

The Jackson County Journal

\$1.50 Year in Advance in The County.

Sylva, N. C. Thursday, October 3, 1929

\$2.00 Year in Advance outside the County

Will Not Complete Highway 106 In 1930

The highway from Sylva to Cullowhee will not be completed next year, as has been expected, nor until after the next session of the general assembly in 1931, unless means for its completion can be provided from an unforeseen source. This is the definite statement from the district office of the State Highway Commission, as presented to the Chamber of Commerce, at a mass meeting held in Sylva on Tuesday night.

The announcement came as a complete surprise, and a bitter disappointment to the people of Sylva and Jackson county, and Commissioner J. Stikeleather stated that it had his intention and expectation to apply for a sufficient amount of the emergency fund, coming to the district next year to complete the paving to Cullowhee; but that, at its last session, the State Highway Commission was advised by its attorney that it will be necessary to complete the 4200 miles of federal aid roads in the State, next year, or lose the million and three quarters dollars federal aid money that comes to the State, yearly. He stated that there are a few projects in the 4200 miles that have not been brought up to the standard required by the federal government, which must be finished next year, after which additional mileage of federal aid roads can be placed on the map for construction, and the federal aid funds will continue to accrue to the State. Among the projects that must be completed next year, if the State is not to lose the federal aid funds, is Highway 28 from the Macon county line to Fairfield, Mr. Stikeleather stated that the commission will require that all federal aid projects be taken care of, in next year's program, and that in order to complete the one in Jackson county, namely, No. 28, it will be necessary to spend the money that he had intended to use on 106 between Sylva and Cullowhee, as there is no other fund from which the money can be taken; the general fund that comes to Jackson county having to be applied to paying the debt of the State Highway Commission to the county, as is required by law.

Mr. Stikeleather asserted that he will be glad to take the matter up with the commission at its next meeting, on October 16, and endeavor to get additional funds to complete 106 to Cullowhee; but expressed himself as being very doubtful about whether it can be done. He requested that the Chamber of Commerce appoint a delegation of influential citizens to meet with the commission and back up his efforts in getting enough money to complete 106. Mr. H. R. Queen, Mr. Ernest Keener, and Mr. A. D. Parker, the commissioners of Jackson county, and Mr. Thomas A. Cox, president of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. John B. Ensley, Mr. Dan Tompkins, Mayor of Sylva, Mr. H. T. Hunter, president of Western Carolina Teachers' College, Mr. D. M. Hall, Mr. C. W. Tison, county agent, Mr. J. N. Wilson, superintendent of schools, Mr. S. W. Enloe, Mr. Billy Davis, and Mr. Harry Buchanan, were appointed as a delegation to meet with the Highway Commission and hold a conference regarding the matter.

As the matter now stands, it is a certainty that, unless something can be done to secure additional funds for 106, which appears doubtful, the road to Cullowhee will not be completed until after the next session of the general assembly, in 1931.

The matter of completing the present paving project from the corporate limits of Sylva to Highway No. 10, was taken up, and Mr. Stikeleather stated that he had but \$80,000 of the emergency fund to spend on the present project; but that it would probably cost from one to five thousand dollars less than that amount to complete the project under construction, and that he will be glad to apply any amount that is left of the \$80,000 on completing the road to No. 10; but that he has no other money that can be made available for the purpose at this time.

A committee composed of M. D. Cowan, J. B. Ensley and S. W. Enloe was appointed to confer with the county commissioners and the District Highway Commissioner and to work out a plan whereby the road can be completed at this time;

THE WEEK

(By DAN TOMPKINS)

North Carolina, proud North Carolina, clothed in humility, hangs her head in shame, before the world. Another, and a bloody outbreak has occurred at Marion. At least three men are dead, and near a score more, both men and women are wounded, as the result of a bloody shooting at the gates of the Marion Manufacturing Company's plant, at the early hours Wednesday morning. No one, so far, seems to know what it was all about, although there was a large number of witnesses, including the sheriff of McDowell county, several deputies, and some newspaper reporters. The sheriff states that he had arrested, handcuffed, and was trying to subdue, one Jonas, when the firing began. He saw no firearms in the possession of the strike picketers, and saw shots coming only from his deputies. He states that he commanded and entreated the deputies to cease firing. The man Jonas, whom the sheriff had under arrest, was shot, taken to the hospital, with handcuffs about his wrists, and died. If there is any lesson that we can learn from the Marion mess, it is that it is a most dangerous thing to clothe men of small brains, little courage, and beast instincts with the authority of the law, and place firearms in their hands. There should be a law requiring every man, who aspires to be a police officer, of any kind, to first pass an examination before a competent board, show that he knows enough about the law and the bill of rights to be able to tell what he can and what he can't do, in the discharge of his duties, what his rights and duties are, and what are the rights of the people, and prove that he is temperamentally fitted and has sufficient moral and physical courage to make a competent officer. That one thing, would do more to restore respect for law than anything that could be accomplished.

W. O. Saunders, of pajama and Houston fame, told a News and Observer reporter that J. W. Bailey can not be elected either to the United States Senate or as governor, because the people don't want to vote for a smart man for public office. He cites the popularity of Mayor Jimmy Walker and Mr. Coolidge, and the election of Mr. Hoover and R. T. Fountain, to prove his contention. Perhaps Mr. Saunders might offer the same explanation as to why he, himself, is not now president of the United States.

The Democrats in the United States Senate, with the aid of the Republican insurgents from the bucolic west, upset the regular Republican and the Administration plans, and voted down the flexible feature of the tariff bill, restoring the final say of the tariff commission findings to the congress. So there is a majority in the upper house that recognizes that the taxation power, as provided by the constitution, rests with the congress, and not with the executive, even when it is to be used to tax the many for the benefit of the few.

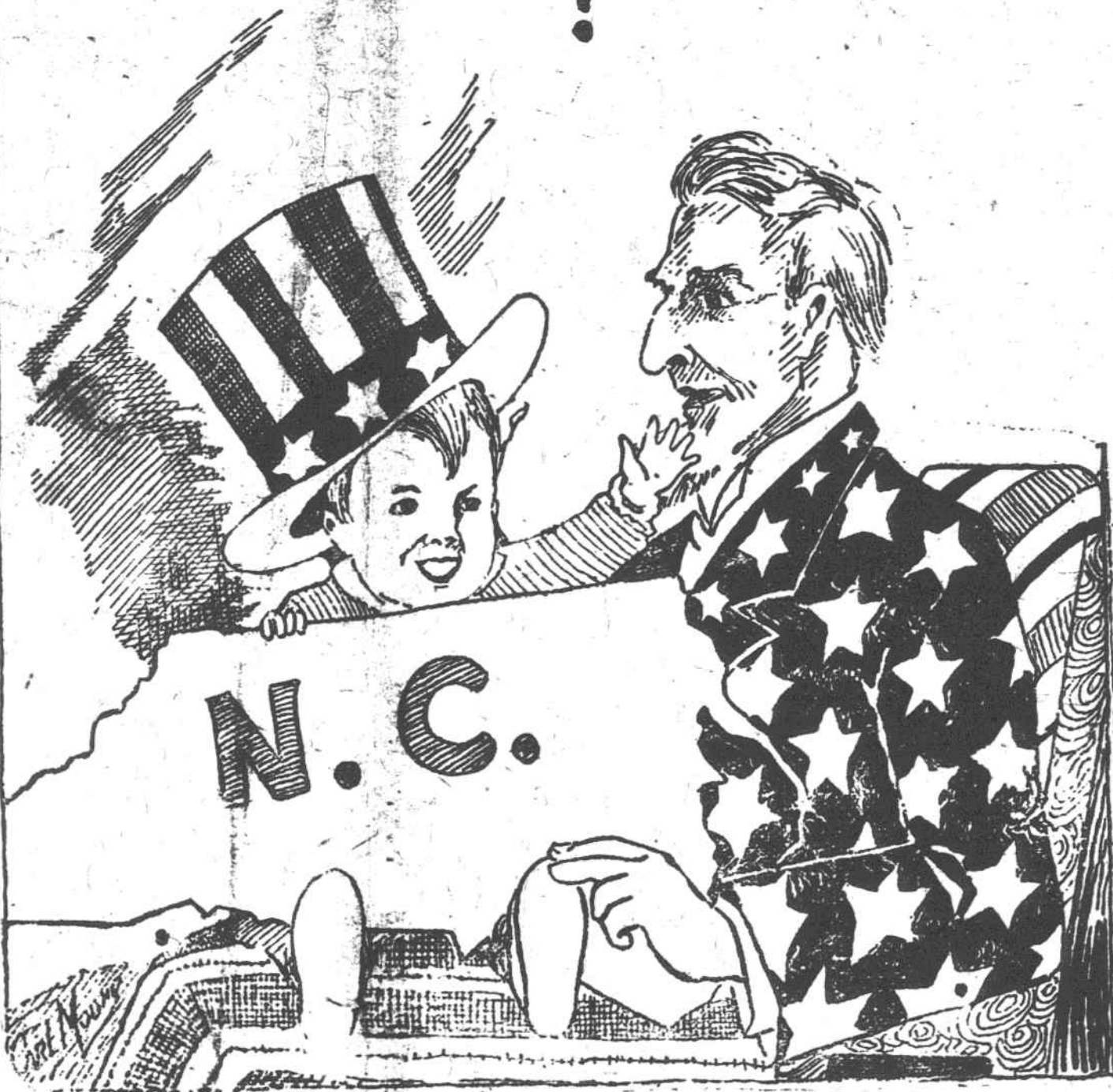
The suggestion has been made that Governor Gardner call the general assembly into extraordinary session, for the purpose of working out a settlement of the difficulties in the textile industry. Why not, Governor? It will have to be settled eventually, so why not get it over with, before any further tragedy blackens the good name of our beloved State?

Hall, Vickers, Jonas, Bryson, are the men dead at Marion, and they all have the ring of good North Carolina names, to me.

It being admitted at the meeting that the few hundred feet left open between the two highways is the worst part of the road between Sylva and Cullowhee, has the greatest amount of traffic, and is the most difficult to maintain.

The commissioner stated that in order to prevent forcing the American Forest Products Company to move its plant from Sylva to another state, it had been agreed not to construct the link that goes through the street yard, just outside of Sylva, at the present time, and to maintain, in good condition, the present road at that point.

MY BEST BABY!



THE SPOTLIGHT

Picking Out News Briefs from Over the State

Suits for a total of \$400,000 damages were filed in Charlotte over the week end by Gastonia strike leaders who contend that they were falsely arrested and imprisoned recently. The actions were brought against Sheriff John R. Irwin, of Mecklenburg County, and Chief of Police Alex West, of Charlotte. Earlier in the week the American Civil Liberties Union had offered an indefinite sum of more than \$2,000 as a reward for the apprehension and conviction of night riders guilty of various acts of violence in regard to the strikers and their leaders.

Judge Walter Small sentenced John Macon, a negro, to die in the electric chair at the State prison on November 1, at Warrenton after his recent trial, for the killing of Sam Pinnell on May 3. Following the sentence he was taken immediately to Raleigh.

Fifteen persons were arrested during the past week and a large amount of whiskey was seized at Concord where a squad of Federal prohibition agents under the direction of Administrator J. L. Osteen, of Greensboro, conducted an organized raid. The biggest single haul was of 43 gallons that was found on the property of H. A. (Bud) Goodman.

A week of United States District Court that has just been closed at Fayetteville resulted in 38 men being given sentences in the Federal prison in Atlanta. This is the largest single bunch of Federal prisoners ever known to have left this State. They went to Atlanta aboard a special car that was supervised by fifteen guards.

The subscription fund for the new Moore County Hospital has been raised, according to an announcement that has just come out of Aberdeen. The hospital will be built and equipped at once. Included in the fund was a donation of \$50,000 from the Duke Endowment Fund.

The high cost of living isn't recognized in the Recorder's Court of Chowan County. Judge John F. White—who is a Bachelor—ordered two men who have wives and children to pay \$5 a week for the support of their families when they were tried before him at Edenton last week for abandonment and non-support.

When John Thompson, aged 28 and a well-known Albemarle man, was climbing over a barbed wire fence early last week his shot gun was accidentally discharged and he was killed.

UNIQUE SERVICES PLANNED FOR METHODIST CHURCHES

The services which are being planned for the Methodist churches of Sylva and Dillsboro Sunday, are, to say the least, going to be unique.

One feature of the service will be the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper which will be given to all Christians alike who desire to celebrate in this Memorial to the death of the Son of God for the sins of the whole world. This is a beautiful and spiritual feast in which every member of the church will want to participate.

Another will be the presentation, by the pastor of the "Methodist Measuring Stick." It could easily be a means of grace to every Methodist to take his "measure" by this "yardstick."

Also, there will be hymns appropriate to the occasion and special music by the choir.

Sunday, in addition to being the first Sunday in the month, is the first in the Sunday School year. Make of it a Rally Day and come. Every citizen ought to go to church somewhere.

A big "Whoopie Jubilee" was held at Scotland Neck, Friday. At that time business houses and citizens of the town chased "Old Man Gloom" and all his attendants out of town and replaced him with the spirits of "Happiness" and "Good Cheer."

Governor O. Max Gardner held a conference at the capitol several days ago to consider the turmoil of labor difficulty that have beset the State recently. He met at that time with a group of leading textile manufacturers of the State. On the following day he issued a statement that he would hold a similar meeting with representatives of the strikers because he did not talk the same language that these leaders did. "Their doctrine is fundamentally destructive and alien to North Carolina," he said. "They do not speak the language of law and order."

Further investigations into the death of Mrs. Ella May Wiggins, who was killed near Gastonia in a clash between labor factions recently, have led to the arrest of W. M. Borders, an aged watchman at the Loray Cotton Mill. Witnesses at the inquest described the man who shot Mrs. Wiggins as having red hair.

The Aderholt murder trial in which Fred Deal and fifteen defendants are charged with the murder of the late Chief of Police at Gastonia was started for the third time on Monday morning. The killing came in the midst of Gastonia's labor difficulties. Just on the eve of the third starting of the trial strike sympathizers were refused the use of the

TO HAVE FARMERS FESTIVAL

The definite decision has been reached, to hold a Farmers' Festival and a livestock and poultry show in Sylva on October 31 and November 1 and 2, and plans looking toward the event are being worked out by committees of the Jackson County Poultry Association, and of Sylva business men.

The premium lists will be prepared and placed in the hands of interested farm people within a short time.

The warehouse of Mrs. D. L. Love, near the Southern Railway station, has been secured as an exhibition building; and attractive prizes and premiums will be given by the business people of Sylva.

The cooperation of all the people of the town, as individuals, as well as that of the various civic organizations, and the people of the farms, is being asked, to make this a memorable event, and to bring the largest number of the people of the county together as the guests of Sylva, that ever congregated in the town at any one time.

City Hall and the Mecklenburg County Courthouse at Charlotte for a big mass meeting.

R. M. Caudle, former clerk of the High Point municipal court, has been arrested on charges of embezzlement and misappropriation of the city's funds. He has given bond pending his appearance in Superior Court for trial. A total of 38 true bills were returned against him by the grand jury. The amount of the alleged shortage has been estimated at \$20,000. Caudle has denied the charges and blamed the loss on a bad system of handling money records.

During the month of August, North Carolina lost only \$647 from Forest fires. A total of fourteen fires were reported as having burned over 492 acres with an average loss of \$35 an acre.

At the close of a coroner's inquest into the death of Betty Spivey, 20-year-old Lee County girl, James Spivey, a cousin of the girl, was ordered held without bond for trial in Superior Court. The mutilated body of the girl was found near her home recently. Her head had evidently been battered with an axe.

Choirs and singers from over the State gathered some 1,500 strong at the Church of God at Hickory for an annual singing convention, last week.

A government hospital for 1,500 patients addicted to the use of narcotic drugs is planned for North Carolina and movements have been initiated at several points in the State to acquire 1,000 acres of land suited to obtain the hospital. It will re-

D. M. Hall Will Head Merchants' Association

With the election of David M. Hall, manager of the Sylva Supply Company, as president, the Sylva Merchants' Association was formally launched, at a meeting held in the Chamber of Commerce hall, last night, for the purpose of promoting the interests of the business houses and shops of Sylva, and for the general benefit of Sylva and Jackson county.

Mr. A. M. Simons, of the Paris, was elected vice-president; Mr. Billy Davis, of the Tuckasegee Bank treasurer; and Mr. R. C. Allison, of the Jackson Hardware Company, Mr. M. D. Cowan, of the Jackson County Bank, Mr. P. E. Moody, of Medford Furniture Company, Mr. J. D. Cowan, of Buchanan Pharmacy, and Mr. V. V. Hooper, of the Sylva Coal and Lumber Company, were elected as directors.

A meeting will be held on Thursday night of next week, at which the plans of the association will be thoroughly considered and adopted. It is expected that all the business interests of the town will be represented at the next meeting.

The election of the secretary was left open until the by-laws and plans have been adopted.

WILL ORGANIZE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION IN SYLVA

The Sylva Chamber of Commerce adopted a resolution, at the meeting, Tuesday night, looking to the permanent control and maintenance of the Keener cemetery.

As soon as the organization is perfected, the association will raise funds, will put the cemetery in first class condition, working all private lots under the direction of the owners and will employ a full time caretaker to keep the graves and lots in neat order, and to supervise the digging of graves.

DEITZ-BUCHANAN REUNION

The Deitz and Buchanan families will hold their annual reunion at the East Fork Baptist church, Saturday, October 19, beginning at 10 in the morning. The families of the two clans are expected to bring baskets of dinner, which will be served in the church yard.

The reunion will open with a song and prayer service, of about 30 minutes.

The second item on the program is an address by Dan Tompkins.

Third, address by T. C. Bryson. This will be followed by dinner and a social hour, after which the reunion will adjourn at will.

JEWISH HOLIDAYS

Friday and Saturday, tomorrow and the next day, being Jewish holidays, The Leader Department Store will be closed from Thursday evening until Monday morning.

farming activities, an adequate water supply, and all natural resources, all located in close proximity to some flourishing city.

An effort is being made by a committee appointed by the Mecklenburg County-Bar Association to disbar several Charlotte attorneys who are said to have violated the ethics of the profession by misappropriating funds placed in their hands and soliciting business. A report has been submitted to the grievance committee of the State Bar Association.

The Swedish steamer, Cary Gerhard went ashore early last week near Kill Devil Hill on the North Carolina coast with practically total loss. The 22 men aboard were saved by the Kill Devil Hill Coast Guard.

The argument over providing separate accommodations for Negroes by the bus lines of the State will be settled by the Supreme Court, Monday.

Two young ladies hooked a 500-lb. shark a few days ago when they were fishing near Ocracoke.

A huge bank merger involving 17

North Carolina banks and 16 located in New York state is known to be in process of formation. A holding company to be capitalized at \$60,000,000 will control the two groups of banks if the merger is perfected.