

# The Jackson County Journal

\$1.50 Year in Advance in The County.

SYLVA, N. C., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1931

\$2.00 Year in Advance Outside The County.

## D. MULL WILL BE PLACED ON TRIAL TUESDAY, FEB. 24

Mull, charged with first degree murder for the death of Riley Park, will be placed on trial Tuesday morning in an order setting Tuesday for the beginning of the trial. The hearing has been made, yesterday by Judge Walter E. Moore, presiding in Jackson county superior court. Mull was brought into court and held in jail Wednesday morning, and a writ was made for a special venire of "good and lawful men," to be drawn from the box and summoned to court next Tuesday morning. From then it is expected to select a jury earlier in the week, and a true bill against Mull, in connection with the murder of Park, will be returned.

Park was shot in the leg, about noon, on Christmas day at East Laporte, and died in the hospital in Sylva about 8 o'clock the same evening. Mull was arrested by members of the sheriff's department, who found him in a bed of leaves on a porch in the East Laporte vicinity.

Mull, a thin, pale, young man, is expected to be defended by E. P. Sellwell and McKinley Edwards.

### QUALLA

Rev. J. B. B. preached at the Qualla church Sunday morning and Rev. R. L. Bass, preached at the Methodist church in the afternoon. Mr. Monroe Madison of Sylva made a business trip to Qualla recently.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Shaver and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bumgarner were guests at Mr. J. C. Johnson's.

Mr. and Mrs. York Howell are visiting relatives in Haywood.

Rev. and Mrs. Jonathan Brown of Bata were week end guests of Miss Eva Kinsland.

Mrs. C. P. Shelton made a trip to Sylva.

Mr. J. M. Hughes and family of Cherokee and Mr. J. E. Battle visited at Mr. D. C. Hughes'.

Mr. B. J. Worley and family visited Mrs. J. A. Bumgarner at Wilmot.

Mrs. J. E. Freeman visited relatives at Oona Luffy.

Mrs. Cecy Gibson visited Mrs. G. A. Kinsland.

Miss Jenny Cathey attended District Sunday school meeting at Bryson City.

Mr. J. C. Johnson and family visited relatives at Bryson City.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Snyder were Qualla visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Martin of Oconee Island were guests at Mr. W. C. Martin's Sunday.

Mrs. B. R. Henson of Whittier spent the week end with Mrs. W. H. Cooper.

Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Bass called at Mr. J. W. Cooper's.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hoyle called on Mr. Oscar Gibson's.

Misses Hester and Della Owen visited Mrs. C. M. Martin.

Mr. K. Howell was guest at Mr. S. W. Fisher's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sittin called at Mr. W. E. Hester's.

Mrs. Hester Bradburn, Mrs. D. L. Cooper and Mrs. Garland Oxner visited Mr. J. D. Hyatt, whose baby was born last week.

Mrs. Violet Marcus was guest of Mrs. B. B. Hoyle.

Mr. Louise Hyatt and Miss Margaret V. Whittier spent the week end with Mrs. Lucy Shelton.

Mrs. D. C. Hughes called on Mrs. J. K. Terrell Monday.

### JUDGE WARNS ABOUT GAMBLING DEVICES

Judge Walter E. Moore called the grand jury into court, yesterday morning and gave special instructions, in which he declared the punch boards and slot machines, that do not give value received at each time are unlawful gambling devices, within the meaning of the statute, and instructed the jury to make investigation and bring in bills of indictment against any persons who have been operating them in this county.

## 40 YEARS AGO

Tuckasee Democrat Feb. 18, 1891.

Capt. and Mrs. J. W. Fisher, of Webster were here Tuesday.

Capt. J. W. Terrell and J. J. Hooker, esq., paid us a brief visit yesterday.

Mrs. M. H. Morris of Addie came down Friday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Long, Jr.

Miss Sola Dills has returned home from Wilmot where she has been visiting Miss Ella Frizzell for several weeks.

Mrs. O. B. Coward sister of the bride, and Misses May and Belle Leatherwood represented Webster at the wedding last Thursday night.

Miss Mary Cooper of Whittier came up Thursday with her brother, Mr. L. W. Cooper to witness his initiation into the order of Benedicti.

Evidently our merchants don't believe in the cry of "hard times" for immense quantities of merchandise are unloaded from every freight train.

Mr. J. B. Coward, the efficient representative of Brown, Weddington and Company, of Charlotte, reached home Monday. He was completely conquered by the mud and had to leave his horse and buggy in Bencombe and come by rail.

The following from the Reading (Pa.) Eagle can not fail to impress every one with its truthfulness: "Advertising gives character and standing to a firm. Go into any community as an entire stranger, and pick up papers published there. Look for their largest advertisers and you can invariably rely upon the fact that you have found the most reliable firms in that community."

The Dillsboro Dramatic Club will give its opening entertainment on Feb. 20th. The popular drama "Down by the Sea," and the rattling and exceedingly funny farce, "Uncle Dick's Mistake," will be presented.

We ask the attention of our readers to the new advertisement of Messrs. Blair and Brown, furniture men of Asheville. In sending us the copy for their new "ad" they bear testimony to the value of our columns as an advertising medium, saying, "we believe it pays to advertise in your paper."

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hooper returned Saturday from quite a lengthy sojourn in the South, bringing with them a bouncing boy Lee Hooper, Jr., born in the "land of flowers." They also brought a large quantity of various kinds of Florida fruits, for a liberal share of which the Democrat returns its thanks.

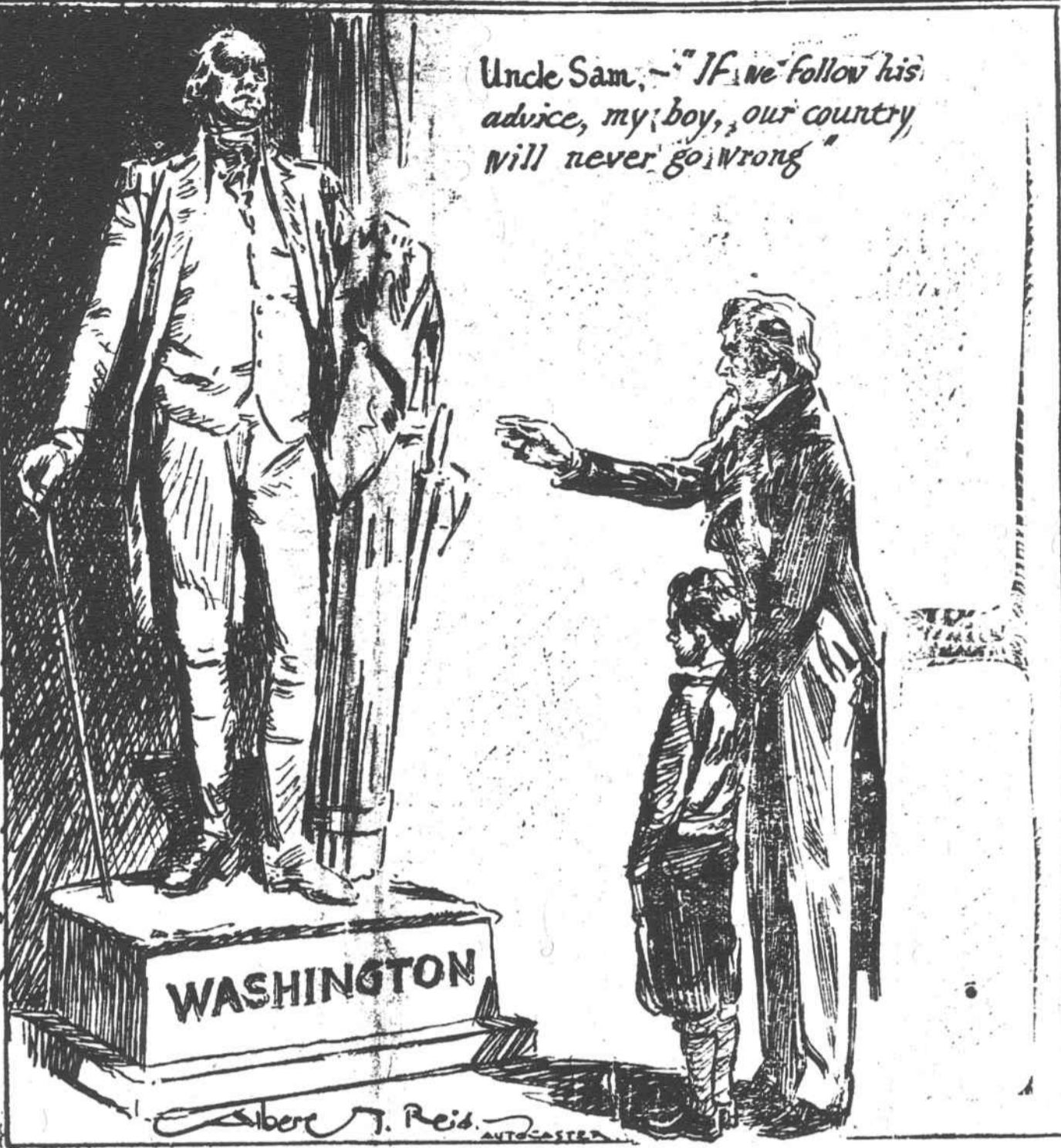
There will be a large number of tourists in our mountains during the approaching summer, and as Jackson has as many natural attractions as any other county, we would be glad to have our share of the visitors.

Despite the inclemency of the weather, last Thursday evening, quite a number of friends gathered at the residence of Mr. A. J. Long, Jr., to witness the consummation of the marriage of his daughter, Miss Laura B. Long to Mr. Lee W. Cooper of Whittier. The ceremony was performed promptly at 7 o'clock by Rev. P. P. McLean also of Whittier. After the recessory the guests were invited to the dining room, where a sumptuously prepared supper awaited them and to which all did full justice.

"Competition is the life of trade," and our county people will not be slow to take advantage of the competition between the five stores now in full blast here. As a business center, Sylva is coming squarely to the front. There is only one thing the matter: with our merchants. We

### His Policies Are Still Sound

By Albert T. Reid



### WILL CHANGE GOVERNMENT FORM

A bill has been introduced in the General Assembly for the purpose of changing the form of government of Jackson County. The bill, which would become effective December, 1932, eliminates the commission form of government and substitutes therefor two county commissioners who serve part time only, meeting with the chairman as a board on the first Mondays.

The chairman retains his present duties and salary of \$2,400 a year, and in addition is given the duties of the welfare commissioner. He is allowed one clerk, at present, and \$600 a year that is now being paid the register of deeds is set off. Sponsors of the bill state that it will effect a saving in the county finances of approximately \$5,200 a year or about 2 per cent of the present tax of the county.

An additional member of the board of education, to succeed the commissioner of welfare, who is ex-officio a member of that board, would be appointed.

### "CHRISTIAN CIVILIZATION AND THE UNDERWORLD" PASTOR'S TOPIC

"Christian Civilization and the Underworld" will be the subject which the pastor of the Methodist church, Rev. George Clemmer, will discuss Sunday morning at 11 o'clock Sunday is the first Sunday in Lent. Every member of the church is urged to begin the observance of Lent by attending Church school and worship services. The public is cordially invited.

In the evening at 7:30 Mr. Clemmer will preach in the Methodist church in Dillsboro. Sunday schools of the charge assemble at 10 a. m. promptly. The Epworth Hi-League meets in the evening at 6:45. Study group in "Kingdom Extension" meets Wednesday evening at 7:30.

### NEW ATTORNEY TAKES OATH

Ervin C. Cooper, of Swain county, who was recently licensed by the supreme court to practice law, was given the oath of an attorney, before Judge Walter E. Moore, in the superior court, here, yesterday. The oath was administered by Solicitor John M. Queen.

haven't quite got them up to the proper point in advertising yet, but they are coming. You can always rely on one thing, and that is, when a merchant advertises he is anxious to get your trade, and does not show that indifference in regard to it which the merchant who fails to advertise does.

## W. C. T. C. NEWS LETTER

Alpha Phi Sigma, a national honorary scholarship fraternity, was organized at Western Carolina Teachers College on February 12, by Dr. C. H. McClure, of State Teachers College, Kirksville, Mo. This organization aims to sponsor scholastic attainment among the members.

The Yodelers at Western Carolina Teachers College will participate in three games this week. The girls play East Tennessee Teachers there February 13. The boys play Rutherford College there the 18th and Young Harris there the 20th.

Miss Elizabeth Cowan, Baptist Student Secretary for Western North Carolina is spending a few days at Western Carolina Teachers College.

Miss Cowan has an aim: the organization of Student Council which will supervise and regulate all religious activities at the college.

Cullowhee N. C., February 16 — Four girls at Western Carolina College have been selected to enter the inter-collegiate debates at the college. They are: Dorothy Burnette, Swannanoa; Ethel Calloway, Highlands; Ora E. Jones, Burlington and Flora Gilbert, Columbus.

The debaters will make their first appearance between the local college and East Tennessee State Teachers College, Johnson City Tenn., on March 14, at Cullowhee.

Cupid was present with his array of arrows and hearts—many of them broken and torn—in Moore Dormitory at Western Carolina Teachers College Friday evening February 13th. The girls at the college entertained the boys in the parlors with a Valentine party. A program of music and readings was given, after which hearts were matched, and fortunes were told by shooting an arrow at a large heart. Ice cream and cake were served.

The placement bureau of Western Carolina Teachers College recently sent out a letter to the members of the graduating class of 1930 in order that information might be secured as to how many positions as teachers are being held by members of the class. The letter was directed to one hundred and sixteen alumni and replies have been received from one hundred and one. Of that number seventy one are in the teaching profession, five are in college, seven are doing other types of work, and fifty

### FERGUSON "LIVE AT HOME" FARMER

(By F. H. Jeter, Agricultural Editor State College)

The sale of cream and other dairy products has put H. G. Ferguson of the Qualla section of Jackson county on the map as a "live-at-home" farmer, according to E. V. Vestal, county agent, of Sylva. In fact, Mr. Ferguson has done wonders with his dairy herd, which he started in the spring of 1928, at a time when it was difficult for any farmer to make a living on his farm, according to information received by the State College Extension Service.

Mr. Ferguson bought ten grade Jersey heifers in the spring of 1928 and started selling cream to the Nantahala Creamery of Franklin within a few weeks. As the amount of cream mounted he saw a chance to furnish a Bryson City hotel with sweet cream during the summer months. He embraced that opportunity and has continued to hold a good hotel business ever since, during the summer especially. Sale of cream to the creamery and hotels runs from \$80 to \$100 each month in good production months and not lower than \$40 a month, when cream is selling at a low price during the poor production months of November and December, as it did this past year. Mr. Ferguson produces his cream at a low cost through the use of blue grass and white clover pasturage, soy bean hay, clover hay, home grown corn and some cotton meal and bran.

Manure from his dairy herd has reduced his fertilizer bills and at the same time increased his crop production and the fertility of his land. He uses some lime with the manure in the production of large quantities of excellent red clover hay.

Skimmed milk from the separator has been worth many dollars to Mr. Ferguson and his son, Wayne. He has fed pigs since the dairy was begun and has made much money by utilization of such skimmed milk. One litter of his fine Poland China pigs weighed 2,433 pounds at an age of 160 days. The younger Ferguson fed them on corn, fish meal, some shorts and plenty of skimmed milk.

By milking a few cows by feeding and caring for his herd according to the general recommendations of his county agent and on the advice of Extension dairy specialists, he has increased the farm income. Many of the graduates of the 1930 class are teaching in other states; however North Carolina comes first and South Carolina second. Thirty-two counties in this state are using members of the class as teachers.

## HARVEY FRADY PLACED ON TRIAL

Harvey Frady, young white man, was placed on trial yesterday, charged with second degree murder, in the death of Ed. Blakley, negro, on Little Savannah, last August. E. P. Stillwell and Dan Moore were appointed by the court to defend Frady, as he has no money with which to employ attorneys.

Frady, who went on the stand in his own behalf, admitted the killing; but swore that he shot in self-defense that Blakley attacked him, and was attempting to cut him, when he fired the three shots that took effect in Blakley. He stated that he had started to East Fork to prayer meeting when the altercation occurred.

He stated that he and Jule Blakley, father of Ed., had had some difficulty some time previous to the shooting and that Ed. had threatened him, and proved in numerous communications threats that Ed. is supposed to have made, threatening to cut Frady's head off.

The nature of the wounds was proved by Dr. A. A. Nichols, who testified that in entering the negro's head from the back was the one that took his life. Mr. P. J. Stillwell 83 years old, was the only eye witness. He testified that Frady came to his house, ate dinner with him, and went on up the road. That in a few minutes he started to water his cow and was overtaken by Ed. Blakley, and that the two went on up the road, until they came upon Frady standing near the branch; that Frady asked Blakley if his knife was still sharp, and began firing; that the two grappled, some more shots were fired, and that the negro sank down, dead. He said that he saw no knife.

Neal Dills stated that when he found the body for burial, he found a pair of dice, a pocket book, some fish hooks, and a knife, partly opened in the pockets of the dead negro.

The evidence was completed yesterday afternoon, and the case is in the hands of the jury, as we go to press, argument of counsel having been completed today.

The defense proved that Blakley was dangerous and violent. Frady proved a good character, has never been indicted before, and has had no trouble with anybody, that witnesses had heard of.

### THE GRAND JURY

The grand jury serving at the present term of superior court is composed of the following gentlemen: O. B. Coward, foreman, John A. Buchanan, W. F. Bryson Thos. C. Buchanan, G. K. Bess, Richard H. Hall, W. H. Jackson, R. E. Dills, Dock Harris, W. A. Hooper, R. B. Sklar, W. T. Cook, J. M. Leatherwood, Oscar Esley, G. C. Crawford, J. L. Dillard, Dave O. Green and John W. Buchanan.

considerably for his whole family. This larger income has enabled him and his wife to buy the few things not raised on the farm and to give the three children a good education. Both his boys are 4-H club members and his daughter is quite an active 4-H club member.

Since he bought his ten grade heifers in 1928 Mr. Ferguson has obtained \$569 through the sale of surplus cows, heifers, steers and calves and now has eight fine high grade cows breeding this spring. He has gotten back all but \$31 of the cost of the original herd. He freshens his cows in the spring so as to have a full supply of milk during the summer months for the hotel trade.

Undoubtedly, Mr. Ferguson is a leader in his section in dairying and also one of the real "live-at-home" farmers of Jackson county. His farm has been placed on a "Live-at-Home" and a profitable list by length and hard work in a very short length of time. Mr. Ferguson has done much credit for his part of the progress.

Conversely, Mr. Vestal says that Mr. Ferguson has the brains to investigate and the sense to listen to those who wanted to help him with solid advice of real worth.