

The Jackson County Journal

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Sylva, N. C. Thursday August 27, 1931.

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MAN'S BODY FOUND ON ROAD

BALSAM

Another fatal accident happened near Saunook, Saturday. The dead and mangled body of Mr. Joe Mears was found on the road about dusk, supposed to have been run over by an automobile. At this time, Tuesday, particulars have not been learned. He was returning from Waynesville, and had a watermelon and a pair of shoes, and it seemed was just leaving the highway where the road turns off leading to his home. Investigations will be made in order to learn the cause of the accident.

Mrs. R. L. Cope and children of Asheville are visiting relatives here. R. L. Jr. is seven years old and weighs 81 pounds. Mr. and Mrs. Cope are former residents of Balsam.

Western North Carolina produces as the specimens of humanity as can be found anywhere. Mr. and Mrs. Goldman Ensley who live near Addie have a son ten years old who weighs 101 pounds.

Mrs. Maybelle Perry and Hat-tie Beck spent Sunday in Asheville.

Mr. Joe Hoyle of Pontiac, Mich. is visiting his father, Mr. George Hoyle.

Mrs. John R. Warren and daughter, Miss Dixie are visiting Mrs. Candace Parker in Cherokee. Mrs. Parker is Mrs. Warren's sister.

Messrs John P. Knight, James W. Potter and Wilford Porter went to Sylva and Waynesville, Monday on business.

Mrs. T. I. McCall returned to her home in Kosman, Tuesday after spending a delightful visit with her daughter, Mrs. Newman Derrick.

Mary Balsamites attended Old Folks Day at Mt. Pleasant church Sunday, with a good program of singing and dinner on the grounds.

Balsam is having unusually cold weather for this season of the year. We have already had several frosts, although it is quite warm and pleas-

QUAILA

Interesting services conducted by Rev. R. L. Rogers of Sunburst and Rev. G. R. Mills of Hazelwood were held at the Baptist church Saturday night, a baptismal service at Soco and preaching Sunday morning and singing Sunday night.

Mr. J. R. Green, the faithful Post man of Whittier, Route 1 for almost twenty five years, is on the route again after two weeks' absence on account of illness. His place was filled in his absence by Mr. Ras Davis of Whittier.

Mr. C. P. Shelton and family, Prof. Rogers, Mrs. Alton Colcord of Jacksonville, Fla., Dr. Blye and family of Rochester, N. Y., made a trip to the Smoky Mountains National Park, last week.

A party of Qualla folks attended the lumber sale at Smokemont, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Ferguson and Miss Mary Emma Ferguson motored to Asheville Tuesday.

Messrs Nathan and Charles Duns more and Charles Hall of Knoxville, Tenn., were guests of Mr. J. C. Johnson.

Mr. H. P. Ferguson and Miss Ruth Ferguson motored to Sylva Saturday.

Mr. Jack Battle has returned to Akron Ohio, after a visit with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. York Howell of Waynesville visited relatives last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Haynes Reagan were dinner guests at Mr. Paul Ferguson's.

Misses Evelyn Kinsland and Polly Hoyle spent the week end with relatives at Cherokee.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Bridges of Oilvet visited at Mr. D. M. Shular's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hoyle visited at Mr. Weaver Freeman's.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hughes and son Jim Ed of Cherokee called at Mr. D. C. Hughes' Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Crisp and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hoyle called on Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hooper.

Mrs. W. H. Hoyle visited Mrs. J. H. Hughes.

Mrs. Herman Cooper went to Barker's Creek to visit relatives, Sunday.

Mr. G. J. Raby and family called at Mr. D. K. Battle's.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ferguson were dinner guests at Mr. T. W. McLaughlin's Sunday.

Mrs. Abe Blankenship of Big Cove is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Marshall Gass.

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FORTY YEARS AGO

A meeting of the citizens of Sylva township was held at the Academy, Saturday 22. The object of the meeting was explained by Gen. Hampton to be to take into consideration the proposition to vote \$50,000 in bonds to aid in the construction of a railroad from here to Webster. Maj. W. M. Kneea was elected chairman of the meeting, and M. Buchanan secretary. The meeting was addressed by W. E. Moore, Capt. J. W. Terrell, A. M. Parker, D. L. Love, Dr. J. H. Wolff and Gen. Hampton. The chairman was authorized to appoint a committee of twenty five to canvass the township and urge the voters to vote the subscription, and the following committee was appointed: D. J. Allen, E. R. Hampton, A. J. Long, Webb Fisher, T. C. Bryson, Wm. Cope Jas. Dillard, Joe Rochester, Z. V. Watson Mack Bryson, John Divelbiss, Dr. J. H. Wolff, C. W. Allen, C. C. Reed H. P. Brendle, T. J. Love, H. P. Holland, John B. Ensley, Ben Harris Hix Monteith, Thos. Dills, John Dills W. B. Morris L. W. Allen and Thos. Monteith.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Smith, of Adie, spent the day here Tuesday.

Messrs L. C. Hall and J. W. Fisher went to Asheville this morning.

John N. Hunter went to market last Wednesday with a car load of cattle.

We are glad to say that Alex Baum is so much improved in health as to have favored the Democrat with a call Monday.

We had the pleasure of meeting on Monday, Mr. A. A. Campbell of the Murphy Bulletin, who was returning home from a trip East.

Rev. S. H. Harrington and wife returned to Franklin Monday after a visit of several days to friends here and at Dillsboro.

Mr. E. D. Davis was in town yesterday. Like almost everybody else he is strongly in favor of the subscription to the railroad.

Col. C. P. Bryson of Cashier's Valley was in town several days during the past week, and when he returned home, took with him his father the venerable Maj. W. H. Bryson, who will be 93 years of age if he lives until October.

Tomatoes seem to be extra fine this year but those presented to the Democrat's better half by Mrs. B. M. Smith exceed anything we have seen. They are magnificent specimens and Mrs. Smith has the thanks of the whole Democrat outfit.

Mr. P. P. Fletcher returned to the county last Thursday. He reports having purchased for the Blue Ridge Lumber Co., at Dillsboro, 280,000 feet of timber, which is now being delivered on the line of railroad from Bushnell to Bryson City, and there is still lots more which he has not bought.

County Superintendent House has purchased of Rev. N. M. Cooper his house and lot here in town. He intends to still further add to the improvement of his purchase, and in spite of his denial, we strongly suspect that it is his intention also to accomplish the task, impossible to others, of putting two Houses in one house.

Bishop Lyman preached a very excellent sermon at the Academy last Friday evening. The rite of confirmation was administered to one candidate, Miss Frances Baum. Other ministers present were Dr. Buel, W. S. Barrows and J. W. Barker. There was quite a good congregation in attendance.

Mr. J. P. Brendle had the misfortune last Friday to have his leg badly hurt by having a threshing machine run over it. While his injuries are painful we hope they are not serious and that he will soon be around again.

At the close of the Teachers' Institute at Webster, the teachers organized a Teachers' Council by electing Supt. J. H. House, president;

THE GOVERNOR VISITS MOUNTAIN COUNTRY

Governor O. Max Gardner and Mrs. Gardner, Chairman E. B. Jeffress of the State Highway Commission and Mrs. Jeffress, and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Neal, spent the week end, Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the mountain country, seeing the Sapphire Country, the Tuckaseegee valley, and visiting the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Making High Hampton Inn, in Cashier's Valley, where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. McKee, their headquarters, the Governor and his party toured the Sapphire Country, and visited Highlands, the Cullasaja Gorge and Cullasaja Falls, West Carolina Teachers College, Sylva Smokemont, Bryson City, the Nantahala Gorge, and Franklin.

There was nothing official about the visit. The whole affair was a pleasure trip; but the Governor, Mr. Jeffress, and Mr. Neal must have received some very definite impressions regarding the highway needs in this part of the State, and it is reasonably sure that Highway 106 must now have powerful advocates in the wives of these gentlemen, for it was raining when the party came over the road from Cashiers to Sylva, and 106 can get slick when rain comes.

Then, too the Great Park must be of interest to the Governor as the State has a considerable investment in it, along with the Rockefeller foundation and the citizens of this region. There are roads to be built leading to the Park, and locations and such must have come to the minds of the highway officials.

On Friday the party, consisting of the Governor, Mrs. Gardner, Mr. Jeffress, Mr. Neal, and the Governor's secretary, left Cashiers by Highway 28 from Cashiers to Whiteside and Highlands, the Cullasaja Falls. Saturday morning they came down to the Cashier's Valley, arriving late in the wet dirt road. Here they stopped for a short time, coming on to Sylva, where they rested for a short time at the McKee home before proceeding to Smokemont. From Smokemont they went to Bryson City, and on to the lookout on Highway No. 10, to get a panoramic view of the Smokies, before returning to Cashier's via Franklin.

No representative of this paper had an opportunity to talk with the Governor; but he is reported as having been delighted with the section of the State that he visited on his trip, much of which he saw for the first time. The beauty and the grandeur of the country around Cashier's Valley was a revelation to him, and he expressed great confidence in its future as a resort region.

That the Great Smoky Mountains National Park will be a tremendous asset to the State, and a tourist attraction of the first magnitude, is Governor Gardner's confident belief.

TRADE EXPANSION JUBILEE

A trade Expansion Jubilee, in which the majority of Asheville business establishments will participate, will be held in that city on Saturday.

The Southern Railway is offering excursion rates from points in Western North Carolina to Asheville for the event at one and one fifth fares. Round trip bus tickets will be offered at one and a half fares. All up-town parking spaces and parking garages will reduce storage space to ten cents and restaurants will offer meals at popular prices. Elaborate preparations are being made for the entertainment of the people.

Rev. J. T. Hord, vice president; C. L. Harris, chaplain; M. D. Cowan secretary; and Prof. R. L. Madison assistant secretary. The committee on site and place selected Cullowhee as the place and Sept. 12 as the time for the first meeting. Following is the program: Recitation, Miss Lena Smith; First Query: What are the best methods of teaching reading. Opened by Prof. Madison; Reading, by Miss Etta Wilson; Second Query: How to advance the profession of teaching? Opened by C. C. Cowan; Declamation by J. H. Painter; Third Query: What are the most essential qualifications of a teacher? Opened by Supt. House.

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FUNERAL FOR POPULAR SYLVA YOUTH HELD ON YESTERDAY

Funeral services for Frank Askey were conducted at the home of his father and mother yesterday afternoon by Rev. George B. Clemmer, Rev. J. Gray Murray, and Rev. W. C. Reed.

Young Askey, who was one of the most popular young men in Sylva died at Angel Brothers hospital in Franklin, Tuesday morning following a series of major operations. He had been working in a lumber camp in the Balsam mountains during the vacation period, and while there contracted a head cold, which developed into serious complications.

A large crowd of friends of the young man and his family gathered at the home for the funeral. Pallbearers were John Parris, James Moody, Alvin Sutton, J. T. Gribble, Jr., Edmund Brown and Marshall Cooper, all former schoolmates of Frank, who with him were charter members of Troop 1, Boy Scouts of America when it was organized in Sylva a few years ago. The interment was in the Keener cemetery.

Frank was 17 years of age, and was a youth of unusual promise. He had a bright mind, a healthy, strong body, a manly appearance, and was hard working and studious, always seeking to improve his opportunities. His frank, honest face, his integrity of character, his kindly consideration, his unflinching courtesy, in addition to that greatest and rarest of graces, humility, had endeared him to many people of all ages in Sylva.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Askey; one brother, Roseoe Askey, and one sister, Miss Winona Askey, all of Sylva.

As a boy scout he received high honors, being chosen in 1929 as one of the ten best scouts in Daniel Boone Council. He attained the rank of Life Scout, which is the highest, save one, known to Scouting.

He was born in Bakersville, British Columbia, British Columbia, on May 5, 1914. He lived in Illinois, Arkansas, and Florida and moved to Sylva with his family in 1926.

He was a student at Sylva High School, and would have been a member of the Senior Class had he lived until the opening of the institution, next Monday morning, having completed the junior work last year.

Boy Scouts participated in the funeral service. James Moody made a most appropriate and touching talk. Earl Collins read the Scout Law; and the services was concluded at the cemetery with the Scout Benediction.

COUNTY GETS STATE FUNDS FOR SCHOOLS

Jackson County was awarded the sum of \$78,929.32 in the allocation of State school funds, by the Equalizing Board, at its meeting last week. This sum is for the operation of the six months schools. In the allotment a cut of ten per cent was made in salaries of all teachers, principals and superintending principals in the state schools throughout North Carolina.

CULLOWHEE TEACHERS NAMED

Announcement has been made of the selection of the teachers for the Cullowhee public schools. All other teachers in the county were elected some time ago and their names published in this paper.

Mr. H. Bueck is again principal of the school at Cullowhee. The other teachers are: Mr. White Mease, Miss Miss Winona Hooper, Mr. Virginia F. Cobb, Miss Fanny Goodman, Miss Lena Allen, Miss Mary Alice Haiger, Miss Minnie McCauley, Miss Nannie May Tilley Miss Maurie Simpson, and Mrs. W. N. Coward.

MINUTES WILL BE OUT SEPT. 15

The minutes of the Tuckaseegee Association are in the hands of the printers and will be off the press by Sept. 15. All churches in the Association will please send money subscribed to the minutes fund to Frank Rhinehart, treasurer of the association at Webster at once.

W. N. Cook, Associational Clerk

WEEK BY WEEK

(By Dan Tompkins)

The Lindberghs have reached Tokyo in their airplane, if that information is worth anything to you.

China is staggering beneath one of the greatest disasters in the history of that unhappy country, to which it seems disaster comes more frequently than elsewhere. A hundred thousand people are reported as being dead and many thousands more homeless and stricken, by a great flood in Central China.

The Haywood juries have almost formed a habit of convicting officials of closed banks, and others having transactions with banks that went down, last autumn. Hot on the heels of the Brevard conviction, last week, another Haywood jury found Wallace B. Davis, Luke Lea and Luke Lea, Jr., guilty of conspiracy to defraud the Central Bank and Trust Company at Asheville, and Judge Barnhill handed out sentences, from which each of the defendants appealed. Luke Lea was sentenced to serve from 6 to 10 years, Wallace Davis drew from 4 to 6 years, and Luke, Jr. was fined \$25,000.

The British Labor Government has gone down before an attempt to balance a budget, and the king has called upon Mr. Ramsey MacDonald to form a new, non-party cabinet. The Laborites promptly disowned MacDonald, their titular head. So it appears that the British are also having money troubles mixed with politics. The whole matter is that a few folks own nearly everything, leaving very little for the rest of us, including governments.

Three federal judges in Asheville have declared North Carolina's protective tariff, foolishly enacted by the General Assembly to prohibit importation of fruits and vegetables into the State by truck, to be unconstitutional, which, of course it is. Now for a court to which we could appeal for relief from the federal tariff that is crushing the life out of American industry. The president was constituted such a court by congress.

MORE PAVING TO START ON HIGHWAY NUMBER 28

Franklin Press, Aug. 13.—As one surfacing project on Highway No. 28 in Macon county is nearing completion work on another is about to start. A contract for the surfacing of the link on No. 28 from Rainbow Springs to Glade Gap, a distance of six miles, has been awarded to the R. G. Lassiter Contracting company.

Work is expected to start on this new project in the near future, according to W. A. McNeil, resident engineer of the State Highway Commission. Early in the summer Mr. McNeil made a survey on No. 28 contemplating surfacing of the road from Franklin west to Twin Churches but the Highway Commission has decided first to surface between Rainbow Springs and Glade Gap. This was made necessary because the money for the work comes from federal aid allotted to the Forest Service and the federal authorities stipulated that none of this money should be used outside of the Nantahala National Forest.

It is thought very likely that the Highway Commission will begin the surfacing of No. 28 from Franklin toward Rainbow Springs shortly after it has completed the surfacing of No. 28 from Gneiss to Highlands, but as yet there has been no official statement from the road body to this effect.

Only about four miles of the road between Gneiss and Highlands remains to be surfaced, and preparations are now being made to move the rock crusher from its present location to Highlands. This move will be made in order to avoid long hauls of stone up the mountain.

Work is now under way on the last span of the bridge over the Little Tennessee River and paving of the approaches is well under way. The bridge project and the surfacing below Gneiss are both expected to be finished in the early fall.

A detour paralleling the highway has been opened to accommodate traffic while the approaches to the bridge are being paved.

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W.C.T.C. GRANTS FIRST DEGREES

Cullowhee, August 27 (Special to The Journal)—Dr. Herbert Russel, Dean of Religious Education at Duke University appeared in the Cullowhee Baptist church on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock to deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the August senior class at Western Carolina Teachers College. Dr. S. N. Zweimer of Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J. made the literary address this morning. The diplomas were delivered immediately following the address.

The graduation of the August class marks a change in the history of the local college as well as the history of this section of North Carolina. When the degrees were granted to the present candidates it can be said that they are the first B. S. degrees to be granted by any college west of Asheville as well as the first to be granted by any state college west of Greensboro. Many former graduates of the local college were present for the ceremonies.

The candidates for the B. S. Degree come from many different parts of the State; and with one exception are all former graduates of Cullowhee. They are: Andy Bryson of Cullowhee; William Bryson of Cullowhee; Morgan Cooper, New London; Miss Kathleen Davis, Shelby; Miss Flora Gilbert, Columbus; W. Carr Hooper, East Laporte; Samuel B. Hutcheson, Brewers; Mrs. Myra Blue Henry, Gastonia; Rowe Henry, Gastonia; Miss Ora E. Jones, Altamahaw; Berder B. Long, Cullowhee; Miss Katherine Robinson, Canton; and Frank I. Watson, Dillsboro.

Diplomas were awarded to Miss Ella Magdaline Bobill of Castalia; Miss Edna Blanton Champion, Fallston; Miss Ethel Copeland, Cary; Mrs. R. S. Cowan; Miss Elizabeth Eastridge, Wilson; Miss Opal Ferguson, Waynesville; Miss Flora Mae Bright, Lake Junaluska; Horace Harrison, Hayesville; Miss Sallie Joy Grady, Kinston; Miss Amy Henderson, Cullasaja; Lyle Higdon, Cullowhee; Miss Ruth Hunter, Alexandria; Miss Loe sie Jackson, Cooper; Miss Nancie Justice, Franklin; Miss Lucile Long, Erastus; Miss Mary Edith Mason, Cullerson; Miss Lenora Mae Mathews, Argura; Miss Pearl Moody, Waynesville; Miss Mary Ruth Nichols, Cullerson; Miss Annie Laura Phillips, Hayesville; Miss Flora Mae Pressley, Caston; Miss Louisa Rogers Clyde; Miss Etta Waldroup, Hayesville; Miss Vangie Willis, Vale; Miss Katherine Huggins Williams, Franklin; Miss Ruth Wilson, Sylva, and Miss Bell Wood of Essex.

The number graduating is smaller this time than usual, according to Dean Bird. He attributes the decline in number partly to the fact that many students prefer to take the four year course and others are due to the economic slump and the decrease in the teaching force in the public schools.

SCHOOLS WILL OPEN MONDAY

It is back to school for the boys and girls of Jackson county, next Monday morning. For all the public schools of the county, and Sylva Collegiate Institute will open their doors at 9 o'clock for the fall term.

Operating under the new school law with the State assuming responsibility for financing the six months term, the schools will go forward and try out the new plan, all over North Carolina.

Preparatory to opening the schools on Monday, all the teachers will meet with Superintendent Monro Madison at the graded school building in Sylva at 9:30 tomorrow morning, to discuss the new school law, and to lay plans for the winter's work.

It is expected that practically every Jackson county teacher will be in Sylva for the meeting tomorrow morning.

The children will be ready for work Monday, after the longest vacation most of them have ever enjoyed since the beginning of their school days, for the machinery had to be set up to put the new school law into operation; and this delayed the opening of the schools in this, any many of the other counties of the State.

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