

The Jackson County Journal

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WEEK BY WEEK BALSAM SCHOOL CLOSES

(By Dan Tompkins)

Taxation, as ever, is the vexatious problem. Everybody wants good schools, fine buildings, efficient public servants, good roads, good streets and the like; but nobody seems to be willing to pay for them.

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Waynesville, and the Bank of Leicester, in Buncombe, are the two latest of the banks that closed last fall to open up and start business again, through cooperation of State Banking officials, local bank officers and depositors. Cooperation can accomplish much.

William Wrigley will buy one hundred million pounds of cotton at 12c a pound. That will put some money in circulation in the South; and, at the same time, will make some money for Mr. Wrigley to add to his chewing gum fortune. All he will have to do is to hold it, until business again gets on its feet, and gets going again.

Much has been said, recently, concerning the short comings of the schools. Now, no less authority than Professor Thomas H. Briggs of the Teachers College of Columbia University has stated in a speech that "our educational system is a costly failure," and that the only remedy is in a complete reorganization of the whole educational structure. He admitted that such a reorganization would cost millions of dollars, but "not so much as is now wasted in misdirected effort."

Five children frozen to death in a stranded school bus, and 18 others nearly so, is a heart-rending tale that comes from Colorado, out of the great blizzard that swept the West. All roads, fences and other landmarks obliterated by the fury of the storm, the bus floundered. The driver set out to seek aid, and his body was found frozen, a short distance from the bus. Books, seats, everything that would burn was used for fuel, and older children tried to keep the others moving, by improvised boxing and wrestling matches. Next day they were found huddled in a pile, by a farmer.

The battle over taxes, schools and what to tax has grown to such intensity, down in Raleigh, that they have started making faces, thumbing noses at each other, and calling unbecoming names; and still the solution has not been found. There is plenty of intelligence in the assembly, more than is to be found in most State legislatures; but there appears to be, from this distance, a woeful lack of leadership. Governor Gardner has shown himself to be woefully inadequate as a leader in a crisis, as much so as he did during the cotton mill disturbances a few months ago. He is a nice, affable, likeable gentleman, with plenty of sense. All North Carolina loves him; but as a leader, he has fallen short of the mark; nor has another leader yet appeared to show us the way out of the morass into which we have allowed ourselves to be led by pious pleadings and unctuous urging to provide more and yet better public services.

O. E. S. TO INSTALL OFFICERS

The local chapter, Order of the Eastern Star will install its newly elected officers on next Tuesday evening at seven-thirty o'clock.

The officers to be installed are: Worthy Matron, Mrs. D. E. Murray; Worthy Patron, M. D. Cowan; Associate Matron, Mrs. J. F. Freeze; Associate Patron, I. H. Powell; Secretary, Mrs. A. S. Nichols; Treasurer, Mrs. W. E. Gridstaff; Conductress, Mrs. M. D. Cowan; Associate Conductress, Mrs. I. H. Powell; Chaplain, Mrs. Hartv Hastings; Organist, Mrs. C. Z. Candler; Marshal, Miss Jane Coward; Ada, Mrs. C. E. Steiner; Ruth, Mrs. Ed. Hooper; Esther, Mrs. M. Buchanan, Sr.; Martha, Mrs. Raymond Glenn; Electra, Mrs. E. I. McKee; Warder, Mrs. John Parris Sentinel, Mr. Williams.

Balsam grammar school closed one of its most successful terms last week. Commencement exercises were held in the Baptist church Thursday evening. Prof. R. L. Madison delivered the address in his usual eloquent style, taking for his subject Heredity, Environment, Education and Christianity. Nearly all of the students stood their tests and will be promoted this fall. Students in the 7th grade who will enter Sylva High this fall are Freda Jones, Sarah Ellen Crawford, Myrtle Middleton, Charles Hyatt, John Potts and Eugene Smathers. Teachers and pupils met in the school house Friday to "finish up" the years work. The children had a nice surprise for the teachers in the way of an elegant lunch which was prepared under the supervision of Mrs. Carrie Queen.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Cooper, Mrs. Lily Bryson and Miss Evelyn Bryson motored to Asheville Sunday to see Miss Louise Arfington, student in Asheville Normal school. They also visited Black Mountain and other interesting places near Asheville taking Miss Louise with them. Misses Cecil and Helen Potts of Balsam, Miss Mary George Howell Mr. Joe Howell and Mr. Glenn Robinson of Willets motored to Andrews Sunday and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Rickett. They went out on the Robbinsville road, and visited other interesting places in the beautiful Nantahala Gorge, and report having had a wonderful time.

Municipal Election in May

The Sylva town election will be held on Monday, May 4, at which time a Mayor and five aldermen will be elected.

The election was called last week, by the governing board of the town, under the provisions of the statutes of North Carolina. Raymond R. Nicholson was appointed as registrar and J. Ernest Keener and E. M. Hale were selected as judges of the election.

The books will be open for registration on each Saturday during the month of April, and all citizens of the town will have an opportunity to register.

Those who voted in the town election two years ago do not have to register in order to qualify themselves to vote. All citizens who have moved to Sylva since the last election, and all who were not registered at that time will have to present themselves before Mr. Nicholson for registration during the period in which the books will be open.

There was some confusion two years ago, when a number of citizens presented themselves to vote, thinking that if they were registered for the county and general election, that it was unnecessary for them to register in town. This is not the case. If you want to vote, you had best assure yourself that you are registered in the municipal election.

The present governing board of the town, which will be succeeded by the new one to be elected in May is composed of Dan Tompkins, Mayor, J. Claude Allison, Roy C. Allison, W. E. Reed, H. O. Curtis and John V. Ashe.

CULLOWHEE MEETS SYLVA IN DEBATE

Cullowhee, N. C., March 29—The Cullowhee High School debating team will meet Sylva High School team April 3 in the first triangular contest of the season. The question which is one being debated by all schools in the state that entered the triangular debate is: Resolved, That the United States Should Give the Philippines Immediate Independence.

The Cullowhee team is composed of David H. Brown and David Stillwell, negative; Richard Miller and Ned Tucker, affirmative.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the many friends for their help and kindness during the sickness and death of our father.

Lawrence, Frank and Sallie Coward.

Eliza Crossing the Ice—Modern Version

By Albert T. Reid



OUR CULLOWHEE LETTER SYLVA C. OF C. ELECTION

Cullowhee, N. C., March 30—Last Monday evening at 8:00 a party was given in honor of the birthday of H. T. Hunter, president Western Carolina Teachers College, by the faculty club. Members of the faculty with their wives and husbands were guests. A delightful program was arranged by Misses Mary Rose Ferguson, Minnie McAuley, Catherine Neal and Annie Goodran, hostesses. Following the program a social hour was enjoyed during which ice cream and cake was served.

Pa'n Sunday was observed by the local Methodist church yesterday at which time the girls' Glee Club of Western Carolina Teachers College sang several selections in response to scripture readings by Rev. M. Q. Tuttle, pastor of the local church.

Reorganization of clubs and the election of new officers has been under way at Western Carolina Teachers College the past week.

A Macon County Club was organized with George Carpenter, Franklin, president; Elizabeth Deal, Franklin, vice president; and Ina Henry, Franklin, secretary and treasurer. There are about twenty-five members in the club.

Election of new officers for the St. Cecilia Music Club was made. Mildred Stephenson of McCullers was elected president and Mary Dare Hattcock, Raleigh, was elected secretary and treasurer.

The Community Life Club held its regular meeting Friday afternoon in the Training School auditorium. Many more guests and members attended than usual there being thirty-nine. Among the guests was Mrs. Billie Davis, district president. The program was a continued one on "Famous Women." Miss Thelma Howell talked on "Women in Education," and Mrs. C. H. Allen spoke on "Royal Women of the Twentieth Century." Mrs. Charles Robinson, Misses Catherine Neal and Minnie McAuley were hostesses.

The next meeting of the club will be held April 17 at which time the Smoky Mountain National Park will be discussed.

Professor R. L. Madison, instructor at Western Carolina Teachers College, had charge of chapel Friday afternoon at which time he spoke about the noted Southern scientist, Matthew Fontaine Maury. Professor Madison is fortunate in having had the privilege to know the man of whom he spoke. In relating the high spots in his life, the results of his experiments were given, one of the most important ones being the dis-

covery that it is necessary for combined action on the part of maritime nations in regard to ocean meteorology. At the beginning of the Civil War Mr. Maury joined the South. He was born in Spottsylvania county, Virginia in 1806 and died in 1873.

Easter holidays begin at Western Carolina Teachers College Friday, April 3, and end the follow Tuesday, April 7th.

The rings for the first four year graduating class at Western Carolina Teachers College have arrived. They are of unique design. In the center is a North Carolina garnet on one side of which is the profile of Professor R. L. Madison, founder of the college, and the letters B. S. On the other side, three Cullowhee lilies and the college seal.

The annual election of the directors of the Sylva Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Jackson Hardware Company's store next Tuesday from 12 o'clock noon, to 5 in the evening. R. C. Allison, J. S. Higdon, E. V. Vestal, C. M. Wells and Joe Winner have been appointed judges of the election.

At a meeting of the Chamber held on Tuesday evening, J. B. Ensley, D. G. Bryson, R. U. Sutton, D. M. Hall and A. J. Dills were appointed as nominating committee. This committee will nominate eighteen members from which a board of nine directors will be elected at the annual election to be held next Tuesday.

Following their election, the directors will elect, from their own number, a president, vice president and treasurer, and a secretary.

The annual meeting will be held, and the new officers installed on next Tuesday evening at a dinner, which will be served by the women of the missionary societies of the Baptist and Methodist churches.

A representative of the Wesson Oil Company, will assist the ladies in the preparation of the dinner, by furnishing the salads, and at the same time will demonstrate the making of four new kinds of salad dressings.

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GEO. BRINSON KILLED

Friends of W. George Brinson and of his mother, in Jackson county, will learn with sorrow of his tragic death in an automobile wreck at Monroe, Louisiana, Tuesday night about nine o'clock.

Mr. Brinson, thirty five years of age, and unmarried, made his home with his mother in Monroe, where he was engaged in the automobile business. He spent much time in Sylva when he was a boy and had many friends here, and at Cullowhee, where he attended Cullowhee Normal School, several years ago. His mother, Mrs. Mary Carter Brinson, has spent most of her summers in Sylva for thirty years or more, and has a large circle of friends here. She taught music at Cullowhee Normal, at one time.

The funeral of the young man will be held in Raleigh tomorrow, Friday morning, and interment will be in that city.

FUNERAL RITES FOR J. F. COWARD HELD AT COWARTS

Cowarts, March 31—Funeral services were conducted at the home of E. M. Coward, Friday afternoon at two o'clock, for James F. Coward, 85, Confederate veteran and oldest members of the prominent Coward family in this county. He was known to hundreds of relatives and friends. He was a son of Benjamin Coward and had lived all his life in this section.

At the age of sixteen he joined the Confederate army, as a volunteer, enlisting at Webster, the old county seat. He fought under the leadership of Captain Amos Coleman, civil war idol of Western North Carolina, belonging to Company K. He was born Feb. 27, 1846, and married Mary Jane Hooper.

He was a member of the John's Creek Baptist church, being a faithful member for many years.

Mr. Coward was loved by young and old, was charitable to those in need, loyal to his friends, home and children. May they all strive to meet him in a better world, where no sad partings come.

Surviving him are four sons, Elbert and Dillard Coward, of Sylva, and Frank and Lawrence of Cowarts, four daughters, Mrs. Burton Styles, Mrs. Andy Queen and Mrs. John Morris all of Sylva, and Miss Sallie Coward of Cowarts, and two brothers, J. B. Coward and E. M. Coward, as well as other relatives and a host of friends.

The services were conducted by Rev. A. C. Queen of Webster, Rev. Ben Cook, pastor of the local Baptist church, and Rev. F. W. Kiker, of Webster. Interment followed in the Coward cemetery at this place.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Tuckaseige Democrat April 1, 1891.

Mr. Henry Jackson of East La Porte is here today.

Mr. John W. Davis has removed his family to Sylva.

Miss Pauline Morris is visiting her brother at Addie.

Mr. Will Cooper, nephew of Rev. Mr. Cooper, is visiting his uncle.

Some more broad grins—John Divalbiss has got 'em this time— it's a boy.

J. E. Divalbiss left for Asheville Monday where he goes with a view of making it his future home.

The Democrat's only son, F. A. Luck, Jr., late agent at Cooper's put in a rather unexpected appearance today, for a short visit to "the old folks at home."

Ministers present at the Jackson County Union Meeting, held with the Baptist church at Sylva last Friday, Saturday and Sunday, were Revs. Charles Buchanan (Moderator) A. H. Sims, W. W. Reed, B. N. Queen, J. G. Ammons, A. C. Queen, J. L. Owen, A. W. Davis and T. F. Deitz.

Married Sunday evening, March 29, 1891, by Esquire A. M. Parker, Mr. John Forrester to Miss Delmore, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Dills. The Democrat tender congratulations and best wishes.

Died, in Quallatown, March 22, 1891, Mr. H. L. Potts, in the 77th year of his age. He was the only surviving brother of our postmaster, Mr. John L. Potts, and was well known in this and Haywood counties.

We regret to learn by a private letter from Rev. A. E. Vinchard, Principal of Glenville High School, that the prevalence of measles necessitates the closing of the school one week earlier than was intended, which will require the shortening of the programme of exercises. The school will close Friday, April 3rd.

Rev. J. G. Ammons, Missionary of the Western Baptist Convention, will preach at John's Creek, Friday night, April 10; at Balsam Grove, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, April 11th, 12th and 13th; at Sel's Creek, Wednesday and Thursday, April 15th and 16th; and at Wolf Creek, Saturday and Sunday, April 18th and 19th.

Our brief description of the Jackson County natural bridge across the Tuckaseige river in Canada township, which appeared in the Democrat of March 4th has been copied by the newspapers far and wide. Will some friends in Canada give us a minute description of the bridge its accessibility, etc. Is there any other natural bridge besides this and the one in Rockbridge county, Va.?

Mr. P. P. Fletcher, of Vermont, who has been among us, has closed contract for a lot in our town, a tract of timbered land near the head of Fisher's Creek and also the timber on 150 acres adjoining. The lot purchased by Mr. Fletcher is one of the most desirable in the town, being the one lying between the lots of A. J. Long, Jr., and Capt. A. W. Bryson, fronting on Main street. Mr. J. W. McKee, who sold the lot to Mr. Fletcher, had but recently bought it from Messrs. Hall, Smith and Porter.

CITIZENS BANK OF WAYNESVILLE NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Waynesville, March 30—The Citizens Bank and Trust Company, of Waynesville, reopened its doors today by permission of the State Corporation Commission.

Tom Stringfield, cashier, reported at the close of the first day's business that new deposits exceeded \$20,000, and that there were no withdrawals. The cashier characterized it as "a splendid day."

H. B. Atkins is president of the institution.