

# The Jackson County Journal

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in Advance Outside The County.

## Sylva High Commencement Will Be April 28 and May 1

Announcement has been made by W. C. Reed, principal of Sylva High School, that Miss Dorothy Baker will receive the honor of valedictorian of the senior class this year and Miss Kathryn McLain, salutatorian. They will have the principal parts in the graduation exercises on Monday night, May 1.

Miss Baker is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Baker of Sylva, and Miss McLain is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McLain, also of Sylva. Miss Baker and Miss McLain have a close race for valedictorian, there being only two points difference in the grades.

The commencement sermon will be preached Sunday April 30, by the Rev. Eldon L. B. Hayes, of Waynesville. The H. T. Henter of Cherokee has been asked to deliver the address at the graduating exercises which are on Monday night, May 1. Class Day exercises will also be on Monday.

The commencement play, "Betty the Girl of My Heart," will be given on Friday night, April 28. Mrs. Chester Scott is directing the play.

Clara Bryson, has been selected as chairman in the class day exercises, others who will participate in the program are Maurice Guthrie, historian and Miss Dot Higdon, proprietor.

Those who are to graduate this year are: Miss Kathryn Abernathy, Miss Dorothy Baker, Miss Hazel Coward, Mrs. Robey Fisher, Miss Margaret W. Miss Zola Hensley, Miss Eugenia Wason, Miss Alice Heywood, Miss Louise Wagoner, Miss Hazel Leathers, Miss Kathryn McLain, Miss Lora Nell, Miss Lillian Sutton, Miss Leah, Miss Mabel, Miss Wilson, Miss Dot, Miss Hon, Miss Naomi, Miss Sally, Miss Ann, Miss Clara, Miss Brown, Miss Marie, Miss Payne, Miss Bryson, Miss Bay, Miss Dora, Miss Lovin, Miss Mary, Miss Clara, Miss James, Miss Lee, Miss Thelma, Miss Watson, Miss Gable, and Miss Phillips.

Mrs. Gable, who was sponsor for the dance class last year, is again sponsor.

### ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION WILL SPONSOR SHOW

The Athletic Association of the High School will sponsor a picture show at the theatre, on next Tuesday night, April 11. A percent of the proceeds is going to the association. The picture to be shown is "The Godfather."

### BALSAM NEWS

W. W. Linsley spent last week with his relatives in Asheville. He heard Gene Austin and the vocal stars while there.

Mrs. George Knight and her family, Mrs. Farwell, Mrs. Lily, Miss Nannie Knight and Mr. D. A. Knight went to Maggie's on Monday to see Miss Louise.

Mrs. and Mrs. Grady Queen of Canton were here Monday evening.

Mr. A. B. Burton, wife and baby, who were here Friday visiting, members of his congregation of the Methodist Church.

The school closed Monday evening with the most enjoyable program. All classes were well rendered and showed careful training, but the basketball wedding was the feature of the evening. Last but not least were the conducting exercises of the school grade pupils who will attend the Sylva High School next term. Members of the class are as follows: Miss Helen Queen who delivered the commencement address; Miss Harriett Long who sang; Charles Peck read the prayer; Miss Catherine, Miss Dixie Warren, Virginia, Helen Potts, Mervin Smith and William Key Kenny.

Our teachers S. Jerome Phillips, Clara Bryson and Mrs. Whitt have received much credit for the work accomplished in the past year of school. The seating capacity was greatly over-taxed—another indication that Balsam needs a larger school building.

The school children received the third inoculation Tuesday from Dr. Wilkes of Sylva, for Diphtheria and Typhoid Fever. Our citizens here say there has never been a case of Typhoid contracted in Balsam.

### Easter Bunnies Right On Time



Easter bunnies will be right on time this year, as always. These two maidens were slightly in doubt so they went out and around and did they find bunnies, well yes! So now Sara Belle and Evelyn Tiffany, maidens fair of footlight fame, want all good little boys and girls to know that they have the evidence and that Easter bunnies and all their friends will be right on the job on Easter morning.

## PRESIDENT CUTS OPERATING COST

Washington, April 12—President Roosevelt after more than a month in office, is still riding the top wave of popularity and authority. He is growing in the esteem of many who undervalued him before he took office, and certainly is proving himself the best politician who has occupied the White House in many years.

There is no politics, however, in the plan for refinancing farm mortgages which Congress doubles will adopt. Under this plan the Farm Board will take over farm mortgages, extending the time for their payment and establishing the interest rate at 4-1-2 percent.

Under the blanket authority that is granted him by congress to reduce the Governmental expenditures, Mr. Roosevelt's director of the budget, Lewis E. Douglas, has worked out a system which will cut an estimated one hundred million a year off the Federal expenses. It will still cost some four thousand millions a year to operate the Federal machine, and just how this money is to be raised is not yet completely clear. There will have to be some new revenue legislation, but that is still in the future.

Besides cutting about \$400,000,000 a year off veteran relief, Mr. Douglas's economy program calls for a fifteen percent reduction in all Federal salaries. This will affect pretty close to a million people on Uncle Sam's payroll, for it includes the Army and Navy as well as civil employees.

**Protection for Investors**  
There is every reason to expect that the Administration's plan for Federal control of all new issues of stocks and bonds and perhaps also over the sales of old issues, will be adopted substantially as the President has requested it. This is calculated to do away with many of the frauds which were perpetrated upon gullible public during the recent boom. It is also a part of the program for the protection of the investor for the Government to exercise a high degree of control over all exchanges in which securities and commodities are traded in.

The Senate Finance Committee's investigation of the banking situation has been extended to private banking institutions, and the great name of J. P. Morgan and Company is to be one of the first called upon to tell how private investment banking houses work.

The general banking policy of the Administration is beginning to take shape. It looks as if it would work out into a single banking system under which every bank would be required to be a member of the Federal Reserve System, and perhaps to have a Federal charter. It would be legal to force State banks to become National banks by imposing a prohibitive tax on their checks, for example, or by refusing to let them participate in any plan for the insurance or guarantee of deposits.

**For the Unemployed**  
The President's plan for putting an army of unemployed men to work on national forests has been approved by Congress, and there is little doubt that he will get, perhaps before this is printed, the authority he seeks to lend five millions to the states for direct unemployment relief. Every possible effort to put men back to work is being made, and intensive study is being given to numerous "self-liquidating" projects of public work, which might be financed by Government loans to be repaid out of earnings. For example, the new bridge across the Golden Gate at San Francisco and the Grand Island bridges in the Niagara River between Buffalo and Niagara Falls are being financed by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, but they will eventually earn enough to repay the loans.

The same policy may be adopted for power projects and other enterprises which are sure to earn enough to pay back the loan.

Where the money is coming from to lend, enough of it to make this policy of stimulating business and

### REPORTS OF FIVE-TEN YEAR PLAN HEARD HERE

Reports from the seven counties comprising the western district were heard at a meeting held at the New Jackson Hotel, last night, in the Five-Ten Year Farm program, sponsored by the Asheville Citizen-Times and directed by Bruce Webb. The counties of Cherokee, Graham, Swain, Macon, Clay, Haywood and Jackson were all represented and talks were made by County Farm Agents, Home Demonstration Agents, relief workers and others interested in the development of the farming interests in the counties.

The next meeting, which will be held in May, will be at the John M. Campbell Folk School, at Brasstown.

### WILL HOLD SUNRISE SERVICE

The Epworth League and the B. Y. P. U. of the local Methodist and Baptist churches, will hold a sunrise service, Sunday morning, at the Kerner Cemetery.

putting men back to work big enough to make a dent in the unemployment situation, is another question. There is talk about a huge bond issue, perhaps running the national debt up from its present twenty-one billion and million dollars to thirty billion.

**Not in the Budget**  
Such an issue would not necessarily interfere with "balancing the budget" since the interest charges on such a bond issue would be comparatively small, and one change which is important in our Governmental system is in its book-keeping, in which monies raised by loans will be kept separate from those raised by taxation. Current expenses and interest on loans are expected to be paid out of taxes; there is no suggestion now of paying off the principal of any of the existing loans or of projected new ones.

In this matter of public works, the expectation is that contractors and suppliers of materials will be required to adopt the thirty-hour week for labor, six hours a day, five days a week. And on its own initiative the Senate has under consideration a bill which would compel all private industry engaged in inter-state commerce to adopt a thirty-hour week, under penalty of having its products barred from trade across state lines.

**That Roosevelt Humor**  
The personal life of the Roosevelts in the White House is the subject of innumerable anecdotes illustrating the simplicity and home-likeness of the Executive Mansion's new occupants. They keep practically open house for their friends and casual acquaintances, just as they did at their home in Hyde Park. And the verdict of Washington is that they are not exhibiting any of the signs of "swell-head" which have sometimes afflicted Presidential families.

One lady who was invited in an off hand way by Mrs. Roosevelt to come to dinner said at the table:

"I never expected to dine in the White House."

"You've got nothing on me," replied President Roosevelt.

## TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)

**NATIONALISM** is a kick-back. A lot of the world's present troubles are due to an excess of Nationalistic pride. Every nation is trying to be self-contained, and then it is grumbling because other nations won't trade with it!

Every dollar we spend for foreign goods helps some other nation to buy our goods. I believe in America first, but I do not believe in the stupid doctrine which would prohibit me from buying something I wanted because it was made abroad.

Nearly a hundred years ago there was an agitation in this country similar to the "Buy American" movement of today. The party which advocated non-intercourse with foreign countries got the nickname of "Know-Nothings." Presently we will wake up again to the truth that every obstacle to international trade hurts everybody concerned.

### JEW in Germany

Jewish people all over the world are greatly disturbed over the policy of the new "Nazi" government of Germany, under the practical dictatorship of Chancellor Hitler, in boycotting Jewish merchants, doctors, teachers and others.

I talked the other day with an intelligent young German Jew who had been getting letters from home about the situation in Germany. He was not at all worried. His people had written him that they were not being annoyed and that the whole anti-Jewish agitation was directed at a Communist element, mainly composed of Jews.

Another German, a non-Jew, said to me, "Here in America the Jews work like other people. In Germany a lot of them don't do anything but try to make trouble for the Government."

But, of course, the German government has handled the situation stupidly, as it always handles any situation. More than a hundred years ago the French historian, Guizot, wrote: "There is something in the German temperament which makes them utterly unable to understand the point of view of other peoples."

### MACHINES can't think

When these hard times are over—and that won't be long now—we shall not go backward but forward. And one thing we may look for is more and more perfection of machines to do our work for us.

When I was a boy I used to admire the muscular development of the men who worked in my uncle's machine shop. Not long ago I visited the same plant, now tremendously changed, and found one of those old-timers still working.

He was sitting in a rocking-chair watching an automatic machine do almost exactly the same sort of work he used to do by hand, only many times as rapidly and accurately. Every once in a while he would take a finished piece off the machine and put a new block of metal in its place.

"They say the machines will throw everybody out of work," he said, "but I notice that it still takes a

## Legislature Reduces Taxes; Eight Months School Assured

### JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET FRIDAY

The annual Junior-Senior Banquet at Sylva High School will be held Friday night at 8 o'clock, with the Rev. Tom Wolfe, Methodist minister delivering the principal address of the evening.

The welcome address will be given by Macomb Brown, president of the Junior class. And the response will be given by Deuman Lovin, president of the Senior class. Following this will be a toast to the Seniors, by Clifford Cagle, with a response by Midge Wilson. Other toasts will include a toast to the faculty by Mary McLain with a response by Coach Jack Messer and a toast to the grademothers which will be responded to by Mrs. Fred McLain.

Other talks of the evening will be made by the Rev. J. G. Murray and W. C. Reed principal of Sylva High.

### P. T. A. ELECT OFFICERS

The Parent-Teachers Association, meeting on Monday afternoon, elected officers for the next year. They are Mrs. W. C. Reed, president, Mrs. Henry Monteith, vice president, Mrs. Henry G. Bird, treasurer and Mrs. Dan Tompkins, secretary.

Features of the program for the evening were addresses by Miss Corolla Camp, of the faculty of Western Carolina Teachers College, and Mr. C. F. Carroll, county superintendent of schools in Swain county, and a fashion revue, presented by Miss Louise Henson and her class in Home Economics. Prizes were awarded Miss Maud Battle, Miss Kathryn McLain and Miss Kate Bradley, for excellence in workmanship, in making the dresses worn at the revue.

Mrs. Sadie J. Long is spending some time in Hendersonville, with her daughter, Mrs. Harry E. Buchanan.

human brain to tell the machine when to stop and start." That is something people overlook. Nobody has yet made a machine that can think, and nobody ever will.

### TELEPHONE another step

Everybody who has a telephone must have wished for some sort of an attachment which would answer automatically when the subscriber is away.

Word comes from Vienna that just such a device has been invented and is in use there. When one is going to be out of telephone reach he sets the implement to the hour when he expects to be back. Then, if he calls come through in his absence the caller hears a gong ring to indicate the hour when the person called will return. When he returns he finds a record of all calls.

It will be easy to develop the idea into a photograph record which would say "Mr. Smith has gone to Florida but he will be back on the fifteenth," or whatever other message it is desired to convey.

Something of that sort will come some day.

### TYPEWRITER has birthday

I have a vivid memory of the day when my mother received a letter from her younger brother in Buffalo, with the words printed instead of written with a pen. He said "This letter is written on a new kind of machine we have got in the office, called a typewriter."

That was almost sixty years ago; about 1876, I should say. The typewriter was only three or four years old then, for the sixtieth anniversary of its invention by Christopher Sholes has just been celebrated.

There was quite a celebration organized by the Young Women's Christian Association. The typewriter, they held, had emancipated women by making it possible for them to do work in offices. I don't think that is sound reasoning. Hardly anybody but men used typewriters for at least twenty years after the machine was invented.

The rush of women into business began in the early 1890's, after the telephone people had broken down the barriers that kept women out of offices.

Raleigh, April 11—The eight months school, State wide and State supported is a reality. The Senate this morning adopted the conference report on the appropriations bill, which was adopted by the House last week, and which carries the provision for the eight months schools. It abolishes the local and county taxes for schools. The 15c ad valorem tax on land for schools had already been removed, and leaves the schools with no support from taxes on land or personal property. This will result in an average tax reduction on land and personal property of 35c on the \$100 worth of property throughout North Carolina. The average tax reduction in Jackson will probably be 30c or 35c.

The costs of government have been reduced radically in the appropriations bill, and in addition there is a clause which provides that when revenue is sufficient to meet the appropriations the budget commission, headed by the Governor shall reduce these appropriations proportionately. In other words the State cannot spend any more money than is raised, and there will be no more deficit in the State Treasury.

The following editorial from the Raleigh News and Observer of Saturday tells the story of the reduction that has been effected in the costs of government:

"Those who have been demanding economy in North Carolina have every reason to regard with complete satisfaction the figures in the appropriations bill as agreed upon by the House and Senate conferees. Yet it is doubtful if there is a general understanding of the tremendous extent to which the appropriations of the State have been cut by this General Assembly.

The 1931 General Assembly made total appropriations for the biennium, 1931-33, of \$106,946,773. The present General Assembly is making appropriations for the biennium, 1933-35, totaling \$83,159,218, or a reduction of 22 per cent, in spite of the fact that in the new biennium provision is made for a State-supported eight months school term instead of the six months term provided for in 1931.

In reality the reduction in appropriations for all expenditures of governmental operation was greater than this. Minus the debt service the 1931 General Assembly appropriated \$83,109,506 for the biennium, while the present session is appropriating only \$56,530,595. Thus governmental operating cost in North Carolina have been reduced 32 percent.

In addition, the legislature is removing the State ad valorem tax of 15 cents and if no supplement by school district taxes are permitted there will be an average saving of 35 cents on each \$100 of present valuations, or about \$10,500,000. The eight months school term, provided by this Legislature, will be operated for \$16,600,000 as compared with \$17,000,000 a year for the six months term during the past biennium.

The most ardent advocates of economy should be satisfied with a reduction of a third in the appropriations for operating costs in government in a single biennium."

With those reductions effected, of 32 per cent in the operating cost of the State government, and with the land taxes reduced an average of 35c in the State, the Finance Committee has reported on a Revenue Bill, and the House is in the throes of considering it. Much of the taxes saved by the corporations in the reduction of property taxes, has been recaptured by raising franchise taxes on them. Yet there are the members of the Finance Committee, and the heads of the State revenue department insisting that a sales tax must be imposed if the money is to be raised with which to carry on during the next biennium.

And there is where the fight centers. The Revenue bill as reported to the House contemplates a gross general sales tax of 3c. There are at least four different blocs in the House. One stands for the 3c general sales tax as reported. Another is favorable to a selected commodity tax, or a so-called luxury tax. A third favors raising the general sales tax from 3c to 4c, and returning one cent of it to the counties, on a basis of

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