

The Jackson County Journal

\$1.50 Year in Advance in The County.

SYLVA, N. C., THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1931

\$2.00 Year in Advance Outside The County.

BOICE, PROMINENT LUMBERMAN DIES

Cyrus Boice, wealthy lumber operator, and well known in Jackson county and Western North Carolina, died in Richmond Sunday night.

Mr. Boice was an official of C.W. Deanning and Company Incorporated lumbering concern with its principal office in Sylva. He was president of the Tennessee and North Carolina railroad which runs from Newport, Tenn., to Mt. Sterling at the northern end of Haywood county, North Carolina, president of the Knoxville, Sevierville and Eastern railways, primarily a lumber railroad, and president of the Andrews and Hayesville railway, which hauls lumber, freight and passengers.

Mr. Boice was also vice president of the First National Bank of Abingdon, Va., of which J. W. Bell is president. He and Mr. Bell owned the Max Patch mountain boundary, a tract of some 24,000 acres, which is used as the basis of operations of the Boice Lumber company.

Plans had been under way for the development of the Max Patch boundary. Besides timber, it is rich in minerals. It had been planned to make Max Patch fountain the airport of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. In this work Mr. Boice was much interested and he had spent much time in recent months in working out details of the project.

Mr. Boice was also much interested in the possible development of the Tennessee and North Carolina railroad in connection with the hauling of passengers into the Great Smoky Mountains in the region of Mt. Sterling. The gorge at Waterville, through which the railway passes, is comparable to the famed Linville Gorge.

Mr. Boice, a wealthy man, had been prominently identified with the lumber business in Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee for many years. He began his business career in the mountains of Western North Carolina, and spent much of his time in Hartford, Tenn., and Hayesville. He was a native of Shokan, N. Y.

The lumberman suffered a heart attack while on a train at Salisbury Saturday night. He was taken to a hospital in Richmond, where he died Sunday night.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Eliza Boice, two daughters, Marion, of Hayesville, Jennie May of Richmond, a son, Edmund, who is a prominent surgeon of Rocky Mount, two sisters and two brothers.

BALSAM

Robert Brooks, 12 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Brooks, died early Sunday morning after a short illness. He had measles and developed pneumonia and other complications. Four attending physicians did all that man could do, but to no avail. Funeral service was conducted Monday by Rev. Frank Arrington at the Red Bank cemetery where his body was laid to rest beside his brother, who preceded him several years ago. The floral offerings were many and lovely. The family has the sympathy of our entire community.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bryson and son, Benjamin, have returned to their home here after spending several years in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Mrs. Fred McKee and baby of Webster are visiting her mother, Mrs. Lona Green.

Miss Louise Arrington of Asheville Normal School and her mother Mrs. Lily Bryson and Mr. L. L. Cooper were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McChaffey in Hendersonville, Sunday.

Mr. Elbert Reese went to Waynesville on business Monday.

Mrs. Lida Holtzclaw of Richmond, Va., arrived Sunday to spend the summer in her attractive cottage near the Fish Hatchery.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Christy of Franklin were guests of his sister, Mrs. George Bryson Sunday.

Mr. Hubert Ennsley and children have returned from a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McChaffey in Hendersonville.

SYLVA JUNIORS WIN FIRST HONORS

The Junior Club of Sylva was awarded the prize for the best report made by any junior club in the State, at the meeting of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, held in Greensboro. The prize, a five dollar gold piece, was awarded by Mrs. E. L. McKee, former president of the federation.

The Sylva Junior Club was represented at the Greensboro meeting by Mrs. Cyrus Nicholson and Miss Doccia Garrett.

The report of the Sylva Juniors was the only report read at the luncheon given to the junior clubs. The best report was picked, and Mrs. Nicholson, secretary of the Sylva Club read it at the luncheon.

SYLVA HIGH GRADUATES 26

Twenty six young men and young ladies will receive their diplomas from Sylva Central High this evening at eight o'clock.

The class roll is: Bonnie May Anthony, James Edmund Brown, Margaret Matilda Brown, Robert Fred Bunge, Claude Emerson Campbell, Charles Candler, Evelyn Elizabeth Clayton, Matilda Elizabeth Cogdill, Earl Collins, Marshall Grover Cooper, Mary Emma Ferguson, Wayne Blair Ferguson, Mary Katherine Grindstaff, Shirley Asbury Henry, Charlotte Irene Hooper, Charles McDowell Hooper, Mary George Howell, Claud Edith Hoyle, Edna Carolyn Hoyle, Talmage Lloyd Jones, Nancy Lareina Keener, Bonnie Lou Morris, Phyllis Ora McCulley, Frank Smith Rasmusen and Allie Wilson. The commencement exercises were initiated Sunday afternoon when Rev. P. L. Elliott delivered the baccalaureate sermon for both Sylva High and Sylva Collegiate Institute, at the graded school auditorium.

The class play "Adam and Eve," coached by Mrs. Chester Scott, will be presented tomorrow, Friday evening.

W. R. STEWART DIES AT ERASTUS

W. Ransom Stewart, one of the most prominent citizens of the Southern end of Jackson county, died Sunday evening at his home on Pine Creek, following a heart attack earlier in the day.

Mr. Stewart had apparently been in his usual health, and went out to feed his cattle, when the attack came.

The funeral was conducted at Pine Creek cemetery, Monday, Rev. J. G. Murray officiating. Interment was with Masonic ceremonies.

Mr. Stewart, who was 62 years of age, is survived by his widow, five daughters, Mrs. Charles Stewart, Mrs. Marion Moody, and Mrs. Charles Norris, all of whom live in Mountain township, Mrs. Alvin Crawford of Colwell, and Miss Bonnie, who made her home with her father, and by one son, Roy Stewart. Mr. Stewart leaves also a number of brothers, sisters, and other relatives.

Mr. Grady Queen of Canton visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wess Queen and baby have returned to their home in Gastonia after a visit to Mrs. Queen's father, Mr. Charlie Coward, who is very sick.

Miss Katy Kenney has returned to Balsam after spending the winter in Richmond, Va.

Mr. Vernon Jones and sister, Miss Freda Jones, attended the singing convention at Maple Grove Sunday afternoon.

Mr. O. J. Beck and family went to Waynesville Sunday.

Many Balsamites went to Sylva Sunday afternoon to hear the laureate sermon by Dr. Elliott, before the graduating class of Sylva High.

Balsam was visited by a hail storm Saturday.

Mr. John Blanton speaks well of the Chevrolet car. He has a 28-4 and drove it to what is known here as the Will Allen farm. There is not much of a road and that is very "zigzaggy" and steep, said part of the time it seemed as if the car was just running on its rear wheels so perpendicular was the road. This was the first time a car had ever been over the road.

WEEK BY WEEK

(By Dan Tompkins)

King Alfonso of Spain has abdicated his throne, and a republic is to take the place of the old Spanish kingdom. Thus goes Democracy ever march forward.

Two missing Haywood men, were found in a sink hole, where their bodies had been placed last August, marking one of the most gruesome tragedies in the history of this mountain country. Looks as if juries will have to face the fact that there is an electric chair in Raleigh, and act accordingly.

A six year old boy placed stones on the main line of the Southern and wrecked a train. He stated that he wanted the train to wreck, and didn't care whether people were killed. The one who needs punishing is the mother, who would allow a six year old lad to play about a railroad track.

Honduras is the latest nation in which revolution has raised its head. There is a spirit of unrest throughout the world; due largely to the fact that the people are not enjoying the prosperity that is their due. In other words, they are not getting their share of the good things of this world.

In Brevard they are running a former service men's ticket for the town offices; which is a bad policy, accentuating and carrying down even to municipal affairs the pernicious system of bloc government that has grown up in this country.

The legislative situation has developed into a conference between committees of the Senate and the House, in an attempt to iron out the differences regarding ways and means of raising revenue with which to support the State government and finance the six months schools. Man: people are hopeful that at last the legislature will arrive at some solution and adjourn.

A slight earthquake shook the states of the East.

Tom Heflin is in Washington prosecuting his contest over the election to the Senate. As in North Carolina, the Alabama contest is raging about the absentee voters law, and alleged irregularities in its operation.

The Dorrance fortune, left by the late executive of the Campbell's Soup Corporation, amounted to

FORTY YEARS AGO

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The great showman, P. T. Barnum, passed away at Bridgeport, Conn.

Only four tracts of land were advertised for sale by Sheriff McLain in 1891.

The prolonged blowing of the whistle and the unfurling of the Stars and Stripes from the flag staff atop of the factory announced the reopening of operations by the Equitable Manufacturing Company.

We are pleased to learn that the removal of Messrs. Cummings and Buffum's saw mill from Dillsboro will not occur. The company has been reorganized and will hereafter be known as the Blue Ridge Lumber Company. The damage caused by high water will at once be repaired.

Miss Alice Reid paid us a pleasant visit Wednesday evening.

Messrs. Henry and John Wilson of Hamburg called upon the Democrat, Monday.

A meeting of the cooperators of the Hot Springs, Webster and Savannah Railway Company will be held at the office of B. W. Hill on Thursday, May 11, in Hot Springs.

Members of the bar attending court in Webster are: E. R. Hampton, W. W. and Thomas A. Jones, Asheville, Judge Gudger, G. S. and W. B. Ferguson, J. M. Moody, Geo. H. Scathers and R. D. Gilmer, Waynesville; F. C. Fisher, N. Newby, A. M. Frye, and R. L. Leatherwood, Bryson City; Solicitor Jones, Frank Ray, K. Elias and C. C. Daniels, Franklin; and Marshall Bell, Murphy. Judge Brown is presiding.

It is reported that nobody is out of work in Russia, where the Soviets rule and there is no unemployment. But who wants to live in Russia?

A man in Transylvania, convicted of manslaughter, was forced to pay the widow of the dead man \$500, and allowed to go free. The trial of civil cases on the criminal side of the docket has long been one of the most aggravating causes of contempt for law and courts. There is, or should be an interest which the State itself has in all cases that are prosecuted in its name.

EQUALIZATION PLAN OPPOSED BY MRS. MCKEE

Recently Mrs. McKee had considerable to say with regard to the effort of the Senate to increase the state equalizing fund, as a means of escaping from the dilemma in which the members have found themselves to redress the tax burden.

In her speech in the Senate Mrs. McKee pointed out the suggested equalization fund is most inadequate. She gave figures to show that many counties have never received the proportionate increase in the equalization fund of two years ago.

"Any increase in the equalization fund can never be reflected in proportionate tax reduction in the participating counties," she declared. "Two years ago, the equalization fund was doubled, but the counties needing help most did not get the 100 per cent increase which they had a right to expect."

Mrs. McKee, in making her point, gave the following examples:

"My county of Jackson in 1928-1929 received from the equalization fund in round numbers \$31,000; in 1929-1930, though the equalization fund was doubled, we received an increase of \$17,000 in round numbers, which amounted to a 54 per cent increase. Transylvania county, also in my district, received an increase of 54 per cent; while Iredell county, with a property valuation of \$48,000,000 received in 1929, 1930, \$86,000, or an increase of 152 per cent. This in spite of the fact that Jackson county's property valuation is only \$10,000,000 and that of Transylvania only \$9,000,000. Watauga county, with a property valuation of \$5,000,000 received an increase of 85 per cent; while Burke county, with a property valuation of \$20,000,000, received an increase of 122 per cent. Polk county has the distinction of receiving the lowest percentage of increase of any county in the State 29 per cent. Its property valuation is \$7,000,000; while the county of Wake, which has not heretofore participated in the equalization fund, with a property valuation of \$98,000,000, received more than \$56,000. Dare county, with a property valuation of \$2,000,000, received \$8,000 from the equalization fund in 1930. Rowan county, with a valuation of \$72,000,000, received almost \$62,000.

"The further increase of \$3,500,000 proposed by the Folger bill, proposes still greater inequalities in distribution. Aording to their own figures Avery county, with a property valuation of about \$6,000,000, is promised an increase to the tune of \$4,000. Compare the proposed receipts proposed by Hertford and Hoke counties, with a property valuation of \$11,000,000 and \$10,

TO BE PARADISE FOR WILD GAME

The Great Smoky Mountains National park will become, within the next few years, a great reservoir, in which the wild life of the southern Appalachian Mountains will be conserved, according to the plans of the National Park service. J. Ross Eakin, superintendent of the new national park, has outlined a plan for stocking the 428,000 acre reservation with deer, bear, beaver, wild turkeys, grouse and other game.

Pisgah National forest game preserve, near Asheville, will be the principal source, from which the deer will be obtained for the newly established national park. Over 5,000 deer are known to roam the forest in the 100,000 acre game preserve, and these are far too many for the area, according to M. A. Mattoon, forest supervisor for the Pisgah national forest.

The deer will be trapped; a few each year. In accordance with the Eakin plan, 675 of them will be transferred to the national park by the year 1940. The natural increase of the game animals, is expected to fill the National park with a large number of deer by 1940. The Eakin plan calls for 25 deer from Pisgah forest in 1931; 50 in 1933 with 100 the year thereafter and others to be captured and sent to the national park in the following yearly trapping seasons.

Other game animals and birds will be imported from other sections of the country, for stocking the national park with wild life, and the national park service has already established fire and game wardens within the area, to protect the section from poachers and from the destructive effects of forest fires. The game in the National park will be protected in perpetuity, no hunting being allowed at any time within the park boundaries. As in the case of the Pisgah game preserve and the four other game refuges in Western North Carolina, the overflow of game is expected to provide good shooting in the terrain surrounding the Great Smokies, during the open hunting seasons. Linked with the established game preserves the Great Smoky Mountains national park should aid in making the region a future hunters' paradise.

OPERETTA DRAWS CROWD

The operetta "The Golden Slipper," an arrangement of Cinderella, which was presented by the elementary school, under the direction of Miss Emily Smith, and sponsored by the Sylva Parent-Teachers Association, drew a large crowd of spectators on Friday evening of last week.

The large audience was pleased with the presentation, which is reported as having been far above the average for such performances, showing careful planning and training.

000,000 respectively. The former will receive \$73,000 and the latter \$31,000. It is proposed to give Polk county, with a valuation of \$7,000,000, \$45,000. To Randolph county, with a valuation of \$27,000,000, will go \$113,000. To Watauga, with a property valuation of \$8,900,000 is promised \$67,000; to Wayne county, with a valuation of \$47,000,000 will go almost \$127,000.

"Verily, to him that hath shall be given and from him that hath not shall be taken, even that which he hath."

Mrs. McKee also stated that the valuation of property is determined arbitrarily by the equalization board not on the real value of the property. She says that in Jackson county the value of property as fixed by the equalization board is three million more than the real value. She also declares that the people of the counties receiving money are tired of doles and being called pauper counties. "We want the justice of a six months school promised by the State Constitution—that and nothing more and nothing less," she asserted.

If The Load Can Just Get Down This Hill— By Albert T. Reid

