

# The Jackson County Journal

\$1.50 Year in Advance in The County.

214A, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1932

\$2.00 Year in Advance Outside The County.

## Tom Cope On Trial Again In Haywood

Waynesville, Feb. 9.—The case of the State against Tom Cope, 45, of Jackson county, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Frank Ruff, 15, of Saunook, got under way in Haywood County Superior Court here Tuesday. Before court adjourned for the day late in the afternoon, all the evidence had been introduced and the arguments of attorneys started.

The arguments of attorneys will be completed Wednesday morning following which Judge A. M. Stack, presiding, will deliver his charge and the case will go to the jury.

This is the second time Cope has been tried in connection with Ruff's death, the first resulting in a mistrial during the August term, 1931. Ruff is said to have been killed when struck by a car driven by Cope on State Highway No. 10 at Saunook early in 1931.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

License to wed has been granted to five couples by Register of Deeds Cope.

Francis Melvin Rogers to Millie Crawford, both of Haywood.

T. Posey Blanton to Julia Ann Cope.

Samuel McNabb to Gladys Mitchell, both of Haywood.

Silas G. Cate to Ethel M. Ashe.

Andrew C. Wade of Burke to Vivian E. Phillips of Graham.

### QUALLA

Rev. J. A. Peeler used for his text Sunday morning at the Methodist church, "And the Lord said unto Moses: 'What is that in thine hand,' and he said 'it is a rod.' His leading thought was that each and all should do their best with whatever means they had at their command."

Rev. J. L. Hyatt went to Macedonia Sunday to fill his appointment.

Married, on February 22nd, Miss Cumi Howell to Mr. Lee London of Asheville. They visited Mr. and Mrs. K. Howell, the parents of the bride, last week. They have returned to Asheville.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard Howell, a son—James Ronald.

Misses Ruth Ferguson and Mary Battle, Messrs Jack Battle and Jim Painter of Cullowhee, Mr. J. M. Hughes and family of Cherokee, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hoyle and Mrs. Oscar Gibson were callers at Mr. D. C. Hughes.

Messrs D. K. Battle, Frank Battle and Guy Moody made a trip to Cherokee.

Misses Polly Hoyle, Evelyn Queen and Mr. Ransom Mose motored to Smoketown.

Prof. and Mrs. L. L. Shaver and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bumgarner were guests at a birthday reception, at Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Shelton's, in honor of their son Harry.

Mr. D. M. Shuler spent last week with relatives on Deep Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Ferguson visited their daughter Miss Mary Emma of Cullowhee Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hoyle were guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Shuler, Sunday.

Mrs. J. L. Hyatt and Mrs. Horace Howell called on Mrs. J. E. Battle.

Miss Edna Hoyle called on Mrs. J. O. Howell.

Miss Louise Hyatt was guest of Miss Evelyn Queen at Olivet.

Miss Marion Revis of Wilnot visited Miss Ollie Hall.

Miss Annie Lizzie Terrell returned to Willets Sunday afternoon after a visit at home.

Mr. Donald Freeman arrived home Saturday after spending a while in Sevierville, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Golman Kinsland of Cherokee called at Mr. G. A. Kinslands, Sunday.

Mr. J. E. Freeman is selling goods at Cherokee.

Mr. Paul Cooper sold his farm to Mr. Will Springer of Deep Creek.

Mr. Ted Kinsland is building a house on the Kinsland farm near Qualla road.

Present Qualla folks are enjoying balmy, sunny days, with green grass and spring flowers. Also, Mrs. Luther Hoyle has a nice brood of young chickens, the first "spring chicks" we have heard reported in Qualla.

## TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)

### Stamps

It is less than a hundred years since the first postage stamps were issued, but stamp collecting has become one of the most widespread of all hobbies. Rare issues of early postage stamps command fabulous prices. If I had today one set of stamps which I owned as a boy and which I traded for a squirrel rifle, I could sell them for many thousands of dollars. That was a complete set of uncancelled United States departmental stamps.

A few years ago my wife came into possession of a trunk full of old letters, which had accumulated for more than a century in a New England farmhouse. Somebody else had cut the most valuable stamps from the envelopes, but there were numerous stamps left for which she got more than \$10 apiece.

The most valuable stamps of all are some of those issued privately by postmasters before the government began to print stamps, in 1847. If you can find, for example, a stamp issued by the Postmaster of Alexandria, Virginia, in 1845, or one by the Postmaster of Boscawen, New Hampshire, in 1846, you have found a fortune. Single copies of each of these stamps have lately sold for \$15,000 each!

### Age

The State of New York granted pensions to 51,168 old people in 1931, the first year of the operation of the State Old Age Security Law. The average pension was \$26.02 a month. Any person over seventy years old who is unable to support himself or herself is eligible for a pension in New York.

Massachusetts gave relief to 10,000 old people in the first six months of its Old Age Assistance Law, for which every voter in the State is taxed \$1 a year. It cost an average of \$5.85 a week for each pensioner.

Delaware, California and Minnesota have State old age pension systems. In Canada 63,285 old people are on the pension rolls.

The time is coming soon, I believe, when nobody in any civilized part of the world will need to fear destitution in old age.

### Calendar

The International Conference on Calendar Reform seems to be making some headway. There is still a bitter dispute between the people who would like to change our method of computing time from a twelve-month year to a thirteen-month year, but on one point almost everybody has come to an agreement. That is to make Easter fall at the same time every year.

Under our present calendar Easter is the Sunday after the first full moon which follows the twenty-first of March. That may be any time from March 22nd to April 25th. The Roman and Greek Catholic churches, the Church of England, the Lutheran church and all the important Protestant denominations have agreed that there is no reason why Easter should not be fixed for the Sunday following the second Saturday in April, and authoritative action may be looked for within the next year or two, insuring that Easter in all parts of the northern hemisphere will always occur after spring has got well under way, instead of falling, as it now often does in northern climates, while the world is still in the grip of winter.

### Collars

In times like these it is the "white collar" workers who get the worst of it. They are the first to be fired or to have their salaries reduced. They are the last to be taken back when business picks up again. They are office workers or store clerks mainly. Because their training and inclinations make them more fastidious than the general run of wage earners, most of them are paying higher rents and habitually spending more on living than artisans and their families do.

As a white collar worker myself, I have a grievance which I share with all of them. Every commodity that I know of has come down in price, except white collars. Before the war we could buy white cotton collars two for a quarter, and imported linen collars for a quarter. We now have to pay a quarter for the

## Five Homicide Cases On Superior Court Docket

### SCHOOL BUS HAS WRECK

The Webster school bus turned over, on the road leading toward the Painter Mine, from Highway 106, early last Friday morning, slightly injuring four children and the driver, Leonard Bagwell, of Webster.

Only four children were on the bus at the time of the accident. The morning was cold, and the driver picked up the four on his outward trip, to prevent their standing exposed to the weather until the bus returned for them.

The bus was a Corbett, that is in its seventh year of service as a conveyance for school children.

### S. F. WILKES PASSES IN HOSPITAL WEDNESDAY

Mr. S. P. Wilkes, aged citizen of Sylva, died yesterday afternoon in the Harris Community hospital, where he has been a patient since last Friday, when he was brought from Hot Springs, where he had been visiting his sister, and in whose home he fell, breaking his hip joint. His son, Dr. Grover Wilkes, went to Hot Springs and accompanied his father to Sylva.

Mr. Wilkes is survived by his widow, three sons, Bowman Wilkes, George Wilkes, and Dr. Grover Wilkes, three daughters, Mrs. Dora Nicholson, of Iowa, Miss Florence Wilkes, of Sylva, and Mrs. Tony Wilburn, of Knoxville, Tenn., two grandchildren, and other relatives.

He was one of the oldest residents of Sylva, and has made his home on his farm, just outside the city limits, for many years.

### WIFE OF WEBSTER PASTOR PASSES

Mrs. T. G. Highfill, wife of the pastor of the Webster circuit Methodist church, died suddenly, early Monday morning, in the C. J. Harris Community hospital.

Mrs. Highfill's five-day old baby died last Thursday; but the mother was believed to be doing nicely. In fact, the physicians had expected to allow her to return to her home on Tuesday. She became suddenly ill early Monday morning, with a heart attack, and died almost immediately after she had rung for a nurse.

The body of the young woman was taken to her former home in Bethlehem, Penn., for the funeral and interment. Her husband and her mother, Mrs. West, accompanied the body to Pennsylvania.

Mr. Highfill is serving his first pastorate at Webster, having been there since the annual conference in November. He has charge of churches at Webster, Love's Chapel, Wesleyanna, East Laporte and John's Creek.

### SCHOOL AT OTTO IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Franklin Press, Feb. 4.—The public school at Otto, a three-room frame structure, was destroyed by fire about 8 o'clock Friday night. The origin of the fire was unknown. M. L. Billings, superintendent of schools, said that the building was insured for \$1,500.

Benches have been installed in a vacant house near the burned school and classes are being held daily as usual.

The Otto school has an eight-months session.

cotton collars and forty cents for the linen ones.

I think I will go back to farming!

### Neckties

Is there anything more foolish than a man's necktie? If you wear a collar you have to wear a tie. It is a perfectly useless adornment, serving no real purpose except to gratify the wearer's vanity. A man never sees his own necktie when he is wearing it, so he must wear it to please other people's eyes. I think there is a good deal to be said for the costume which used to be so popular in the movies, the rolled-collar shirt worn open half way down the chest.

Men are such slavish followers of fashions, however, that they will never dress sensibly until a few bank presidents and others who make a business of being dignified set the style of dressing comfortably.

Five homicide cases will be called for trial during the term of Superior Court for Jackson county which convenes here Monday, February 22, with Judge J. H. Harwood of Bryson City, presiding. Judge A. M. Stack was to have presided but he and Judge Harwood exchanged districts. The term is for two weeks.

Interest centers in the case of Ray Fisher, Sylva Collegiate Institute student and football player, held for the alleged slaying of Will Ensley, locomotive engineer at the Sylva Paperboard plant, on November 25. This was the first homicide inside the limits of Sylva since the town was founded.

Fisher has a large family connection in this part of Jackson county, as also did Ensley. In fact, the two men were cousins in the third degree. Fisher has been in the Buncombe county jail awaiting trial since he was taken there on the night of the tragedy.

Another case is that of Jim Bowers, 40, alleged slayer of Lucius Jones, 27, of the Caney Fork section of Jackson county. Jones died from pistol wounds, alleged to have been inflicted by Bowers, on Thursday, December 10. The shooting took place November 28. Two shots, according to reports, were fired at Jones. One ball struck his left arm, while the second penetrated his abdomen. The shooting occurred near the home of Bowers' mother at the head of Caney Fork, where, according to a statement made by Jones in the hospital here, Jones and a cousin, Bowdin Mathis, had gone for a visit. Jones said that a sister of Bowers' told him that she saw Bowers coming and that he (Jones) had better leave. Jones said he left the house and went to the railroad bed, where Bowers accosted him, asking what he was doing. Bowers is said to have then pulled his pistol and fired twice at Jones.

Jones told officers that he and Bowers had not been on speaking terms for some time and that on a previous occasion Bowers had threatened to kill him. Soon after the shooting, Bowers made his escape. He later came in and surrendered.

One of the homicide cases that were carried over from the last court is that of Jim Bryson, alleged slayer of Wiley Galloway, of Glenville. Galloway was hit in the head with a rock, alleged to have been thrown by Bryson. This occurred Sunday, March 15, at Galloway's garage in Glenville. Galloway died several days later in the C. J. Harris Community hospital in Sylva.

Clyde Breedlove, a young man of Glenville, testified at the inquest that he was the only eye-witness to the affair. He stated that he and Junior Pell went to Galloway's garage to get Wiley Galloway to get a car of Clifton Moody's, and that he heard a noise up stairs on the second floor of the garage where Galloway lived. Breedlove said that Galloway went up stairs and put Bryson and Robert McCall, Jr., out of the place. Bryson, according to Breedlove, went down to the spring, which was below the garage, and returned in a short time with his hands behind his back. When he came near Galloway, the witness said he threw a rock which struck Galloway in the head. Galloway was not attempting to do anything to Bryson at the time the stone was thrown, it was declared.

Galloway never regained consciousness after he was struck. He was brought to the hospital in Sylva where he died March 19. Bryson was arrested by officers. He later made bond.

The case against Willis Hornbuckle, Indian, was also carried over from the last term of court. All parties said to be implicated in the slaying were Indians. During a drunken quarrel, which took place Thursday, July 9, 1931, in the lower end of Jackson county, on the Cherokee Indian reservation, according to witnesses, William Hornbuckle shot George Hornbuckle, father of Willis Hornbuckle. Willis Hornbuckle, it is alleged, came to the aid of his father and in the trouble that followed Willis Hornbuckle shot William Hornbuckle, who later died in the hospital here.

## FORTY YEARS AGO

Tuckaseige Democrat, Feb. 10, 1892

Mrs. George Lawton reached here Thursday, from her trip to Memphis.

Mr. T. L. Moss, of Hamburg, was here a short while Friday morning.

Mrs. D. J. Allen returned Saturday, from a visit to her daughter in Knoxville.

Mr. J. S. Tomlinson, of Asheville came out to the Alliance speaking Monday, returning today.

The Mountain Eagle, of Highlands, records the marriage of Henry Stewart, Jr., to a young lady of Brooklyn, New York.

The Murphy Scout says that Rev. Wm. Franklin and Miss Luna Zimmerman have consolidated their schools and are teaching in the academy at Murphy.

The Democrat has had its feed diversified lately, owing to the thoughtfulness of our townsman, Mr. J. W. Divilbiss, who kindly furnished us with some fine specimens of parsnips.

Misses Addie and Etta Wilson, of Big Ridge, came down Tuesday intending to go to Asheville, but reaching here too late, on account of change of schedule were compelled to wait until today.

Mr. A. M. Parker went to Asheville Thursday, to attend a meeting of the District Alliance, but there seems to have been some misunderstanding about the day and the meeting was deferred to next Friday.

We are indebted to Mr. Theo. Harris of Hillsboro, for statistics of the weather for 364 days between Nov. 1st, 1890, to Oct. 31st, 1891, which show a remarkable preponderance of fair days. It is proper to say that the rainfall was so distributed that there was no lack of moisture for growing crops, which were generally above the average. There were only three days, or 1 per cent, of snow. His record, taken in connection with the fact of an equable range of temperature, with out severe extremes of cold or heat, establish our claim to the possession of climatic conditions rarely equalled and never surpassed.

The works of the Jackson Kaolin Company, at Hillsboro, have been completed and are now in full operation.

Messrs Joseph Baum and Sons, proprietors of Baum's Steam Marble, Granite and Stone Works, of Springfield, Ill., who have been living in our country, near Sylva, for the past four years, will open a branch office and shop of their Springfield Steam Works at their place in Sylva.

Jurors—Spring Term 1892: First week: T. M. Brown, Sr., A. Bumgarner, T. M. Henson, James E. Moss, A. L. Jones, M. M. Buchanan, S. T. Early, Jesse Estes, M. L. Deitz, J. D. Coward, Jesse Franklin, H. P. Brendle, D. M. Wike, W. A. Enloe, Alex Bryson, John H. Parker, M. M. Wike, J. M. Wike, T. H. Hooper, W. T. Carson, W. A. Henson, J. M. Wood, J. H. Morris, Levi Brown, J. W. Shelton, D. A. Davis, W. C. Norton, J. P. Webb, R. R. Coward, T. A. Parks, W. P. Duncan, D. F. Slatten, A. D. Cagle, J. M. Cook, E. M. Hooper, J. D. Buchanan. Second week: H. H. Heaton, D. S. Pressley, James W. Buchanan, A. Watson, J. H. Alley, Jr., T. L. Moss, Reece Crawford, J. M. Rigdon, J. C. Fisher, A. H. Wilson, Wm. Ensley, A. U. Price, R. H. Platt, Henry Wilson, R. L. Bryson, S. H. Queen, J. M. Parris, John F. Bryson.

### BOWIE TO SPEAK HERE.

Tam C. Bowie, candidate for the United States senate, will address the Democrats of Jackson county, at the court house, at noon, on Tuesday February 23, the second day of court.

Mr. Bowie is one of the best known men in the State, and a pleasing speaker.

## Smith Willing To Make Race If Nominated

The most important political announcement of the week is that made by ex-Governor Alfred E. Smith that he would accept the Democratic nomination for president, if it were tendered him.

The announcement created a great deal of interest in political circles in the national capital, and a storm of protest from various sections of the country, with a number of encouraging statements.

The announcement came on Monday. It was generally interpreted to mean that Smith was a candidate seeking the nomination. On Monday afternoon "The Happy Warrior" made an additional statement to the press, insisting that he had not intended to convey the impression that he is a candidate; but only that he would accept the nomination should the convention choose him. He stated that he is not a candidate, is not seeking the nomination, and has no organization working for him.

The latest pronouncement from Smith has somewhat quieted the storm of protest, and dampened the elation with which the Republicans, seeing in Smith's statement a prospective fight in the Democratic party, had hailed the announcement.

### ONE QUALLA MAN IN CHINA; OTHERS ON WATERS NEARBY

There are four young men from the Qualla section in the U. S. Navy at present. Mr. Wade Beck is in China; Mr. Obed Anthony, who was to sail from Los Angeles to the Hawaiian Islands, on February 1, is reported to be on his way to China. Messrs Gordon Shuler and Dexter Reagan are either on the waters of the Pacific near California coast, or on the way across.

### TO HAVE GEORGE WASHINGTON BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Mrs. D. T. Knight has been appointed chairman of the George Washington Bicentennial Celebration at Balsam. A meeting was held last week and the following committees will have charge of the work:

Program: S. Jerome Phillips, Miss Etta Kinsland, Miss Irene Raby.

Music: Mrs. J. E. Long, Mrs. Ethel Bryson, Mrs. Mabel Perry.

Costumes: Mrs. Carrie Queen, Mrs. Geo. T. Knight, Mrs. Hubert Ensley, Mrs. Lona Green.

Secretaries: George T. Knight and Mrs. D. W. Ensley.

J. K. Kenney, A. B. Bryson, A. C. Bryson, O. J. Beck, John T. Jones and A. F. Arrington were appointed to select speakers when the occasion demands.

There will be twelve or more programs to which the public is invited. The first will be on February 22nd, George Washington's Birthday.

### BALSAM

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Duncan announce the birth of a fine daughter—Evelyn Christine. She arrived Wednesday, February 3rd.

Mr. James McHaffey, who lives with his son, Mr. Ula McHaffey, near Saunook, celebrated his 80th birthday Sunday, with a sumptuous dinner. Among the relatives who attended from here were Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Arrington and son, Jack, and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Ensley and children. Also, Mr. A. H. McHaffey and family from Hendersonville, were present.

Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Bruton of Delwood were here Wednesday.

Mr. John T. Jones and family were guests of the J. C. H. Wilson family in Asheville, Sunday.

Mrs. Lillie Bryson visited her daughter, Miss Louise in Asheville Normal, Monday.

Mr. A. F. Arrington and Roy Brooks went to Asheville, Sunday.

Mrs. Mabel Perry motored to Sylva Saturday.

Mr. George T. Knight and little son, William Balfour, and Mr. Glenn Bryson were guests in Asheville Wednesday.

Mr. John T. Jones and family visited Rev. Kay Allen and family Monday night.

Messrs R. J. Bryson, Benj. Bryson and Charles Pauland made a trip to Salisbury this week.