

# The Jackson County Journal

\$1.50 Year in Advance in The County.

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## Start Mineral Operations In Balsam Gap

Business is "picking up" here. Mining operations, under the management of Mr. Mulvaney, are progressing. Several carloads of iron ore have been shipped recently. Also the mining of mica, under the supervision of Messrs. Davis and Lowe is progressing. Already, camps and machinery have been built at the mines. A road leading to the mines has been built. A site has been obtained from J. K. Kenney near the gap, and soon a mill will be erected to grind the mica. Other mining operations are expected to follow in the near future.

Mrs. C. R. Jones and Dillard have just put up a grist mill which keeps them busy grinding corn. Mrs. Iboie Fisher and Mrs. Sam Willetts were guests of Mrs. E. Potts last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Boice left Saturday to spend the winter in Florida.

Mr. J. W. Porter, accompanied by Messrs. Howard Warren and Lloyd Arington, left by motor for Ft. Pierce, Fla., Friday. Mr. Porter will remain through the winter. The young men returned home Sunday.

Mr. Abe Ashe, game warden was here last week.

Mrs. J. E. Long and children spent Saturday in Asheville.

The Balsam "Red Sox" basketball team, clad in their new suits, defeated Qualla last Friday in a game against the Qualla "Lads" and "Ladies." Result of game: Boys 9 to 7, in favor of Qualla; Girls, 15 to 1, in favor of Qualla. This is the first time our girls have been beaten this season, and the first time the team ever played on an indoor court. The ages of our team range from 11 to 16.

The teachers here entertained the football team, Monday night of last week, with a moonlight picnic, serving marshmallows, wafers, etc.

## QUALLA

Both Sunday Schools assembled in interesting sessions Sunday morning. Union prayer meeting Sunday afternoon, and preaching Sunday evening at the Baptist Church, by Rev. McJamison of Whittier.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gomer died at Bryson City hospital Wednesday, 11th. The body was brought to Qualla for burial Thursday morning. The mother, who has been seriously ill, is reported improving.

Mrs. J. K. Terrell and Miss Annie Lizzie Terrell attended Annual Conference at Asheville last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Martin of Canton spent the week end with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Snyder of Willetts, Mr. and Mrs. John Norton and Mrs. W. F. Battle of Whittier called at Mr. R. F. Hall's.

Mr. D. C. Hughes and family visited at Mr. James Battle's.

Mr. and Mrs. Golman Kinsland of the lake called at Mr. D. J. Worley's. Mrs. May Belle Henson of Whittier spent part of last week with her mother, Mrs. W. H. Cooper.

Mr. Carl Hoyle spent the week end at home. He was accompanied back to his school at Rich Mountain by Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hoyle, Miss Grace Hoyle and Mr. Terry Johnson, on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Von Hall and Mrs. J. C. Johnson motored to Bryson City.

Misses Ollie and Oneita Hall visited Misses Fay and Luez Martin at Bryson City.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Turpin, C. M. Martin and Emma Hall called on Mrs. L. Shaver.

Mr. J. M. Hughes and family of Cherokee, Mr. Oscar Gibson and family and Miss Susan Keener called at Mr. D. C. Hughes'.

Miss Jessie Martin of Governor Island, was a dinner guest at Mr. J. C. Johnson's.

Mr. Walter Beck of Smokemont called at Mr. John Ayer's.

Mrs. Alma Chambers of Bushnell visited at R. M. Matthews'.

Mr. L. A. Higgs of Olivet and Rev. C. C. Snyder of Beta were dinner guests at Mr. J. K. Terrell's.

Mr. Golman Kinsland is erecting a brick residence near Highway No. 112.

## FORTY YEARS AGO

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Following are the appointments for the Franklin (now Waynesville) District, read at the Methodist Conference, held in Asheville: W. R. Barnett, Presiding Elder; Franklin station, D. H. Ceman; Franklin circuit, A. W. Jacobs; Macon circuit, W. G. Mallonee; Wawnesville station, P. L. Grooms; Pigeon River circuit, W. B. Lyda; Haywood circuit, D. F. Carver; D. R. Long; North Haywood circuit, supplied by Z. Cordell; Webster circuit, W. P. McGee; Hanging Mission, C. W. Curtis; Bryson City station, T. F. Marr; Bryson City circuit, R. B. Shelton; Hayesville circuit, L. T. Cordell; Murphy station, J. O. Shelly; Andrews circuit, T. B. McGandy; Hiwassee Mission, to be supplied; Robbinsville Mission, J. A. Wiggins; Hayesville College, H. P. Bailey, president.

Mrs. Hampton and Miss Hattie, mother and sister of Gen. E. R. Hampton, arrived Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Wike, with two of their children, left Monday for Newton, to spend a month visiting relatives and friends whom they have not visited in eight years.

The people in the vicinity of the Forks of the river are engaged in the commendable work of building a large and commodious schoolhouse, which is also to be used for religious, as well as educational, purposes.

Rev. F. M. Jordan, of Transylvania, preached here Sunday morning and night. Monday he accompanied Rev. S. H. Harrington to Macon county where he will assist the latter in conducting a protracted meeting at Coweta church.

Dr. Wolfson and Monday for the Exposition at Raleigh, intending to take with him as a very important addition to our county's exhibit, those beautiful specimens of china ware which he had made of Jackson county kaolin. Dr. V. F. Tompkins accompanied him as far as Asheville, returning Tuesday.

At the election held a few days ago, Savannah township voted a subscription of \$6,000 in bonds to the extension of the railroad from Webster to the Macon county line. 65 votes having been cast in favor of and none against the proposition, this being a majority of 70 of the registered vote. The grading between here and Webster is progressing slowly now, only a few hands being at work. Perhaps two-thirds of the distance is graded. Unless the work is pushed more vigorously, it does not look now as if the train would reach Webster by Jan. 1, '92.

From Cullowhee: The Cullowhee High School, of first interest with us, is making fine progress under the efficient management of our able faculty. Mr. Aurelius Wilson, who has been using the torch of knowledge to dispel the gloom of ignorance in "Punkin Town," passed us last Friday on his way home, his school having closed. He will enter school here Monday. Mr. David Rogers is erecting a spacious crib in which to store the splendid yield of corn from the "Town House" field. He estimates that he will gather one thousand bushels from that field alone. Mr. Lee Hooper has lately been supplying the Richmond markets with some nice fat sheep. We are sorry to note the illness of Mr. Thos. Cox, of the Glen. Mr. Will Miller, one of the genial lights of Dillsboro, paid us a flying visit. If you want to see a broad smile spread itself between his ears, just mention a little streak of fortune he had a few days ago. It's a girl. St. David's Church, Cullowhee, will be the scene of a wedding on the day preceding Thanksgiving at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The contracting parties are Prof. R. L. Madison, Principal of the Cullowhee High School, and Miss Ella V. Richards, teacher of Music and Art, in the same institution. Verily Cupid has prepared a pleasant surprise for the many friends of both parties.

Extract from letter from Capt. J. W. Terrell, from the Exposition at Raleigh: I stand from the opening till the closing of the doors by the

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## Garner To Be Speaker For Lower House

(Special to The Journal)

Washington, D. C., Nov. 18.—John N. Garner, a Texas farmer, will be the next speaker of the House of Representatives because of the success the Democrats had in the recent by-elections, which gives that party the right to organize the Lower House. By virtue of his office, Representative Garner will become one of the most powerful men in Washington, although the autocratic powers the speaker possessed in the days of Czar Reed and Uncle Joe Cannon have been abolished. In spite of the way his privileges have been curtailed, his office is one of tremendous power, particularly when the incumbent belongs to opposite political faith to that held by the President.

It is many years since a dirt farmer has been Speaker of the House, in fact one has to go back of Civil War days to find a tiller of the soil in the position. Mr. Garner's elevation to the post comes at an opportune time for the agricultural party, as many of the problems now confronting Congress have to do with farm matters. While his constituency has more to do with cotton than with wheat and corn, yet the underlying problems are much the same, and can be expected to throw the weight of his decision in favor of the farming bloc. Garner's own farming specialty is pecans, one of the big crops of the Gulf States.

Political observers here expect to see the exort ebullience and equalization fee issue raised early during the coming session of Congress. They claim that both measures will be defeated when they come before the House and that they will cease to become political questions of importance before another year has rolled around.

It is said here that there is a marked tendency on the part of the farming bloc to drop their lobbying and rely more on the individual and collective efforts of farmers to better their condition. Legislation has not done much for agriculture, they claim, and they feel they can get further along by long-time planning on crops and by interjecting the issues of higher tariff on competitive articles that affect the farmer. Bananas, cocoanut oil and other imports similar in character will come under fire, as they compete with American farm products.

Another piece of legislation that will affect farming interests is the predicted probe of Fruit Industries, the California co-operative that has been pushing the sale of wine bricks with the knowledge of the Government. It is said an investigation will be had of the Farm Board's connection with the California grape producers and an effort made to bring the latter's activities more strictly in line with the spirit of the Eighteenth Amendment.

The advancement of Representative Garner to the Speakership will cause his mantle as Democratic Floor Leader to descend on Joseph W. Byrns of Tennessee. Representative Byrns is little known to the general public, although from now on he will loom as an important figure in legislation.

## SPECIAL BENEFIT SHOW AT LYRIC FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The Lyric Theatre will give a special show on Friday afternoon, November 20th, at 2 P. M., for the relief of unemployed. This show is given in co-operation with National Motion Picture Week of November 18th to 25th, during which week all theatres in the United States will give at least one special show as the motion picture industry's contribution to national unemployment relief.

This show is being sponsored by the Sylva Parent-Teachers Association, and the entire proceeds will be donated by the theatre and distributed through the Parent-Teachers Association.

The admission prices will be De and 25c, and in addition to this the more fortunate people in the community are requested to bring or send any shoes, sweaters, coats or other articles of clothing which their children may have outgrown but which are still good and serviceable and can be distributed by the Parent-

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## WILL BE NEXT SPEAKER



John N. Garner, Texas Democrat, will be the new Speaker of the House of Representatives as a result of victories by his party in the by-elections.

## HOME COMING AT COWARTS

Cowarts, Nov. 17. (Special)—Plans are being made for a big Homecoming celebration at the Cowarts High School on Thanksgiving Day and night. Robert R. Reynolds, Asheville attorney and candidate for the United States Senate, will speak at 8 o'clock in the evening. "Demands for Leadership" will be the subject of his address, which will be the chief feature of the day's activities. A large crowd of Jackson County citizens is expected to hear the Asheville attorney.

Other features of the day's activities will be athletic events and addresses by prominent men. There will be a period of the day set aside for the parents to observe the children at work in the classroom. There will also be dramatizations and contests.

Most of the speakers of the day will be natives of Caney Fork Township, in Jackson County. They will be among the throng that will journey home to renew old acquaintances and friendships. Among those who will appear on the program are Rev. J. E. Brown, Baptist minister and principal of the Tuckasegee School, S. Jerome Phillips, principal of the Balsam School, E. V. Vestal, Jackson County farm agent, J. O. Wood, former superintendent of the Black Mountain schools; Carr Hooper, principal of the Sylva Elementary School; Cyrus H. Nicholson, former Representative of Jackson County. W. H. Smith, Cowarts postmaster and former Representative of Jackson County, will introduce the speakers.

A large crowd is expected to come to Cowarts for the celebration. Fulton Thomason, principal of the Cowarts high and grammar school, is in charge of arrangements.

## SMITH IS DEFINITELY OUT OF 1932 PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Washington, D. C., Nov. 18.—Former Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York, who ran against Mr. Hoover for the Presidency in 1928, is felt to have eliminated his name as a candidate next year, by his action in ordering two organizations to stop selling stickers furthering his candidacy. The stickers were being offered at one cent each in quantities and were to be used on car windows and other places where they would attract attention. In his letter ordering the two concerns to stop selling the stickers, Governor Smith threatened legal action if they failed to halt the sale. The feeling is growing here that the Roosevelt boom has passed its peak, and that Newton D. Baker is looming as the most logical standard bearer against Mr. Hoover, whose renomination is now certain.

The former Secretary of War refuses to either affirm or deny that he will be a candidate, although his friends are urging him to come out in the open. In spite of his reticence, a boom for him is growing every day and he now appears to be the most popular of all men in the running. Governor Albert C. Ritchie of Maryland is the most active contender at present next to Governor Roosevelt of New York, although his chances for success are said here to be slim. It is more than probable that he will receive a heavy complimentary vote when the Democratic National Convention casts its first vote. Another early candidate will be Senator James Hamilton Lewis of Illinois, but his supporters and those of Ritchie are not expected to make more than a perfunctory fight for their candidates.

## TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)

### Rubber

Mr. Edison died just a few days too soon to learn that the goal of the last great scientific quest in which he was engaged had been reached by somebody else. This was the search for a new source of rubber.

Mr. Edison sought it in plants. The new synthetic rubber is a product of the great chemical laboratories of E. I. Du Pont De Nemours & Company, who have already begun to build a factory for its commercial manufacture. Instead of being made from a vegetable source the raw materials out of which this artificial rubber is made are coal, limestone, salt and water.

It is not yet certain that this new rubber will answer every purpose for which rubber is now used, but for many of such uses it is said to be superior to the natural product. At any rate, it gives the United States an independent source of rubber, from which we can never again be cut off in time of war as we were a few years ago, and the supply of the necessary raw materials is literally unlimited.

### Beavers

The most interesting thing that has happened in my part of the country in years is the return of the beavers to the Berkshire valley near my farm.

It is pretty nearly a hundred years since the last of the beavers vanished with the last of the Indians from Massachusetts, but a few days ago some of my neighbors, observing that there seemed to be more water than usual in a swampy pond just north of West Stockbridge village, investigated and discovered that a family of beavers had built a dam across the little stream and were busily engaged in finishing up their winter home. This is a dome-shaped structure of logs and mud, with its entrance under water to protect its inhabitants from foxes, wolves and other enemies. Beavers have never been known to travel over land and how these got into the West Stockbridge swamp is a mystery.

Unless they multiply and become a pest, these new generations of beavers will have an easier life than did their ancestors. For two hundred years after the settlement of America by the English, beaver skins were the main staple of commerce between the northern colonies and the old world country. Literally millions of beavers were slaughtered for their fur, the principal use of which was to make men's hats. Beaver fur is still regarded by hat makers as the finest possible material for felt hats, but there is very little of it on the market, and the game laws of New England today impose heavy penalties on anyone killing the beaver.

### Building

The biggest problem that confronts President Hoover's conference on home building, which will begin its session in Washington shortly, is the problem of finding a substitute for the present system of second mortgage financing. Half the families in the United States own their own homes, but most of them have paid much more than they should have paid, because of the high cost of second mortgage money.

If the President's conference can work out a nationally acceptable plan under which the young man who has saved up a thousand dollars can buy a home without having to pay exorbitant premiums and interest on the balance, it will go a long way toward stimulating the building industries that depend on it.

### Flying

Twenty-five years ago only half a dozen people, friends of the Wright Brothers, had ever seen an airplane in flight. Practically nobody else believed it would ever be possible to fly a heavier than air machine. In that year, 1906, everybody was enthusiastic about lighter-than-air craft. The balloon with a motor propeller, what we now call a dirigible, was the thing, but nobody dreamed of anything approaching the United States Navy's new airship, Akron, which took 203 people on a ten hour voyage the other day.

In the last few years there have been wonderful improvements in airplanes. It is probable that every plane will be out of date inside of ten years and that the plane of the future will look and act entirely differently.

## Reinhardt Is Appointed To Sylva Charge

Rev. D. H. Reinhardt is the new pastor of the Sylva-Dillsboro charge, Methodist Episcopal church, South, succeeding Rev. George Clemmer, who has served the charge for four years.

Mr. Clemmer was appointed by the conference to serve Proximity church, Greensboro. Rev. Mark Q. Tuttle was returned to Cullowhee charge. Rev. T. G. Highfall was appointed to the Webster circuit, succeeding Rev. F. W. Kiker, who goes to Bethel, in the Charlotte district. J. A. Peeler is the preacher in charge at Whittier-Qualla, succeeding Rev. R. L. Bass, who is to be stationed at Elmwood, in the Salisbury district. The new pastor at Glenville circuit is to be Rev. A. A. Somers. Rev. L. B. Hayes succeeds Rev. C. M. Pickens as the presiding elder of the district, Mr. Pickens having been appointed as pastor of Dilworth church, Charlotte.

The full list of appointments for the Waynesville District are:

- Presiding Elder, L. B. Hayes.
- Bethel, G. N. Dulin.
- Bryson City, O. J. Jones.
- Canton, G. A. Stamper.
- Cherokee, Wm. Hornbuckle.
- Clyde-Junaluska, F. O. Dryman.
- Cullowhee, M. Q. Tuttle.
- Dellwood, A. B. Bruton.
- Fires Creek, Byron Shankle.
- Franklin, O. P. Ader.
- Franklin Circuit, H. C. Freeman.
- Glenville, A. A. Somers, Supply.
- Hayesville, H. R. Cornelius.
- Haywood, R. G. McClamrock.
- Highlands, L. E. Crowson, Supply.
- Jonathan, V. R. Masters.
- Macon, J. C. Umberger.
- Murphy Circuit, T. F. Higgins.
- Robbinsville, J. G. Wilkinson.
- Sylva, D. H. Reinhardt.
- Waynesville, W. O. Goode.
- Webster, T. G. Highfall.
- Whittier, J. A. Peeler.

## THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT JOHN'S CREEK

Cowarts, Nov. 17. (Special)—A special Thanksgiving service will be held Sunday, Nov. 22, at the Cowarts Baptist Church. There will be services both in the morning and in the afternoon. Rev. R. L. Cook, pastor of the church, and Fulton Thomason, superintendent of the Sunday School and principal of the Cowarts school, will be in charge of the day's activities.

A special feature of the program will be singing by the old people of the community from the Old Christian Harmony. The local Methodist Sunday School and congregation will join the Baptists in the service. Children of both Sunday Schools will render special singing.

Rev. W. C. Reed, prominent Baptist minister of Jackson County and principal of Sylva High school, will preach the morning sermon. Rev. A. C. Queen of Webster will lead the old people in singing.

The afternoon session will be given over entirely to singing from the Old Christian Harmony.

There was a certain gentleman from New York who said that those who whistled were morons. Well, there's a certain gentleman from our town that disagrees with this certain gentleman from New York.

## GARAGES

This is the time of year when many automobile owners commit unintentional suicide, by starting up their ears in tightly closed garages and not getting outside as soon as the engine fires. In the past twelve months the New York State Department of Health reports forty-two deaths from carbon monoxide poisoning in closed garages and forty-three narrow escapes from death from the same cause.

It is seldom safe to let a car run at any season of the year without backing out of the garage as soon as the engine starts. Some of the deaths reported occurred because the wind blew the exhaust gases back into the garage although the doors were wide open. Carbon monoxide poisoning comes without warning, as the gas is colorless and odorless. It costs nothing to be careful.