

The Jackson County Journal

50 Year in Advance COUNTY. SYLVA, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1933 \$2.00 Year in Advance Outside The County.

THREE MEN ARE HELD FOR TRIAL IN ELLETT CASE

Donna Ellett, Hrschel Parris and Donald Ellett were all three ordered for trial at the February 21 hearing at the superior court in connection with the death of H. E. Ellett, of Jackson City, whose body was found on Highway No. 10 near Dillsboro, Friday night, December 23, following a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace John H. Morris, Wednesday afternoon.

Ellett, an employe of the Nantahala Power and Light Company, is thought to have been instantly killed, when he fell over a 125 foot embankment, within the next few days following the death of H. E. Ellett, Parris, Bradley and "Baby" Cunningham were all taken into custody by officers of Sheriff Maney's deputies. A hub cap, which matched one missing from a front wheel of a car that Elders was thought to have been driving was found at a point where Ellett's car left the road. The Cunningham girl was placed on the stand as the chief witness for the State at the preliminary hearing and testified that she, Elders, Parris, and Bradley were driving west below Dillsboro, with Elders at the wheel, when they met another car coming east, and that Elders was driving on the left side of the road. She stated that she took him that he was about to strike another car, and that he remarked that he didn't care. She swore that they did strike the car that was coming meeting them, and that she told Elders that she had struck a car and knocked it off the road, and then the occupants would probably be killed, and that Elders said he didn't give a darn, and she stated that they came to the mouth of Dick's creek, where they stopped and fired a puncture. She stated that they returned to Dillsboro, without stopping at the place where the smash occurred, and then went back west, taking Bradley home and then going to the Barkers Creek school house, where they spent the night.

The body of Ellett was discovered about 11 o'clock on the night of Friday, December 23. The officers were notified and Sheriff Maney and his deputies immediately began an investigation, which resulted in the arrest of Elders, Bradley, Parris, and the Cunningham girl. Elders was arrested on the day following the death of H. E. Ellett, and was taken into custody on Monday and Bradley on Tuesday. After making her statement at the office of the Cunningham girl, she was ordered held for recognition in the case of Ellett as a material witness for the State. J. H. Patterson, recorder for the Jackson Chevrolet Company testified as to the matching of the hub cap found by Hyman Sutton at the place where Ellett's car was found, and Sutton told of finding the cap.

LIST OF JURORS DRAWN FOR FEBRUARY COURT

Jurors drawn for the February term of superior court of Jackson county on Monday and the following will sit on the juries during that term:

First week: James R. Fisher, W. H. Jackson, W. A. Jackson, W. F. Moody, J. D. Bentley, R. R. Fisher, W. T. A. R. R. Deitz, J. G. Parker, R. B. McNulty, J. O. Fisher, W. H. H. Bryson, W. F. Oxner, W. F. Oxner, W. F. Oxner, A. C. Reynolds, Henry L. Taylor, W. E. Bird, S. T. Crisp, Gilbert Moody, C. D. Mitchell, S. F. Beyson, Rufus Williams, Robert Holden, John M. Sutton, Oscar Lanning, C. W. Hanes, H. H. Bryson, R. S. Green, W. George Lowe, John A. Hooper, T. B. Cowan, Merritt Hooper, M. R. Mathis, R. A. Pangle, G. S. Bumgarner, L. E. Hooper, C. W. Deitz and Ott Parker.

Second week: Luther Wike, T. A. Dillard, O. B. Coward, Mark Deitz, John D. Norton, T. C. Lowing, W. P. Parkes, Frank Keys, Ralph Redden, Thad Reed, John Stephens, E. J. Watson, F. M. Alley, Glenn Ward, G. E. Bonner, Henry Smith, W. G. Montith, S. A. Cook, Dall Hall, D. A. Norman, W. L. Enloe; James

JOHN D. NORTON IS CHOSEN SENATE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

John D. Norton, well known Jackson county man, was elected sergeant-at-arms of the State Senate at a caucus held by the Democrats of that body Tuesday night, with only two Republicans in attendance, the majority left no caucus.

Norton, who was defeated in the primaries as a candidate for the democratic nomination of Commissioner of Labor, won out over O. P. Shell, of Harnett, the only other nominee for sergeant-at-arms, by one vote, the count being 23 to 24. Shell had held the position for the past four sessions.

The nomination of Norton was made by Senator W. R. Francis of Haywood county.

Mr. Norton is well known here, having served his county both as register of deeds and Clerk of the Superior Court.

Heavy rains Cause Numerous Slides

Cowee tunnel got back to its ancient form, following the heavy rains of the first of last week, and a slide in the east end of the tunnel blocked traffic on the Murphy division of the Southern railway for a period of twenty-four hours. A heavy freight engine was buried to almost the top of the smokestack in the big dirt slide, but all members of the train crew escaped unharmed with the exception of engineer Beaugard Bryson, who received slight burns, and came to Sylva for medical attention.

The old tunnel, once the dread of train crews and maintenance departments, has been behaving itself for a long number of years, since concrete retainers were erected at the west end; but the unusually heavy rains of the last week of 1932 proved too much, and the slide, which was a baby as compared with some of the old-timers it has essayed, came at the east end.

There were numerous slides on both railways and highways in this part of the State.

Highway 106, to Cullowhee, which connects Sylva with the South end of the county, has been practically impassable for days, due to the rains and to the new work that has been going on, preparatory to paving. Neither the Highway department nor the contractor has attempted to prepare a detour for this important highway, although everybody knew that the attempt at construction during the winter months would inevitably result in practical blocking of traffic for weeks.

SMOKY PARK HAS 51 PEAKS WITH ALTITUDE OVER MILE

The Great Smoky Mountains National park contains 51 peaks and gaps more than a mile high, according to a list compiled by John D. Topping, public director of the Chamber of Commerce, from records of the U. S. geological survey.

According to the list, there are 20 mountain peaks in the park area with an altitude of 6,000 feet or more. Twenty-three peaks have an altitude of over 5,280 feet but less than 6,000 feet, while eight mountain gaps are over 5,280 feet high.

The highest peak in the park is Clingman's dome, which rises 6,642 feet above sea level. Next in size is Mt. Guyot, which is 6,621 feet high.

All of the peaks are located within the park area, which consists of approximately 428,000 acres. The Newfound gap, over which runs the main highway to the Great Smoky Mountains National park, is only a few hundred feet less than a mile high, its altitude being 5,045 feet.

A. Reed, Jess Rogers and Z. J. Finannon.

The new jury commission which was appointed is composed of G. C. Turpin, J. B. Bumgarner, and Dillard Coward.

SCHULMAN OPENS NEW STORE

Schulman's Department Store was opened on yesterday in the new building located between Medford Furniture Company and the A & P store, on Main street.

According to Mr. Sol Schulman, manager, the store will carry a full line of dry goods, notions, shoes, etc. Mr. Glenn Hughes of Cullowhee and Miss Hattie Parker are employed as clerks in the new establishment.

'ARMY' OF JOB SEEKERS INVADES NATION'S CAPITAL

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—After making a series of 11 parades to represent the expected armies of "Hunger Marchers," "Bonus Marchers," "Farm Relief Marchers" and other miscellaneous delegations which had threatened to invade Washington this winter, the District of Columbia police have been, not exactly disappointed but surprised at the absence of the expected guests.

The much-advertised "Hunger Marchers" got to the outskirts of the city, a few hundred of them, with their automobiles, but when they found they were not going to be allowed to picket the White House or heckle Congress, they turned around and went back to where they came from. It was hardly a headline, so far as putting on a show was concerned.

There are a few stragglers left in town from the "Bonus Expeditionary Force" of last Spring, but they are laying low, and little is being heard of the demand for immediate payment of the bonus. Nobody who knows his way about in Washington expects any serious attention to that subject, at least not until the new Congress assembles, which will be some time between March and next Christmas.

Newspaper headline hunters tried to picture the recent convention here of "dirt farmers" as another attempt to overawe the government by a mob demonstration. It wasn't anything of the sort. They were an earnest, peaceable lot, who said they say, made their demands and left town to go back to their farms. There isn't a Chinaman's chance that any of their demands will be acceded to. Indeed, the only farm measure which seems to have a chance is the domestic allotment plan, which involves reduced farm acreage, to which these dirt farmers were opposed.

There is, however, another "army" already beginning to assemble in Washington, and promising to swell rapidly from now on. That is the army of job-seekers under the new Administration.

The best estimate obtainable at present indicate that there are about 14,000 "deserving Democrats" already in Washington, pulling wires and laying plans to get themselves appointed to office under President Roosevelt. That is less than half of the number of places he will have to fill. There are more than 35,000 Federal posts at the disposal of the President, in spite of the fact that the Civil Service laws protect the vast majority of Government workers in their jobs. There is no way of estimating how many applicants there are for each of these jobs; the best guess is at least a dozen.

Before he will be permitted to give very much attention to such matters as foreign debts, international disarmament, balancing the budget and other pressing matters, Mr. Roosevelt will have to pacify the politicians of his party by handing out jobs to them and their supporters. If he doesn't pacify them, he's going to

A Roosevelt Aide



Stephen T. Early, former Washington newspaper correspondent, has been named as White House secretary to President-elect Roosevelt. He will be associated with Louis Howe and Marvin H. McIntyre on the "inner circle" of the Roosevelt staff.

Three Are Taken To Asheville Jail

Three prisoners, Jim Barton, (alias Jack Lester), Don Ramsey and Jess Elders, were removed from the jail here to the Asheville jail, yesterday, for safe keeping until the February term of Jackson County Superior Court. The removal was made, according to Sheriff Maney, after an attempted jail-break had been discovered.

Barton and Ramsey are charged with larceny of an automobile owned by Frank Winkler, which was taken from in front of the New Jackson Hotel on the night of November 16. The car was recovered several days later and the two men arrested after they wrecked it at the overhead bridge near Dillsboro.

Elders is being held in default of \$5,000 bond, in connection with the death of H. E. Ellett, which occurred in an automobile wreck on the night of December 23.

HUGHES RITES HELD SUNDAY

Funeral services for Bascombe Hughes were conducted Sunday afternoon at the Cullowhee Baptist church by the pastor, Rev. I. K. Stafford, Rev. P. L. Elliott of the faculty of Western Carolina Teachers College, and Rev. Thad F. Deitz of Beta. Special music was arranged by a quartet, composed of Dr. H. T. Hunter, Dean W. E. Bird, Mr. W. M. Hunt and Dr. J. H. Painter. Interment was in the Cullowhee cemetery.

Mr. Hughes, who was popular among a large circle of friends in this county, was 28 years of age, and was the office manager of the Cullowhee Motor Company. He was a member of the Baptist church at Cullowhee, and active in the work of the church.

He has plenty of trouble with them when he wants to get something done in Congress.

General Assembly Goes Into Session With Budget Balancing Chief Problem

TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)

Weather . . . just the same

One of the commonest remarks when we have had two or three mild winters in succession is that "We don't have the old-fashioned winters with lots of snow and the ponds frozen for skating from Thanksgiving to Easter, like we used to."

Then along comes a "real old-fashioned winter" such as the present one promises to be, to confute the grumblers.

The fault is with human memory. Weather Bureau records prove that there has been no perceptible change in the average annual temperature or snow fall in the United States in the 52 years since records began to be kept. There have been as many "hard" winters as mild ones. But as human beings get older they remember vividly the unusual happenings of their childhood and think of them as the regular occurrences.

I have forgotten all about the heavy snowfall in New England on Thanksgiving Day, 1876, but I vividly remember that on New Year's Day, 1877, a few weeks later, the snow had melted and the road had thawed and it took our old mare "Jessie" all day to draw a side-bar buggy ten miles to town, through hub-deep mud, under a sweltering sun.

Fifty years from now the children of today will be complaining that the winters aren't what they used to be; but it will be their memories, not the weather, that has changed.

Relief . . . from cares

I had a half-hour alone with President Hoover in the White House the other day. It is against the rules to quote what the President says in such conversations, but I violate no confidence in reporting that he looks, acts and talks like a boy approaching his school vacation. He is looking forward with eagerness to being relieved from the most onerous job in the world.

In this respect he is much like other men who have been President. Some may not have been so frank about it, but no man ever laid down the reins of that office without being glad he was well rid of the job and wondering why he ever thought he wanted it, in the first place.

Mr. Hoover, I am privileged to report, will not do any of the things which his friends have suggested for him to do when he leaves the White House. To use his own word, he proposes to "hibernate" for a year, where nobody whom he does not want to see can find him, and where he can do exactly what he pleases. After that, nobody knows, least of all Herbert Hoover.

I venture the guess that a book will come out of that "hibernation," since French Strother, the President's literary secretary, expects to accompany his chief into the solitude.

Discipline . . . honest dealings

All Italy is regimented. Every business, industry and occupation is organized. The Italian Parliament is composed of members elected by 40 trade, industrial or agricultural groups; they do not represent districts, they represent occupations. These occupational guilds or syndicates have absolute freedom to combine in any enterprise that is for the public welfare. So has every individual the right to make as much money as he can, provided he does it honestly. But there is plenty of governmental supervision to see that the public interest is served.

A number of persons who were not satisfied to do business honestly, but persisted in dishonest methods, were summarily removed by the Fascist organization.

Musolini's government is extremely practical in its methods.

PAPER MILL RESUMES WORK

The plant of the Sylva Paperboard Company resumed operations Saturday night after having been closed down for a week for the Christmas holidays.

BOX SUPPER AT GREENS CREEK

Announcement has been made that there will be a box supper at View Point school house at Green's Creek, Saturday night, January 7.

(By Dan Tompkins)

Raleigh, January 4.—Along with all the rest of America and Americans, the chief problem that is forcing itself upon the General Assembly of North Carolina as it meets today is the matter of money. Money, with apparently less of it than in many years, looms bigger and bigger in the eyes of people and governments.

There is a deficit estimated at about 12 million dollars facing the State. The new Governor and a majority of the members of the General Assembly are pledged to remove the 15 cent property tax for the six months schools. Plans are flying thick and fast for the revamping of the State government with a view to economy and cutting the cost of government. Cut in State salaries and wages, which have, in many instances been reduced far below appropriations of the last General Assembly, seems inevitable.

The State Tax Commission has pointed out a way to remove the 15 cent tax, and at the same time meet the deficit, in a report made last week; but there are almost as many solutions of the problem as there are men in Raleigh, and almost every one has his own pet scheme. In the report believed to reflect, in the main, views of Governor Ehringhaus, the State Tax Commission frowned on sales taxes, recommended that no new taxes be imposed by the 1933 General Assembly, that repeal of the 15-cent ad valorem tax for school purposes, now yielding \$3,850,000, be compensated for by increases averaging 20 per cent. in present taxes, and that the \$6,000,000 annually for balancing the budget be produced by the following three devices:

1. A further reduction in every item except debt service of about 15 per cent, including a graduated salary cut, so as to reduce the general fund expenditure level of this year, which reflects a 30 per cent cut in appropriations for departments and institutions.

2. A temporary diversion of \$2,000,000 a year from the highway funds to the general fund of the State.

3. Refunding of the general fund bond and note maturities for the next two years. For the past two years this item has been approximately \$1,000,000. It continues at that figure next year and is approximately \$2,000,000 the following year.

The findings of the Tax Commission were prepared in closer co-operation with the Governor-elect and the Budget Commission than is usually the case. Contrary to what has been the usual practice, Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell, chairman of the Tax Commission, and Dr. Fred W. Morrison, its secretary, sat in on all of the deliberations of the Budget Commission instead of merely appearing to express their views.

There appears to be a general disposition on the part of most of the members of the General Assembly to yield the axe rather heavily in effecting reductions in State expenditures, and to attempt to shift as much of the tax burden as is possible onto the shoulders of those most able to bear it.

The Democrats in the House met Tuesday evening at eight o'clock and selected R. L. Harris of Person county as Speaker of the House. Thus began the organization of what will probably prove to be the most important session of the General Assembly since the days of the Reconstruction.

A. H. (Sandy) Graham, the new Lieutenant Governor will begin wielding the gavel in the Senate at the other end of the capitol, after the inauguration tomorrow.

Inauguration Of Governor Takes Place At Noon Today

(By Dan Tompkins)

Raleigh, Jan. 5.—Governor O. Max Gardner will return to his law practice, his farming, and his other interests at Shelby, in Cleveland, and North Carolina will have a new governor at noon today, when the oath of office will be administered to John Christopher Blucher Ehringhaus, the first governor that the Albemarle has furnished the State since James Irrell served a one year term in 1828.

Mr. Ehringhaus, who will be North Carolina's fifty-fourth governor, was elected by the largest popular majority ever accorded to a candidate for the Chief Magistracy of the State for any other office in North Carolina.

In the primary, Mr. Ehringhaus, while he won the nomination, did not fare as well as he did in the general election, and it was the majorities that were piled up for him in the Southwestern counties, of which Jackson is one, that accorded him the

nomination and paved the way for his smashing victory in the General election. Mr. Ehringhaus knows this, and the counties of the Southwest should be in a position to ask any reasonable thing of the new Governor, and have a willing ear attend their requests. In other words the county of Jackson and its sisters surrounding should be "sitting pretty" with the new administration.

Mr. Ehringhaus is taking over the reins of the executive branch of the State government at a time when conditions make his task a most trying one; but he has the good wishes and the support of all North Carolina and co-operation with the people should make his a great administration.

The ceremonies of the inauguration are simple and inexpensive, in keeping with the Spirit of the Times and the thought of the people.

All North Carolina joins with the Albemarle folk in hailing our new Governor and wishing him well.