

Thanksgiving

The Jackson County Journal

\$1.50 Year in Advance in The County.

SYLVA, N. C., THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1930

\$2.00 Year in Advance outside the County

PROPOSE HIGH-WAY LEGISLATION

At a meeting of the Sylva Rotary Club on Tuesday it was suggested that means be worked out to secure needed legislation to assure the completion of the highway system in Western North Carolina, and a call was issued for a mass meeting of citizens and the Chamber of Commerce to be held within a short time to discuss plans.

Tentative legislation that has been suggested is:

A reorganization of the State Highway System, by providing for whole time highway commissioners to be appointed by the Governor and to serve for a term of two years, subject to removal at will by the Governor.

Completion of the original highway plans, without regard to districts.

Completion of all highways contemplated in original plans before incorporating into State plan or completing any new projects.

The discontinuance of the present plan of allocating state highway construction and maintenance funds by districts and consideration of the entire State Highway System as a whole.

Repayment of interest to counties that have loaned money to the State Highway Commission at a rate not exceeding five per cent, from January 1929 to January 1931, in three equal annual installments, and the assumption by the State Highway Commission of all interest on such loans, coming due in the future.

Local Legislation Suggested

The assurance of the paving of Highway 106 from Sylva to Cullowhee, the site of Western Carolina Teachers College, during the first half of 1931, by a special local bill in the general assembly, if necessary.

Completing the grading of Highway 106 to Cashier's Valley during 1931, work to start not later than May first, 1931, and the completion of surfacing of the entire highway not later than July 1, 1932.

Incorporation in the State Highway plans of the old Wauhatchie Turnpike from Cashier's Valley to the Oconee county line, and taking over of this road by the State Highway Commission for maintenance, at once; assuring a through trunk line from Augusta and the South to Knoxville, Cincinnati, Chicago, and the West through the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

It is stated that there is a great deal of sentiment throughout the State for the remedial legislation incorporated in the suggestions that are State-wide in their scope, and that by concerted action on the part of representatives and senators from the East and West, there is reasonable ground for the hope that something of the kind can be accomplished.

It was pointed out that only by such action, and the repayment of interest on loans to the State Highway Commission, can the tax rates in many of the counties be materially reduced, and needed highways completed.

CRISP IS TOWN CLERK

C. J. Crisp was elected as town clerk Tuesday afternoon by the board of aldermen of Sylva to succeed J. D. Cowan, who resigned effective December 1st, to assume his office of finance commissioner of Jackson county to which he was elected on November 4.

Mr. Crisp's duties will be to keep the books of the town, handle the finances, collect street assessments, taxes, water rents and other monies coming to the town and to have general supervision of the water system and streets.

James A. Turpin was elected chief of police to succeed Chief W. T. Martin, resigned.

The Fellow Who Gets The Turkey

By Albert T. Reid



JACKSON FOLKS NOT EXCITED BY RECENT BANK FAILURES

The people of Sylva and Jackson county refused to become hysterical over the failure of a large number of banks in Western North Carolina, during the three closing days of last week. They showed their faith in their section and in their bank, by keeping their heads, going quietly about their work, and making no run on the Jackson County Bank, the only financial institution in the county in which all the people have the utmost confidence.

While many banks, in a number of Western North Carolina towns, were going down in the face of the financial storm, precipitated by the failure of Caldwell and Company, and the closing of the Holston National Bank in Knoxville and the Central Bank and Trust Company in Asheville, the Jackson County Bank stood as solid as a rock, and no one even intimated that it might be in danger. The Wachovia Bank in Asheville, and all banks in smaller towns, that clear through that institution, remained open and doing business as usual, backed by ville by armored truck. The Jackson County Bank is one of the correspondent banks of the Wachovia, and was prepared to meet any emergency, though none arose.

It is believed that a great many of the banks, that have closed in the smaller towns, are solvent, and will either reopen for business or will be able to pay depositors in full, and their closing was due to temporary embarrassment over the closing of the Central Bank and the American National in Asheville.

177 banks in the states of Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, Arkansas, Illinois, and North Carolina closed during the panic it is stated.

Those in Western North Carolina, last week, were:

Central Bank and Trust Company, Asheville, American National Bank, Asheville, Biltmore-Oteen Bank; all three banks in Hendersonville, the Bank of Leicester, the Bank of Flat Rock, the Saluda Bank, the Bank of Black Mountain, the Citizens' Bank and Trust Company, Waynesville, the Clay County Bank, Hayesville, the Bank of Murphy.

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The American people, the old pioneer stock, are made of the materials in which heroes are wrought.

They are a dauntless folk.

They have braved the winter seas.

Crossed the icy mountains,

Waded swollen streams,

Trekked the storm-swept prairies,

Faced famine, and war, and desolation,

To plant our civilization upon this continent.

For every victory, for every blessing, our people have been wont to pour out their thanks to a Divine Providence; and it is well.

Jackson County has much to be thankful for. Our lot has been cast in this favored region, surrounded by a superb climate, blessed with natural resources that are ours for the using.

The storms have swept across the country, and all around us there has been ruin; but our people have shown the indomitable spirit of their forebears, and have refused to become excited, to lose their courage, or their faith.

Our institutions are on solid footing. Our people have a will to work, and a faith that abides. They have faith in themselves and in their institutions. They believe in their town, their county, their mountain region, and their State.

True, many of our people, along with all America, have met with reverses during the past year; but it has stimulated their courage, and steeled their will to carry on.

During the past week, as many financial institutions have gone down in the face of the financial storm, co-incident to the failure of Caldwell and Company, our bank has stood out as strong as Whiteside mountain, as solid as granite, as unmovable as the eternal Balsams that stand as sentinels above our fertile valleys; and our people have had the assurance that their financial institution would remain to serve them. They knew that in the Jackson county institution their savings were safe, and they have not been disturbed concerning its safety.

True Western North Carolina has received a blow; but it is only temporary.

Not a single one of the great natural resources upon which our prosperity has been based, and upon which we expect to build in the future, has been destroyed.

Our valleys and our hills are as fertile as ever.

Our mineral wealth is still in the ground.

Our streams still roll onward toward the sea, and they are flowing gold, awaiting but the harnessing.

Our climate is as good as ever.

COMPLETING NEW DORMITORY

Cullowhee, November, 24—The new thirty thousand dollar structure at Western Carolina Teachers College will be ready for occupancy at the beginning of the winter quarter, December 11. The dormitory contains forty eight rooms besides four apartments, a suite of rooms for the hostess, a parlor, sun parlor, and other rooms.

Reuben Robertson Hall is said to be one of the finest girls' dormitories in the state, its rooms being beautifully and adequately furnished, with a bath between each two bedrooms.

ROTARY TO BACK HOSPITAL

In voting a cash donation of \$50. and \$10.00 per month for a period of three months, the Rotary Club of Sylva, started the ball rolling for popular support for the Harris Community Hospital in Sylva. This action was taken at the weekly meeting of the Rotary Club, held on Tuesday. It was stated at the meeting that, due to depressed conditions, the hospital is finding it difficult to raise sufficient revenue to meet its requirements and that a campaign will be made for funds from private sources to carry on the hospital work.

ALFRED PARKER IS DEAD

Alfred Parker passed on at his home in Cove, Arkansas, on November 12, at an advanced age, relatives in Sylva and Jackson county have learned.

Mr. Parker, a native of this county was well known here, where he made his home until he moved to Arkansas, at about the close of the last century. He married Miss Lula Cannon, a daughter of the late Judge R. H. Cannon of Webster, and lived at the "Parker Place" for several years. He was identified with civic and political movements in this county, and was manager of the Farmers' Alliance Store in Sylva, a co-operative store owned by the Farmers' Alliance of Jackson county for several years.

Mr. Parker is survived by his widow who is now living with her daughter in Oklahoma City, two sons and two daughters, and by his sisters, Mrs. Tobitha Dillard and Mrs. Rhoda Watson of Sylva, and other relatives in Jackson county.

Our tourists will continue to come each summer in increasing numbers.

We have but to keep a stiff upper lip, work a little harder, and make each stroke count for more.

Are we downhearted? Who ever heard of North Carolina losing her courage?

We are not that kind of people.

Ours is a "good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills; a land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomgranates; a land of oil and honey; a land wherein we eat without scarceness; a land whose stones are iron; and out of whose hills we may dig brass."

From our mistakes we shall learn wisdom, and upon our reverses we shall build, in these hills a mighty empire.

We have met reverses before. Our land has been pillaged by war, torn by strife, and ruined by a victorious and vengeful foe; but the spirit of our people has never been broken, and upon the ashes have we builded a smiling countryside and beautiful cities.

The recent reverses are but a mere taste of the great tribulations through which our fathers passed less than three-quarters of a century ago.

They won the fight. We shall start today building a greater Western North Carolina, a mountain empire, of whose greatness we have but only dreamed.

And it only behooves us to keep our faith unshaken; our hopes high, and go to work in earnest.

Victory is in sight. Carry on!

Let's Go.

RUSH BRYSON BROS. TO RALEIGH

Walter and Casey Bryson, brothers, convicted of second degree murder in Macon county superior court, for their part in the gun battle at Murphy, a few weeks ago, when Chief of Police Carringer was killed in an attempt to arrest alleged bandits, were rushed first to Asheville and later to Raleigh, to prevent possible mob violence, by citizens of Cherokee and other counties, said to have been incensed at the second degree verdict instead of the first degree, which would have carried with it electrocution.

Forewarned that mob violence against the brothers was brewing, Macon county officers rushed the men to Buncombe county immediately after a jury in Franklin had rendered its verdict of second degree murder and Judge Cameron F. McRae had sentenced Walter to 30 years and Casey to 15 years in the penitentiary.

A few hours after the prisoners were safely locked in a thirteenth floor cell of the Buncombe jail, they were ordered taken without delay to Raleigh. The removal was upon authority of Judge MacRae, who acted after he had received numerous reports that Cherokee county citizens, angered because the brothers had not been ordered to the electric chair, were discussing plans to take the law into their own hands.

Sheriff J. J. Bailey, upon receiving instructions from Judge MacRae, detailed Deputy Sheriffs R. H. Luther, Don Davis and W. A. Shuford to make the run to Raleigh.

There was suppressed excitement at the sheriff's office as the officers moved quietly but quickly to remove the prisoners. The first precaution was to remove North Carolina license plates from the department's fastest automobile an substituted New York plates. The car was driven into the county garage in the courthouse basement and held ready with the motor running.

Other officers went to the jail, handcuffed Casey Bryson (Walter has but one arm) and "leg chained" the brothers together. The two were hustled into the waiting car as they stepped from the elevator in the basement. The officers examined their guns, received final instructions and at 7:15 o'clock dashed from the garage at top speed. Others at the scene saw them safely through Beautycatcher tunnel and breathed easier.