

# The Jackson County Journal

\$1.50 Year in Advance in The County.

SYLVA, N. C., THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 1931

\$2.00 Year in Advance Outside The County.

## GOV. GARDNER WANTS ONE PURCHASING AGENCY

Carrying his gospel to the people over radio, Governor Gardner made his first appeal to the state in support of a central purchasing agency which device, he declares will save the commonwealth \$400,000 during its first year's operation.

His excellency is willing to make good to save that huge amount, an economy which he declares represent about 10 per cent of the purchases. The central purchasing agency came up during the 1929 assembly, being one of the vagrant measures which lacked the punch at that time. Virginia's agent came here and fascinated members of the general assembly, but the bill embodying Governor Gardner's plans for 1931 never got a start.

The warfare does not stop with one speech Governor Gardner goes on the air December 31 and concludes his appeals to the state. He does not expect an easy battle and said so tonight. He looks for stiff opposition. If he is wrong he says he will be beaten; if he is right he expects to win. Again he declares tonight that he has no position ahead for himself. He appeals without self interest.

## BEAR SEEN NEAR OTTO

Franklin Press, Dec. 25. On December 15th, 1930 Robert Cabe, who lives on Tesenta creek above Otto, had a visit from a couple of bears. It appears that the bear came down from towards Sealy and went back the same way.

Mr. Cabe had killed hogs the day before and had his meat in the smoke house. About 9 p. m. Miss Cabe thought she heard something trying to get into the smoke house and went out to investigate. Upon arriving back of the smoke house she saw what she thought was a man. She says she almost ran into him and was so close that the man (as she thought) crouched down in the snow. She was frightened and ran back into the house.

Her father, Mr. Bob Cabe, then went out and gave chase but the bear got away. Mr. Cabe says that there was a large bear and a small one and that they seemed to have roamed around a good deal before they went back to the mountains. He thinks that probably it is two of the same lot of bears that was chased out of Nantahala last week.

## MRS. JENNIE KROMAN PASSES

Mrs. Jennie Kroman, mother of Mr. A. M. Simons, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. S. Robinson, Saturday morning, after an illness of about two weeks and funeral services and interment were held Sunday afternoon in Asheville.

Mrs. Kroman was well known in this section, having come to Western North Carolina some thirty years ago establishing millinery stores in Asheville.

Besides Mr. Simons, she is survived by two other sons, D. M. Simons of Waynesville and Edward Kroman, of Washington, D. C., and one daughter, Mrs. S. Robinson of Asheville.

## Champion Baritone



Raul E. Nadeau, young electrical engineer, who gets \$5,000 and a scholarship for the best male voice in the annual radio audition contest.

## 40 YEARS AGO

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Miss Maggie Bryson left last Wednesday for a visit to her home in Florida.

Misses Pauline Morris and Laura Long visited Mr. M. H. Morris and family at Addie last week.

The heirs of the late Rev. E. D. Brendle have sold the hotel and store property here to Mr. A. J. Long, Jr., the price paid being \$750.

Misses Inez Irwin and Noema Garrett, nieces of Mrs. M. M. McKee and Mrs. W. M. Rhea, are spending some time among us, visiting their relatives.

Representative Cowan and Gen. E. R. Hampton, who is a candidate for engrossing clerk of the Senate, left here Saturday for Raleigh, Senator Bell passed Monday, bound for the same destination.

Mr. W. A. Dills has resigned the position of agent for the R. A. D. Young, well and favorably known as a polite and accommodating gentleman, has been appointed to succeed him.

Our friend, Mr. O. B. Coward, the popular drummer for the hardware house of Brown, Weddington and Company, is at home for a brief visit to his family and to supply our merchants with whatever they may need in his line.

Drs. Wolff, W. F. Tompkins and Case last Thursday night amputated the leg of Worth Bryson, who was shot the day before Christmas. Since and strong hopes are entertained for recovery.

The Democratic Senatorial caucuses, held in Raleigh last night, elected the following officers of the Senate: Chief Clerk, R. M. Furman, Asheville. Reading Clerk, George P. Pell, of Forsyth. Engrossing Clerk, Mike Bradshaw, of Randolph; Principal Door-keeper, J. H. Hinnant of Wayne. The House caucuses on the seventh ballot, elected R. A. Dough-ton of Alleghany, Speaker.

The County Commissioners and Board of Education held a joint meeting Monday to elect a successor to Mr. C. C. Cowan, late county superintendent of schools. The election resulted on the sixth ballot, in the choice of Mr. Jos. H. House, to fill the unexpired term. Mr. House is a very deserving young man and will no doubt make a capable and efficient officer.

As an evidence of the importance of our town as a centre of trade two new stores will soon be opened here, which will make five in all. If they would advertise their business in the Democrat they might confidently expect a brisk trade. Until they do, however, we cannot guarantee that measure of success which always follows a liberal use of printer's ink.

A heavy rain last Thursday raised Scott's Creek higher than it has been for a long time, and caused the trouble supporting the new bridge to give way, so as to cause a considerable swag in the bridge. The abutment to the north end of the bridge had only been finished that day and the public had just begun to travel across it. We suppose it will be repaired as soon as possible.

## OLIVER WINS CUBA TRIP

Mr. W. H. Oliver, popular Sylva insurance salesman, has won a two weeks trip to Cuba for himself and Mrs. Oliver, for his splendid work during the past year.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver leave today for their trip, and will go to New Orleans, where they will take a United Fruit Company's steamer for Havana, returning to Sylva in two weeks.

## Guess That Will Keep the Kid Busy

By Albert T. Reid



## WEEK BY WEEK

(By Dan Tompkins)

A half million to North Carolina was included in the one hundred and twenty-five million in returns from the federal government. Did you get any of it? It was the wealthy who profited by the refund.

The capital of North Dakota, at Bismark, was destroyed by fire in which were burned records that are of extreme historic value. The loss in money is estimated at \$600,000.

Three North Carolinians made more than one million dollars last year, according to treasury reports. One person from this State came in the class of having had an income in excess of five million.

30,000 Chinese are reported to have been slain by roving bands of Mohammedans. The usual pastime of religious sects and political factions in the Orient seems to be massacring helpless Chinese.

Some of the Western Railroads are seeking to meet the devastating competition of buses in their passenger traffic by announcing a 2c fare for short trips. It is more comfortable, a trifle less convenient, safer, and more pleasurable to travel by train. Now, if the railroads should make it more economical, they should regain their lost source of revenue.

1930 is gone never to return, and there will be few regrets at its passing, for it has been a hard year, a year fraught with much distress of mind for most people. 1931 is here, and we have a clean sheet upon which to write new records. Let us to the task, with brave hearts and determined wills, ready to work, hand in hand with our fellows for the good of all of us.

There is a great pothole in Washington over Senator Norris. Mr. Lucas, of the Republican Executive Committee, admits having tried to work the defeat of the Senator in the last election, and justifies his position by saying that Norris is not a Republican. The Senator asserts his Republicanism, and attacks Lucas, who apparently has the support of many high in Republican councils; and so the war goes merrily on. However, the answer to the question "What is a Republican?" hasn't yet been reached.

The General Assembly meets in a few days, and it is confronted with many perplexities and vexations. It is

to be hoped that there are many men in both houses, who have clear heads and hearts that love North Carolina. The most important task that now confronts the assembly is the reduction of taxes on real estate. Of course there is no real estate tax in this State, but there is no real estate tax in any other State.

To take the heavy burden of the real estate means to make the assets of many individuals and many banks liquid, to revive the value of land, upon which our property must be based.

## COUNTY HOME HAS CHRISTMAS TREE

The Journal is in receipt of the following letter from the inmates of the County Home, telling of the enjoyable Christmas spent at the home:

"Dear Editor:

Please allow us space in your paper for a few words.

We the old folks of the Jackson County Home, spent one of the most enjoyable Christmases that the old folks of this place have ever had.

The sitting room was nicely decorated with a Christmas tree and other Christmas decorations.

At noon we were summoned to a great Christmas dinner. We enjoyed it so much that we wish to have the menu published.

Here it is: Peaches, chicken and dumplings, green beans, butter biscuits, potato salad, chocolate, pumpkin, and apple pies, cakes, coffee.

In the afternoon, Mrs. Weaver from Dillsboro gave each of us a Christmas treat. After the treat, we were entertained by a quartet from Sylva.

We wish to thank Mr. John Shepard, superintendent of the County Home, for our happy Christmas.

County Home Inmates."

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marriage licenses were issued to three white couples and one negro couple by Register of Deeds Cope, during the month of December. They were issued to Ralph Sutton and Ed-die Marie Wike and to Vernon Shook and Mary Brown, all of Jackson, Lon-nie Presnell, of Yancey county and Mabel Wiseman of Jackson. The negroes obtaining license were Char-les Knox and Gertrude Allen, both of Jackson.

## QUALLA

(Last week's items)

Rev. R. L. Bass delivered an earnest Christmas message Sunday afternoon from the text "What Shall I do then with Jesus which is called the Son of Man?"

Misses Etta Kinsland, Ruth Ferguson, Annie Lizzie Terrell and Mrs. Haynes Reagan who have been teaching were at Qualla Sunday.

Misses Gertrude Ferguson and Geneva Turpin of Asheville Normal are home for holidays.

Miss Nina Martin spent the week end with Miss Jessie Martin at Governors Island.

Mrs. J. H. Hughes, Mrs. Frank Owen, Mrs. Will Hyatt and Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Ferguson visited at Mr. G. A. Kinsland's.

Misses Martha and Mary Oxner visited relatives at Barker's Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hughes motored to Sylva.

Miss Winnie Martin spent the week end at Whittier.

Mesdames G. A. Kinsland and Eunice Kinsland called on Mrs. W. H. Hoyle.

Mesdames J. C. Johnson, C. P. Shel-ton and H. D. Turpin called on Mrs. C. M. Martin.

Messrs. T. W. McLaughlin and Rans Matthews made a business trip to Sylva.

Mrs. J. K. Terrell attended Christmas exercises at Willets.

Messrs. G. A. Kinsland, J. L. Sit-son and Troy Turpin are improving their buildings.

Several of our citizens made a busi-ness trip to Asheville last week.

After the Christmas exercises Fri-day our teachers left to spend vaca-tion with home folks.

Mr. Roy Blackwell of Asheville Farm School is visiting his mother, at Mr. T. W. McLaughlin's.

Mr. Jack Battle of Akron, Ohio, is spending holidays with home folks.

Misses Irene Raby, Harriett Hall, Mary Battle and Oma Gass who are teaching are home for vacation.

Mr. James Bradley of Wake Forest College is visiting among relatives.

Mr. Norman Turpin and family of Newport, Tenn., are visiting Qualla relatives.

## FIRE ALARM EVERY SATURDAY

The fire siren will be sounded each Saturday at noon in order to prevent rusting, and to keep the siren in proper order.

The truck will also be started in order to keep it in order for quick starting, in cases of emergency.

Ed. Marshall, Fire Chief.

## RILEY PARKER SHOT TO DEATH

Riley Parker, 32 year old East Laporte man, died in the Harris Community Hospital about 8 o'clock Christmas evening, following a gun shot wound in the leg, received about 12 o'clock, the same day, from the hands of D. Mull.

It is stated that the two men had quarreled earlier in the day, and that near noon, Mull returned with a shot gun, and when the quarrel was resumed he fired, the load from the shot gun taking effect in Parker's leg.

Parker was rushed to the hospital in Sylva, but died a few hours later. Mull was arrested by members of the sheriff's department, who found him in a bed of leaves on a mountain, in the East Laporte vicinity, and was lodged in jail at Bryson City.

A coronor's jury composed of E. L. Wilson, N. L. Sutton, W. A. Sutton, J. S. Higdon, W. E. Grindstaff and J. R. Long was empanelled and after investigation reached a verdict that Parker came to his death by gun shot wounds inflicted by D. Mull.

Parker is survived by his widow and two small children, and other relatives.

Mull is about 22 years of age and unmarried. Both men lived at East Laporte near the scene of the shooting.

The funeral of young Parker was held at East Laporte Saturday, being conducted by Rev. Ben Cook and Rev. F. W. Kiker.

## WILSON RANKS ALONG WITH JEFFERSON, DANIELS SAYS

Stanton, Va., Dec. 29—Jefferson and Wilson, "the Elijah and Elisha of Democracy" were held up tonight as the militant champions of government by people at the Woodrow Wilson Memorial in the city.

Josephus Daniels, Raleigh, N. C., editor, who was Wilson's secretary of the navy, in the principal speech of the evening, named Washington, Lincoln, Jackson and Roosevelt as presidents who achieved "greatness or near greatness."

"But only two from Washington to Hoover," he said, "fashioned in immortal words the right of men to govern themselves and proved their faith by risking all upon the wisdom of popular rule."

"Jefferson made the great adventure when even the name of the illustrious Washington was invoked to question if the mass of voters could be trusted with the duty of setting up government by consent of the governed" said Mr. Daniels. "And Wilson, his successor in the faith, ventured all in the belief that civilization could justify its existence only by nations banding themselves together to reject arbitrary force and to substitute an atmosphere and a society that would save the world from bloodshed."

## King of Finance



Montagu Colet Norman, reelected Governor of the Bank of England for the 11th time, is regarded as the ablest and most powerful financier in the world. He got his early training in an American bank.