

The Jackson County Journal

\$1.00 YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

SYLVA, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 1934

\$2.00 YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

Shoplifting Tourists See The Inside Of Our Jail

W. Gola Harvey and J. W. Stegall, tourists, who have been working the mountains, ostensibly making subscriptions for the Southern Agriculturalist, on a basis of "you pay the postage only", spent last night in jail, in default of bonds, on a charge of shop-lifting.

In addition to the farm paper for the price of the postage, it is said that the two sometimes gave their prospects premiums, a fountain pen, a bill fold, a pair of scissors, or something.

Yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Harvey went into the Jackson Hardware Company's store, and was buying some shoe polish. While a clerk was getting her change, it is said that she picked up a bill-fold, for which she paid to pay, and walked out. Henry O. Curtis, of Sylva, was also in the store, and was watching the transaction, which he immediately reported. Officers went for the woman, and she returned to the store from the automobile in which she, Stegall, and another woman, a Mrs. Baker, were traveling, but as she stepped out of the car, a bill-fold dropped to the pavement. A polite young man, standing by, who knew nothing of what was up, picked up the bill-fold and handed it to Stegall, stating that the lady had dropped a pocket book. Officers later found the missing property in the car. Mrs. Harvey and Stegall were placed under arrest, and were given a hearing before Esquire John H. Morris, who found probable cause and fixed bond for the woman at \$500, and that for Stegall at \$200.

QUALLA

Qualla School opened Monday morning. Several of the parents were present.

Rev. C. W. Clay gave a very instructive talk to the students.

We have the same teachers we had last year.

Mr. G. C. Cooper as principal and Misses Geneva Turpin and Jennie Cathey assistants is sufficient reason to believe we will have a prosperous and beneficial school year.

Misses Jennie Cathey, Annie Lizzie Terrell, Geneva Turpin, Mary Battle, Irene Raby, Mrs. Lois Martin, Mrs. Miller Hall, Mrs. Harriett Jenkins, and Mr. Buren Terrell went to Sylva, Friday to attend the Teachers Meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hughes and Mrs. D. C. Hughes motored to Knoxville, Tenn., Sunday.

Mr. Will Green of Flat Rock and Mr. and Mrs. James McBride and children of Union, S. C., visited their sister and aunt, Mrs. W. C. Martin returning to their homes, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Wike and Misses Lois and Lucile Wike of Cullowhee and Mrs. E. E. Brown of Greenville, N. C., were guests at Mr. J. L. Hyatt's, Sunday.

Mrs. J. C. Johnson spent last week with relatives in Bryson City.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hyatt and son, Robert, visited relatives in Booneford, N. C., last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Moore of Whitler and Mrs. Dixon Hyatt and children were visitors at Mr. John Bledsoe's.

Mrs. C. P. Shelton made a trip to Bryson City.

Mr. J. O. Terrell went to Asheville, Monday.

Mr. Alton Edwards attended the Sutton reunion in Whiteside Cove, Sunday.

Mr. D. L. Osner left Monday for a trip with relatives at Swannanoa.

On July 24th at Mr. Homer Turpin's a large party of young folks enjoyed a sociable with Misses Geneva and Ruth Turpin and Ollie Hall as hostesses.

Mrs. Tom Allen of Almond and Della Howell called at Mr. H. G. Ferguson's, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ferguson and Mr. Hugh Ferguson went to Waynesville, Tuesday.

Mrs. J. G. Hooper and Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Johnson visited Mrs. A. C. Hoak.

Mrs. J. L. Hyatt called on Mrs. Homer Turpin, Tuesday.

Mrs. Mary Kinsland called on Mrs. Katie Cooper.

Miss Hester Owen, Mrs. Winnie Brooks and Miss Annie Terrell visited Mrs. J. H. and Mrs. D. C. Hughes.

Mrs. James D. M. Shner and J. K. Terrell called on Mrs. J. L. Ferguson, Tuesday.

NEWS LETTER

Washington, August 1—This time of year used to be called the "silly season" in Washington, because nothing of importance ever happened in August and the news correspondents had to entertain their readers and earn their own wages by writing trifling gossip about nothing in particular. Times have changed in that respect. Nothing very new and startling is happening, with the President on his vacation and Congress back home mending its political fences, but we have got so used to discussing serious and important things that it seems to have become a habit. Even in the "silly season" we find it hard to be frivolous.

For example, somebody asked the ever-present question: "Who is going to pay off all this new debt the Government is piling up?" at the National Press Club the other day. The usual answer was given, "Our grandchildren, of course." But one inquisitive reporter wasn't satisfied with that answer. How many grandchildren are there going to be, thirty or forty years from now? He wanted to know. So he put in a lot of time studying the records of the Census Office and his conclusions are so startling and in the long outlook, so important, that some Administration officials have begun to take notice of them and wonder whether in some ways there has not been too much banking upon a future that does not seem likely to be realized.

The plain fact seems to be that the population of the United States is rapidly approaching the stationary point. By 1950, and probably sooner than that, there will no longer be an annual increase in the number of people in this country. Before the war we added about 1,800,000 people a year to the population, by birth and immigration. That was the average over a period of years. Assuming that they earned and spent a thousand dollars a year each, which is about the right figure, that made nearly two billion a year for new business for American industry and trade, to say nothing of the demand for a million new houses every year to house this increase.

And from the Government's point of view, that rate of population growth meant a corresponding increase in the number of persons who could be tested, directly or indirectly, thus enabling the nation to increase its governmental expenditures every year and to pile up a growing lead of interest-bearing debt without really bothering anybody much.

But—this is what the census figures show. About 1924 the rate of population increase began to decline sharply. In 1910 the experts estimated that the Census of 1930 would show a population of 150,000,000. Instead, the count was only 126,000,000. And in the past ten years it has dropped so rapidly that the estimates of the Census Bureau—among most reliable Government statistics show a growth of only 800,000 in the past year.

At that rate of decline in the annual growth of population, it will only be 1945, when the deaths will balance births, emigration balance immigration, and, perhaps from that on, there will be an actual decline in the number of inhabitants of the country. It is possible to imagine the Administration of whoever is elected in 1944 demanding of Congress authority to offer prizes for larger families, as is done in France, England and some other European countries.

He reasons for the decline in the growth of population are two-fold. First is the restriction of immigration, which began to take its present drastic form in 1924. Second is the decline in the domestic birth rate. American parents are not reproducing their kind in numbers enough to replace the deaths. The figures here in Washington show that the average woman gives birth to less than one prospective future mother. And that condition is causing considerable concern among the socially-minded members of the Administration—of whom there are plenty. They see their vision of a brave new world of their own creation being shattered by the refusal of American parents to cooperate in providing future taxpayers.

The reason for the decline in the birthrate is figured by some of the smart figurers here as a change in the social value of the child in the home. In a principally agricultural country, such as ours was in its earlier days, every child was an asset. In an industrial nation, however, (Continued on Page Two)

WILL GIVE PLAY FRIDAY

Black-Eyed Susan, Wayne P. Sewell's latest and best musical romance, will be presented at the Graded School auditorium, Friday, August 3, at 8 p. m. Sponsored by the Junior Club of Sylva and for the benefit of the Community Hospital.

The play is said to be a splendid entertainment, elaborately costumed. The cast is as follows:

Black-Eye Susan, Margaret Hall; Phil Langdon, Ralph Sutton; Letty, Willa Mae Dills; Polly, Mrs. P. W. Kincaid; Miranda, Wilma Allison Jones; Prudence, Mrs. J. H. Wilson; Lotta, Mildred Cowan; Abner, A. D. Parker; Roscoe, Bill Russell; Smpson, John Irwin; Prof. Catehbug, Hugh Monteith; Elmer, Pete Kincaid; Unele Ed., Bud Thompson; Mandy, Virginia Cannon Terrell.

COWAN; HILLARD TO PREACH

The pulpit of the Baptist church here will be filled Sunday morning by Rev. S. H. Hillard, retired Methodist minister, of Sylva, and at the night service by Rev. G. N. Cowan, of the Baptist church at Apex. Rev. Mr. Cowan is a native of Jackson county and a former pastor of the church here.

WOLF MOUNTAIN

Miss Edna Woods, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Woods, was married last week, to Goodlow Bowman. The young couple is living here in the community at the home of the bride. The bride has many relatives in this section and throughout the county. The Woods family is one of the old pioneer families in this section of the State.

Mrs. Jane Reece was buried last Sunday afternoon at the Sol's Creek grave yard. Mrs. Reece was not a native of this county but moved into this section many years ago from Haywood county. A large number of friends attended the funeral services.

The people of this section are rejoicing because the rock crusher is really headed this way. It is located and working at Tuckaseegee and is under the supervision of Mr. A. V. Owen, the State patrolman for Highway No. 281. It is hoped by the citizens that the crusher will reach us up here and go on through to Lak-Toxaway.

The meeting at the Baptist church closed last week, and three were baptized. The meeting ran for nearly a month. A new pastor was elected and there will be services twice a month instead of once a month as was the former plan. The newly elected pastor is the Rev. Hobert Broom. He will preach on the first and fourth Sunday mornings.

Mr. Bob Allison, accompanied by his family and Mr. Mac Nicholson, and others, went down to Saluda, S. C., last Saturday, to bring back a load of peaches and to visit the people of Mrs. Allison.

There has been some hope of either getting a high school teacher for this section or asking for a school bus to carry the high school students to Cullowhee. So far there has been no arrangements made to care for the high school students of this section.

The young people are meeting on Wednesday night, and besides the regular program at the Methodist church, a marshmallow roast is being planned after the program at the church. All of the young people of the community are cordially invited to attend and take part in these services.

There is preaching at the Methodist church every Sunday night, and the second and third Sunday mornings. It is hoped that the decoration will not cut down the attendance of the Sunday School. Decorations are memorial services and many are suggesting that the services be held in the churches where it is more comfortable.

This section has had its part of hail and rain. Last Thursday a hard hail storm visited this section and stripped the corn on several of the farms in the community.

Mr. Frank Nicholson was home for the week end. Frank is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Nicholson and is located in Eagle Lake, Fla.

School started last Monday morning with our teacher, Mrs. Byrd Fullbright returning for another year. Plans are now under way for a revival at the Methodist church, but final announcements will be made later.

Jackson County Schools Opened On Last Monday

TODAY and TOMORROW

BANDITS and boys

In my boyhood the most glamorous figure in boyland was Jesse James, the Missouri bandit. His exploits in robbing banks and holding up railway trains were celebrated in song and story and when Bob Ford shot him most American boys felt that a hero of romance was dead. Years later I got to know his brother, Frank James who was a partner in many of his escapades. He said that there had never been a minute of his life that he had not bitterly regretted his youthful sins; and he deplored especially the bad effect the example of himself and his brother had had upon impressionable youth.

I see signs that something of the same sort of wrong-headed but quite understandable hero-worship may preserve the memory of John Dillinger. Boys are still boys. They admire courage and dare-devilry, without moralizing much about the object or the motives of the men they consider "brave". I do not think modern boys are any worse than boys were in my youth, or more easily influenced.

It is human nature to regard the outlaw with admiration. He had the courage to defy authority, and every boy in his secret heart wishes he had the nerve to cut loose from restraints which parental and school discipline impose upon him. That, I think, is the secret of the continuing popularity of the story of Robin Hood, the bandit of Sherwood Forest, who after five hundred years is still a glamorous figure of romance.

DEMAGOGUES in politics

The success of so many irresponsible demagogues in politics is rooted in the same trait of human nature as admiration for the outlaw. Folk who don't or can't think very deeply or reason things out for themselves, admire the man who shouts the loudest defiance to the existing order of things and makes the most glittering promises of what he is going to do for the common people if he is elected.

That type of mind attributes the conservatism of the well-balanced to timidity or to their having been "bought off by the interests".

It makes little difference to many folk whether their popular hero ever delivers what he has promised.

It is essential for him to keep on hollering, however. Once he shuts his mouth his followers turn to some other fellow who will tell them what they want to hear.

POLITICS in our system

I look for little improvement in politics under our present system, which makes it incumbent upon leaders to go to the people for reelection every two or four years, and keeps them in office for a stated term, no matter how incompetent or irresponsible they may turn out to be.

There is a great deal to be said for the parliamentary system of government in England, in which a man holds the confidence of the nation, represented in the House of Commons.

I don't imagine we will ever change our system so radically as to follow the English method, but I do know that many people are beginning to recognize the faults inherent in our way of doing things, and I look for a gradual elimination of the worst of them.

WISDOM then and now

I was re-reading some of Benjamin Franklin's letters the other day. I was especially impressed by one that he wrote to an Englishman who had asked him about opportunities in America, back in 1785. Among other things he warned people against coming to America in the expectation of getting a chance at a lucrative public office.

The constitution of Pennsylvania, Franklin pointed out as typical of the whole, provided that no public office should have a salary or stipend attached to it large enough to make anyone want the job for the sake of the money reward. How different public affairs are run today!

I have an idea that one way to cure a lot of evils of politics would be to cut all official salaries to the point where anyone competent to fill them could make so much more money doing something else that he would have to be dragged into taking the office.

SERVICE incentive lacking
Public service, as a career rather (Continued on Page 2)

The sound of the school bell is heard again in the land, and the children of Jackson county, all except those who live in Sylva, Dillsboro and Cullowhee, went merrily back to school, Monday morning, for another eight months.

Under the school law, passed by the last General Assembly, the children in this county have the same length of school as those of any county or city in the State.

The schools that did not open last Monday, will begin their sessions on Monday, August 27.

ASSOCIATION WILL MEET FOR ONE HUNDRED FIFTH TIME

The One Hundred and Fifth Annual Session of the Tuckaseegee Baptist Association will convene with the John's Creek Baptist church, at Cowarts, August 16, 17, and 18.

The tentative program for the Association is:

Thursday, August 16
10:30, Devotional, P. L. Elliott.
11:00, Introductory Sermon, W. C. Reed.
12:00, Dinner.
1:30, Devotional, Joe Bishop.
1:45, Enrollment of Delegates, appointment of committees, welcoming visitors, etc.
2:00, Report on Periodicals, J. T. Gribble.
2: Report on S. C. I., H. E. Monteith.
3:15, Report on Ministers' names and addresses, W. N. Cook.
3:30, Report on State Missions, I. K. Stafford.
4:00, Miscellaneous and adjournment.

Friday, August 17
9:30, Devotional, L. H. Crawford.
9:45, Reading of Minutes.
10:00, Report on Home Missions, W. C. Reed.
10:30, Report on Foreign Missions, P. L. Elliott.
11:00, Sermon.
12:00, Dinner.
1:30, Devotional, Thad Jamison.
2:00, Report on Ministerial Relief, Dave Dean.
2:30, Report on Stewardship, J. G. Murray.
3:00, Report on Christian Education, H. T. Hunter.
3:45, Report of Committees. Adjourn.

Saturday, August 18
9:30, Devotional, R. F. Mayberry.
9:45, Reading of Minutes. Election of Officers.
10:15, Report on Temperance, E. P. Stillwell.
11:00, Report on Hospital, J. G. Murray.
11:30, Sermon.
12:00, Dinner.
1:30, Report on Sunday School, W. C. Wood.
2:00, Report on B. Y. P. U., Mildred Cowan.
2:30, Report on W. M. U., Mrs. W. N. Cook.
Miscellaneous and adjournment.

BALSAM

Mr. Jim Jones and Miss Eva Hoyle were married in Clayton, Ga., Wednesday the 25th. Miss Mary Hoyle, sister of the bride, and Mr. Elbert Reece witnessed the ceremony.

Mr. John McCall and Miss Mary Middleton were married, Sunday afternoon, at the home of the bride's father, Mr. Ed. Middleton. Rev. Ben Cook performed the ceremony.

Mrs. W. S. Christy, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Morris, in Kansas City, and her daughters, Mrs. Finley Carson, in Wisconsin, and Mrs. Roy Duncan, in Glade Springs, Va., has returned, and will spend some time here. Mr. Roy Duncan and family accompanied her home and spent several days here.

Miss Harriet Long of Sylva was guest of the Knight's, several days, last week.

Mrs. Sara Bryson went to Asheville Saturday to see her niece, Mrs. Madge Ramsey, who is very ill in Aston Park Hospital.

Mrs. Thomas Duke of Asheville and Philadelphia visited her daughter Mrs. Geo. Knight, last week.

Mrs. Floyd Breece and three children are visiting Mrs. Henry Beck. They will return to their home in Marion, next week.

Mrs. O. E. Horton and son, Oze have as their guests, Mrs. Alice Ricker-Nowell, of Beaufort, S. C., and Messrs. Walter Hall and Frank McMullan, of Atlanta.

Master William Balfour Knight (Continued on Page Three)