

The Jackson County Journal

\$1.50 YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

SYLVA, NORTHERN NA, THURSDAY, NOV. 22, 1934

\$2.00 YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

FUNERAL SERVICE HELD ON TUESDAY FOR H. P. GREEN

Funeral services for H. P. Green of Sylva, who died early Monday morning at Harris hospital here following a long illness, were held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the First Baptist church. The Rev. K. H. Harris, pastor of the church, officiated, assisted by the Rev. W. C. Green and the Rev. T. F. Deitz conducting the services. Interment was in the cemetery.

Mr. Green was a member of the First Baptist church, and was a resident of this county.

Surviving are the widow, two children, Mrs. Myrtle Green Hugen and Mr. Bonnie Green, of Sylva, two grandchildren, Vien and Johnny Hoelzer of Sylva the parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Green, of Gastonia; two sisters, Mrs. Reid Anthony, of Gastonia and Mrs. Maggie Wright, of Gastonia; and six brothers, Tom Green of Gastonia, and Erv, Rubin, John Deans, and Ralph, all of Gastonia; and a large number of other relatives.

DODSON WILL SPEAK

Prof. C. L. Dodson of the faculty of Western Carolina Teachers College will speak to the young people at Speedwell Methodist church Sunday evening, from the subject "Religious Growth."

QUALLA

Rev. J. L. Hyatt conducted the funeral of Mr. J. U. Whitesides at Whittier, Thursday, and the funeral of Mrs. Geo. Ray at Olivet, Saturday.

Rev. L. W. Higgs preached at the Methodist church from the text: "I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision." Rev. C. W. Clay conducted a communion service Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Oxner announced the birth of their grand daughter, Mary Jean Noland, born to Mr. and Mrs. Kern Noland at Swanton on Nov. 8th.

Mrs. Obed Anthony has returned to California after spending several months at Rev. W. W. Anthony's.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Passmore and family of Brevard, are guests at Mr. J. A. Moore's, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hughes of Woodbury, and Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Freeman visited at Mrs. P. V. McLaughlin's.

Mr. Hilliard Howell has moved near Whittier.

Mr. D. K. Battle has moved to Cherokee.

Mr. Dixon Hyatt is employed at Bryson City.

Miss Louise Hyatt returned to Cullowhee after a visit with home folks.

Mrs. Charlotte Queen of Olivet visited Mrs. Ruth Turpin.

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TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge,

LAND . . . soon in demand

If I am any hand at reading the signs of the times, then the country is in for another big era of land speculation. And when you stop to think of it, the whole history of America is a history of speculation in real estate.

The urge that brought most of our ancestors to America was the chance to get land cheap and sell it at a profit, except such as they needed to subsist on. George Washington was the greatest land speculator of the 18th Century. In an old newspaper in which his death was reported I saw an advertisement of lands for sale along the Ohio River, "Address: George Washington, Mount Vernon Virginia."

I have lived through many land booms, including the rush of homesteaders into the West, the opening up of Oklahoma and the Cherokee Strip, the great rush of settlers into Southern California, innumerable suburban booms around a dozen cities, and the great Florida speculation which collapsed in 1926.

It looks to me as if the combination of better highways, cheaper cars, Federal encouragement, higher city taxes and the beginning of a return to prosperity is certain to stimulate the demand for land farther and farther away from urban centers.

Look for the next big land boom to set in around the end of next year and reach its peak in, say, 1927.

TREES . . . good investment

The cheapest crop to grow and the one that assures the greatest return in the long run is trees. Up my way the annual harvest of the tree crop is beginning now. Down by the river on my farm Bill Howland is cutting birch, beech and maple from cordwood. My share will go a long way toward the 1935 taxes.

Just below me, Will Seeley has moved his portable sawmill into Noble Turner's pine grove next to the old burying ground and will saw out maybe a hundred thousand feet of boards, scantling and slabs, worth forty or fifty dollars a thousand rough-piled on the lot.

There are, I guess, ten acres of woods to every acre of cleared land over most of Berkshire county. Counting household fuel and merchantable timber, the annual crop pays big interest on the land value. Five dollars an acre is a good price for most of the pine-covered mountain tops.

Trees are a good investment for a man who is content to stay put. Not so good for the man who is always on the move.

SUGAR . . . from maple trees

Down East when I was a boy few country folk bought "store sugar." Unrefined brown sugar cost five or six cents a pound in the 1870's. I remember that granulated sugar was ten cents and more a pound. We bought some "black-trap" molasses, but there was better sweetening right in our own woods. Maple sugar.

A farm wasn't a real farm in those self-contained days unless it had its "sugar-bush." Up on my hilltop, where the land levels off before you get to the slopes of Tom Ball Mountain, possibly a hundred huge sugar maples remain of the old sugar-bush. They haven't been tapped in years. Store sugar is too cheap and farm labor too high to make it pay.

I asked for maple syrup the other day in a city restaurant, where I had ordered a plate of buckwheat cakes. There wasn't any more maple in the syrup than there was buck wheat flour in the cakes.

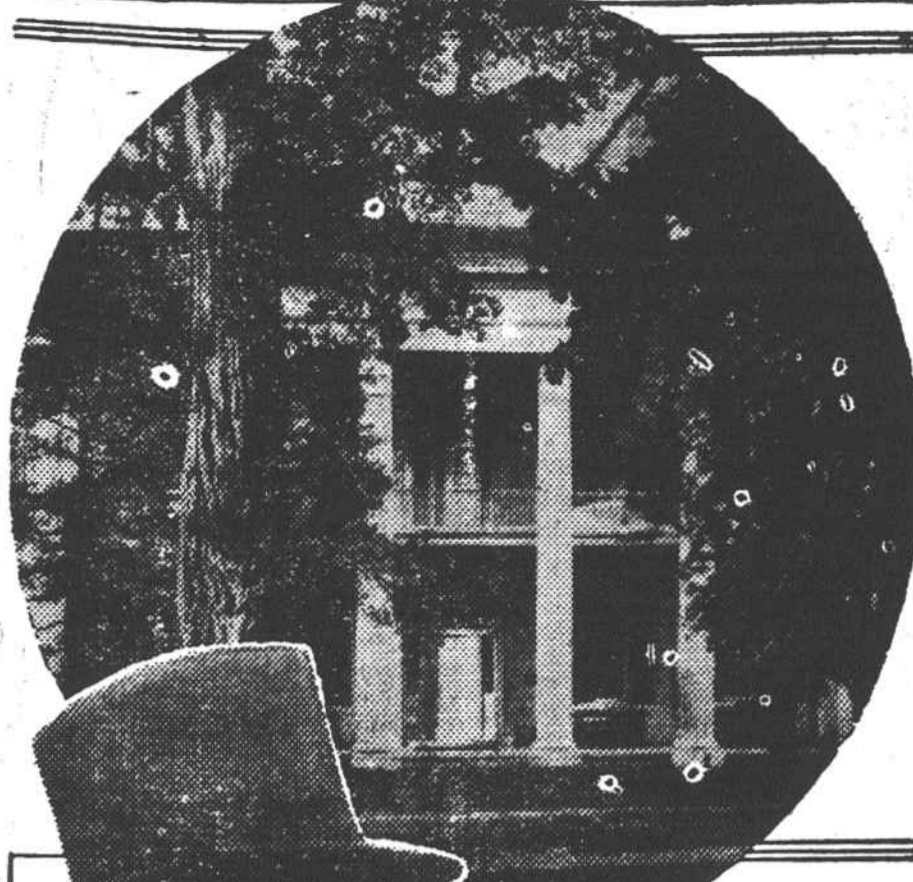
I've a good notion to ask the head of the CCC camp over at Lee to send a bunch of the boys over next March to tap my sugar trees. It would be an education for them, and maybe I could get some real maple sugar once more.

HOUSES . . . still with us

Say what you please about the "vanishing" horse, I notice more real interest in horses and more of them in use, in the East at least, than for a good many years past. I went to the National Horse Show in New York a couple of weeks ago, and was specially interested in the handsome six-horse team exhibited by one of the big milk distributing companies. It used to be the "brewers' big horses" that were the last word in horseflesh; but now it's the milk man's.

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Roosevelt at Southern Home of Andrew Jackson



NASHVILLE, Tenn. . . In his swing through the South to personally inspect the government's huge Tennessee Valley development projects and a stop at Harrodsburg, Ky., President Franklin D. Roosevelt paused here to visit "The Hermitage," the home of Andrew Jackson, built in 1823. Photo shows the lovely old mansion where lived the former President Andrew Jackson. Inset is of President Roosevelt who has followed in the steps of other Presidents in visiting the shrine. The President, enroute to Warm Springs, made stops in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi.

Jackson Farmers Construct 38 Silos In Last 2 Years

15-YEAR-OLD-BOY KILLS BEAR

Dr. Grover Wilkes brought to town, from over in Graham county, a ham of a big bear, which he got from Pat Williams, 15-year-old lad. The boy killed the bear, a year and a half ago.

The boy came upon the bear, by accident, and fired three times, each shot taking effect in the head, as the boy fired and loaded his one-shot rifle.

RECAPTURE PRISONERS

Last Wednesday two prisoners from the Whittier Camp, Frank Nichols, in for five years, and Henry Hill, for from 5 to 7 years, escaped from the guards while at work. Saturday Nichols was recaptured in Canton, and Hill came to camp and surrendered.

A prisoner named Warren, in for six months, made his escape two and a half months ago. He was retaken on Noland's Creek in Swain county, Saturday.

WILL HOLD THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT CULLOWHEE

(By Robert M. Hardee)

There will be a special Thanksgiving service at the Cullowhee Methodist church Thanksgiving morning at eleven o'clock, for the young people in this community and county who are over fifty years old. The young people over fifty are joining hands in this service and both churches are working together. It is a joint service and it is hoped that it will be made an annual service for the young people over fifty, who live in this community to gather together every Thanksgiving in worship and thankfulness for God's blessings to them and to all.

All ministers are cordially invited. The services will begin promptly at eleven o'clock at the Methodist church.

The tentative program is as follows:

- Thanksgiving song, congregation.
- Scripture lesson and Thanksgiving prayer, Rev. I. K. Stafford.
- Thanksgiving hymn.
- Special music, Mrs. Gully.
- Introduction and recognition of couples who have been married 30, 40, 50 years, Professor R. L. Madison.
- Thanksgiving offering. (Goes to Baptist and Methodist orphanages).
- "Meaning of Thanksgiving," five-minute talk by Dr. H. T. Hunter, president of Western Carolina Teachers College.
- Thanksgiving song.
- "Let us be thankful," 15-minute sermon by Robt. M. Hardee.
- Hymn—Doxology.
- Benediction, T. A. Cox.

Political Observers Ponder Over Next Steps President Likely To Take In Program

Washington, Nov. 21. (Special)— Now that there has been time to take a long breath and analyze the election returns, political Washington—and there isn't anything in Washington that isn't political—has resumed its favorite pastime, which is guessing what is going to come next. The three brain-teasers over which the soothsayers and self-appointed prophets are puzzling at the moment, are:

What will the Administration try next in its effort to get workers off the relief rolls and the wheels of business rolling full speed again?

Will the new Congress eat out of the President's hand like the old one, or will it take the bit in its teeth and jump over the traces?

What is there ahead for the Republican Party?

Curiously enough, the answers to that last question are easier to guess than the others. The man in the street is saying that the Republican party is dead. The same unthinking folk were saying the same thing about the Democratic party in 1920—not to go any further back—and again in 1924 and 1928. But the real students of politics point out that great political parties are not "killed" by one or two or even a dozen national defeats.

The wise ones are pointing out that, although only 28 of the 47 millions of registered voters went to the polls on November 6th, 12 million of them voted the Republican ticket pretty nearly straight. And there are plenty county and town boards that are still solidly Republican.

It is from local units that any national party derives its strength. The roots of the Republican party are still pretty deep in the soil. It was only the upper branches, including a good many dead limbs, that were killed in the Democratic landslides of 1932 and 1934.

In the inner circle of forward-looking Republican leadership there are few tears being shed over the defeat of Senator Reed in Pennsylvania, and of several other members of the "Old Guard" elsewhere. Their less simplified the job of reorganizing the party.

Where the leadership will be lodged it is too early to predict. At the moment the "white hope" of the Republicans is Arthur H. Vandenberg of Grand Rapids, Michigan, just re-elected to the Senate. In the party ranks this newspaper editor has made a name for himself. He was the party's candidate for President Pro Tem when the Senate of the 73rd Congress was organized, and is chairman of the legislative committee of the Senate minority. He is distinctly a Liberal in his political outlook, and he has the geographical advantage of hailing from the Middle West.

The fact that Republican leaders are pinning their faith on Senator Vandenberg is sufficient indication of their realization that the party must throw the "die-hards" and the

Eastern "big business" interests overboard if it hopes to survive an effective Opposition party. And such examination of the personnel of the new Congress as has been possible thus far indicates that there will be plenty of Radical proposals for Liberals, by whatever party name they call themselves, to oppose.

The indications are that there will be stronger "blobs" than have ever been seen on Capitol Hill, urging inflation of the currency, government control of credit and banking, wild universal pension schemes (they are expected to be 10 million signatures on the petition for the adoption of the Townsend plan for giving everybody over 60 a pension of \$200 a month) immediate payment of the veterans' bonus, tax schemes of the "soak-the-rich" variety, and, of course, projects for vastly greater Government spending than have yet been dreamed of.

The President's major task, political wisecrackers predict, will be to control the tendency to run wild on the part of Congress. Reports credited here are that he would like to see Representative Rayburn of Texas in the Speaker's chair vacated by the death of Speaker Rainey. Mr. Rayburn is regarded as a strong character and a sound politician. He was the President's right arm in getting the Stock Exchange Control bill and the Securities Act through the last Congress. But back-slapping Joe Byrns of Tennessee has a lot of members pledged to himself. It looks like a scrap.

The latest "trial balloon," sent up by the Administration to sound out public sentiment, is the project for a series of intermediate credit banks to lend up to two or three billions to small industries on five-year terms, to enable them to start up and put men back to work.

How to reduce the 18 millions now on relief to three or four millions is still the greatest problem Mr. Roosevelt faces. There have been suggestions that Government guarantees of profits in the staple industries might stimulate private capital to start the wheels turning again. The banks have plenty of money and are willing to lend it; the trouble is that few competent businesses are willing to take the risk of borrowing until they get some assurance from Washington that the government's financial and business policies have been stabilized. And the Administration is beginning to understand that its great housing program, intended to be financed by private capital, can't get very far until people who want homes are back on reasonably stable payrolls.

Senator Borah's demand for an investigation of waste and graft in the distribution of relief funds is being taken seriously. The investigation is to be made by Relief Administrator Harry Hopkins, who stands out as one of the high officials who does not let political considerations warp his integrity or his judgment.

COWAN IMPROVES

Chairman J. D. Cowan of the County Board of Commissioners, who has been quite ill at a Franklin hospital, following an operation for sinus trouble, last week, has recovered sufficiently to return to his home here, Tuesday afternoon.

BALSAM

Mr. Boyd Parker went to Bryson City Monday to attend the funeral of his nephew, Huff Stevens.

Mr. Henderson Jones celebrated his 66th birthday Sunday. Also, Mr. Jim Jones celebrated his 56th birthday, and his son, Dillard, his 20th birthday, Sunday.

Miss Marie Coward and several friends from Canton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Coward.

Mr. Tom Shylte is conducting a singing school here in the Baptist church.

There will be all day singing at the Baptist church Sunday. Everybody is invited.

Mrs. Sara Bryson and Mrs. Geo. Knight attend the ladies' bazaar in Sylva, Saturday.

We would be glad if some one would come to Balsam and speak in regard to the Old Age Pension.

MRS. BUMGARNER PASSES

Mrs. John B. Bumgarner, 68, died Monday morning at her home near Speedwell. Funeral and interment were at the home and the Bumgarner cemetery, Tuesday afternoon. Rev. D. C. Hooper and Rev. Robert M. Hardee conducted the services.

Mrs. Bumgarner, widow of the late John B. Bumgarner, who died July 29, last, is survived by one son, R. V. Bumgarner, three grandchildren, two brothers, Robert Holden and Miles Holden, one sister, Mrs. W. A. Stillwell, and other relatives and friends.

She was a member of the Baptist church, and beloved by her neighbors and a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

BOX SUPPER AT SPEEDWELL

There will be a box and pie supper at the Speedwell Methodist church, tomorrow, Friday night. There will be a short program in the church, after which the supper will be enjoyed around a bon fire in the church yard. The proceeds will be used for buying new song books, and everybody in the community is invited to participate.