

The Jackson County Journal

\$2.00 YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

SYLVA, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, DEC. 29, 1934

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BALSAM WOMAN, 89 MAKES FIRST VISIT TO SYLVA SATURDAY

Miss Adelaide Crawford, 89 years old, made her first visit to Sylva Saturday. Her grandson, Mr. Lee Crawford, who lives on College Hill, took her and his father, Mr. C. Crawford, home with him. They stayed until Sunday. Miss Crawford enjoyed her visit. She listened to the radio and also saw the bright lights in the town. She had a good view from College Hill. Perhaps there are other "shut-ins" in the country who would enjoy a visit like that to their county seat.

Miss Johnny Jones and Mrs. Theo Jones went to Hendersonville Saturday to attend the funeral of the late chief of the fire department, Mr. Alex D. Hill, who was 70 years old.

Miss Jones Greene went to Asheville Saturday.

Miss Virginia and Geneva Gregory and Mr. John and Faye Potts of Hendersonville are visiting Miss Helen Potts.

Miss Helen Potts entertained Saturday afternoon in honor of her guests, Messrs Gregory and Faye Potts. The following were present: Ralph Beck, Faye Potts, Virginia Gregory, Geneva Gregory, Louise Gregory, Katherine Coward, Helen Potts, William Kenney, William Cannon, Hedley Jones, Jack Arrington, Fred Arrington, Louis Green, Charles Beck, John Potts, Charles Hyatt, Lee Potts and George Potts.

Our school had a Christmas tree and program Wednesday, after which it closed until the Christmas holidays are over.

CLUB SPONSORS TOY MATINEE

The Junior Club sponsored a matinee Wednesday afternoon, at the Lyric theatre, at which toys were the feature of tickets.

A very nice collection of toys was secured for distribution in the homes of the needy.

TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stoekbridge)

INCOMES . . . large and small

There is one individual in the United States whose net income, on which he paid taxes in 1933, was above five million dollars. I don't know his name but the Federal Income Tax Bureau didn't give it out with the figures it published the other day. And, personally, I don't care who he is nor envy him his millions. It seems likely to me that he is one of the very few rich men who spend most of their incomes in efforts to make the world a better place to live in. There are a good many such.

Who I am really concerned about is not that there were 4 persons with incomes of more than \$1,000,000 in that year, but that the number of individuals reporting taxable incomes of less than \$25,000 dropped off materially. The folk hardest hit by the depression have not been the very rich but the very poor, but the in-between class—middle class and wage earners.

These government figures that show taxable incomes of about 11 billion dollars in one year, from one thousand to five millions for each year, and four million income taxpayers, make a lot of the talk about "redistribution of wealth" sound silly. If all those incomes were equally divided among the entire population of the United States it would amount to about \$80 a year per person. And it would be long before wealth would again be concentrated in the hands of those who know how to produce and use it.

FORLANDIA . . . and rubber

Who says the days of adventure are passed? I can't imagine any more interesting adventure than that of the American explorers and engineers who have been clearing the jungles of the upper Amazon country to build the new colony of "Forlandia." Millions of acres are being plowed and planted to insure a permanent supply for American motor-car builders. And a huge area that was uninhabited for folks is being converted into something resembling an earthly Paradise, to hear returning travellers tell about it.

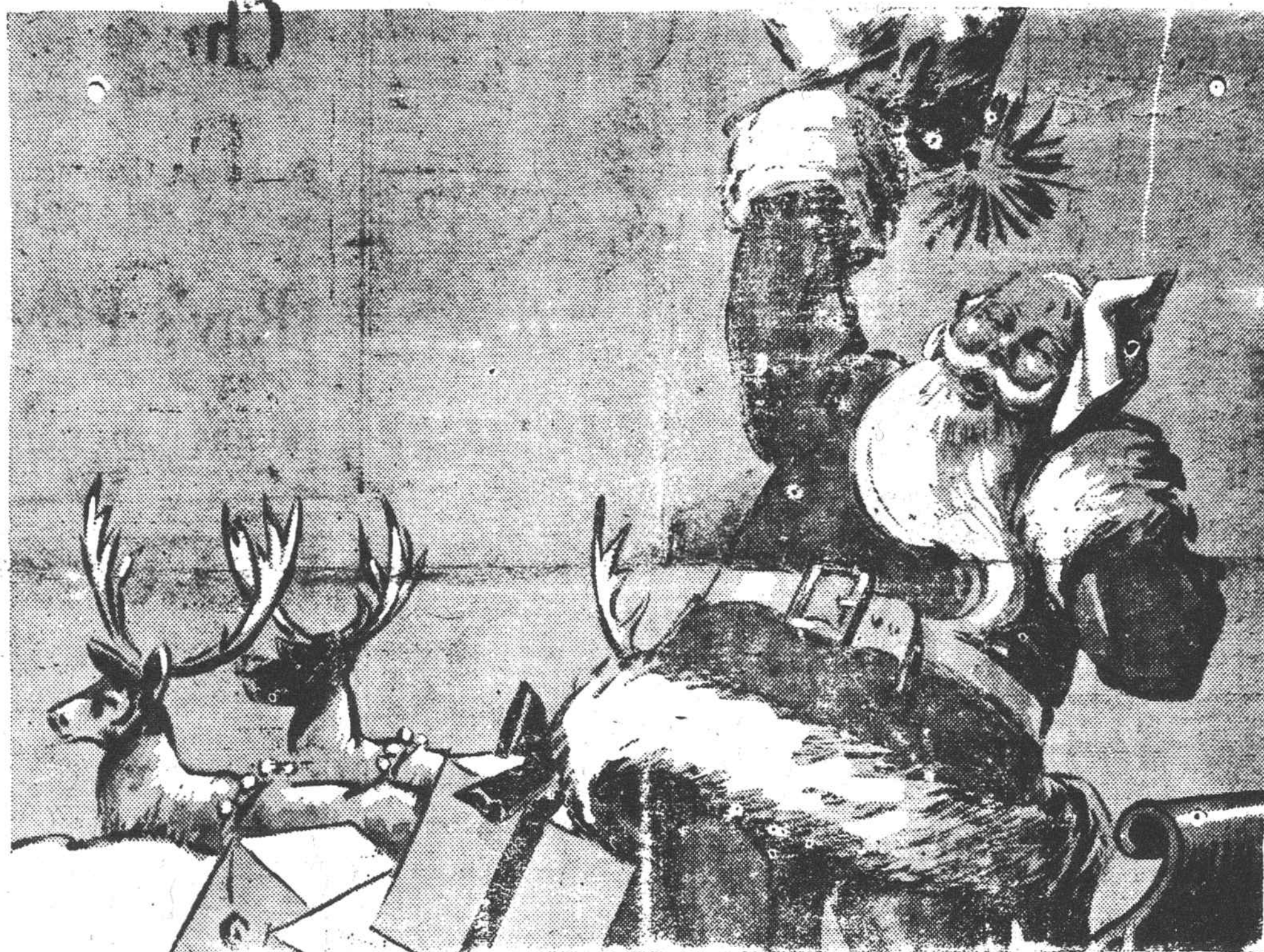
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SHOPPING
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CHRISTMAS

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DO YOUR
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IN
SYLVA

Christmases



OLDEST LANDMARK OF TOWN IS BEING RAZED BY WORKMEN

One of the landmarks of the town of Sylva, one indeed which was here before the town, is being torn down by workmen.

The old Hampton home, erected in 1879, according to William D. Sylva, for whom the town was named, is being removed from its site on Main Street.

The building, the lumber for which was sawed where Sylva now is, was erected by General Erastus R. Hampton, founder of Sylva, for his home, and was for many years as oldtimers will remember, the show place of this part of the county. With its stately verandas, and spacious, terraced lawn, stretching down to what were then the crystal waters of Scott's Creek, it was indeed a lovely spot. It and its master were, in bygone years, the center of social life, and of the political battles.

For years now, business buildings have been encroaching upon its lawns and gardens, leaving nothing but the old house itself. Now the house is leaving, and before many years have passed it will be forgotten.

It was to help saw the timber and build this house, that Sylva came with Gen. Hampton, from Judge Cannon's home in Webster, where he had gone as a tramp. According to Sylva's story, as soon as the lumber had been sawed, and the house erected, General Hampton petitioned the postoffice department to establish a post office here, which Miss Mae Hampton, then a little girl, named Sylva, the only town of that name that there is. The old house has been identified with the town since its naming. It has seen many Christmases, some merry, others sad. Now it, like all old things, is giving way to the new order.

MRS. ZACHARY PASSES

Funeral services were conducted Monday at East LaPorte for Mrs. C. B. Zachary, 78, who died Saturday afternoon, at her home on Caney Fork. Mrs. Zachary, a daughter of the late Nathan Coward and Jane Rogers Coward, was the widow of the late C. B. Zachary, one of the best known citizens of the county, before his death.

She was a member of one of Jackson county's oldest families. She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Woody Hooper, Mrs. Eric Coward, Mrs. Aaron Hooper and Mrs. Jim Brown, three sisters, four brothers, and 18 grand-children.

Rev. S. H. Hilliard of Sylva, Rev. E. C. Prieze, her pastor, and Rev. Lawrence Crawford conducted the service. Grandchildren of Mrs. Zachary acted as pall bearers.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

The Christmas season will be appropriately celebrated at all services in the Sylva Methodist church, Sunday.

Sunday School at 10:00 a. m., at which there will be a program of Christmas songs by the primary department.

Divine worship will begin at 11. There will be appropriate music, with a solo by Miss Dorothy Moore.

At 5:30 p. m. by the young people's department, with Christmas carols interspersed with reading the Christmas story.

The public is cordially invited.

SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR HOLIDAYS

Schools and colleges have closed in Jackson county for the Christmas holidays. They will reopen January 3.

BISHOP GRIBBIN HERE FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Bishop R. E. Gribbin will hold a special Christmas service at St. John's church, Sylva, on Sunday, December 23rd, at 11 a. m. for the combined Episcopal congregations of Cullowhee and Sylva to have the privilege of receiving the Sacrament at the Christmas season.

A most cordial and sincere invitation is extended to everybody to attend this Christmas service and hear the Bishop.

SIDEWALK GOSSIP IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Dec. 18.—Lest the readers of this column get the impression that nothing but serious matters of weighty moment are talked about in Washington, here are a few paragraphs of casual gossip heard in the corridors of public buildings and on the street-corners.

Item: When the President got back to Washington and found his new and enlarged offices ready for him, it was noticed by the newspaper men, it was noticed by the newspaper men at the press conference that used to decorate his desk had been reduced to three. Also, that insufficient provision has been made by the architect of the White House wing for taking care of reporters' hats and overcoats.

Item: There is a secret circular staircase leading into the President's new office, so that Cabinet officers, and others who may want to be observed by watchful reporters can slip in and out unobserved.

Item: Mrs. Paul Wilson, who prefers to be known as Miss Frances Perkins, and who is addressed as "Madam Secretary" has a private elevator to her private office in the new Department of Labor building; also a private bath finished in green tile.

Item: Secretary Wallace of Agriculture and Secretary Morgenthau of the Treasury are the champion pedestrians of the Administration. Both walk to their offices. Mr. Wallace a good three miles every morning.

Item: It has leaked out that the entire Cabinet has "chipped in" to buy a collective Christmas present for the President. This, of course, they remarked, is symbolic of the spirit of cooperation which the Administration is trying to instill.

Item: President Roosevelt sold some cattle and bought a couple of mules on his Georgia farm while vacationing. He thought that the cattle didn't bring enough and the mules cost too much. He named the mules "Hop" and "Tug," after Relief Administrator Harry Hopkins and Under Secretary of Agriculture Tugwell. "Because," he remarked, "the mules are so frisky."

Interesting women in Federal jobs: Miss Lenroot, who succeeds Grace Abbot as head of the Children's Bureau is the daughter of a former Wisconsin Senator and one of the few Republicans appointed to an important post. Miss Isabel Du Bois of the Bureau of Navigation of the Navy, whose job is to keep every ship supplied with good books for the officers and "gobs" to read. She's been doing this since 1924. Miss Bertha Neuhurg, Assistant Director of the Women's Bureau in the Department of Labor. She comes from California, has been in Government service for ten years, and her slogan is "More jobs for women." Mrs. Clara M. Beyer, also from California, labor economist, holding a newly-created office that of assistant director of the Division of Labor Standards. Her job is to try to get uniform labor laws in the different states.

Accomplished: Government control of the Federal Reserve system, quietly and without any publicity. This practically removes the limit on the Government's power to borrow, fore shadows more complete Federal control over all banking and all credit; puts the Administration in a position to block inflation moves in Congress.

Forecasts: No "balancing" of the budget for the fiscal year beginning next July 1. General reduction in bank interest, including savings banks. Further refunding of Government debt at lower interest rates. Outlook now is for a permanent Federal Aviation Commission, to handle all matters relating to flying. No more "alphabetical" bureaus; the President thinks the public has had enough "alphabet soup" and wants to get down to the solid courses. No foreclosures of railroads that can't pay back money borrowed from Uncle Sam; Government doesn't want to become a railroad magnate.

Navy Department will ask for big appropriations for new warships, for which plans have already been drawn, as soon as Japan formally denounces the naval treaty agreement.

National Labor Relations Board has succeeded in enforcing its rulings in only 10 per cent of cases, and will ask Congress for broader powers. No further action by the Federal Government will be taken against Samuel Insull until the State of Illinois has tried its case against him. Old age pensions will be strongly recommended in the President's annual message to Congress on January 4. That is a guess, and Mr. Roosevelt told newspaper men the other day, "If you guess you'll be wrong," but it's a good guess just the same.

Politics: The 74th Congress will eat out of the President's hand, just like the 73rd. Sam Rayburn is still the best bet for Speaker of the House. Fireworks on Capitol Hill will be set off in investigating committee rooms rather than on the floors of the two houses. Republicans are being warned off the "liberaliz-

ing" policies just now widely urged on them. Wise old wheelhorses believe the party's best bet is to stand pat on conservative ground and let the radicals cut up dices until the Administration support flies apart by the force of internal strife.

Policies: Administration still keen on social reforms, but beginning to realize that too large doses are likely to clog the wheels of recovery. Its aim is to lift the 10 per cent of under privileged to higher living standards, without dragging the other 90 per cent down. Hopes to inspire business and industry to be more "socially-minded."

BAPTISTS WILL HAVE CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

The Sunday School of the Baptist church here will observe Christmas with a "White Gifts for the King" service, at the church Friday evening. The service will begin at 7 o'clock with a short program of recitations and music by the younger members of the Sunday School, after which Christmas gifts, wrapped in white, of groceries, clothing, confections, toys—anything that can be used by the less fortunate families in the community, will be given by members of the Sunday School and church. The Woman's Missionary society will have charge of the distribution of the gifts. On Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock a Christmas pageant will be presented by members of the church and Sunday School, under the direction of Mrs. John R. Jones. The public is invited to these services.