

# The Jackson County Journal

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## POLITICAL POT BEGINS TO BOIL IN COUNTY

The local political pot is beginning to simmer, this being election year, and the primary election coming on in June. About on the streets, little groups gather up, and talk centers about prospective candidates. In other words, Jackson county Democrats are casting about for suitable timber with which to assay to unseat the Republicans in the county, and Republicans are wondering who is their best bet to try to hold Jackson in the Republican ranks.

This is the year for Jackson to furnish the State senator, under the foolish system of rotation of that office, and the name of Mrs. E. L. McKee is frequently mentioned in that connection not only in Jackson, but also in Haywood and Transylvania, the other two counties in the district. Mrs. McKee is perhaps better known in the other counties than most any other person in Jackson. She has served the State in various appointive capacities, and has served with capability and distinction, being always the champion of the underprivileged. But perhaps her most noteworthy work was that of leading the minority on the educational commission in a fight for a State-wide 8 month's public school term, with equal opportunities to all the children of the State, and it is largely through that work that the large equalization appropriation for public schools was secured at the last session of the General Assembly, resulting in a big cut in taxes in many of the less wealthy counties of the State, including Jackson.

For representative on the democratic side of the fence, Thomas A. Cox has been frequently mentioned, and would carry to the House as much weight as anybody the county could send, provided he should be elected.

The name of Rev. Thad F. Deitz, is being persistently suggested as a suitable one to go on the Democratic ticket, for Commissioner of Welfare. This is a most important office and its humanitarian aspects fit in well with the work that Mr. Deitz has been doing, as a pastor for many years.

J. Donald Cowan has been frequently mentioned in connection with the office of commissioner of finance.

For highway commissioner, Jesse Rogers, of Qualla, J. C. Allman, of Scott's Creek, and W. A. Hooper, of Cullowhee, are being talked of.

F. I. Watson, of Dillsboro, C. W. Allen and L. A. Buchanan, of Sylva, have all been mentioned in connection with the office of clerk of the superior court.

B. B. Long, of Cullowhee, Ed. Hooper, of East Laporte, and Frank Crawford, of Scott's Creek are among those we now think of as having head mentioned in connection with the nomination for register of deeds.

Friends of Dan Moore have been quietly boosting him for judge of the recorder's court.

The only name that we have so far heard mentioned in connection with the sheriff's nomination, is that of John Mauey, of Qualla. His friends in that part of the county, and he is said to have many of them, down there, say that he would make not only a good candidate, but that if elected would reflect credit upon the party that nominated him.

There are probably other names that have been suggested in connection with the various offices; but we have not heard them. There may be other candidates in the field, before the primary comes around; in fact no announcement has been made by any of the people mentioned above; but their availability is being considered by Democrats in various parts of the county. After all, the whole party will have to choose the people to go on the ticket.

On the republican side of the fence, there has been little discussion of names, so far as we have heard. That party is in power in the county, having carried it at the last two elections, and it is not known whether they expect to win again with the same candidates, or to swap over for others. In some offices, like that of clerk of the court; there is thought to be little likelihood of a change of personnel on the ticket, while in some offices there may be.

## 40 YEARS AGO (Tuckasegee Democrat, Feb 5, 1890)

Mr. W. L. Gidney caught a large catamount on the mountains near here last week, after an exciting chase.

Rev. John Ammons, corresponding secretary of the Western Baptist Convention preached a very fine sermon at Dillsboro, Thursday night.

Rev. J. O. Shelley was here Friday, having hauled to the parsonage at Webster a fine organ.

The reason why seats are not put in the Academy at Dillsboro is not that they are not badly needed.

Editor Mahone of the Fort Worth Gazette was presented a purse of \$600 in gold by admiring friends by way of showing their appreciation of his service in behalf of the town and community. If such a thing as that was to happen in one of our Western North Carolina towns, it would be a calamity. The editor would at once become insane, the foreman would commit suicide, and the devil would go wild. We beseech our citizens not to try the experiment. To jump from a few specked apples, frozen potatoes, etc., on subscription to \$600 in gold as free gift would be more than we could stand—Hendersonville Times.

When the project of building a house in Sylva for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was started about a year ago, it met with considerable favor, an amount sufficient having been promptly subscribed, a lot secured, and a number of logs hauled to the saw mill here. The owners of the mill generously offered the use of the mill for sawing the lumber free of charge. Right there there came a halt. Nothing has been done since. The logs are lying on the yard. The fact that there is no church building in town seems to us a sufficient reason for building one as soon as possible.

## ROTARIANS SEEK COMPLETION OF HIGHWAY TO CULLOWHEE

At its weekly luncheon, at the Sylva Hotel, on Tuesday, the Sylva Rotary Club began a movement to attempt to secure the completion of Highway 106 to Cullowhee, within the next few months.

It was pointed out that the public press has revealed that there is to be a large amount of money available for highway construction, in this district, this year.

The club voted unanimously as favoring the move, and a committee composed of Dr. H. T. Hunter, Mr. Thomas A. Cox, and Mr. Harry Buchanan was appointed to confer with the Sylva Chamber of Commerce and with the district highway commissioner regarding the proposal.

Rev. J. G. Murray addressed the club at the meeting.

## BALSAM HAS 36 INCH SNOW

In some places here recently snow was 36 inches deep.

Mr. Zeb Bryson and Miss Elizabeth Smathers were married, Tuesday, the 4th. Rev. A. C. Bryson performed the ceremony. Mrs. Bryson is the charming and lovely daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smathers, Samook. M. Bryson is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Forrest Bryson, and a great grand son of the late Francis Bryson. He is a young man and of fine qualities, and we wish them a long and happy life.

Mrs. James Lindsey returned, Sunday from Cincinnati, where she has been for several weeks, visiting her daughters, Miss Virginia Lindsey and Mrs. L. P. Tappan, and little son.

Mrs. Clarence Phillips of Willets spent last week end with Mrs. O. J. Beck.

Mrs. Ellen Lindsey, of Canton, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. James Lindsey.

Mr. Hubert Ensley and family are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Mehaffey, in Hendersonville.

Mrs. H. P. Ensley has returned from a visit to friends in Bryson City, Andrews, and Murphy.

Mrs. W. M. Hutchinson, of Atlanta, owner of Balsam Mountain Springs hotel, was here on business for several days recently.

## TO HAVE SYLVA NIGHT AT LYRIC THEATRE NEXT THURSDAY

In order to show in a tangible way the appreciation of the people of the city of the Lyric Theatre, which, since the recent installation of the Western Electric sound equipment, is one of the most modern and best equipped theatres in the State, and one that far surpasses theatres in most towns many times the size of this, a number of citizens of the town are planning a "Sylva Night" at the theatre, on next Thursday. The management of the theatre knew nothing of the plans, until they were far advanced, when it was taken into consultation concerning the kind of picture that will be presented.

Boy Scouts and other organizations will do the advertising and drum up the crowd, and it is hoped to have as many of the people of Sylva at the theatre as is possible.

Five minute talks will be made by Mrs. E. L. McKee, Mr. V. E. Westinger, Rev. Geo. Clemmer, and Mayor Dan Tompkins.

"Sweetie" is the talking picture that will be shown, and it is said to be a musical comedy with a lot of laughs. It is built around a North Carolina College, and is thought by the management to be one of the very best pictures to be heard on the program for the entire season. In addition, there will be the usual comedy and sound news features.

It is hoped that as many of the children as possible will see the picture on Thursday afternoon, leaving more vacant seats at night for the grown up folks, who work in the day time.

The same show will be presented on Wednesday.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO MEET TUESDAY P. M.

The Sylva Chamber of Commerce will meet next Tuesday evening, Feb. 11, at 7.30 o'clock. Among other matters that will be taken up will be the referendum of the United States Chamber of Commerce on the report of the special committee on the Federal Reserve System.

Pamphlets have been sent out by the United States Chamber of Commerce giving both sides of the report, and will be discussed by the following citizens in short talks. D. D. Alley, J. B. Ensley and Thos. A. Cox will present the argument for the adoption of the report, while H. E. Monteith, Dan Tompkins, and Dr. H. T. Hunter will state the position of those who are opposed to its adoption.

This is the first time such a question has been taken up for discussion.

## COUNTY-WIDE TEACHERS MEET HERE SATURDAY

Prof. A. C. Reynolds, former president of Cullowhee State Normal School, and now superintendent of public instruction in Buncombe county, will be the principal speaker at the county-wide meeting of public school teachers to be held in Sylva on Saturday.

Mr. Reynolds will speak at noon, and Senator Welch Galloway will be the speaker at a luncheon to be given in the afternoon, at the high school building. A large attendance of the teachers of the county is expected.

## CLUB TO ENCOURAGE SCHOOL GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION

The Twentieth Century Club of Sylva is sponsoring a movement for the beautification of the grounds of the county, and is offering a total of \$50.00 in cash prizes to the three schools in the county that do the most to beautify their grounds.

Col. Charles J. Harris, of Dillsboro is making the donation of the cash prizes, through the club.

Letters have been mailed out by the president of the club, Mrs. A. H. Weaver, to the principals of the schools, outlining the plan of the contest. It begins now and closes on December 1, 1930. The first prize is \$25, second \$15, and third \$10.

In order to teach the children the value of the native forest, it is provided that all trees shrubs and plants used must be indigenous.

Suggestions are made that spruce, hemlock, cedar, holly, pine, dogwood, rhododendron, laurel, azalea, wild hydrangea, wild rose, sweet briar, trillium, lady slipper, wild geranium, arbutus, violets, ferns, mosses and other native trees, flowers, and plants can be used effectively.

It is the hope of the club, to cooperate with the schools in making the school grounds of Jackson county the most beautiful in the South.

## BOARD HOLDS MEETING AT TEACHERS' COLLEGE

Cullowhee Yodel, Feb. 1—On Friday January 17, at the desire of Mr. H. T. Hunter, president of the college, and Mr. Reuben Robertson, chairman of the board, a special meeting of the board of trustees of Western Carolina Teachers' College was held at Cullowhee. The purpose of the meeting was to inspect new projects now under construction, including a hydro-electric plant, a new dormitory, a dining room extension, new garages, and an extension of the gymnasium, which has doubled its seating capacity.

The members of the board present were Mr. Reuben Robertson, chairman, Canton, T. W. Bird, Asheville, C. C. Buchanan, Sylva, J. E. Coburn,

## LETTERS TO THE PAPER

The Journal has always maintained a policy of keeping the columns of the county paper open to citizens of the county for free discussion of matters that are of interest to and concern the welfare of the people.

We would not and could not presume to muzzle the people from expression of their opinions on public matters. The only restrictions are that the discussions be kept within the bounds of propriety; that the writer sign his or her name to the article; and that it be as brief as possible.

Because an article written and signed by a citizen is published in The Journal, it by no means is an indication that it reflects the opinion or position of this paper. To the contrary, it very frequently happens that it does not. But no paper could maintain its self-respect nor the confidence of the people if it should be so presumptive as to deny them the right of the use of a free press.

## SWAIN CHILDREN SAVED FROM MONOXIDE FUMES

Bryson City Times, Jan. 30—Twelve school children were overcome by gas fumes which filled an Almond school bus that was being used to transport them to their homes in the Maple Springs section, Wednesday afternoon. An investigation made after the near tragedy showed that a large amount of gas fumes had entered the passenger compartment through the floor, from an exhaust pipe that had been broken, under the center of the body of the truck.

The first sign of any poisonous gas was discovered by the truck driver, when the children began to show signs of being nauseated. The bus was stopped and the children taken out as soon as possible. The fresh air soon revived them, and they were son was called and found that none of the children showed any ill effects from their experience with the deadly monoxide.

The members of the board arrived in time for lunch and were served in the college dining room. After lunch a business meeting was held, after which the visitors were shown the new projects by Mr. Hunter. All members of the board expressed themselves as being well pleased with the work.

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## PETITIONS FOR HOSPITAL VOTE ARE CIRCULATED

Petitions asking the county commissioners to call an election on the matter of the issuance of \$20,000 in bonds for the purchase by the county, of the Candler-Nichols Hospital, are being circulated among the freeholders of every township in the county, this week and next.

It is understood that the law provides that the petition must carry the names of 200 freeholders, 150 of whom must reside outside of the town of Sylva.

The petition sets as a condition precedent that the tax levy for the hospital bonds shall not exceed .33c and states that the commissioners are asked to call the election in view of the fact that the Duke Foundation is to make a donation of \$30,000 for the purchase of the hospital property, and Col. C. J. Harris \$5,000, which added to the donation of \$20,000 by Dr. Candler and Dr. Nichols, would give the county the hospital, valued at nearly eighty thousand dollars, for the sum of \$20,000.

It is expected that the petition will be presented to the county commissioners, and that the election will be called, to be held some time in May, within the next few days.

The late James B. Duke left a large sum in money and securities, to be administered by the Duke Foundation, for the benefit of the people in North and South Carolina. Among the various charities that share the Duke money, are public hospitals. At present the Foundation is paying \$1.00 per day per patient for the hospitalization of charity patients in public hospitals, in addition to helping pay the price of construction, purchase and equipment.

## P. T. A. TO HONOR FATHERS

The Sylva Parent-Teacher Association will observe "Father's Night", Friday evening, beginning at eight o'clock. The meeting will be held in the Chamber of Commerce and Mr. A. C. Reynolds, superintendent of Buncombe county schools, will be the speaker of the evening. Mr. Lewis Moore has consented to furnish music for the occasion, and other interesting features are being planned. The mothers of all the children in the elementary and high schools, as well as the teachers are invited to be present.

## TO HOLD COMMUNITY FARM MEETINGS NEXT WEEK

During the coming week the county agent, Mr. C. W. Tilson, is calling farmers meetings in practically every community in the county. At the meetings plans for the year's farm activities, cash crop production, and marketing will be carefully discussed and plans made and work started now in each community.

The county agent urges every farmer in each community to attend the meeting in his community, so as to get the various ideas to be brought out on how to increase the cash income on his farm this year, and also to avail himself of the opportunity to get lined up with his neighbors on the cash crop production and marketing to be done in each community, and the county, this year. Every person reading this announcement and article is urged by the county agent to be present at his community meeting.

On Monday, February 10th, meetings will be held as follows:

J. H. Reagans, Qualla, 10 A. M.  
G. A. Kinslands, Qualla, 1 P. M.  
G. S. Bumgarner's, Wilmot 3 P. M.  
On Tuesday, February 11th:  
Higdon's Store, Gay, 10 A. M.  
Houston Ashe, Greens Creek, 1 P. M.

N. C. Brown's, Lower Savannah, 3 P. M.


On Wednesday, February 12th:  
Tyra Davis, Cullowhee Road, 10 A. M.

Beta School House 1 P. M.  
Ode Robinson's, Willets, 3 P. M.  
Thursday, February 13th L. A. Ammon's, Cullowhee, 10 a. m. George Hooper's store, Speedwell, 1 p. m. Claude Wike's, Tuckasegee, 3 p. m. Friday, Feb. 14, School House, John's Creek 10 a. m., Glenville 1 p. m., W. R. Stewart's, Erastus, 3 P. M.

taken to their homes. Dr. D. R. Bryson City, Mrs. Giles Cover, Andrews, N. B. McDevitt, Marshall, T. H. Shipman, Breward.

February Twelfth ————— By Albert T. Reid

Could Abraham Lincoln speak to his countrymen today he probably would ask them not to make a Deity of him but to look upon him as a human being who had the most heartbreaking task our country ever gave to any man and who tried his best to bring peace to reunite his country and to heal the wounds



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