

\$1.50 Year in Advance in The County.

SYLVA, N. C., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1930

\$2.00 Year in Advance Outside The County.

GOSSIP ABOUT BANKS BANNED BY THE LAW

In commenting upon the bank situation of recent weeks in a number of Western North Carolina towns, Judge Cameron MacRae, presiding at Blount superior court, pointed out to the Grand Jury that it is a violation of the law to maliciously spread rumors derogatory to banks.

Upon impanelling the grand jury, Judge MacRae charged that body to take action against any person or persons they found to have circulated rumors or reports derogatory to the financial standing of any banks. Judge MacRae said he has reliable information that at least eleven of the banks closed within the past few weeks had been forced to close because of panics resulting from malicious circulation of false rumors regarding conditions of these banks.

"If you know or have evidence of any person or persons breaking this law," said Judge MacRae, "it is your duty to indict them. This is a matter of great importance to the community. For nearly a year I have been giving these same instructions to grand juries wherever I have been. So far as I know not a single person has been presented or indicted so far."

Judge MacRae read to the jury the statute governing such offenses. It is as follows:

"Any person who shall willfully and maliciously make, circulate or transmit to another or others any statement, rumor or suggestion, written, printed or by word of mouth, which is directly or by inference derogatory to the financial condition or affects the solvency or financial condition of any bank, or who shall counsel, aid, procure or induce another to state, transmit or circulate any such statement or rumor, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined or imprisoned or both in the discretion of the court."

REVIEW OF THE AGRICULTURE OUTLOOK FOR THE YEAR 1931

(By E. V. Vestal, County Agent)

Last week I attended the annual County and Home Agents Conference at North Carolina State College in Raleigh. During the Conference, I was fortunate enough to hear Mr. L. H. Bean of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, from Washington. I shall try to give a brief outline of his talks, supplemented with the outlook sent out by the Washington office.

It is felt that the poultry and egg market has reached its low level during 1930, and that it will slowly recover.

With dairying, we can not tell so much about the future just now. If consumers will eat more butter and less substitutes during 1931, we may expect better butter prices, than otherwise. It is true, however, that cream will have to be produced on more home-grown feed such as soy-bean hay than on so much bought grain. Good pastures and plenty of good legume hay will be necessary for profitable cream production during 1931.

Beef cattle prices are likely to improve during the year, as there will probably be less butcher cattle on the market. With good pastures and better breeding practices, some money can be realized from cattle, this coming fall. Likely, some stocker cattle will move to the Valley of Virginia, this coming spring, at a fair price.

If breeding stock has been disposed of as much as some think, the wool market will likely be more active during 1931. Now is a good time for Jackson county farmers to practice better breeding (use pure-bred rams only) and better feeding as well as parasite control, in order to produce thrifty lambs, this spring. If these lambs are properly cared for and given plenty of early pasture we may expect as good a price this year as last, and likely better, as last year was a record year in sheep production. The earlier lambs are sold, the more we may expect for them, if they are in good condition. With the large supply of corn that

APPEALS TO PEOPLE FOR ASSISTANCE

The Community hospital is appealing to the people for funds with which to carry on its charity work; and it is officially stated that the funds must be obtained, or the hospital will be seriously embarrassed, or unable to care for the sick and injured who come for treatment.

The \$1.00 per day that the hospital receives from the Duke Foundation, for each charity patient, is inadequate, and revenue must be raised from other sources.

The C. J. Harris Community Hospital is the property of the people of Jackson County, having been paid for by the Duke Foundation, Col. Harris and others, and presented to the people.

It operates as a non-profit, charitable organization, administered for the people by a board of trustees, who receive no remuneration for their services. All money received by them is used for hospital work, such as the purchase of groceries, fuel, medicines, surgical supplies, and the salaries of superintendent and nurses. Physicians receive none of the hospital money for attendance upon patients, and, if they practice in the hospital, among pay patients, they must also attend charity patients, when called.

Any person may become a member of the hospital upon payment of not less than \$5.00 per year; and the board of trustees is elected, on the third Tuesday in January of each year, by the members of the hospital. The board of trustees is having prepared a statement of the hospital, showing the funds that it has received, the disbursement, and the probable amount that will be needed, in contributions, to finance the institution during the year. In the mean time, trustees state, they need money, and urge that funds, in no matter how small amounts be sent to E. L. McKee, treasurer, to any other member of the board of trustees.

is now on some farms, a good many farmers can well afford to feed out pigs for April and September markets during 1931. Hog prices should hold up well during the coming year, and thus afford a good market for extra corn.

Unless the tobacco acreage is reduced to some extent in other sections next year, prices will likely remain low. However, if proper fertilization and early planting are practiced by local growers, we may expect some money from tobacco again next year. More farms should grow small patches of tobacco in Jackson county, as it comes in handy for tax money, as well as other expenses.

Even though the potato market may be no better next year than this, we can well afford to plant from a half to an acre to a farm. If good culture methods are practiced along with good seed and fertilizer, and then market during the middle of September, a good profit may be expected.

On the whole, Jackson county needs to grow more cash crops, along with the Live At Home crops this next year. We should continue to milk cows in the valleys and raise sheep and beef cattle in the uplands. Governor Gardner's Farm Program for 1931 is "Make a Living on the Farm in 1931". Jackson county must do that very thing, make a living on the farm in 1931.

JACKSON COUNTY HAS LIGHTEST SNOW-FALL IN THE STATE

Perhaps the lightest snow fall of the entire State was the six inch snow that fell, west of the Balsams, Tuesday night. In many parts of North Carolina down in the Piedmont cities and country, schools were prematurely closed for the Christmas holiday. Traffic was blocked and great inconvenience experienced, by a snow ranging from 10 inches in Asheville, Waynesville, Hendersonville, to 30 inches in Riedsville and vicinity. Clear down the State to the coast the snow fall was an unusually heavy one. In this vicinity the six inch snow was the deepest that has been experienced in years.

The Introduction

By Albert T. Reid



WESTERN CAROLINA TEACHERS COLLEGE OUT FOR HOLIDAYS

Cullowhee, December 16—Holidays begin at Western Carolina Teachers College Friday, December 19 at 12:30. Most of the students and faculty are to be away for the holidays. School work will be resumed January 2.

"Chimes of the Holy Night," a cantata, was given in the local Baptist church, Sunday evening by the Glee Club of the college. The program was presented under direction of Miss Mary Rose Feagans voice teacher. at W. C. T. C. About 600 people were present.

At the beginning of the winter quarter, a music club was organized. It is composed of all students taking piano, and all members of the college orchestra. Miss Flora Davis was elected president; Mary Dare Haithcock, vice president; Dellie Wolford, secretary and treasurer. There are about twenty five members of the club.

Officers of the debating club were elected last week; C. R. Zachary was re-elected president; Sam Hutchinsson, vice president; Dorothy Burnette, secretary and treasurer; J. W. Smith, Flora Gilbert, and Bettie Wright were elected members of the program committee.

The Debating Club at Western Carolina Teachers College is doing splendid work with a view to entering intercollegiate debating in the spring.

In the Training School practice teaching is being done in the high school department since the college has become a four year one. There are four teachers doing high school practice teaching this quarter. They are W. H. Bryson, Aandy Bryson, Mrs. Susie F. Bryson and Sam Hatchinson.

The high school teaching is under the supervision of Hironymous Bueck, principal of the Training School and Miss Cordelia Camp, a supervisor in the Training School.

Officers for the Student Government Association in Moore Dormitory were elected last week. The President is Lillian Dillard; vice-president, or House President, Marietta Welch; secretary and treasurer, Elizabeth Duckworth; council members, Opal Ferguson and Louise Medford.

STILL GIVING SILVERWARE

The Journal's offer of free Rogers' silverware with one, two, or three year subscriptions to the Journal, still holds good, the supply of silver not yet being exhausted.

The offer applies to both new and renewal subscriptions, and with each three year subscription you get 14 piece set of silver. With a two year subscription you get a 9 piece set; and with a 1 year subscription is given a 6 piece set.

JACKSON COUNTY SCHOOLS WILL COMPLETE TERMS

The schools of Jackson County will reopen after the Christmas holidays, and will remain open for the full term; but the teachers will have to wait for their pay until taxes are paid. This was the decision reached at a conference of county officials and teachers, held on Saturday in the office of County Superintendent J. N. Wilson.

For many years the teachers of this county have been paid promptly each month. There was no money in the treasury to pay the November salaries. The equalizing fund from the State, or part of it came to hand, and the teachers were paid their salaries, on last Saturday, bringing them up to the month of December, and salaries for that month are not due until after Christmas.

It was pointed out and explained to the teachers that tax payments are coming in slower than usual, and that it is practically impossible for the county to borrow sufficient money to defray the expenses of the schools, under present conditions.

The teachers agreed to continue teaching and to wait for their pay until tax collections are made. For this patriotic action, they have been highly commended.

It is stated by county officials that when the present board of commissioners took office, December 1, they found funds practically exhausted, and that the county had already borrowed \$60,000 on tax anticipation notes for 1930, which monies have already been spent.

County officials also state that but for the Equalizing Funds received from the State, it would have been impossible to pay the November salary vouchers for the teachers, until after Christmas.

TEACHERS ORGANIZE SCHOOLMASTERS' CLUB

The principals and men grade teachers of Jackson County schools met at the Coward House in Sylva, on December 12, for the purpose of organizing a club of social and professional advantages to its members.

After an informal dinner, a business meeting was held, at which Mr. Bueck of Cullowhee was elected chairman, Mr. Hooper of Sylva, secretary, treasurer, and Mr. Watson of Dillsboro, chairman of the program committee. Mr. Cope of Willets and Mr. Shaver of Qualla were appointed to assist the chairman of this committee.

The club's membership is open to both short and long term principals and to men grade teachers of the county schools. Provision was made for monthly meetings, at which dinner will be served, discussions held, and men will answer only to first name.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICE AT METHODIST CHURCH

There will be a special Christmas service at the Methodist church in Sylva, Sunday. In the morning at 10 the church school will meet for the study of the International Sunday School Christmas lesson. At 11 o'clock Divine worship will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. George Clemmer, who will use as the Christmas theme the topic, "Life's Crowded Inn". Special music appropriate to the festive season will be rendered by the choir.

In the evening at 7 o'clock a simple yet beautiful Christmas pageant, "No Room in the Inn" will be given in the church auditorium by the Sunday school under the direction of Mrs. C. Z. Candler, Superintendent of the Junior-Intermediate Department.

The pageant will portray the old, yet ever new, story of the birth of the Savior in ancient Bethlehem where there was "no room for them in the inn." The culmination of the evening program and the real purpose of it, will be reached at the close when members and classes of the Sunday school march to the altar and present gifts to Jesus to be used for the poor of this community. It is suggested that the gifts be in the form of staple food or toys suitable for children.

The evening service at Dillsboro will be in the Baptist church. The public is very cordially invited to attend any or all of these services.

GREEN'S CREEK

Rev. Thad Deitz filled his appointment at the Old Savannah church Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bryson spent the week end with Mrs. Bryson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Cowan at Webster.

Mrs. Andy Robbins and little son, Dickie of Biltmore are spending some time at this place.

Miss Ethel Lee Buchanan of Enka spent Saturday night with her parents.

Miss Frances Cowan of Webster was the week end guest of Miss Hixie Ashe.

Miss Essie Green spent the week end with home folks.

Miss Enola Arrington and Mr. Hall were Sunday dinner guests at Mr. Felix Ashe's.

Mr. Zeb Ashe made a business trip to Sylva Saturday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Cole Allison, a son, Claude Taylor.

SCHOOLS CLOSE TOMORROW FOR YULETIDE HOLIDAYS

The schools of the county will close tomorrow, Friday, for the Christmas holidays. This includes Western Carolina Teachers College,

HELP NEEDED TO CARE FOR THE POOR

M. B. Madison, Commissioner of Welfare of Jackson county, today issued an appeal to the people for assistance in coping with the situation with which he is confronted in caring for the destitute people in the county. There are more unemployed men in the county than at perhaps any time in the history of the county. And tax collections are slower coming in than in many years.

Mr. Madison, in his appeal, says: "This winter as never before there are families in destitute condition. On account of the unusual number of calls for help and the slowness of tax collection, it is impossible for the welfare office to take care of the situation. If you can help by contributing clothing, shoes, food, or money, get in touch with me and I will be glad to collect them and distribute them among the poor."

Especially at Christmas time, let us do what we can to bring good cheer to as many needy people as possible.

M. B. Madison, Commissioner of Welfare.

PAERBOARD COMPANY WORKING THREE 8 HOUR SHIFTS

The Sylva Paperboard Company is working three eight-hour shifts each day, in the extract department of the plant, during the few weeks that the paperboard mill is closed. This action was taken, it is understood, in order to give employment to as many men as possible, working eight hour shifts instead of two of 12 hours each, transferring most of the men from the paperboard department, so that none would be thrown entirely out of work.

The inconvenience of the temporary closing of the paper mill is thus spread over the entire organization, instead of the men who work in the closed department having to bear the entire burden. Others are working making repairs on the buildings and machinery, it is said.

CHRISTMAS AT THE SYLVA BAPTIST CHURCH

Christmas services will be held at the Baptist church, on next Sunday morning, with the pastor, Rev. J. G. Murray preaching a Christmas sermon. On Saturday afternoon a Christmas party will be given the children of the Beginners' and Primary departments of the Sunday School, and one for those of the Junior department will be given on Monday afternoon. Both will be held in the Chamber of Commerce hall.

On Sunday evening, instead of the regular preaching service, a Christmas program will be presented, a feature of which will be the giving, by members of each department of the Sunday school, of packages of groceries, toys, or articles of clothing to be used for the needy of the community.

J. N. ROGERS DIES

J. N. Rogers, well-known citizen of the county, died Tuesday night at his home near Cullowhee, following an attack of pneumonia.

Mr. Rogers, a native of this county, spent his entire life here, and has a large and prominent family connection.

The funeral services were held this afternoon at Cullowhee, Rev. Mark Q. Tuttle, pastor of the Cullowhee Methodist church, officiating; and interment will be in the Rogers family cemetery.

He is survived by his two sons, David Hugh and Frank Rogers, his second wife, his first wife having preceded him to the grave several years ago, and by other relatives and friends.

Sylva Collegiate Institute, and the public schools.

A happy throng of young folks will go trooping home, to return to their school work on January 2.

The young people of the county, who are away in schools and colleges will begin coming home tomorrow, also.