

The Jackson County Journal

50 Year in Advance in The County.

Sylva, N. C., Thursday, May 8, 1930

\$2.00 Year in Advance outside the County

REPUBLICANS TO CHOOSE TICKET

Call has been issued by John Enslley, chairman of the county Republican Executive Committee, for a county convention to suggest names for the various county offices to be held at the board of elections, held with the board of elections, at the primary law.

The convention, the call for which was issued by the board of elections, will be held in the Court House in Sylva on Saturday, May 11, at 2 o'clock.

For The Republican County Convention.

The Republican Convention of the County of Jackson County is hereby called to meet at the Court House in Sylva, N. C., at 2 o'clock P. M., on Saturday, May 11th, 1930, for the purpose of selecting county officers and to transact such business as may come before the convention.

Organizations will please send their representatives to the convention to be held at the Court House in Sylva, N. C., at 2 o'clock P. M., on Saturday, May 11th, 1930, for the purpose of selecting county officers and to transact such business as may come before the convention.

J. R. Enslley, Chairman.

BIG SYLVA GROWTH

In 1920 a small village of Sylva, N. C., has grown into a town of 3,557, as disclosed by the official census just completed. The population was nearly 55 percent, and the area of the town within the corporate limits of the town was the same area as in 1920, but the area has been enlarged, as is the case with many of the towns of West-Carolina.

The township of Sylva has more than 1000 during the past year. In 1920 the population of Sylva township was 2,242, and at present it is 3,557, an increase of practically 50 percent.

Some of the towns in the county are compared with 807 in 1920. Savannah township reported a population of 703 in 1920 and 1,000 in 1930. Hantsburg township reported a population of 813 in 1920 and 1,202 in 1930. River Springs township reported a population of 479 in 1920 and 713 in 1930. South Creek township reported a population of 1,439 in 1920 and 2,100 in 1930.

WILLIE TO FILL METH- ODIST PULPIT, SUNDAY

The absence of the pastor, who has been on a series of meetings in the Methodist church at Cullowhee, N. C., the pulpit of the Methodist church in Sylva and Dillsboro will be occupied by visiting ministers by morning and evening.

Mark Q. Tuttle will preach in Sylva in the morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. Thad F. Deitz will preach in Dillsboro in the evening at 8 o'clock. Sunday schools of the charge will convene at 10 a. m. The Epworth League will meet in the evening at 7 o'clock.

Today is Mother's Day. Wear a ribbon of proper color and go to school with mother if you can, or if you no longer have her with you, go to the memory of her.

GIVE PAGEANT AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SUNDAY

The "Angels of Mercy" is the title of a pageant to be given at the First Baptist church, next Sunday evening, by the Woman's Missionary Society. The pageant presents the work done by the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. There are nine characters in the pageant, seven of whom are children. Visitors are cordially invited, and all members are urged to do so.

The Mother's Day offering for the hospital will be given over to a play at the Baptist church, next Sunday morning following the program of the morning service will carry out the spirit of Mother's Day. The music, etc., will be appropriate to the occasion.

The closing assembly of the B. Y. Y. will be given over to a play by the Murray Junior B. Y. P. under the leadership of Mrs. John Enslley. Those coming to the evening service will come at 7:45 they will be given this treat as well as given by the W. M. U. at 8

THE WEEK

(By DAN TOMPKINS)

From Rangoon to Mandalay there is a great stir and uproar following the arrest of the Indian patriotic and religious leader, Mahatma Gandhi, by British civil officers, following his campaign of passive resistance to English rule. What will eventuate nobody knows; but twisting the tail of the British Lion has ever proved disastrous, except in the instance when part of our ancestors got away with it.

What practically all thinking people expected happened, Saturday and Monday, when the stock market broke again, sending many stocks tumbling downward. The effects of the gambling fever that swept over America, up to last October, coupled with wide-spread unemployment and discontent, will be felt for a long time yet.

A long list of the leading economists in America have joined in a petition of protest against the passage of the pending tariff bill, alleging that it would result in increased unemployment, do further serious harm to the injured farmers, and seriously affect American business and relations in foreign countries. Republican standpatters reply that economists have always opposed the policy of protective tariff, which is true. It seems to me, that the strain that higher tariffs would place upon our foreign relations would cause any congressman or senator to think seriously before voting for the bill, in view of the fact that the past eleven years have brought us much unpleasant feeling among our neighbor nations of the world; to say nothing of the economic fallacy that a people can tax themselves rich.

Josiah Williams Bailey has made a trip through Buncombe, Madison, and some of the other western counties, during the past week. Mr. Bailey has much strength in practically all the western counties in his campaign to defeat Senator Simmons for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator.

The United States Senate, yesterday afternoon, defeated the confirmation of John J. Parker, of Charlotte, as associate justice of the Supreme Court by a 39-41 vote. Despite the fact that Parker is a leading North Carolina Republican, both Democratic senators from this State supported him, and Senator Overman was one of the leaders in the fight for his confirmation. All North Carolina was behind Judge Parker; but the Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and labor organizations stirred up the row that resulted in his rejection.

Water, Copper, Schools

By Col. Wade Harris
Charlotte Observer, May 2, 1930

The mountain breezes have freshened up over all that section of the State embracing the Georgia-Tennessee corners, above which the Great Smoky Mountain range stands sentinel for cattle and chickens, orchard and dairy, have been filling the farmer's pocket book, while springing up of industrial enterprises is spreading a smile over the face of the country. Up to the time good roads made penetration of that section of the State it was a peened-up treasure house. Good roads invited the people to come in, and development of tremendous importance is fast following. The old Murphy Division of the Southern Railway Company, long built, and highways of recent construction have to be relocated in many-mile sections to make way to water reservoirs and power plants, and tractors are hauling long strings of copper ores from the mines to railroad transportation from Sylva to the smelting plants in Tennessee, pending the erection of smelting plants convenient to the newly-developed mines in Jackson, Macon, Haywood and Swain counties. These reservoirs and power plants are under development by the American Aluminum Company, and the extent of this particular industry may be grasped in the statement that an investment of \$100,000,000 will be necessary to carry the projects to completion.

The location of the dams—there are six in the scheme—is best indicated by a marking on the State Highway map. The Little Tennessee River, starting in Macon County and forming the dividing line between Graham and Swain, is made to give a good account of its waters before leaving the State. The first dam in the aluminum company's system is located at Topoca, just inside the State line. The second is at the point known as Yellow Creek. The third, completed some months ago and forming a lake that is shown on the State map, backs water to Robbinsville; the fourth is located at Topton, at the point of the V running down from Bryson City on the East and Robbinsville on the west. The fifth is at Bushnell, and it is this dam that will back water to cover the lower part of Bryson. The sixth dam will be located on Highway No. 106 that connects Sylva with No. 28 at Cashier's Valley.

The impounding of these waters has an interesting possibility for Swain County. Bryson City will be the Capital of the smallest land area in the State, for the reservoirs will

cover about one-fourth of the farming lands, and the wooded areas of the Smoky Mountains National Park will constitute the larger part of the visible lands. The aluminum people have paid top prices for such lands as were necessary for their development and in most instances the owners were only too glad to sell out.

As a matter of course this investment of \$100,000,000 in damming the rivers is not intended for the mere purpose of forming dams. These waters thus caught up are to be utilized in running the wheels of industrial plants. The aluminum officials are rather close-mouthed about their plans, as must be necessarily the case, pending the working out of details, but enough is known to indicate location around the power plants of industries of various kinds, including the one which will run in production of the new metal which is a cross between iron and steel and which will play an important part in automobile manufacture. An enormous pay roll is in the making over a territory that will take in Transylvania, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Clay, Cherokee, Graham and Swain counties, in which circumstance the people can readily see the dawning of a new day for that part of the State.

In the days "before the war" considerable pecking around was Haywood counties for copper. Veins done in Jackson, Macon, Swain and worked in a crude way, produced ores heavy in copper. But there was no smelters and no transportation, and only the tradition of these mines remained. A few months ago the big copper interests of Ducktown, and the United States Smelting and Refining Company came along investigating. What they discovered set them to digging. Tuesday last the Observer saw a shipment of 17 car loads of ores from mines on Highway 285, between Sylva and Franklin, showing values of around 35 per cent in lead, 17 per cent in zinc and 8 to 10 per cent in copper. Hard by on the same highway, the copper miners are working in a creek bottom a thousand feet below. The developments have encouraged the copper people to the hope of establishing the industry on a profitable basis, and that necessarily means construction of smelter plants to save transportation costs. A force of 60 hands is now working in the Cullowhee mine in Jackson County. It was suggested to one of the operators that if news of discovery of copper ores as rich as those now being worked in Jackson and adjacent counties should have come from the West,

40 YEARS AGO

TUCKASEEGEE DEMOCRAT
May 7, 1890

The municipal election held here Monday resulted in the election of Gen. E. R. Hampton for Mayor, O. B. Coward, R. M. Davis, M. H. Morris, J. R. Frizzell and H. P. Brendle for commissioners, and J. D. Sittton for marshal. A petition was circulated and signed during the day asking the county commissioners to order an election to be held on the question of issuing license to sell whiskey here. The petition was presented to the commissioners who, very properly, refused to make the order, as they had no authority under the law to do so.

Geo. R. B. Vance delivered the commencement address at the Hamburg High School, which was written up for the Democrat by J. H. House. H. R. Queen and D. M. Pressley delivered original orations. The question resolved that missionary enterprises have done more to promote civilization than commerce, was debated by H. C. Harris, E. C. Hedden, H. R. Queen and D. M. Pressley. Prof. Pinecard delivered the certificate of proficiency to Miss Ella Robinson, the first student to complete the course. Rev. B. N. Queen pronounced the benediction.

Hon. Kope Elias has accepted the invitation to deliver the address at the close of Cullowhee High School.

Miss Carrie Perry of Wallalla, S. C., is visiting Miss Frances Baum.

Maj. Thompson, the master of the Illinois State Grange, has quit the Republican party because of its shams, and joined the Democratic party as offering the only hope to the oppressed farmer.

Senator Blackburn has introduced a bill to admit Arizona Territory to the Union.

Senator Beck of Kentucky died in Washington last Saturday. He was an active member of the Senate, and did perhaps more than any other Democrat in shaping legislation. With Senator Vance he represented the minority on the Committee on Finance, and it was because of his ill health that so much work was thrown on Senator Vance as to cause the loss of his eye.

The proposed Nicaragua canal to unite the Atlantic and Pacific oceans will cost \$65,000,000. The distance is 169 miles, but only 29 miles of canal will have to be dug.

There would have been a rush there similar to the gold rush of the 49ers. And that, it was agreed, is exactly what would have happened. It is a very good prospect that this copper mining in the western part of this State is going to bring additional fame to North Carolina.

And throughout western North Carolina, education is keeping the pace with agriculture and industry—perhaps a little ahead. One would be led to believe so after a look at the transformation that has been going on around the former Cullowhee State Normal—former, because that institution has lost its old name, and is now forging forward under the name of Western Carolina Teachers College, but under the same able leadership of Dr. H. T. Hunter, its president. The State has a million dollars invested in the buildings that adorn the hill on which the Cullowhee institution is built. It is rather difficult to establish the greater object of President Hunter's pride—the coverage of grass and flower, shrubbery and trees he has given the lawns surrounding the buildings, or the new \$100,000 dormitory for girls just being finished, whose chief feature, aside from its beautiful architectural design, is an actuality in fire-proof construction. It stands on the crowning elevation enclosed in saucer-shape by the towering ranges of the Cowees, Balsams, Nantahalas and Smoky Mountains. It is called Robertson Hall, in honor of Reuben Robertson, who was an active official from 1925 to 1930. Other buildings are the Joyner building, construction in 1913, named after Dr. J. Y. Joyner, great pioneer in North Carolina education; the Davies Hall; the Madison building; the Walter E. Moore Dormitory, costing \$200,000,

VESTAL RETURNS FIRST OF JUNE

E. V. Vestal, County Agent of Greene County, has been chosen as County Agent for this county, and will arrive about June 1 to assume his duties here.

Mr. Vestal is well known in Jackson, and is thoroughly familiar with the work here, having served with C. W. Tilson, in the capacity of assistant county agent, during the greater part of last year. He went from here to Greene a few months ago.

Following the resignation of Mr. Tilson, who went to Durham as the head of the Durham Mutual Exchange, negotiations have been in progress between the commissioners of this county, the State Extension Service, and the Greene County authorities to effect the release of Mr. Vestal by the commissioners of Greene, and his return to Jackson.

Chairman Ernest Keener of the County commissioners was notified today, that Mr. Vestal will begin the work in Jackson on June 1, at a cost to the county of \$1,400.00 a year, the salary of the county agent having been reduced because of the general business depression.

CULLOWHEE ESSAY WINS FIRST PRIZE IN STATE

Miss Hannah J. Cox, of Cullowhee High School, has been notified that her essay on "Develop a Suitable Woodland Taxation Policy for North Carolina" has been awarded first prize in the State-wide contest recently conducted in the high schools.

The winning of the contest entitles Miss Cox to a bronze medal presented by the American Forestry Association, and wins for Cullowhee High School the school medal for one year, in addition to the prize of \$10.00 in gold, which Miss Cox will receive.

is a central heating plant; dairy units laundry and a library to which additions are being constantly made, a full-time librarian being employed. The farm surrounding the school is an interesting unit in its equipment. One of the prettiest tennis courts in all the land is of daily utilization, and at Cullowhee is located the emerald boys' basketball team. The very atmosphere around Cullowhee breathes educational inspiration. And it was at Cullowhee that the editor took off his hat to administrators, teachers and young people for the handsome recognition of the things The Observer may have been able to do for the western section of the State, a special feature being a song by the college class of young women dedicated to the paper, followed by a motion song for which any moving picture producer would be willing to pay a good sum.

At Sylva the editor ran into a story become all too common in the State—that of a closed bank, but with an unusual incident in connection. It seems that last Friday there had been "a run" on the Tuckasegee Bank. To save itself, the institution closed its doors and sent for the State bank examiner to go over its books. Next day the Jackson County Bank, across the way, posted a bit of reassuring information in its window. It showed deposits Friday of \$486,347.33. Deposits Tuesday, \$557,508.30, a gain of \$73,000. People who might have been inclined to doubt, were invited inside where, on a table were piled stacks of currency, gold and silver. This incident restored confidence in the community and added strength to the belief that the closed bank would re-open after the work of the examiner was concluded with all deposits safe and none the worse for the experience.

The commercial, industrial and social interests of Sylva are being upheld by an energetic Chamber of Commerce, which, at the Cullowhee banquet, submitted an inspiring statement of accomplishments for the past year. The prosperous condition of the Sylva Chamber of Commerce was established through its cooperation with Jackson County. It is actively engaged in promoting county interests as is in looking after town affairs.

The Sylva folks take pride in a newly-established institution known as the Harris Library, which is at Moore Dormitory, costing \$200,000. (Please Turn To Page 2)

Which Way?

By Albert T. Reid

