

# The Jackson County Journal

150 YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

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92.00 YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

## Lap Of 106 Paved By S.C. Jackson Wants Action

(By DAN TOMPKINS)

Civilian Conservation Corps men numbering 200 are grading and paving Highway 106 from Wallalla, South Carolina, to Cashier's Valley. Twenty men were ordered to be added this week, to the 180 already at work, and orders have been given to disregard the State line and build the road through to Cashier's Valley.

This construction work on the lower end of Jackson county's most important highway, has been arranged through work of men and organizations in Wallalla and Augusta, Ga. It is understood and the placing of CCC men to do the work, and the order for the surveying to be done by government engineers, have come about through the efforts of Senator Smith of South Carolina. It is understood that the order for disregarding the State line, and constructing the road on into Cashier's Valley was also the result of the good offices of Senator Smith, who has interested himself greatly in the highway.

Last year CCC men began the work down in South Carolina, using stone from the old Stump House tunnel, for surfacing material. Lately a new quarry has been opened about six miles below the North Carolina line, and a large crusher installed, which is being worked two shifts a day.

People in that part of South Carolina and in Augusta have long realized the importance of the road to them and to us. It gives them a direct, and the nearest possible route to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, to Knoxville, and the Valley West. It puts Wallalla, Anderson, Aiken and Augusta within striking distance of the Park, and Augustas, whose city, along with Aiken, composed one of the South's chief winter resort regions, see great possibilities in the proximity that Highway 106 will place that city to the park.

Wallalla, our sister county-seat town in South Carolina, has a great interest in the road, and the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce and citizens of that town in its behalf have been unceasing. They are getting results, as they have not only secured the grading and paving of the South Carolina part; but have also, through the efforts of Senator Smith, obtained the orders for the grading and paving with crushed stone of approximately fifteen miles of North Carolina's part of the highway. The whole project is under the supervision of the Nantahala National Forest, and a great part of it goes through forest lands, forming one of the greatest scenic routes in all Eastern America. In North Carolina, the adjoining lands to the forest, through which the highway is being built, are the O'Connor tract, permission for the construction of the road through which has already been secured, the High Hampton property, the lands of T. A. Dillard and other citizens of Cashier's Valley, and, of course, there will be no difficulty in securing permission to continue the construction, from these gentlemen.

Jackson county asked for this highway to be the first to be built in this county. The county has loaned the State Highway Commission large sums of money, in the expectation that it would be built, and has paid blamed near enough interest on money loaned and given the State to have graded and paved it. (If it wasn't for the money thus turned over to North Carolina, with the hope of getting it built, we would be paying mighty little taxes in this county.) The people have been told repeatedly by a late member of the Highway Commission, that the State of North Carolina would meet South Carolina at the State line. Now South Carolina is getting it constructed many miles this side of the State line, and North Carolina isn't meeting 'em even there. The present Chairman of the Commission told the writer, during the early part of last year, that the first Federal aid money coming to this State would be used in the completion of Highway 106. He was assured by the same gentleman, more than a month ago, that engineers would be placed to complete the survey of 106 to Cashier's Valley within two weeks.

Highway 106, the most important road of any, so far as this county is concerned, would form a trunk line from Charleston and Augusta to and

through the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. It is the only real hope that Jackson county has of obtaining any great amount of the benefits that naturally belong to us from our proximity to the park. It is the only hope of opening up to the world the great Hamburg section, the most important and the fastest-developing trucking region of Western North Carolina. It is the only that the town of Sylva has of regaining its rightful trade from the rich region of Southern Jackson county. It is the highway that splits the county wide open from one end to the other. It must be built if Sylva is to grow and prosper. It must be built if the county is to develop, to grow in wealth, to prosper, and is its right. Its uncompleted condition has costs Sylva and Jackson county people many thousands of dollars. It is one of the most important of the roads leading to the park. It is the only road from Sylva to the trucking and tourist region of the Southern part of our county. It has been placed as one of the major objectives in the development of the park area by the North Carolina committee that planned such development.

South Carolina has done her part. She has secured the grading and surfacing of her end of the road and some 15 miles of North Carolina's.

There is a nigger in the woodpile so far as Jackson's uncompleted part of 106 is concerned. Let's smoke him out. If Jackson county is to get her rights in the matter, which she has long been denied, and over which she has been so frequently disappointed, it is time now to strike, while the memory of what South Carolina has done for us is still fresh on our minds, and those of the people in authority in Raleigh.

The Journal calls upon the people of this county to write, to wire, to telephone, to go, to see Chairman E. B. Jeffress of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, in Raleigh, Commissioner Frank W. Miller, at Waynesville, Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, at Raleigh, and everybody else who might have some influence in the matter, and ask and insist that immediate action be taken. Surely these men in authority will not now fail us.

It has been intimated in high places that the nigger in the woodpile is the proposed Nantahala Power Company power development in Hamburg, above the High Falls, and that construction of this highway is being held up pending eventualities there. If this is not true, the officials of the company should come forward with public denial, and should join in with the citizenship of this county in insisting upon the construction of 106.

It has been intimated that the nigger in the woodpile is selfishness on the part of counties to the east of us, and the exercise of pull on the part of powers that be across the way. If this is untrue they should come forward at this time with public denial and throw their weight in with ours in behalf of 106.

Let us leave no stone unturned. Let us continue our efforts with renewed enthusiasm. Let us not let up in our efforts. Let us not become weary in well doing until our years of wearisome work is crowned with success, and our part of 106 meets South Carolina, fifteen miles in North Carolina territory, in Cashier's Valley.

### BALSAM

Mrs. Hubert Ensky and two children spent last week end in Hendersonville, where they joined the celebration of the birthday of her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Mahaffey. All of the children and grand children were present. A very elaborate dinner was served.

Mrs. O. E. Horton and son, Mr. Oze Horton, motored up from Atlanta, Saturday, and will spend about two days in their summer home here.

Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Christy, Mr. and Mrs. Bryson Beck, and Mrs. Sarah Bryson went out on the Pigeon road in Haywood county Sunday morning, and had a picnic dinner. In the afternoon they visited Mrs. T. M. Rickards and other friends in Canton.

Mrs. Sarah Bryson and Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Queen went, Sunday, to see Mrs. Manley Parris, who is very sick at her home at Addie.

## FCA MAN COMING FOR MEETS HERE

Mr. G. R. Lackey, county farm agent, has made the following statement regarding the coming, next week, of a representative of the Farm Credit Administration:

"There will be a representative of the Farm Credit Administration with me in a meeting at the Court House Wednesday 10 A. M., April 18th and at the Glenville school house Wednesday 2 P. M., April 18th to discuss farm credit."

"Anyone borrowing money from the government or intending to borrow from this source should attend one of these meetings, as they are likely to be of great importance to such farmers."

## 40 YEARS AGO

(Tuckaseige Democrat, Apr. 11, 1894)

Winter fingers. Frost this morning.

Mr. E. L. McKee, of Whittier, was here Sunday.

Messrs. J. J. Davis and J. R. Long are here today.

Mr. C. A. Wallace went over to Asheville, Friday, returning next day.

Mr. D. J. Allen commenced this morning the erection of a new dwelling in town.

Mrs. Laura Belle Cooper, of Whittier, is visiting her father, Mr. A. J. Long, in Webster.

Jackson Superior Court commences April 23 and will continue two weeks. Judge McEyer will preside.

The common council of Sylva has adopted an ordinance subjecting dogs running at large to a license tax of \$1.00 each.

Dr. J. H. Wolff and Messrs. L. J. Zachary, E. A. Wolff, and Guy Hoffman left Tuesday, for Franklin, the chief attraction being a game of base ball.

The voters of Sylva will elect a mayor, five aldermen and a marshal, on the first Monday in May. Registration books are now open, and Mr. J. W. McKee is registrar.

Naval Cadet To Be Appointed: A competitive examination will be held at the court house in Asheville on May 11th, for the purpose of selecting a Naval cadet to Annapolis. The applicants must be between the ages of fifteen and twenty years. Dr. W. D. Hilliard, Chas. A. Webb and R. L. Madison will constitute the board.

Very respectfully, W. T. Crawford. Hon. Kopp Elias having been repeatedly mentioned as a probable candidate for the nomination for Congress from this district, the Franklin Press says it has the assurance of Mr. Elias that he will not be a candidate nor suffer his name to go before the Convention, but will cordially support the nominee.

## TWO SHOT IN CANADA ROW

Lambert Melton and Woodford Melton, brothers, are in C. J. Harris Community hospital, suffering from gun-shot wounds, as a result of an affray in Canada township, early yesterday morning. Lambert Melton has wounds in his shoulder while his brother, Woodford, has a broken leg.

Nath Middleton, who is alleged to have done the shooting, was released on bond. The whole affair is said to have grown out of a dispute over a fence.

## TWO ENTER REGISTER'S RACE

Two candidates have entered the race for the Democratic nomination for Register of Deeds, in the June primary, Miss Margaret Sherrill of Sylva and Frank D. Bryson, of Glenville.

Miss Sherrill is a daughter of Attorney W. R. Sherrill of Sylva.

Mr. Bryson is a son of H. H. Bryson of Hamburg.

The present incumbent, who is a popular officer, has stated that he will not be a candidate for reelection.

## GLENVILLE YOUTH JOINS THE MARINES

Savannah, Ga., April 5—Roy W. Henson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Henson of Glenville was accepted for enlistment in the United States Marine Corps, April 2, at the Savannah office and transferred to the Marine Base, Paris Island, S. C., for a few weeks intensive training, according to announcement made by Lieut. Colonel A. B. Drum, officer in charge.

## HIGH SCHOOL GETS ANOTHER TEACHER

Announcement was made at the meeting of Sylva P. T. A., Tuesday, that the record of attendance at the Sylva High School has been high enough during the present term to entitle the school to an additional teacher next session.

## TODAY and TOMORROW

FAITH . . . makes business

Years ago I heard the classic anecdote of the little girl who, when asked in Sunday school what was meant by faith, replied: "Its believing what you know ain't so." Faith, of course, is belief in what cannot be proved. And it lies at the bottom of all human relations.

All business is done on faith: that is, on the belief that a dollar invested here will somehow, somewhere, come back bringing a few cents with it. That sort of faith is based on so much experience that the probability can be reduced to almost a mathematical certainty.

Just now we are going through a period when almost everything must be based on faith. There is no experience to fall back on, to calculate the chances of the success of the enormous efforts of the government to stimulate the return of prosperity. Merely speaking, the majority of the people have faith that we are going to come out all right, but owners of dollars are still waiting to see the figures.

I think that complete recovery will come when the actual figures of business being done will give ground for renewed faith, and not before.

SEASERPENTS . . . or liars

The way these seaserpents keep popping up all over the world means either that there are monsters in the sea which science knows nothing about, or the human race has developed a new crop of liars.

It is more than fifty years now since the seaserpent was a current topic of conversation. In my boyhood there was hardly a New England seaport town that didn't have an "old salt" who told seaserpent stories to the children, and incoming ships often reported having sighted one of the monsters. But scientific men ridiculed the notion and sailors got the habit of keeping their mouths shut about them for fear of being laughed at.

The latest seaserpent story is that a couple of them who have been seen frequently in Vancouver Sound have returned to their old haunts.

POWER . . . and cost

I saw some figures the other day which confirmed what I had long understood; that is, that the time has come when it is cheaper to produce electric power from coal or oil fuel than by water-power. We are hearing a great deal these days of developing water-powers at public expense. I have never been very keen about Government going into any sort of business. I have never known any Governmental unit to do anything economically or efficiently. But if the Government must go into the power business, it ought to use the same sort of commonsense a business concern would use.

First the business concern would find out how many present and probable users of power there were in the territory that could be served economically by the proposed plant. Then it would find out whether they were already being well served by existing plants.

If and when the government does go into the distribution and sale of electric power it is my bet that it will cost the users more than any private company would be willing to sell it to them for.

RECOVERY . . . and burnt fingers

I may have too high an opinion of the intelligence of the human race but it is my belief that it will be a long time before we get into another such era of free spending as we went through from 1922 to 1929.

Those of us who laid up nothing but debts are certainly going to be more thrifty for a long time to come, even if our incomes are restored what they were.

The wasteful ones will be the youngsters who will be holding jobs five years from now. Having money to spend will be a new experience to them. If I were a business man I

## Harriman New Strong Man Of Present Administration

P. T. A. REELECTS OFFICERS

The Sylva Parent-Teachers Association, at its annual meeting, Tuesday afternoon, reelected all its present officers to serve next year. Mrs. W. C. Reed is president, Mrs. Hugh E. Monteith vice president, Mrs. Cyrus H. Nicholson, treasurer, and Mrs. Dan Tompkins, secretary.

Committees for next year were appointed as follows:

Social: Mrs. J. H. Wilson, Mrs. J. F. Freeze, Miss Sue Allison, Mrs. J. L. Dillard.

Program: Mr. J. D. Cowan, Miss Edith Buchanan, Miss Mayme Long. Ways and Means: Mrs. D. M. Hall, Mrs. J. R. Long, Miss Llewellyn Rhodes.

Welfare: Mrs. T. E. Reed, Mrs. Frank B. Jones, Dr. W. P. McGuire, Mrs. F. N. McLain, Miss Myrtle Henson.

Membership: Mrs. Walter Jones, Mr. Guy Sutton, Miss Rose Garrett.

Mrs. E. L. McKee was designated as director of study.

A committee on canning for the use of the cafeteria in feeding undernourished children was appointed with the following membership: Mrs. F. N. McLain, Mrs. J. D. Cowan, Mrs. H. L. Evans, Mrs. Frank B. Jones, Mrs. Dillard Coward, and Mrs. A. O. Allison.

The summer roundup of children of pre-school ages will be held during the last three weeks of the present term. Mrs. Harry Crowell, Mrs. J. D. Cowan, Mrs. Jeter Snyder, Miss Rose Garrett, Mrs. Walter Jones, Mrs. J. F. Freeze, Mrs. Dan Tompkins, composed the committee in charge of this work.

Miss Louise Henson's domestic science class entertained the members of the association with a fashion show of dresses made by them in their class work.

Miss Nell McLaughlin read her prize-winning essay of better speech week and James Cannon exhibited and explained his booklet, which also won first prize.

Winners of first prizes in the elementary school, for better speech week work were announced:

7th grade, Mary Jane Coward, 6th grade, Lucile Reed; 5th grade, Bobby Hall; 5th grade, Virginia Clark; 4th grade, Harry Crowell; 4th grade, Mary Catherine Monteith.

The association gave a rising vote if thanks to Mrs. J. L. Dillard for her services as pianist for the school during the year.

## GALLOWAY OPPOSES CANADA CONSOLIDATION

A. E. Galloway, of Wolf Mountain, was in town the first of last week and appeared before the Board of Education in opposition to the consolidation of the schools in Canada township.

Mr. Galloway states that he is in favor of providing high school education for the children of Canada, if it can be done; but that consolidation, under present conditions would only have the effect of so fixing things that many Canada children would not have an opportunity of even attending school in the lower grades.

would try to produce and sell chiefly merchandise that appeals to people under thirty.

GAITY . . . always available

One of the things the matter with most of us these days is that we are entirely too solemn in our outlook on life. We are taking economic pressure too seriously. In casual conversation overheard on the streets and in trains, I seldom hear the note of gaiety any more. That may not be true everywhere, but it certainly is the case in the regions where I go the oftenest.

It is entirely possible to maintain a gay outlook on life even in the midst of serious money troubles. It all comes down to adjusting one's mind to realities. The outstanding fact that so many people never learn is that happiness is never dependent upon possessions. They grow solemn when they fear deprivation or material things.

The most consistently gay folk I know anything about, as a class, are the Negroes. I have encountered more genuine gaiety in the Black Belt of Mississippi or in Harlem than in Park Avenue or other abodes of wealth.

Washington, April 11—The new "strong man" in the Administration is W. Averell Harriman. He is practically running the NRA now, and is slated to be its head when General Hugh Johnson retires or is moved out of his present post.

People always speak of Averell Harriman as "young" Harriman. He is 43 which is about the average age of the men who run things in Washington. He is the son, however, of the late E. H. Harriman, and old-timers who remember his father the great railroad builder and financier, still think of the present head of the family as a boy. But before he was thirty he had proved himself a man of great administrative ability in his own right. The great shipbuilding plant which he constructed during the war was his first single-handed entry into the world of affairs. Since then he has proved himself a sound and farseeing business man in many directions.

Already, under "young" Harriman's direction, the administration of NRA is shaping itself more to the liking of those who come under its jurisdiction.

Much the same sort of thing can be said for the new management of the AAA under C. C. Davis, successor to George Peek as the manager of the Government's relations with agriculture. Some of the agricultural groups, at least, seem better satisfied though there is still probability of some sharp clashes between AAA and the milk co-ops.

There is an acute realization here, even among the President's strongest supporters, that the Administration's program is not quite as popular with everybody as the earlier absence of criticism led many to believe.

The first real show of opposition to the Roosevelt policies is beginning to make itself felt. The result of this, serious in some quarters will be letting up a little in the pressure to put some of the more radical social reforms into immediate effect. It is also having an effect upon Congressional thinking which will be reflected in Congressional act between now and adjournment.

Congress is far more conservative, left to itself, that the President is. So long as Congressmen got reports from their districts indicating that the people were unanimously behind the President, they felt that they were only doing their duty to their constituents in accepting everything that came from the White House without question.

Now many of them are getting a somewhat different picture from the home districts, and the tendency is to listen to advice from other quarters and make their own decisions as to what to do about such things as amending the securities act so as to make it easier for industry to finance itself, modifying the stock exchange bill so as not to cripple legitimate trade in securities, and scrutinizing such proposals as the compulsory five days six hour a day proposed in the much-heralded Wagner bill.

The outlook is that the stock exchange bill and securities act amendments which is now tentatively talked of as around May 15th. There may also, come out of the legislative mill some new inflationary measure, such as the Dies silver bill, which provides for acceptance of silver at a premium in payment for farm exports.

In short, Congress is in a temper now to resume its prerogatives as a coordinate branch of the Government. It mustered strength enough to reenact the Federal office veterans' compensation bill over the President's veto and the skies didn't fall. It may take the bit in its teeth and bolt, but that is hardly likely if, as is anticipated, the pressure from the White House is relaxed and the general feeling of the folks back home is still one of admiration for the President. And nothing as yet indicates that there is not a pretty large majority of the people who still feel that way.

The ending of the CWA does not mean the end of Federal relief for those in distress. But the new policies to be pursued under the \$550,000,000 available for aid to those in need will not be disbursed haphazard but the effort is to be made, according to Harry L. Hopkins, administrator of the Federal Emergency Relief Admin-

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