

# The Jackson County Journal

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30 Year in Advance Outside The County.

## Highway 106 Will Receive Attention

Mrs. E. L. McKee, senator from this district, who was home for the week end, stated that she has been in conference with Mr. W. W. Neal, highway commissioner, and with Mr. E. B. Jeffress, chairman of the commission, and that she has assured that highway 106 will be given immediate and careful consideration from the new commission.

Mrs. McKee is pleased with the personnel of the new commission, and spoke in highest terms both of Mr. Jeffress and Mr. Neal. She is hopeful that arrangements can be made for surfacing the road to Cullowhee in the immediate future, and for completing the grading from Greenville to Cashier's Valley.

Under the new law, district and county lines are ignored, and the roads at the disposal of the highway commission are allocated anywhere in the State, where the commission deems the need to be greatest.

Mr. James G. Stikeleather, retiring commissioner for this district, also urges that 106 be given preference. In an interview given a few days ago, Mr. Stikeleather said:

"I wish further to congratulate W. W. Neal upon his appointment, and as to Mr. Neal I have nothing but praise. He is a man of splendid judgment, of wide acquaintance, of sterling honesty, and I have every reason to believe and know that he will give the best that is in him to service on the highway commission."

"To those who are disappointed that a commissioner was not appointed from Western North Carolina proper, I believe that Mr. Neal will give us every consideration and will see to it that the great projects yet unfinished will be completed at an early date."

"To this end I cannot refrain from calling attention to four great road projects that are without parallel in all North Carolina. They transcend mere local interest."

"First, I should list the completion of Highway No. 28 from Frank Leno to Hayesville. Hayesville is the only county seat in North Carolina that is without a paved highway. Recently Mr. Waldroup, highway engineer, Mr. Charles Ross, and I, were in Washington and secured \$75,000 from the forestry department to be spent on this highway. Number 28 is one of the two or three most beautiful scenic highways in all of the Appalachian mountains."

"The second great project that I would list is the completion of a hard surfaced road to Cullowhee. Here, is a great state institution. It is at present served with a dirt road which becomes impassable in winter. Nowhere else in North Carolina is there a great state institution that is not intersected with a network of hard surfaced highways. Surely Cullowhee deserves one."

"Last but not least are the great highways to be built into the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The first of these is Highway No. 107 from Ela up the Oconia Luffa river to Newfound Gap. This road goes into the very heart of the park and is now under construction. The other great highway into the park is the eastern entrance, and will go up Jonathan's Creek to Soco Gap. There it will connect with the great network of highways that overlook the most beautiful portion of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. These entrances to the park are of national importance. And now that county and district quotas have been laid aside the roads are to be built upon merit out of a fund that is in no sense restricted. The great projects should naturally be started and rushed to an early completion. Even under the district allocation these projects would all have been let this year and rushed as much as possible."

### DANCE AT COUNTRY CLUB

The opening dance at Sylva Country Club will be held on Thursday night next week, May 21. The George Vanderbilt Hotel orchestra has been secured for the music.

### JUDGE MOORE'S FINE WORK HERE

Concord Daily Record.  
Judge Walter E. Moore made his first appearance in Cabarrus Superior Court at the present session and his work has been most commendable. The court tackled a criminal docket of more than 100 cases at the beginning of the week and when Saturday night came all of the cases it was humanly possible to try had been disposed of. Judge Moore exercised fine judgment in handling of various complex questions presented to him and the work of the court moved with dispatch under his direction.

### CULLOWHEE NEWS

Cullowhee, N. C., May 11—The Southeastern Junior College Press Association met at Western Carolina Teachers College May 8 and 9. It was the second annual convention, the first being held at Biltmore Junior College last year. J. Nelson Jarrett of Mars Hill College and Edith Downs of Western Carolina Teachers College, president and secretary respectively, presided.

The president opened the session with a short talk on problems facing the convention after which he introduced H. T. Hunter, president of Cullowhee who delivered the principal address. The subject was: "The College Newspaper — Its Challenge to the College Youth." The subject was well handled by the speaker who developed it under four heads. He declares that it is through the campus newspaper that the president of the college learns to know the student body better; that it is the medium through which the voice of the student is heard. He urged editors of the college papers to speak out and be frank about matters in which they are interested. Mr. Hunter stated that reporters are gatherers of news and not creators. "It is the duty of the different editors to see, hear, and report a thing as it actually happens."

After lunch which was served in the college dining hall, thirty-one delegates and faculty members took a motor trip to Whiteside mountain. Upon arriving they left the cars and hiked over the mountain until six o'clock at which time all gathered back at the foot of the mountain for a picnic supper. Following the meal an extemporaneous program was given around the camp fire. A representative from each of the visiting colleges as well as members of the faculty and the Yodel Staff responded to the topics assigned them. The party returned to Cullowhee at nine o'clock.

On the next morning Miss Mary Hope Westbrook, college registrar, spoke to the delegates and staff members of the home paper on: "Be Interested in Things Happening Around you."

At the business session which followed the talk by Miss Westbrook and the general discussion, the following officers were elected: Marion Justice of Mars Hill College, president; Henrietta Bain of Western Carolina Teachers College, vice-president; Henrietta Redfern of Wingate College, recording secretary Ruby Smith of Western Carolina Teachers College, corresponding secretary; and Charles Lloyd of Biltmore Junior College, treasurer. The colleges receiving the loving cups: Mars Hill for the newspaper, "The Hilltop," and Sue Bennett College, London, Ky., for the magazine, "Submeo."

The convention will go to Sue Bennett College next year.

The Senior Class of Cullowhee High School will present their annual play on May 16, 1931. It is to be a three act comedy, "A Little Clodhopper." It is full of pep and wit, with an interesting plot running throughout the play.

Judy, the little clodhopper, furnishes many comical scenes. She is a mischievous little girl from the pearhouse, who becomes heiress to

## SENATOR MCKEE SEES MacLEAN ACT VICTORY

Mrs. E. L. McKee, senator from this district, who spent the last week end at her home here, and returned to Raleigh Monday morning, was very optimistic concerning the final triumph of the principle of the MacLean Act, which has been receiving her enthusiastic support, during the entire session of the General Assembly. Representative T. A. Cox of this county has also been one of the heartiest supporters of the school act, and he has voted with the MacLean supporters on every ballot affecting the MacLean Act.

Early in the present session of the general assembly, the MacLean act was passed by both houses, pledging the State to assume the responsibility of the six months school terms, the funds for their support to be raised from sources other than ad valorem taxes. The supporters of the bill claim that it is just for two reasons, the first being that it relieves the farmers and small home owners of the heavy burden of taxation for schools, and more nearly equalizes the tax throughout the State. It is pointed out by Mrs. McKee, however, that the land is not entirely relieved, as the debt service for the schools will still fall upon the ad valorem taxes as well as the additional months of schooling, in case the MacLean act passes.

There has been practically a dead lock between the House and the Senate over means of financing the schools. One plan after another has been proposed. A general sales tax on all commodities was defeated. The present plan, already endorsed by the House, is to levy a special tax on selected commodities, designed to raise the nine million dollars yet lacking to finance the schools. The principle articles taxed are:

A tax of one per cent upon each five cents or fraction thereof is imposed upon the following articles: cigarettes, smoking tobacco, soft drinks, package nuts and chewing gum.

A tax of five cents upon each 50 cents or fraction thereto is imposed upon admission to all forms of amusement and upon each pack of playing cards.

A tax of one cent on each three

ounces or fraction thereof on chewing tobacco and snuff.

A tax of one cent on all cigars retailing for over three cents with the tax upon so-called "little cigars" of from two dollars to four dollars per one thousand.

A tax of one cent on each 10 cents or fraction thereof on package candy and malt extract.

A tax of \$4 per thousand upon all gun shells with a tax of \$2 per thousand on cartridges above .22 calibre.

A tax of from \$5 to \$75 upon each new automobile.

A tax upon documents as follows: Ten cents on each \$100 on bonds or issued capital stock; four cents on each \$100 on transfers of capital stock and upon notes; \$1 upon each \$500 of deeds and so forth.

The matter is now in conference with a joint committee of both houses, the House having instructed its conferees to stand pat against a land tax or an ad valorem tax for the schools, which is sought by the senate as a compromise. The majority in the House is overwhelming, while the opposition majority in the Senate is so slim that on most ballots it has won by only one or two majority.

Mr. Cox and Mrs. McKee have been tireless in their efforts to secure the passage of the necessary legislation financing the six months schools from sources other than ad valorem taxes.

It is by this means, and this means alone, that the people of the weaker counties may effect a cut in the burdensome land tax. It has been a battle royal, that has aroused the entire State, sometimes drifting into personalities and hard feelings.

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## C. W. TILSON SAYS KEEP FARM AGENT

Jackson County Journal, Sylva, N. C.,  
Dear Editor Tompkins:

I will consider it a real favor if you will publish in this weeks Journal the following letter I am writing you and the folks there in the county.

Every week I read with far more interest than I do any other paper every column of the Jackson County papers. I cannot conceive of anyone more deeply interested than I am in Jackson County and all the folks there. Their happy and unhappy experiences, their successes and failures will always affect me tremendously. The five years of faithful hard work Jackson County folks did working out their farming and marketing problems while I was there with them are responsible for my interest in them.

Your Journal of last week bringing the news that the County Commissioners were considering cutting off the small appropriation now being made for a County Agent to lead and direct the farmers in developing their production and market for livestock and farm products was the oldest, most out of date news I ever expected to read in the Jackson County Journal. I thought at first it was in your column of events 40 years ago in Jackson County.

Most counties are rightfully doing all they can now to effect economy in operating the county government, schools, roads, etc. but I have not heard of a county that pretends to be half as stable or progressive as Jackson county considering denying its farmers a leader in solving their problems and calling it county economy. Never in a generation have farmers been confronted with more difficult problems in holding and developing dependable markets for their products, so they can make a living on the farm, educate their children, and pay the taxes to run the County and the State. Many cotton and tobacco counties in North Carolina in worse financial circumstances than Jackson have two County Agents and

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## Many Seek Retention of Farm Agent

### ERECTING LARGE WAREHOUSE

The Builders' Supply and Lumber Company is erecting a large warehouse at its plant, and the structure will be completed within the next few days.

According to Mr. J. C. Allison, manager of the company, the building will be used as a storage warehouse for lime, cement, plaster board, and fine floorings, to protect them from the weather.

### FORTY YEARS AGO

Tuckaseige Democrat, May 13, 1891

Misses Gertrude Buchanan and Belle Leatherwood, brightened our office with their presence Monday.

Among many bound for Cullowhee we noticed Misses Selma Cathey, Maggie Raby, Prof. J. H. House and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Miller.

Miss Pauline Morris, who has been visiting the family of her brother, Mr. M. H. Morris at Addie for some time returned home Monday.

Sixteen wagons delivered at the depot here on the 8th inst., nearly 25000 pounds of corundum from Dr. Lucas Macon county mines.

Mr. Lee Hooper of Cullowhee, accompanied Mrs. Oburn and children, of St. Louis, Mo., at present boarding with the family of Mr. Hooper, to our town Monday.

Miss Jessie Chastain of Waynesville and Miss Mattie Bryson of Florida reached here yesterday en route to Cullowhee, and for a brief time were the guests of Mrs. A. W. Bryson.

Charlie Wike went home Sunday and had the unexpected good fortune to be present at the marriage of his cousin, Miss Florence F. Cowan to Mr. Lee Wike, the ceremony occurring at the residence of Mr. Jno. T. Wike and being performed by Squire Lambert Hooper.

Attracted to Cullowhee by the Commencement exercises, Rev. J. A. Speight of the Asheville Baptist, called on us Tuesday in passing. We are pleased to form a personal acquaintance with the Reverend gentleman and hope he may be favored with a large list of subscribers as one result of his visit to our county.

Fight with Groundhog: As Mr. James Patterson was walking up the railroad track Sunday evening before last, he came upon a groundhog sitting upon the end of a cross tie not far above the kaolin factory. Much to Mr. Patterson's surprise, instead of running away the groundhog showed fight, growling and showing his teeth. Not having anything to strike him with, Mr. Patterson left the railroad to gather some rocks which he saw at little distance, and upon turning to go back he found the hog had followed him and was disposed to attack him. Mr. Patterson soon dispatched him, however, with rocks.

three to five Vocational, Agricultural teachers at work helping their farmers in producing and marketing their crops and livestock. Leaders in these counties realize that their farmers need this leadership and must have it if there are to make a living and pay the taxes to run the county. Then what kind of economy could it be to deny returning directly to Jackson county farmers the small fraction of a cent on their taxes necessary to employ one agent to help them to make a living from farming and selling farm products.

I have thought about the farmers there receiving low prices for poultry, eggs, lambs, wool, cabbage, butterfat, cattle etc., many times, in the past fifteen months, but their prices have averaged as good as those received anywhere.

And if it had not been for the recent developments of most of these cash crops and an established market

### DATES OF SERVICES ANNOUNCED

Rev. W. N. Cook, pastor of Scott's Creek Baptist church has announced that the dates of preaching services will be on the second and fourth Sundays in each month, at 11 o'clock in the mornings and 3:30 in the afternoons.

Some one hundred farmers and other citizens of the county met with the commissioners on Monday morning, seeking to find means whereby the work of the county farm agent can be continued.

Mr. R. C. Hunter of Caney Fork township was elected as chairman of the meeting, and Mr. John R. Jones of Sylva, as secretary.

It was explained to the commissioners that the citizens were not meeting with either the idea of holding a big stick over the heads of the county authorities or of criticizing them in their work; but that the purpose was to get together and seek a solution of the problem confronting the county.

The commissioners explained to the meeting that the county has a deficit of approximately \$40,000 in the general fund, which has been accumulating from year to year, and that under the law a tax of only 15c can be levied to care for it, which would require at least three years to liquidate the deficit, if the entire 15c levy could be applied for that purpose. Not only that; but the budget must, under the new law, be submitted to the local government commission in Raleigh, for its approval, and it will be impossible to get such approval unless it is properly balanced. The commissioners explained that they are not anxious to do away with the work of the farm agent, which costs the county \$1,200 a year; but that the county must reduce its expenses to the minimum in all lines.

It was agreed that the commissioners would retain the county agent, provided legislation can be secured that will allow them to do so. The special act that is sought is one to allow the commissioners of the county to levy a separate tax to care for the courts of the county. There are a number of murder cases set for the October term of the court, and murder cases are expensive to the county, it was pointed out the jury alone, for the February term having cost more than \$1,000. The commissioners are of the opinion that if they are allowed to levy a tax to pay the costs of courts, that they can find the means to retain the farm agent, otherwise they state their inability to do so.

A petition, bearing near 100 names of citizens of the county was wired to Mr. Cox and Mrs. McKee, asking that the special act be passed this week.

BALSAM  
Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Upson and family of Flagler Beach, Fla. have arrived to take charge of Balsam Mountain Springs Hotel for this season. Mrs. Upson ran the hotel last season and we are glad to welcome them again.

Several families have recently motored up from Daytona Beach, Fla., and are occupying their summer homes in Ballough Hills.

Miss J. W. Gathbertson of Almond is here with her father, Mr. J. B. Queen, who is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Manly Parris of Addie were here last week end to see Mr. J. B. Queen.

Mr. R. E. Cope and little girl of Asheville were guests of relatives here last week.

The Methodist Sunday school observed Mother's Day with an interesting program, Sunday afternoon. Among the beautiful flowers that decorated the church was a lovely bouquet of carnations, lilies of the valley, peonies, narcissus and tulips sent to Mrs. Henderson Jones, by her daughter, Mrs. Sallie Kate Bullock of Fredericksburg, Va.

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