live stock of highest quality on these improved pastures, and other crops, and within the near future, old Jackson will become one of the richest and best counties in North Carolina.

With best wishes, I am, yours truly

J. R. SAMS,

State Extension Pasture Specialist.

BALSAM

The following announcement has been received here: Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Medford of Waynesville announce the birth of a 91-2 pound boy Saturday night. Mrs. Medford was before her marriage Miss Hazel Raines, and is a daughter of Mrs. Hattie Beek of Balsam.

Ousted



Robert W. Stewart, who has been ousted as head of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana by John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

DR. RANKIN TO SPEAK APRIL 2

Dr. W. S. Rankin, of the state department of health, and chairman of the hospitalization division of the Duke Foundation, will speak to the citizens of Jackson county, in the court house, at 8 o'clock, Tuesday evening, April 2. At that time Dr. Rankin will lay before the people the plans of the Duke Foundation, and tell them what the foundation will do, to care for the people of this county decided to buy and operate the Candler-Nichols Hospital.

All the citizens of the county are urged to attend this meeting, in order that they may have first hand information regarding the proposal.

SPRING BRINGS MORE BUILDING

The coming of spring has brought new building activity to Sylva. Moore and Patton, contractors, who have just completed the new graded school building, have been awarded the contract of erecting a three story, brick building, for H. Stein, on his lot facing Main and Mill streets.

It is understood that Mr. Stein has already leased the building to a long term of years.

The old, frame building, until recently occupied by the Sandwick Shop, John A. Parrish' jewelry store, and the Electric Shop, has been torn down, and the work of excavating for the new building is under way, with John Sheppard and Grady Tarrant as contractors on the dirt work.

Wants Fat Hogs To Market

County Agent C. W. Tison states that there is a good market now for fat hogs, and a surplus of them in this county.

Mr. Tison's statement follows: "Due to the surplus of fat hogs now in the county, Jackson farmers will please notify the county agent of all fat hogs they want to sell at once. The live hog market is good now as is always the case in late March and April. We are planning a live hog sale on Wednesday or Thursday of next week, March 27 or 28. Hogs must be fat and weigh 175 to 300 lbs. on foot. Please write, phone or see Mr. Tison at once about the hogs you want to sell, and he will notify you of the time to bring them to Sylva and the price they will sell for at this sale.

Any farmer having hogs now weighing 175 pounds or over should sell them a smoney will be lost to feed them through the summer.

You can always find the county agent in his office on Saturday and on Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Quiet stopped over in Balsam last week enroute to Whittier to visit his father, Mr. W. M. Quiet. His sister, Mrs. Carrie Queen and Masters Ernest and Harry accompanied them and remained for a few days.

Mrs. Candice Powell of Columbia, S. C., was the guest of her sister, Mrs. L. W. Crawford and other relatives for the past two weeks.

Mrs. Ida Green of Asheville was here recently visiting relatives.

Big Things The Assembly Did

Outstanding achievements of the 1929 session of the general assembly summarized are:

School aid Law - Provides \$6,500,000 equalizing fund, allocated to six month's term, and \$1,250,000 for aid of eight months' term special districts for each year of the biennium. This doubles the equalizing fund appropriated at 1927 session. The act also prescribes administrative changes intended to promote economy in schools. A 30 cent participating level is established.

County Highway Aid Law - Increases gasoline tax from four cents a gallon to five, and creates a county highway aid fund of approximately \$3,000,000 a year to be allocated to the 100 counties on a population-area basis, on condition that the county reduce its ad valorem taxes for roads by an amount equal to its quota; also establishes a \$5,000,000 equalizing fund to be distributed by the State Highway Commission without regard to district or county lines.

Authorized expenditure of \$38,000,000 for operation of state government and institutions during two-year period beginning July 1.

Authorized bond issue of \$1,972,000 for building at state educational and charitable institutions.

Provided for increased franchise taxes on railroads and power companies, the rates being doubled, and various other increases, principally in business license rates. License tax on soft drink bottles doubled.

Australian Ballot Law—Requires secret voting in all primaries and elections, but allows "markers" to be designated to assist illiterate voters.

Workmen's Compensation—Provides for compensation based upon 60 per cent of average weekly wage of \$7 a week and maximum of \$13 a week, with limitation of \$6,000 for compensation for death or permanent disability; sets up industrial commission of three members to be appointed by the governor to administer provisions.

Executive Counsel Act—Abolishes position of pardon commissioner, and creates instead office of executive counsel to governor, with salary of \$6,500 a year, who will perform duties of pardon commissioner; and such other functions as may be assigned to him by chief executive.

Senatorial Vacancies—Authorizes governor to name successor in event either of United States senators dies or resigns before expiration of term,

successor to serve until next General election.

Sterilization of Mental Defectives—Lays down method by which sterilization of mental defectives in public institutions may be ordered, and also conditions upon which same operations may be ordered for defectives not in institution.

Highway Patrol Act—Establishes force of 36 patrolmen and one chief, to be appointed by and serve under the State Highway commission, with principal duty protection of the highways against too heavily loaded trucks and other abuses.

Constitutional Amendment—Submitting to voters questions of adding two Associate Judges to Supreme Court, thus increasing personnel to seven; separation of solicitor and judicial districts; and of authorizing General Assembly to classify property for taxation with view to taxing so-called intangibles.

Marriage Banns—Requires that five days' notice be given before application for marriage license is granted, but applies only to minors.

Bar Examination—Restricts privilege of standing State Bar examination to natives of state and to bona fide students of law in state institutions.

Appointment of Revenue Commissioner of Revenue filled by appointment of the governor, instead of by election by the voters.

Automobile Licenses—Act requires each automobile to display two license plates.

Robbery Penalty—Maximum Penalty for robbery with firearms set at 30 years imprisonment instead of five years.

Divorce—Statutes amended to make five years of involuntary separation, as when husband or wife is in prison, grounds for divorce.

Alcohol and Narcotics—Public schools required to teach evil effects on human system of alcohol and narcotics.

Salaries—Attorney-General's pay raised to \$7,500 from \$4,000 with stipulation that incumbent give full time to duties; act passed limiting pay of any official or employee of State Highway commission to maximum of \$10,000 a year. Frank Page received \$15,000 as chairman of commission prior to his resignation. Governor's salary increased to \$19,000 a year, effective in 1932.

Prison Industries—Act passed directs state prison to set up plant for manufacture of automobile license plates.

Revolt Leader



General J. G. Escobar, who is leading the revolt in the Torreon area and is the big man on the Monterrey front in the Mexican revolution.

REVIVAL STARTS NEXT MONDAY

Pre-Easter Revival services begin Sunday morning at the Methodist church in Sylva. The pastor, Rev. George Clemmer, will be the evangelist and will preach at each service. The local choir will lead the congregation in song.

Mr. Clemmer will preach Sunday morning at 11 a. m. on the following subject: "Methodism and Evangelism." In the evening at 7:30 the topic for discussion will be, "An Old Subject from a New Angle."

In the evening at 7:30 Rev. W. C. Reed will preach in the Methodist church at Dillsboro supplying for the pastor who will be engaged in the revival at Sylva.

The evening service at Sylva will be a union service. The Baptist congregation having called off its evening service out of courtesy to the special services in the Methodist church.

This campaign will mark the beginning of the first special effort in the Methodist church during the incumbency of the present pastor. It is a call and a challenge to every member of the church. It comes at a time—the week preceding Easter—when every Christian should be ready to hear, even a whisper, from his or her Lord and Master. It is an invitation to every member of every other church living in the community. It is a privilege to hear the gospel which extends to all. Let every one take advantage of this timely opportunity to get a blessing and be a blessing.

The services will continue through the week with the possible exception of Saturday night. Come and bring your friends.

PLAN REUNION OF SIGNAL BATTALION HERE

Plans for holding the first reunion of the 105th Field Signal Battalion, 39th Division, in Sylva, some time this summer, are being discussed by former members of the battalion and by other citizens of the Town.

The matter was brought before the Sylva Rotary Club at its weekly luncheon, on Monday, and the club voted unanimously to back the movement in any way possible. A committee composed of M. Buchanan, Jr., John H. Morris and Dan Tompkins, former members of the organization, was appointed to work out plans for the reunion, and to elicit the support of the Sylva Chamber of Commerce, the Woman's Club and other organizations.

While the members of the organization came from all parts of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee, as well as from other states, Sylva is really considered the home town of the battalion, as the first unit of the organization was the Radio Company, North Carolina National Guard, a volunteer organization, raised in Sylva in July, 1917. That company later became Company "A," 105th Field Signal Battalion, and was the nucleus around which the organization, which was quite a famous one in France and Belgium, was constructed.

There has never been a reunion of this organization, and it is hoped that sufficient support can be had in Sylva and Jackson county, to enable the promoters of the project to arrange a great reunion, in Sylva, this summer, at which time it is believed that a large number of the old members of the Battalion can attend the reunion.

WORKMAN BREAKS LEG IN ACCIDENT

J. E. Moore was painfully injured Tuesday morning, just when the workmen had started tearing down the old Stein building, on Main Street, to make room for the new building.

Mr. Moore mounted to the top of the metal awning, and slipped in the frost, falling to the sidewalk, and breaking his leg.

He was taken to his home, and is said to be recovering nicely.

Observing Forestry Week

This is forestry week, and it is generally being observed throughout the country. Workers of state and national departments, in conjunction with county wardens, are attempting to lay emphatically before the people the necessity for caring for the forests, and to show them the great value forest lands can be to their owners and to the public.

In counties like Jackson, where there are large areas of forest lands, with tremendous acreage of young, and growing timber, is it especially necessary that steps be taken to protect this valuable asset.

Mr. S. C. Cogdill, county warden, is eliciting the support of the people, in this work. Forestry is being mentioned in the schools, and the schools generally are observing Arbor Day.

The vacation season will soon be here, and the following old rules, are brought to the attention of our own people as well as visitors:

1. Be sure your match is out. Break it in two before you throw it away.
2. Be sure that pipe ashes and cigar or cigarette stubs are dead before throwing them away. Never throw them into bushes, leaves or needles.

Before building a fire scrape away all inflammable material from a spot 5 feet in diameter. Dig a hole in the center and in it build a camp fire. Keep your fire small. Never build it against trees or logs or near brush.

Never break camp until your fire is out - dead out.

Never burn slash or brush in windy weather or while there is the slightest danger that the fire will get away.

Sure They're Going to Try to Pile On — By Albert T. Reid

