

# The Jackson County Journal

\$1.50 Year in Advance in The County.

SYLVA, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 1932

\$2.00 Year in Advance Outside The County.

## State To Let Contract For Construction Of Highway 112 On Next Wednesday

Next Wednesday the State Highway Commission will let the contract for the grading and surfacing of Highway 112, a distance of 5.29 miles from Highway No. 10 to Cherokee. It has been announced at the office of the Commission in Raleigh. The project will be among several important parts of the State, that will cost an estimated amount of \$2,000,000.

Highway 112 is the one that leaves Highway 10, at the Ferguson farm and goes through Qualla township to Cherokee, where it connects with the road to Tennessee through the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. This road is to be one of the main entrances to the Park, and will eventually be a part of the Great Smoky Mountains Highway, leading from South Carolina, through Cashier's Valley, through the Tuckaseegee by Colwell to Sylva, then by Highway 10, 112 and 107 to Tennessee and the middle west.

It is stated that the construction of Highway 107 from Ela to Cherokee will be deferred for some time because of the belief that the construction of this road is impractical until the railroad, which leads up the valley is eliminated.

Nothing was said in the news dispatched about Highway 106, from Sylva to Cullowhee; but it is assumed that this contract will be let within a short time, as The Journal the Sylva Chamber of Commerce and several citizens of the county have the assurance of Chairman F. B. Jeffers that this paving will be done at an early date. Citizens of other Western counties have been told by Mr. Jeffers that Highway 106 is one of the roads that he has in mind to construct out of the federal aid funds that are now in hand in all Jackson county, and especially in the lower end of the county will rejoice at the advice that the Qualla road is to be constructed immediately. It is not only one of the main entrances to the Park, if not the chief entrance; but also traverse Qualla, one of the best and most populous townships in the county.

## THOMAS SPEAKS TO ROTARY CLUB AT REGULAR MEETING

Boy Z. Thomas, of Rock Hill, S. C., governor of the Carolinas district of Rotary International, in an address before the Sylva-Dillsboro Rotary Club at its weekly meeting Thursday night of last week at the Jannett Springs Hotel, stressed the importance of the part Rotary plays in the building of a nation and in solving the present condition of the country.

"The purpose of mankind is two fold," said Mr. Thomas. "First to learn how to live, and second to learn how to live together. The first deals with the material and ends in this world. The second with the spiritual and ends only in the great beyond."

Man has progressed far in the first phase, he said, but has done little towards learning how to live together. The reason for this is that man has lost confidence in his fellow man, and the restoration of this confidence is one of the purposes of Rotary.

Friendship is the basis of life, and the trouble with the world at present is that most friendship is unshared, to gain either socially, financially, or materially. The purpose of Rotary is to build real friendships, said Mr. Thomas.

"The world talks and preaches, but does not act. One business man can run without capital or credit, but it leads downward to ruin. Mr. Thomas stated that to solve the present problems of the world, but he did claim for it the ability to influence in helping to solve these problems.

Rotary deals with the constructive aspects of life and its principles of friendship, love, good will, and gladness will do much to bring the world back on its true path," said Mr. Thomas in closing.

## 40 YEARS AGO

Tuckasee Democrat, Aug. 17, 1932.

Asheville---Buncombe is a hundred years old and people have been celebrating the centennial in great shape. The Legislature in 1792 established the county by cutting from Burke and Lutherford the whole western section of the State, comprising what is now Macon, Yancey, Henderson, Madison, Jackson, Clay, Transylvania, Swain and Graham. The celebration was addressed by Attorney General Davidson, a native of Buncombe, Hon. Kemp P. Battle, Col. V. S. Lusk, Hon. Z. B. Vance, Col. J. D. Cameron, and Col. A. T. Davidson. There was a trades display during the afternoon, showing the resources of the county.

Jas. W. McKee has been around town for a day or two.

Mr. Hoffman, of the Cullowhee Cordonum Company, came back from a northern trip, Saturday.

Misses Lee and Belle Leatherwood and Mr. Joe Sherrill were in town on a shopping expedition, this week.

John Holden is supplying the demand for fruit among us, and favored the Democrat with samples of luscious grapes and peaches.

N. Newby, of Bryson City, who has been on a visit to his old home in Perquimans county, passed here Monday, returning home.

Charlie Wike, who has been in Columbia and other points since last fall, in railroad service, reached home Tuesday.

Mrs. Bishop, of Cullowhee, and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Bishop, of South Carolina, accompanied by Mrs. Crook, investigated the mysteries of the "art preservative" in a brief visit to our office yesterday.

The School Season: J. H. House is teaching a school at Dillsboro, John C. Buchanan, at Sylva, Mr. Garland, of Macon, at Bryson's School House, Z. V. Watson, at Clayton's near Addie, C. A. Wallace, at Double Springs, on Cullowhee mountain, and J. N. Cowan, at River Hill, while those excellent institutions, Cullowhee and Hamburg High Schools, are in full blast. C. C. Cowan was induced to accept a school on Pigeon River, in Haywood county, while Thos. F. Long who has been in Haywood for several years, has returned to Jackson, and is teaching at Wilmot. We would be glad to be able to advise as to who is teaching other schools in the county and wish for all of them the fullest measure of success. We hope a grand stride forward in the cause of education may be made this year. The public school fund for this year amounts to an apportionment of 90 cents per scholar, according to the school census returned by district committees. We regret to hear of lack of harmony in some of the districts, which works nothing but harm to the schools. Let the interests of the children outweigh every other consideration.

On of the best meetings the Jackson County Union has had for a long time was held at Shoal Creek commencing Friday before the fifth Sunday in July. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. H. D. Welch. Rev. John L. Owen presided over the meeting. The churches were represented as follows: Caney Fork, A. C. Queen and J. H. Webster; Hamburg, J. L. Owen, J. M. Wilson; Mt. Pleasant, W. W. Reed, H. D. Welch, F. M. Bryson; Scott's Creek, A. H. Sims, A. W. Farmer, B. H. Harris, T. J. Fisher; Shoal Creek, J. P. Painter, S. J. Beck, R. L. Hyatt, J. B. Gibson, C. J. Hipps, E. G. Hyatt, A. L. Beck; Sylva, J. K. Allen, Charlie Allen; Dillsboro, A. C. Connor, G. E. Davis; Webser, J. W. Buchanan; Savannah, Coleman Cagle; East Fork, A. W. Davis, T. F. Deitz; Zion Hill, J. T. Woodard, W. T. Crisp; Cullowhee, John E. Ensley.

## LEADERS BELIEVE CONDITIONS ARE GROWING BETTER

Washington, D. C., Aug. 24.—The feeling that economic conditions generally are improving is growing in Washington, with a good deal of argument on both sides as to whether this is going to develop fast enough to be of political value. Of course there will be an effort to make capital out of the national conference of business and industrial committees of the Federal Reserve districts which have been called upon by the President to meet in Washington on August 26th to map out a coordinated nation-wide program of action against the economic depression. That is to be followed on September 25th by another conference to consider means for the general introduction of the five day week in all branches of business and industry, and that will be followed in October by an international economic conference in London.

What effect these conferences will have upon economic conditions is one question; what effect they may have upon the political situation is something else.

Leaders here see signs on both sides of the political fence of a much more common-sense attitude toward the debts which various European nations owe to the Government of the United States. It is not thought that the people of the United States would tolerate for a minute any proposal to cancel these debts. But it is thought there would be a favorable reaction toward any sound proposal to settle them in something else besides hard east.

Senator Borah recently opened the door for discussion when he said that if insistence upon the payment of these debts in full and in gold would work to the detriment of the American farmer and producer he would favor some other way of settling them. Former Governor Alfred E. Smith not long ago proposed that some scheme of tariff adjustments between the United States and our debtors should be made so that credit on account of the debts could be given to nations buying our products in proportion to the amount of their annual purchases. And President Hoover intimates that he would be willing to consider some means of settling these debts through the expansion of markets for the agriculture and labor. It is not a matter of record as to who it was that suggested that England and France might pay their debts to us by transferring to the United States the sovereignty of the West Indian Islands which they own. Perhaps the immediate benefit to us of the ownership of Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica, Martinique, Barbados and the other islands of the West Indies may not be apparent, but at least such an offer from those nations would be an evidence of good faith. There is an idea that it would be accepted.

## To Hold Mass Meeting At Glenville In Next Month

Plans are being made by citizens of the upper end of the county for a huge mass meeting, to be held in the High School building in Glenville, during the early part of September, looking to the construction of Highway 106 from Sylva, through the county to Cashier's Valley.

The chairman of the State Highway Commission promised, last Spring, that the construction forces would be put on the road from Tuckasee to Glenville, and the rock crusher placed there, in June. The maintenance forces were taken off the section, and the people believed that the reason for the suspension of maintenance was that construction would begin immediately. However, the maintenance forces have been put back to work there, and the people plan to hold the mass meeting, appoint delegates to go to Raleigh, and ascertain from the commission, just what the plans and intentions are at the present time. It was believed, last spring that the work would be well under way from Tuckasee to

## YOUNG DEMOCRATS WILL MEET HERE NEXT SATURDAY

A call has been made for a mass meeting of the young people of the county to be held in the court house on Saturday afternoon, August 27, at 2 P. M., for the purpose of organizing a Young People's Democratic Club for Jackson county.

All the young folks in the county are invited to be present and to help in perfecting the organization, and all Democrats of the county are invited to attend.

Doyle D. Alley, chairman of the Young People's Democratic Clubs of the Eleventh District, and Miss Isabel Ferguson, vice-president of the State organization, will be present at the meeting.

A meeting of the District Young People's Democratic Clubs will be held at Bryson City, on September 10, when there will be a barbecue, and a great Democratic rally for the young folks of the Eleventh District. Robert R. Reynolds and other speakers will address the Bryson City meeting.

## NEXT CONGRESS MAY MAKE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Washington, D. C., Aug. 24.—It is held by experienced political observers here that as certain as anything can be, which has not yet taken place, that regardless of the political complexion of the next Congress, legislation liberalizing the present liquor laws will be passed and a new constitutional amendment submitted leaving the question of prohibition up to the individual states. They think that legislation will retain Federal control, to a greater degree than in the old prohibition days, over interstate traffic in liquor, between wet and dry states. It is remembered that there was always a question of the constitutionality of the pre-prohibition laws designed to prevent shipments of intoxicants into states that had voted themselves dry.

If such an amendment is adopted it will not be, as many people seem to think, the Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution. The present prohibition amendment is the eighteenth since the document was first promulgated in 1787. The Nineteenth Amendment, as everyone knows, is the woman suffrage amendment. But there are still pending for ratification by the states two other amendments to the Constitution, one of which is very likely to be fully ratified before next summer by the State Legislatures meeting during the coming winter.

One of these, and the one first proposed, is an amendment to the Constitution giving Congress the power to limit, regulate and prohibit the labor of persons under eighteen years of age. This change in the fundamental law was proposed

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## Construction Of Highway 106 Is Adopted As Major Park Project By Committee

### TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)

Piccard . . . up he goes

Professor Piccard has been higher above the earth than anyone else ever went and came back. He thinks he can go even higher to explore the stratosphere.

If the Professor went high enough, beyond the layers of gases which travel with the earth in its revolutions, he could stand still in space and let the earth revolve under him, coming down thousands of miles from where he went up. He would have to go at least sixty miles up, however instead of ten, and even then his balloon probably would still be within the range of the earth's attraction and would travel with it.

It is not beyond the realm of possibility, however, that travellers of the future, wanting to get to the other side of the world in a hurry, may just go up a hundred miles or so and let the earth move under them at the rate of a thousand miles an hour until the spot they want to reach is under them.

That sounds fantastic now, but no more so than any kind of air navigation sounded a hundred years ago.

Silk . . . Japan resumes

I lunched the other day with the head of one of the largest mercantile firms in the world. He told me something which illustrates perfectly the interdependence of nations.

"Japan is hard up," he said, "because rayon—artificial silk—had cut into the world market for Japan's principal export, which is natural silk. The dressmakers of Paris, who set the fashions for the world, have decreed that woolen materials will be the height of fashion this coming winter. But the ladies' garment makers of America, catering to the masses don't think the ordinary American young woman will wear wool; it doesn't sound as expensive as silk. So the American manufacturers have developed a fabric which looks like wool but is made of silk. It can't be made of rayon, and it takes four times as much silk to the yard as the standard fabrics now in use."

"As a result," my friend continued, "Japan is getting larger or less for silk than she has had for years and the price is going up. And because of the prospect for this additional revenue, Japan's military party is making plans to go ahead with the conquest of Manchuria, for which there was not enough money available a few months ago."

The idea that any one nation can stand alone is as unsound as it is dangerous.

Television . . . on its way

One of the experts of the Bell Laboratories, who is working on the problem of television, told me the other day that he thought scientists and engineers are getting very close to the day when it will be possible for anybody to see the person one is talking with over the telephone. It is being done now, as a laboratory demonstration, and the problem is to reduce the cost.

As for radio television, broadcasting on a screen events actually in progress, that is a long way yet. It would be interesting if anybody who had a proper receiving set could see the next Olympic Games without having to travel across a continent or an ocean to do so. Nobody who has even a glimmering of what is going on in the research laboratories is willing to say today that anything is impossible.

Politics . . . how it's done

I asked a small-town official the other day why he had favored a measure which clearly would benefit only a few and would not do the town as a whole any good.

"I don't like it any better than you do, but I have to get myself re-elected, don't I?" was his frank reply.

It is the desire for re-election that makes most office-holders careless with the taxpayers' money. Since

Highway 106 from Sylva to the South Carolina line, was adopted as one of the major objectives to be attained in the development of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park area, by the advisory committee, from Buncombe, Haywood, Transylvania, Swain, Jackson, and Henderson counties, at a meeting in Waynesville, on yesterday. The Jackson county member of the committee is Mr. A. J. Dills, who succeeded in getting the project adopted as a major objective, at the executive session of the committee, following the open meeting. Mr. S. W. Enloe and Mr. Dan Tompkins were present at the meeting, and presented Jackson county's claims before the committee.

Mr. Tompkins stated to the committee, following recommendations from Transylvania and Haywood, that Highway 194 and a road up by Soco Gap to Cherokee be built at once, that Jackson county will oppose all plans for the State Highway Commission to expend any money on any highway leading to the Park, that was not on the original highway map of the State, until 106, which was on the original map, is built from Sylva to the South Carolina line, contending that the original highways were, and still are, of primary importance, that Jackson county has spent, in donations and loans to the State, the sum of six hundred thousand dollars, or more, in efforts to get 106 constructed, and that it is a matter of common justice that this road be given priority over any others in this part of the State.

After the open discussion, the committee went into executive session, at which 106 was put on as a major objective in the Park development, along with other projects that were named in the resolution.

The whole matter will be taken up when the full report of the committee is made public, by the civic bodies or mass meetings in the several counties, and acted upon there, before the resolution is forwarded to the Highway Commission.

The importance of completing 112 and 107 to Newfound Gap was stressed at the meeting, and it was the sense of the committee that this is to be the main entrance to the Park, and that it should be completed during the next few months, to make it available for travel next summer.

Mr. Josephus Daniels was present at the meeting and suggested, as a part of the internal Park development that the Government should try to keep the Cherokees on their Reservation, and encourage the development of Indian arts, which he stated would be a most attractive part of the Park trip, and would prove a source of considerable revenue to the Cherokees.

## SYLVA FILES PROTEST TO GAME PLAYED SATURDAY

Sylva's chances of winning the Smoky Mountains League pennant fell short of what was expected of the team when they lost one of the hardest games of the season last Saturday to Hendersonville. Immediately after the game a protest was sent in to the league officials at Asheville, due to the fact that three of the Hendersonville players were not eligible to participate in a league game. It is also understood that the umpire was not a league appointed umpire.

League officials will hold a meeting in Asheville some time this month to decide on what steps to take in regard to the game. Should the game be given to Hendersonville it would eliminate Sylva's chance of winning the pennant.

most of the voters in most communities are non-taxpayers, what difference does it make? That is the politicians' way of looking at public questions.

The movement to give men longer terms in office and make them ineligible for re-election does not seem to be making much headway. It is worth thinking about. I believe it would be a good plan for all office-holders, from President down.