

The Jackson County Journal

\$1.50 YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

SYLVA, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 1936

\$2.00 YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

VALUABLE PRIZES TO BE GIVEN AWAY IN LETTER CONTEST

Beginning with this issue the Jackson County Journal is inaugurating a letter-writing contest, which is open to every man, woman and child in this section. To those who write the best letters telling why they like to trade with the business firms whose advertisements appear in the contest section of the paper, will be given \$5.00 in valuable prizes.

All that is necessary to win one of the prizes is to write a letter of not more than 100 words to The Jackson County Journal setting forth your reasons for patronizing the different firms who have made this contest possible.

A complete list of the rules and prizes will be found elsewhere in today's issue. The advertisements will appear again next week, and you have until January 14th to get your letters in.

The whole idea of this little contest is to stress the importance of trading in Sylva. We feel that our local merchants should have first consideration, as it is they who keep our town alive. If we do not patronize them and spend our money with them, we cannot expect them to prosper; and unless they prosper our town will not grow.

The following firms have joined in this effort to give publicity to Sylva, Massie Furniture Co.; Sylva Laundry and Dry Cleaners; Schulman's Department Store; Lyric Theatre; Coghill Motor Co.; The Leader Dept. Store; The Jackson County Bank; Builder's Supply and Lumber Co.; Coca-Cola Bottling Co.; Moore's Dry Cleaners; Sylva Supply Co.; Hale's; Tuckasee Beauty Shop; Jackson Chevrolet Co.; Gulf Refining Co.; Jackson Furniture Co.; Sylva Pharmacy; Blue Ribbon Shoe Shop; Eckard's Studio; Waynesville Laundry; Western Carolina Creamery, Inc.; Cannon Brothers; Stovall's Fruit Store; Dillsboro and Sylva Electric Light Co.; Hooper Motor Co.; Central and Shell Service Stations; Cagle's Cafe.

QUALLA

(Written for last week)

Our teachers, Mr. G. C. Cooper, Misses Geneva Turpin and Jennie Cathey, gave an appropriate Christmas programme in Qualla school.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook, of Beaufort were Qualla visitors.

The subject from which Rev. J. L. Rogers preached an impressive sermon, Sunday morning, at the Baptist church was "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us".

Among the young folks who are spending the holidays with home folk are Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hyatt and family and Miss Louise Hyatt, Miss Rita Kinland, Miss Nell McLaughlin, Misses Gertrude and Ruth Ferguson, Annie Lizzie Terrell, Mozelle and Phyllis Moody, Mabel Emma Ferguson, Messrs. J. O. and C. B. Terrell, Wayne Ferguson, Jack Battle, and Miss Irene Raby.

Mr. Norman Turpin and family of Philadelphia, are visiting among relatives.

Mr. Lee London of Asheville was a Qualla visitor, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Campbell of Waynesville and Mr. and Mrs. Mildred Ferguson of Crabtree called on Mrs. J. L. Ferguson Sunday.

Mr. P. H. Ferguson was guest at Mr. J. K. Terrell's Sunday.

Miss Annie Lizzie Terrell visited Miss Gertrude Ferguson Sunday.

Willard Freeman of Beta is visiting at Mr. Will Freeman's.

DEPUTY MARSHAL ILL

Deputy United States Marshal, N. L. Sutton, is quite ill in a Franklin hospital, where he has been a patient for more than a week. Mr. Sutton, a former sheriff of this county, has many friends in all Western North Carolina, who will hope for his speedy recovery. His home is in Sylva.

EARTHQUAKE FELT HERE

Residents of Sylva and Jackson county, as well as those of other places in Western North Carolina, felt slight earth tremors at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning. The shock was so slight that it did not awaken anyone, and the only persons who heard the roaring or felt the tremors were those who were awake. No damage was reported.

NEW SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE



JOSEPH W. BYRNS

TODAY and TOMORROW

CALENDAR . . . another year

We are starting a New Year. Everybody gets more or less of a kick out of the idea of putting another milestone of time behind us. We approach the New Year full of fresh hopes and good resolutions. But why should we feel that way in mid-Winter? It has always seemed to me that the beginning of Spring was the right time to celebrate the coming of the new year.

Curiously enough, up to less than 200 years ago in England and America and only 350 years ago everywhere else, the New Year began on the 21st of March, following the custom that came down from the earliest tribal traditions of humanity. The New Year began when the leaves began to bud and vegetation sprouted. Pope Gregory XIII introduced the present calendar in 1582. All of the Catholic countries, including Scotland immediately adopted it, and began to calculate the year from January 1. But it was 1752 before it was adopted by England and her colonies. That was the year that September had only 19 days, for to catch up with the rest of the world England had to drop 11 days out of the year.

CHANGES . . . four parts

It begins to look now as if, beginning January 1, 1939, we would have another calendar. The great Protestant church bodies of the whole world, the Church of England, the Pope and most of the important national and international business organizations have agreed with the calendar committee of the League of Nations for a new international calendar, in which the year will be divided into four equal quarters, each containing two months of 30 days and one of 31 days, with an extra holiday, or "Year Day" between December 31 and January 1, and in Leap Year another intercalary day between June and July.

Easter would always fall on April 8, and every month would always begin on the same day of the week, every year. New Year's Day would always be Sunday, the Fourth of July always on Wednesday.

FORECASTS . . . on business

Nothing is easier than to make predictions; nothing is harder than to make predictions come true. I have seen a great variety of forecasts for 1935, but most of them seem to me to be inspired by "wishful thinking". Sensible men are more cautious than ever in attempting to predict the course of events. That is why so many of the published forecasts are pessimistic. Nobody likes to be blamed for having made a rosy prediction that didn't come true, especially if it may have encouraged somebody to take unnecessary financial risks.

Col. Leonard Ayers, of Cleveland, who has the highest score of all financial forecasters over a period of years, doesn't think there will be much improvement in business conditions in 1935. Making allowance for his "playing safe" state of mind, I am still inclined to agree with the Colonel.

COTTON . . . the vote

Walter Lippman, who runs a column in daily newspapers under the same heading as this one of mine, stuck a pin into the Secretary of Agriculture's toy balloon the other day. Washington officials have been jubilant over the 8 to 1 vote of cotton growers in favor of restricting production for higher prices, and

NO TRACE FOUND OF FRANK ALLISON, MISSING 3 WEEKS

Although large numbers of men from Sylva, from the C. C. Camps in the Smokies, and Indians from the Soco section of the Cherokee Reservation, combed the Platt Balsam mountains for days in search of Frank Allison, who disappeared on the morning of December 18, from a hunting camp, while his companions were away, no trace of him has been found and members of his family and the people generally are at as great a loss over the mystery as they were in the beginning.

Roy Dills a young farmer of a prominent family, Charles Knox and Canary Shepherd, Negroes, who were Allison's hunting companions, were held for questioning, but were discharged when no evidence developed that would implicate them in any way in the disappearance of Allison.

According to officers who questioned them, they stated that they left Allison at the camp fire on Shut-in Ridge, when they followed the baying of the dogs, believing that a coon had been treed, and that when they returned to the camp Allison was gone, leaving a pair of shoes behind.

Frank Allison, who is in his early thirties, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Cary Allison, and a member of one of Jackson county's oldest families. The country in which he disappeared is exceptionally rough, and the Shut-in laurel, covering many acres with a well nigh impenetrable wilderness of rhododendron, is nearly the place where the camp was pitched.

OLD AGE PENSION PETITIONS

Prof. R. L. Madison, who is chairman of the county organization seeking the enactment of the Old Age Pension law, has issued the following request:

"Those who have charge of old-age pension petitions in this county will please take or send them to the Hooper Drug Store or the Sylva Pharmacy on or before Tuesday, January 8."

FINAL DIVIDEND PAID TO TUCKASEEGEE DEPOSITORS

Depositors of the defunct Tuckaseege Bank, have this week received their dividend checks of 2 1/2% of their deposits. This is the final dividend that will be paid, and makes a total of 42 1/2% of their deposits.

The affairs of the bank have been wound up and the assets liquidated.

BAPTIST SOCIETY TO MEET

The January business meeting of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society will meet next Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. G. K. Bes, on Clayton Street. Mrs. Dillard Coward will be joint hostess.

GOWARD BACK AT OLD STAND

Dillard Coward, who has been associated with Lewis Moore at the Sanitary Barber Shop, has returned to his former position with the Tuckaseege Barber Shop.

keeping newcomers from starting to grow cotton.

"What else was expected?" asks Mr. Lippman, in effect. "Put the same question up to makers of ladies' underwear or anything else, and wouldn't you have an overwhelming majority for monopoly and high prices?"

The only kind of a majority that should have a right to vote on any subject which affects the pocket-books of the entire people, is a majority of the entire people.

JUST . . . still important

A thousand workers in a woolen mill in my home state of Massachusetts were thrown permanently out of a week or two ago, when the owners of the mill decided to go out business rather than be bothered by strikes accompanied by violence. It seems to me that the mill-owners did the only sensible thing, so long as they could afford to quit. I am sorry for the people, who were foolish enough to attempt to intimidate the employers and only forced themselves out of their jobs. But it seems to me the height of folly, in these times of distress, for folk who have good jobs to quarrel with them.

LANCASTER HEADS RELIEF UNIT TO BE LOCATED IN SYLVA

The offices and headquarters for the emergency relief district composed of the counties of Haywood, Jackson, Swain, and Macon, will be located in Sylva, it has been announced.

J. E. Lancaster of Macon has been selected as emergency relief administrator for the district, and will be in charge of the offices here. The transfer of all business offices from Waynesville, Bryson City, and Franklin to Sylva will be made within a short time, it is stated.

Mrs. Margaret Morrison will be secretary to the administrator. H. B. Browning of Swain will be in charge of rural rehabilitation, and Mrs. Josephine A. Queen will be in the disbursing office. Miss Etta Dixon will be supervisor of case workers.

The entire personnel of the new set up for the district has not been announced; but it is expected that upon the return of Mr. Lancaster from Raleigh, announcement of when the offices are to open and the list of workers in all the counties will be available.

It is understood that the appointments that have been made, and those to follow, are upon recommendation of Columbus Andrews, field representative of the State emergency relief office in Raleigh, of which Mrs. Thomas O'Berry is the head.

BALSAM

Christmas is over and we hope everyone is happy. The day here, was like a cool day in Spring.

On Sunday afternoon, the 23rd, the Methodist Sunday school, after program of hymns and songs and lessons, enjoyed a treat of candy and oranges.

Monday evening an interesting program, under the management of Mrs. Sara Bryson, was given at the Baptist church. There was also a lovely tree for the Sunday school. Many gifts were distributed and each member received a bag of candy and oranges.

Miss Freda Jones entertained the young people Monday evening. Games, radio music, gay repartee and delicious refreshments constituted the enjoyment of the evening.

There was quite a display of fireworks during the holidays which was enjoyed by the old as well as the young. There were no casualties, bad behavior or disturbances here during the holidays.

Mr. Hubert Ensley and children spent the holidays in Hendersonville with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McHaffey.

Mr. and Mrs. Finly Carson of Wisconsin arrived Monday and staid until Wednesday when they left for Lakeland, Fla. Later they will return to Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Joannie Jones spent Christmas in Waynesville.

Mrs. Lillie Duncan and sister, Mrs. Allen of Hazelwood spent Christmas with their sister, Mrs. Randall at Bryson City.

Mr. Julius Kenney of the U. S. Navy was guest of his father, J. K. Kenney last week.

Mrs. J. E. Long and little Cecil of Addie were here Thursday.

Mrs. Bettie Jane Hughes of Cullowhee visited her sister, Mrs. George Coward last week end.

Mrs. Burl Callam, who was called here by the death of her brother, John Kenney, has returned to her home in Cynnet, Ohio. She spent Christmas Day with her sister, Mrs. W. T. Kenney in Asheville where quite a family reunion was held.

Miss Dixie Warren, Miss Louise Raines, Miss Beulah Beck, Miss Virginia Lindsey, Mr. Charles Hyatt and Mr. Ernest Jones visited Mrs. Lillian Duckett in Asheville in the afternoon of Christmas Day.

Miss Annie Mae Lyle of Atlanta was guest of her cousin, Miss Louise Arrington last week.

News has just been received here of the death of Mr. George Kizer in John Hopkins Hospital. Mr. Kizer and his mother lived here quite a number of years. He married a cousin of J. K. Kenney, and they moved to Willets where his mother lived. Then he and his wife moved to Maryland.

Mrs. George Knight and children were guests of Mrs. J. E. Long in Addie several days this week.

A watchnight party at Mr. Louis

Many Problems To Come Before General Assembly In Raleigh During Session

40 YEARS AGO

(By DAN TOMPKINS)

The General Assembly of North Carolina will convene next week in Raleigh, and will meet with several major problems for solution. It is generally conceded that opposition to the sales tax has melted away, until there is little likelihood of its repeal at the coming session.

There is a surplus in the highway department of some six and a half million dollars, and many eager eyes are looking that way, according to reports coming from down about the capital city. The school teachers, who have been complaining that their salaries are too low, it is said, will make a powerful effort to get that money diverted for the use of the schools, and the North Carolina Education Association, which organization always maintains a powerful lobby in Raleigh, it is believed, will lead the fight for the diversion of the funds.

The surplus came about by reason of the money having been impounded by the last General Assembly, when it forbade the construction of new highways in North Carolina for two years, with State funds, seeking thus to slough off of the payroll the young army of engineers that was living off the State, make sure that the bonds of the State for highway construction would be paid, and save the credit of North Carolina. The money is there. It was paid by the people into the highway funds in gasoline and license tags sale. As a result of the action of the last General Assembly, many of the roads in the State, especially those in the country districts that are not trunk highways, have degenerated into a deplorable condition. At any rate the State has that surplus in its highway funds, and there is going to be a scramble to see whether the highways are going to keep it, or whether it will be diverted to other purposes.

Another class that is seeking part of that money is the municipalities of the State. They don't advocate direct diversion but desire that the State add to its highway system, streets in towns and cities, thus relieving the municipalities of the burden of upkeep, and in effect diverting the money from the present highway system.

Perhaps other agencies of the State and other interests are also casting covetous eyes at that highway surplus. That remains to be seen and to develop, if there is to be any such movement. It could develop into a situation that the folks wishing to have the job of spending the money might pool their strength, try to overpower the Highways and Public Works Commission, and divide the money among them, much in the fashion that the Allies once dickered Poland.

There is a feeling in Raleigh, however, that the people who paid the money, and they are the North Carolina folks who own and drive cars and trucks, coupled with the people in the country, who have been wading the mud this winter, and some of them unable to get from their horses to the highway in any manner except to walk across fields, or ride horseback, will oppose any diversion whatever, and there may be a major battle over the highway surplus.

Other battles that are looming on the horizon are changes in the election laws, movements to repeal the primary law and go back to the convention system of nominating officers, a large appropriation for schools, and a general movement from all fronts that are affected for increased appropriations for nearly every institution and agency of the State.

Politically, some important things may develop before the Assembly adjourns, and it is believed that they may materially affect the situation in the Assembly. Governor Ehringhaus is said in some quarters to be looking with longing eyes toward the seat in the Senate now occupied by Josiah W. Bailey. There is a long list of men who would like to be Governor of North Carolina; but none of them will move until somebody lets it be known whether Farmer Bob Doughton or Clyde Hoey or both are to make the gubernatorial race. If they do throw their hats into the ring, the lists may be rather limited. If they hold aloof, then it appears to be anybody's fight.

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Mr. W. H. H. Hughes of Webster was here today.

Miss Mamie Stedman is visiting in Bryson City this week.

Hon. C. C. Cowan of Webster was here a short while Monday.

Mr. J. W. Divebiss and Master Frank visited relatives at Biltmore.

Miss Ella Potts went to S. C. last week to visit Miss Lela, who is teaching at Mitford.

Miss Annie Gibson returned from Georgia, Sunday, after an absence of about two months.

Miss Hattie Hampton returned from Asheville today, after spending some time with relatives there.

Misses Sallie and Mary Love, of the A. F. College, Asheville, came home for the holidays, returning to Asheville, today.

Gen. Hampton has removed his family to Asheville. We regret to give them up, but hope our loss will be their gain.

Mrs. R. A. Enloe and Misses Sallie and Lela Moore spent the holidays at Mr. Moore's, returning to Whitaker, Tuesday.

Messrs. J. J. Hooker and A. J. Long, Jr., were over from Webster Saturday evening after the mail, the mail boy having failed to make the trip.

Mr. R. M. Davis came out from Asheville Monday to visit his family. He returned next day, while Mrs. Davis and Roy remained until today.

Mr. W. C. Smith, Capt. Bridge and other gentlemen connected with a recent large deal in real estate in this county came in a few days ago.

Messrs. E. A. Wolff and Bert Hoffman came home from their mining camp near Bryson City, Friday, and are waiting for the weather to moderate before returning.

Mrs. D. J. Allen spent several of the holidays in Waynesville and since her return, we regret to hear has been suffering with a severe sore throat.

Prof. B. B. Brown, Principal of the Culowhee High School, went home to Buncombe to spend Christmas and, returning, gave us a pleasant call.

Mr. R. M. Shelton, son of Mr. S. P. C. Shelton, and old citizen of Jackson, now living in Texas returned in time to spend the holidays with relatives and friends in the county.

Judge D. D. Davies was here Wednesday to see his daughter, Miss Otelia, off to Raleigh to enter school at St. Mary's. Mr. T. A. Cox went with her as far as Salisbury on his way to Greenville, S. C.

Christmas Day with us was as quiet as Sunday and the weather fine. Since then, we have had some sharp touches of cold, the mercury last Saturday going down as low as 9 degrees below zero, and again Tuesday morning to 4 below. Such instances as these are rare, however, and of short duration.

Many of our readers, but perhaps not all of them already know that Capt. Sam Davis, formerly of this county, but now of Biltmore, has abandoned the state of single blessedness and become a benedict. He was married Nov. 22nd to Miss Lillian Dermid of Asheville, by Rev. T. F. Marr. Tough late in doing so, we beg to extend our congratulations and best wishes.

McCall's, the discharge of loud guns, blowing of whistles and horns and the ringing of church bells closed the holidays here of 1934 and welcomed 1935.