

The Jackson County Journal

\$1.50 Year in Advance in The County.

SYLVA, N. C., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1930

\$2.00 Year in Advance Outside The County.

Christmas Greetings

WEEK By WEEK

(By Dan Tompkins)

Mr. McNinch says that he regards the fight on him as a closed incident. A fine sentiment, but the fight on Senator Morrison, who supported him, appears to have just started.

If there wasn't a Santa Claus, it would be our duty to invent one, on Christmases like this, when there are so many little children, looking confidently and longingly for the knick knacks that make happy the heart of childhood.

If the general assembly will have the nerve to levy a luxury tax and apply it to the support of a uniform public school system, it will not only provide educational opportunities of equal value to all the children of the State, but will go far toward making liquid the frozen assets of many banks, revive real estate, and bring back a measure of prosperity to the people.

A girl down in Shelby has sued a store for \$30,000, alleging that she was searched and humiliated, because she was suspected of shop lifting. A good rule for would be enforcers of the law and for officers, is "be sure you are right, and then go ahead." It is a serious matter to accuse any person of a crime unjustly.

The Senate confirmed the McNinch appointment on the federal Power Commission; Senator Morrison and Senator Simmons both being favorable to McNinch. If Mr. McNinch has any qualification for the position except that he supported Hoover in 1928, and is said to be friendly to the power trust, we have not seen it presented.

Executive director Lucas and Senator Norris are going for each other, hammer and tongs. The problem of what is a Republican becomes more and more a question, and they are at each other again with the fervor with which regulars and progressives fought just prior to the defeat of Taft and the Roosevelt Bull-Moose movement, that sent Woodrow Wilson to the White House for eight years, and to immortal glory on the pages of history.

The folks who are owling hard times, and at the same time drawing the same amount of money as salaries, that they did one and two years ago, have no sympathy from us. The cost of living has gone down, appreciably, and they are really better off than they were. It is the butcher and the baker and the candlestick maker, the small business, and the laborers, the unemployed, the farmers, and the people who have seen their life savings swept away, who are really hard hit.

It took city police of St. Joseph, all the sheriff's deputies, and a tank company of the National Guard, to prevent the storming of Buchanan county, Missouri, jail, and the lynching of a negro trapper, charged with having criminally assaulted and then beat to death a 19 year old public school teacher. It is crimes of that hellish kind that try men's souls, and bring about the lynching spirit. Only speedy action, speed trial, and speedy execution in a lawful manner can stem the impulse to lynch.

Western North Carolina has had some severe blows. But we are not nearly as bad off as we think we are. The banking institutions that were the strongest are still open, and will continue to stay open, to serve the people of this region, long after the present period of unrest shall have passed out of memory. The Jackson County Bank is an example. The president, Col. C. J. Harris, states that there has been no run on it, that the people have had confi-

Queen of the Air



Miss Ruth Nichols, society girl who took up flying and has beaten Lindbergh's record for a coast-to-coast flight, 13 hours and 22 minutes.

SHERIFF RECEIVES MANY ANONYMOUS LETTERS

Sheriff Maney states that he has received a large number of unsigned letters, since he has been in office, advising of conditions, especially regarding violations of the prohibition law, which the writers wish investigated.

The sheriff says he is willing to answer all calls and make investigations of conditions, when such investigation is asked by citizens, and that he appreciates letters written to him by the good people of the county, who desire to see the laws enforced; but that he cannot pay any attention to anonymous letters, as he has no means of knowing who the writers are, or whether the information given is genuine or spurious.

RECORDER'S COURT GRIND

Prayer for judgment was continued for another two weeks on Frances Clement and Mamie Itaby convicted at the last term on charges of disorderly conduct and bond was fixed at \$500 each.

Hyman Sutton drew a six months sentence, suspended upon payment of \$25.00 and the costs, and furnishing a bond of \$500 for his regular appearance at the court to show that he has not violated the prohibition laws.

Roy Pickens, assault with a deadly weapon, continued to Jan. 12.

W. R. Reagan, reckless driving. It appeared to the court that he had paid all damages sustained, and he was fined \$25 and the court costs.

J. B. Stauber, assault \$5.00 and the costs.

Moultre Dillard, assault, prayer for judgment continued.

Jas. Morgan, continued to Jan. 12.

Clay Clark, possession, continued to Jan. 12.

Julius Sutton, assault with a deadly weapon, continued to Jan. 12.

Carl Jansen, a youth from Norway, assault, judgment continued to Jan. 22nd.

W. D. Wike, assault with a deadly weapon, not guilty.

Walter Messer, possession and transporting, continued to Jan. 12.

Cecil Middleton, \$10.00 and the costs.

Glenn Cunningham, continued for two weeks.

Lem McCoy, H. G. Brown, Ves Shook and Wallace Brown, forcible trespass with attempt to commit abduction. It appeared to the court that no damage had been done and the girls returned to their fathers and prayer for judgment was continued for 12 months, upon payment of the costs and the expenses of the sheriff to Pickens, S. C.

dence in its strength, and that it is able to pay every depositor in full at any time should demand be made. There is a bright future for Western North Carolina. The man who has money to invest could find no more fertile field. Invest in Western North Carolina now, and see your investments make you wealthy in a few years.

The Christmas Spirit

(By Dan Tompkins)

To bring light into the dark places of the earth;
To bring happiness into weary hearts;
To turn the tears of poverty-stricken little children into smiles and laughter.

To lessen the load of a some heroic mother;
To clothe suffering bodies;
To feed stomachs aching for food;
To fill bins with fuel;
To fill empty stockings;
To renew faith that is faltering;
To give courage to those who are falling;
To give strength to the weak;
To have good will for all men;
To give courage to those who are falling;
This is the Spirit of Christmas.

In a world that is in distress, brought about by its own folly, the Christmas tide should bring new determination to carry on, to follow the Star into the True Light.

There is Balm in Gilead.
There is a Cure for the ills of earth;
But it is found not in pomp and circumstance;
Nor clash of arms;
Nor blare of trumpets;
Nor gold, nor silver nor precious stones, nor spices from far Arabia.
Not in the things by which the sons of men are wont to lay their store,
is to be found Happiness, Contentment, Peace.

But they are here for those who have eyes to see beyond the veil, for those who have ears attuned to hear the music of the invisible choir.

To love peace, and brotherhood and fellow-man;
To those who aspire to mighty deeds,
To those who put their trust in gold,
To those who would be leaders among men,
To those who speak the language of earthen tongues, is not given to learn the secret of success.

But unto him who follows the Star in meekness, and humility, it is given to find the Manger, and learn the story of Love that transforms men's souls, and sets them singing the hallelujah chorus of the Angelic host even among the drudgeries and humble tasks of this world.

Wise men came from the East, twenty centuries ago to worship at the Manger cradle; and they were wiser than they knew.

Only God could have thought of a scene so simple and yet so sublime, that its very simplicity would confound all the doctrines and philosophies of sages, and overturn kingdoms and principalities, in its onward march to the inevitable time when all men shall follow the course of the wise men, as guided by the Star, they come to pour out the jewels of their hearts and the fragrance of their souls before the humble Manger.

Only Him who has learned that it is the simple, the homely, the humble things that are really great can truly worship in the stable of the Bethlehem Inn.

Look up. Live. Rejoice. For the old, old story of a peasant lass and her lovely child, is still ringing around the world.

Come, worship with us at the Manger, and every care will become trivial.

Every burden light—every envy forgotten—every wound healed.

Champion Home Canner of the United States



Mrs. Alice Bell of Eaton Rapids, Michigan, with the silver cup trophy which she won by submitting a quart jar of Cuthbert raspberries in the National Canning Contest at Shenandoah, Iowa. Mrs. Bell won three other cups, the title of Grand Champion with a \$500 cash prize, and a \$100 prize for the best jar of fruit.

Her Voice Won \$5,000



Miss Carol Deis of Dayton, Ohio, winner of the National Radio Audition contest, which gives her two years' tuition in a music school and \$5,000 cash.

GOVERNOR ASKS 'JUST' VALUATION

Governor O. Max Gardner, opening a three day school of the tax supervisors of the 100 counties of the State urged the officials to "forget personal, personality and friendship" and give the State "just, fair and uniform" revaluation of property in 1931.

"I measure my words," the Governor said, "when I say that there is no more important work to be done in the State in the near future, administrative of legislative, than the work of fairly and justly revaluing real estate for tax purposes."

Pointing out the responsibility which rests on a tax supervisor, the governor said there probably always would be charges that officers "had friends to reward and enemies to punish."

"I suppose there always will be some inequalities in taxation," he continued, "but at this time I urge you to impress upon your assessors the paramount importance in the administration of their trust of these two words: justice and equality. We must go about this task with a conscientious conviction to give every owner and every piece of property an absolutely square deal."

MLIL CARRIER SHOT, KILLED

Highlands Maconian

Shot and killed by his son's father in law in a quarrel late Saturday afternoon, funeral services for Redmond Rowland, mail carrier between Highlands and Walhalla were held Sunday afternoon at 4:30 near Walhalla where the tragedy occurred.

The quarrel, said to have been the result of attentions which Rowland was alleged to have given to his son's wife, the daughter of his slayer, took place in Rowland's yard on the main street of Walhalla. According to reports. Rowland stopped his son's father in law, a man named Pierson, and told him he desired to make friends. A quarrel followed, and it is reported that Pierson took a pistol from Rowland and shot him four times in the body, near his lungs and heart. Nine bullet holes were reported to have resulted from the shots, including an arm wound.

ORGANIZED FOR RELIEF WORK

The Welfare Committee of Sylva, headed by Dr. W. P. McGuire, is co-operating with the county welfare department, in the attempt to care for all the needy people in the community and county.

A survey is being made of Sylva and Sylva township by the committee, and distribution of clothing, dolls, food, and other things that the committee has on hand.

From the churches, individuals, firms and organizations, coupled with the food taken in at the Lyric Theatre, last Wednesday, quite a store of clothing, toys, and groceries has been gathered. It is the purpose of the committee to conserve the assets that it has, and to distribute to the really needy cases, through the entire winter.

40 YEARS AGO

Tuckasegee Democrat, Dec. 17,

Mr. Sam Rhea went to Asheville last week.

Mr. Cicero Cowan left on Monday for Judson College.

Mr. N. Coward of Webster went to Waynesville Saturday returning day.

Gen. E. R. Hampton and Mr. Thos. A. Cox and C. C. Cowan to the Southern Interstate Immigration Convention, at Asheville.

The Carolina Clay Company so nearly completed its factory Webster as to have been able to its machinery last Monday, emptying from 30 to 40 hands.

Questions affecting the financial condition of the country are at present absorbing almost the entire attention of congress, and the administration has at last become convinced that something must be done.

Mr. J. H. Rhea, late our viceroy, but now of Banner Warehouse Asheville, went down to Swain week on business. Mr. Rhea will doubt handle a large portion of baco from this and adjoining towns, which is being shipped to Asheville.

A grand military spectacle in honor of Elector Frederick I. has been concluded in Uter den Linde. Eight thousand men marched in the Kaiser, with battle torn flags and many bands while the entire staff of officers of the various regiments stationed at Berlin and Potsdam lined the street from royal Schloss to the palace of William I.

ROADS, TRAILS TO BE BUILT

Highlands Maconian.

Of \$5,000,000 allotted last week congress for the development of national forest roads and trails, between \$20,000 and \$25,000 will be available for the Nantahala and Pisgah National forests in North Carolina, according to A. A. Wood, supervisor of the Nantahala forest.

Allotment is in addition to the regular appropriation for road and trail development and maintenance. Several thousand dollars will also be available for road and trail development in the portion of the Nantahala forest in Georgia, it is expected.

If plans for these developments go through without interference, various projects will be undertaken in the forest, stated Mr. Wood, including the building of forest roads, several lookout points, and improvement of roads now in use. Funds will likely be available soon after January 1, the supervisor indicated.

Plans for the enlarged program though yet indefinite, are in process of formulation in Washington, where J. G. Siler, Jr., superintendent of roads in the Nantahala and Pisgah forests, has been called to aid in perfecting them. If funds materialize construction will start soon after January 1st.

CARTER BRYSON GETS NEW TRIAL

Carter Bryson has been granted a new trial by the supreme court of North Carolina, the court holding that there was error in the rulings of Judge Finley, in the former trial. Bryson was convicted by a jury of the crime of manslaughter for having shot and killed Adam Cope at the home of Bryson at Balsam on the night of December 15, last. The case was tried at last February term of Jackson county superior court, before Judge T. B. Finley of North Wilkesboro, who sentenced Bryson to serve a term of 5 years in the State's prison.