

# The Jackson County Journal

\$1.50 YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

SYLVA, NORTH CAROLINA THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 1934

\$2.00 YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

## Present Congress Session To Be Two More Months

Washington, April 4—The present outlook is that Congress will be in session for two months longer, adjourning about the first of June. Major legislation that seems to be scheduled for passage includes a modified bill for the regulation of stock and commodity exchanges, a silver bill designed to put more money into circulation, a measure to enable Federal Reserve Banks to lend on long time for capital requirements of industry, and some new laws governing aviation, probably one putting all military flying under one command, and another providing a new system of air-mail contracts. There is also a practical certainty of the adoption of the Bankhead bill to enforce reduction of the cotton acreage. Some of the other proposals of the Administration seem doubtful of passage at this time.

The best evidence that President Roosevelt is not worrying about plans to put the skids under him and replace him with a real dictator is that he went on a week's fishing trip while the topic was a red-hot subject of discussion. William Wirt, the superintendent of schools of Gary, Indiana, wrote a letter to James Rand, Jr., big industrialist and head of the Committee for the Nation, and Rand read it before a committee of Congress. Professor Wirt—who is not given to loose talk—wrote to his friend Rand that several of the young men in the "brain trust" had told him that their effort was to so influence affairs in Washington that there could be no real recovery. This would bring about such a condition of revolt they thought, that the people would rise and follow a new communist leader and establish a Russian system in America. The President, they told Mr. Wirt, was in the middle of a powerful current and could not get to either shore. He was merely Karolyi of the revolution; the real Lenin would appear later.

The letter created a sensation, even though many people did not take the threat seriously. The outstanding novelty about the labor situation in the automobile and other industries, is not that there should be disagreement about the law regarding collective bargaining, but that the Federation of Labor should have accepted the old I. W. W. idea of "vertical" unions, taking in every body employed in a given industry, instead of the old "craft" unions on which the Federation has been based. The "one big union" idea is what the "Wobblies" were fighting for, before the war, while the Federation insisted that there should be as many unions as there were trades; if a shop employed blacksmiths, plumbers, carpenters, steamfitters, and bricklayers, then there should be a separate union for each trade. Now they are trying to organize all automobile workers in a single union, and so on. Some observers see the seeds of Communism in that, since that is the way the Russian workers were organized for their revolution.

Evidence increases of dissatisfaction among farmers with the results of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration thus far. There are signs of open revolt among some of the cooperatives set up under the Act, notably in the milk industry. The feeling that something more needs to be done to get money into circulation rapidly is spreading into the ranks of business and industry, who are chafing under restrictions imposed in the N. R. A. The demand that they pay higher wages, work their help shorter hours and charge more for their goods, when not accompanied by any increase in the spending power of the public or any means of getting the additional capital necessary to carry on while recovery proceeds, is getting under the skin of many business men, both large and small. These men are making themselves heard, now that they have discovered that it is not high treason to criticize. One result of that is the plan of providing capital funds out of credits that are under Federal control. The outlook now is that these will not be direct Government loans to industry, but loans by the Federal Reserve Banks which will be authorized to invest their surpluses in long-term paper passed on to them by local member banks. And another result is the renewal of interest in projects for further currency inflation.

The latest of these is now taking

## 40 YEARS AGO

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Mr. W. A. Dills was here yesterday

There was a brilliant display of Aurora Borealis Friday night.

Miss Inez Erwin, of Asheville, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. L. H. Rhea.

Miss Annie Leatherwood, of Webster, was visiting her sister here, Friday.

Mr. Pierce Allen, who has been in Florida for a year or more, reached home today, to spend the summer.

Mr. W. L. Dewitt has returned from a visit to his old home in Tennessee, where he went to recuperate from a serious attack of pneumonia, and was here Tuesday.

Mr. Guy B. Hoffman was the hero of a serious adventure during the present week, in having been run away by Dr. Wolff's fine and spirited horse "Topsy", when he was riding. The horse was frightened by a piece of paper in the road, and dashing off with his rider, got entirely beyond control, by the breaking of a stirrup leather. He was nearly a mile from town when he started to run, and in spite of his headstrong speed and the numerous crooks and turns in the road, Guy stuck to him till he brought up in the stable.

## GAY

Rev. V. R. Masters preached a very interesting sermon Sunday morning at Wesleyanna Methodist church.

Miss Edith Cabe and Mr. Homer Jones motored to Clayton, Ga., Saturday, March 31, and were married. Mrs. Jones is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cabe. Mr. Jones is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Jones. For the present they will reside at the home of the parents of the groom.

Mrs. Francis Cabe gave her Sunday school class a party, Saturday evening at her home.

Miss Mary Belle Buchanan, of Enka, spent the week end here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Buchanan.

Rosecoe Higdon, Jr., is confined to his room with measles.

Mr. Oat Allison of Green's Creek spent Sunday with his daughter and her family, Mrs. W. P. Turpin.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Collins have moved to the home formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Whitmore.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jones visited Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Buchanan on Green's Creek over the week end.

Mrs. Ethel Lee Morgan of Enka spent last week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Buchanan.

Mrs. Roxie Higdon is very sick, at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allison announce the arrival of a son, March 29.

Miss Bertie Higdon has arrived home after spending several days at Glenville, visiting her brother, Mr. Carl Higdon.

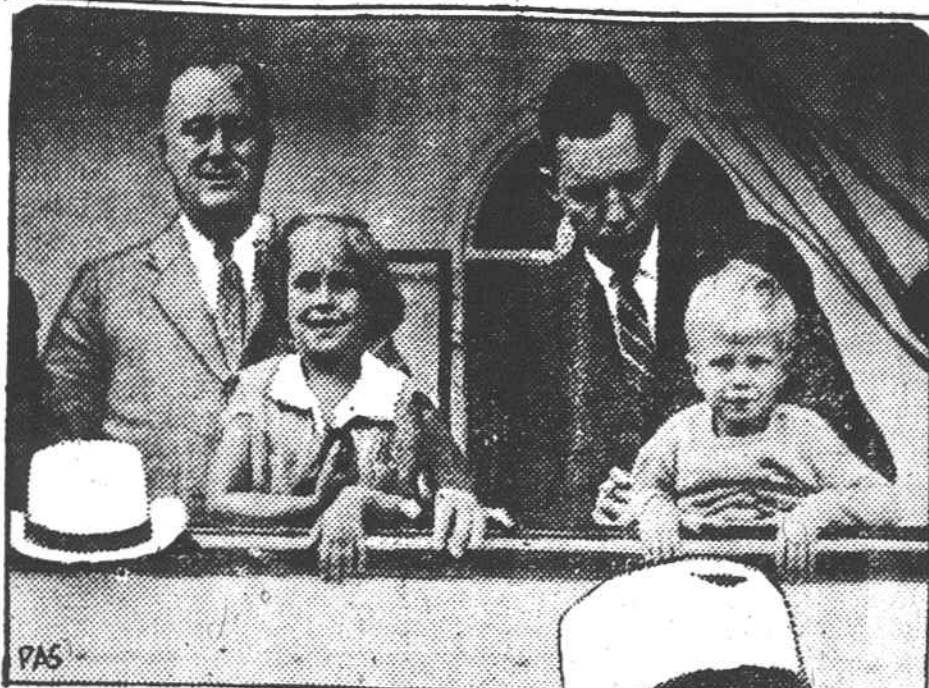
Miss Lela Deitz and Mr. Odell Mason of Webster motored to Clayton, Ga., last Saturday. Mr. Mason is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Deitz, and Mr. Mason is the oldest son of Mr. Walter Mason of Webster.

Mr. J. I. Cope has been operating a mica mine on his property, and is proving very successful.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt Bryson spent Sunday evening with Mrs. Bryson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Turpin.

form in the effort to frame up a silver currency bill which will at once restore silver to its old monetary position, increase its price and put a great quantity of new silver certificates in circulation. Under the guidance of Senator Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma, such a bill is being shaped, with the cooperation of the silver bloc and the farm bloc. Senator Thomas has, before this, proved himself about the ablest manipulator of votes in the Senate. He is a thorough practical person, and is not interested in bills that can't be passed. Therefore there is reason to suppose that when the new silver bill comes out of committee it will have the votes behind it, in advance.

## President on Vacation Off Florida Coast



JACKSONVILLE . . . Again at the rail aboard Vincent Astor's steam yacht "Nourmahal", President Roosevelt waved a happy goodbye as he set sail on a hard-earned 10-day vacation trip. He will fish off the Florida coast. Photo shows the President and Vincent Astor, his host, aboard the Nourmahal last September when the President returned to Washington from the summer White House at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. With them then were the President's grandchildren, Sistic and Buzzie Dall. Insert, the typical and happy Roosevelt smile.



## JACKSON FIRM GETS CONTRACT

The Jackson Log and Lumber Co., a Sylva Corporation, composed of I. H. Powell, J. T. Powell, C. W. Denning and others, with timber holdings on the head of Pigeon River, in Haywood county, in addition to the regular operation of its saw mill at Cruso, is operating extensively in the acid wood, pulp wood and bark groups of the forest products industry.

With large contracts to fill, this company is now working more than 100 men in the woods, and is advertising for 100 more.

Mr. I. H. Powell, who was in town the first of the week stated that he has room for at least 100 more men, and several teams on the job at Cruso.

## REPUBLICANS NOMINATE LEAVITT AS CONGRESSMAN

Meeting in Asheville on Monday, the Republican convention of the 11th District, nominated Halsey B. Leavitt, Asheville insurance man for Congress.

E. P. Stillwell was placed on the State Executive committee as the member from Jackson.

At the State convention in Charlotte, yesterday, the young bloods in the minority party won a victory, when W. C. Meekins, of Hendersonville was elected as State chairman, to succeed James S. Duncan, of Greensboro, who withdrew his name.

The convention launched an attack on the sales tax.

## CHURCH SOCIETY WILL MEET

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church will meet next Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 at the home of Mrs. John A. Parris.

Each member is requested to bring something for the pantry of the C. J. Harris Community hospital, since the society is doing special work in aiding the hospital, during this month.

## YOUNG DEMOCRATS HAVE ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING

With enthusiasm marking every reference to Roosevelt and the New Deal, as well as the record of the party in the State, the young Democrats of North Carolina held their Jackson Day dinner in Raleigh, Saturday night, and heard Governor E. Bingham, Senator Bailey, Senator Champ Clark of Missouri, and others uphold the record of the party in State and Nation, and contrast the difference in the conditions prevailing in the country now and when the Democrats took charge in March, of last year.

The young democrats will hold their convention in Asheville.

## HEAR CANTATA

A large and appreciative congregation heard the Easter cantata at the Baptist church, Sunday evening. The choir was directed by Mrs. Grover Wilkes.

## P. T. A. ELECTION WILL BE TUESDAY

The Sylva Parent Teachers Association will elect officers for the ensuing year, when it meets for the April meeting on Tuesday of next week.

The meeting will be held at three o'clock at the school.

A feature will be the fashion show which will be presented by Miss Louise Henson and her domestic science class.

## CLUB SPONSORS COTTON SHOW

"Who will be Miss Cotton Queen" of Sylva?

This will be determined when the Twentieth Century Club's Cotton Style Show is staged at the Lyric Theatre Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of next week. This attraction is being staged in an effort to create a greater interest in the use of cotton for dress, and will present about seventy-five of Sylva's loveliest young ladies, of all ages and sizes, in a series of modeling groups, each displaying the season's latest fashions made entirely of cotton.

Much interest is being taken in this method of boosting the South's leading crop, by merchants, as well as those who will participate in it. One of the features of the attraction each night will be the "Parade of the Cotton Queens" in which thirty adult young ladies will appear as representatives of local merchants. Those who have entered contestants are: Dave Karp's, The Leader, Stovall's Fruit Store, Medford Furniture Company, Schulman's Department Store, Clouse and Warren, Builder's Supply and Lumber Co., Sylva Paperboard Co., Cannon Brothers, Jackson Chevrolet Co., Cogdill Motor Co., Massie Furniture Co., Sylva Furniture Co., Cagle's Cafe, Sylva Supply Co., Moore's Cleaners, Sylva Laundry Hole in the Wall, Good Gulf Gas and Oil, Sylva Pharmacy, Sylva Insurance Agency, Parsons Tanning Co.

All hairdressing will be done by Sanitary Beauty Parlor.

"Miss Cotton Queen" will be selected from this group. The young lady receiving the greatest amount of applause over the three nights will be given a six week's ticket to the Lyric, a permanent wave, compliments of Sanitary Beauty Parlor, and will appear in the next city in which the event is staged, as the Guest Cotton Queen.

Special music numbers will be presented by the music department of Western Carolina Teachers College, under the direction of Mr. Potter.

Other features will include the introduction of "Miss Cotton Queen" of Canton. Miss Sara Cole is the fortunate holder of this title, having been selected when the show was presented there last week.

The cotton style show will be presented in addition to the regular programs at the popular price of admission. Performances will be held at eight o'clock each evening, only.

## Price Of Chestnut Rises One Dollar On The Cord

### TODAY and TOMORROW

INTELLIGENCE . . . at 17 years

The discovery has been announced that the average mental age of the American people is nearer 17 than 12. That is encouraging. It seems that some of the psychologists who were making mental tests of recruits during the war put a decimal point in the wrong place, or something like that, and spread the idea that we were a nation of infants. Now they are trying to correct that mistake.

Without poking too much fun at these psychologists, for there is really a great deal to be said in favor of their work, I am glad that they have found out what I have always believed. That is that most people have reached their full powers of reasoning and learning by the time they are 17 or so.

What this country will be like twenty years from now depends literally, upon what impressions the youngsters who are now between 17 and 25 get from their contacts with their elders in the next two or three years.

BUSINESS . . . at the zoo

At Yale University professors have been testing the intelligence of chimpanzees by teaching them how to transact business. The chimps can get "money" in the form of colored chips by doing certain work. They quickly learn that they can buy certain things with certain colors of chips. Also they learn that other chimpanzees will steal their "money" unless they hide it or lock it up.

Some folks have an idea that anyone who can count money and make change has enough education to get by with. What they are proving at Yale is that it doesn't take much intelligence to do such things. I don't know what else it will prove, except that we are closer akin to the apes than some of us would like to believe. Perhaps this Yale experiment will be put forward by some future brain trust as proof that business men receive too high a premium for the exercise of their talents.

AMBITION . . . college workers

The movies and some of the popular periodicals give a wrong slant on college life. They put the emphasis on sports and on the antics of rich men's sons, until a great many folk get the idea that our universities are luxurious retreats for loafers.

When I was young most college students were poor men's sons who had to "work their way" through college, by doing whatever odd jobs or vacation tasks they could find. And I was interested to read a report from Harvard that the same condition obtains now as fifty years ago. More than two thousand students of that oldest of all American colleges are working their way, by doing all sorts of things. Some work as cooks and nurses in private families, others wash windows, tend gardens, shovel snow, do typewriting, provide entertainment, give music lessons or work in garages.

These young men will not regard their education as something lightly come by. A boy with ambition enough to earn his living while carrying on genuinely hard work of a university course has got the making of a man in him.

LIGHT . . . a new horizon

If ten months from now the 200 inch telescope lens for which the glass was poured the other day, turns out to be flawless and uncracked—they can't tell until it cools off—then astronomers will be able to perceive stars so distant that the light from them has been more than a billion years reaching the earth, traveling at the rate of 186,000 miles a second.

The extent of the visible universe will be multiplied by ten, when this new light-gathering instrument is set up and in action.

GOLD . . . from the sea

Forty years ago or so a Yankee minister named Jarnigan formed a company to extract gold from sea water. He sold stock in his company and got into a lot of trouble. But he was telling the exact truth when he said there was enough gold in the Atlantic Ocean to pave North America. His only trouble was that it cost more to get it than the gold was worth.

Now, with gold worth \$35 an ounce

The price of chestnut wood has been raised from \$4.00 a cord to \$5.00 a cord by the Sylva Paperboard Company, effective Monday, April 2, it has been announced.

This twenty-five per cent raise in the price paid farmers for their acid wood is one of the most welcome pieces of news that has come to the people of Jackson and the surrounding counties in four years. It means many thousands of dollars going into the pockets of the farmers for their forest products each year.

The chestnut wood industry is one of the largest sources of cash revenue for the farmers of the mountain counties, and especially Jackson, in which county the paperboard mill is located. Jackson's farmers derive the most of the money they get from sales of wood and cattle. Aside from the big trucking industry that is rapidly developing in the the Hamburg section of the county.

There is not a township in the county that does not harvest and sell chestnut wood every day, and nearly every week in the year.

When, during the Hoover administration, wood dropped to the low level of \$4.00 a cord, it was one of the worst financial blows that this county has sustained.

But, all that is now past, and is water that has run under the bridge. The price jumped at one time, on the first day of this week, a whole twenty-five per cent, a dollar on the cord, from \$4.00 to \$5.00, which is a substantial wage increase for many of our people.

The increase of the price of chestnut wood means more money for the farmers, thus increasing their purchasing power, and creating greater volume of business for the merchant.

It means that many things that many people have had to do without, for the past several years, they will now begin to buy. It means greater prosperity for all the people of this county.

Happy days are here again! Chestnut wood has gone up to \$5.00

## LOCAL LAUNDRY INSTALLS MODERNIZED MACHINERY

The Sylva Laundry people have been very busy this week installing a great deal of new, and the most modern machinery that can be bought, for both the laundry work and the newly established dry-cleaning department.

One machine is a press for the ironing of suits, coats, and dresses, that has a new device that prevents the slickness no matter how many times it is pressed.

## BALSAM

Our school closed Thursday evening the 29th. A most enjoyable program was well rendered, which proved that the children had been carefully trained.

Members of the seventh grade graduating class were: Geneva Bryson, Agnes Queen, Hazel Bryson, Ruby Derriek, Carole Smathers, Grady Duncan, John Blanton, and Glenn Swanger.

Friday, Mr. S. Jerome Phillips and the sixth and seventh grade students hiked to Dark Ridge and had a picnic. Mr. and Mrs. George Knight went to Asheville Thursday to meet Miss Frances Edwards of Tusculum College, Greenville, Tenn., who came to spend the Easter vacation with her aunts, Mrs. W. B. Farwell and Mrs. D. T. Knight.

An interesting Easter program was given by the Methodist Sunday school, Sunday afternoon, and an egg hunt, Monday morning.

The Knights and Miss Frances Edwards went to Dellwood Sunday evening, and were guests at the Methodist parsonage.

Everybody is busy planting their gardens.

instead of about \$20, chemists are giving serious attention to the problem of recovering gold from the sea. At the American Chemical Society meeting the other day a chemist who is extracting bromide from sea-water commercially said that the same process "ionizes" the gold in the water, making it more nearly possible to filter it out.

I learned a long time ago not to regard anything as impossible.