

The Jackson County Journal

\$1.50 YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

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\$2.00 YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

Believe Blackwood Land Will Soon Be A Part Of Nantahala National Forest

...to soil, which those who are working on the matter for months are sure will be accepted by the government, was signed by the Blackwood Lumber Company, Saturday, whereby the tract of land, lying along the Caney Fork and Canada rivers, will become a part of the Nantahala National Forest, at an early date.

The Blackwood tract, which includes some of the finest mountain land and some of the highest elevations in Western North Carolina, is one of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, is one of the largest single tracts of land ever acquired by the government in this State, except when the State turned over the lands of the park, that it had acquired, to the Government.

It is understood that negotiations are in progress for the acquisition of lands for the forest, extending the boundary along the Balsam range, clear through the Plott Balsams area to Dick's Creek, placing in Jackson county one of the most magnificent sections of all the National Forests. When once acquired, the government, it is understood, will immediately begin the development of the forest, building numerous all-weather roads from the towns, and the State Highways to the tops and along the tops of the mountains, reforestation, and other matters, making the forest accessible to the tourists and to the people of the neighboring counties. Tentative plans are said to call for the establishment of some three or four Civilian Conservation Corps camps in the county, and other preparations for exploiting the forest.

The lands of the Blackwood Lumber Company, upon which the government now holds an option, which it is believed it will exercise, reach to the summit of the Caney Fork Balsams, and it is through it that it is proposed that the parkway, reaching from the Shenandoah National Park to the Great Smokies, will traverse for many miles, opening up to the tourists some of the most magnificent scenery in Eastern America, and a wonderfully beautiful mountain country that is known only to the natives of this and adjoining counties, and to a few of the more adventurous of the tourists.

...of the lands of the Plott Balsams are acquired by the Government, it is stated that the parkway, which is now practically closed, with the exception of the Davis tract, which includes Black Rock, Yellow Pine, Watercock Knob and other high points in the Plott Balsam range, for which negotiations are now in progress, the government will either extend the Nantahala Forest to include that territory, or will transfer the lands from the National Forest to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. In either event, and it appears to make little difference which it is called, the government will be opening up for public use, will include the whole of the Balsam Range, will be traversed by the Parkway, will be developed for tourist purpose and the use of the people of this section, and Balsam Gap will become, to all intents and purposes, the entrance to the Park, being as it will, on the railroad and on Highway No. 10, where the Parkway crosses them, and with the Great Smoky Mountains National Park lying to the immediate north and the Caney Fork Balsams section of the National Forest lying to the immediate south.

It is freely predicted that this, coupled with the forest acquisitions in the Southern end of the county, already famed as a summer resort area without a superior anywhere, should and will make Jackson county the most important tourist country in Eastern America, if not in the world.

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40 YEARS AGO

Tuckaseige Democrat, Feb. 20, 1895

The weather has greatly improved, and it looks now as if a regular thaw had commenced.

Clerk of the Court Cowan and Miss Mabel Stillwell were over from Webster, this afternoon.

Mr. C. F. Buffum, of Dillsboro, spent a while with us Saturday evening.

Mr. J. M. Rigdon, having sold his interest in the store at Glenville, to his partner, Mr. W. A. Fowler, has bought out Messrs. Smith & Morris and returned to Sylva.

A large meteor about midnight attracted much attention on Tuesday night of last week, throughout the entire south. It was very brilliant and made the streets of Atlanta as bright as noonday.

A private letter from Col. S. A. Jones, President of the Aluminum, Corundum and Copper Co., informs us that the wretched weather has retarded his arrangements for returning to North Carolina, but he will be here and set things to going as soon as spring opens.

In spite of the breakdown of the sleigh-riders on last Thursday, they picked their flints and tried again the next day with complete success. A sleigh was rigged up and with four horses attached, a merry party went over to Webster. The sleigh was used until Sunday, after which there was more mud than snow in the roads.

The friends of Hon. J. Frank Ray, Representative from Macon county, are justly gratified at the brilliant and patriotic stand he has taken in the present legislature. His immediate constituents should be proud of him.

The fusionists have agreed upon a county government and an election bill. The county government bill provides practically for the election of part of the Commissioners and the appointment of others to see that those elected do not do any devilment. The election bill appropriates the entire 60 sections of the present democratic law and absolutely gives to the dominant party the control of elections. The 6 per cent interest bill is now a law, but does not go into effect until 30 days after the Legislature adjourns.

Chesapeake Bay is frozen from shore to shore.

INVITATIONS MAILED FOR BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Invitations have been mailed by Western Carolina Teachers College to the high schools of Western North Carolina inviting them to participate in the Eleventh Annual Invitation Basketball Tournament to be held March 7, 8, and 9. This tournament, sponsored by the college, provides a fitting climax for the basketball season in Western North Carolina.

Last year nineteen boys and fifteen girls teams competed for honors that were finally won by the Sylva boys and Bethel girls. The Bethel girls have carried off championship honors for five successive years.

College officials are expecting the tournament this year to be the biggest and best in its history. The list of schools invited this year by counties are as follows:

Macon: Franklin and Highlands. Clay: Elf and Hayesville; Cherokee: Andrews and Murphy; Graham: Robbinsville, Stecoah and Tapoah; Swain: Almond, Bryson City and Cherokee; Jackson, Cullowhee, Glenville, Sylva and Webster; Haywood: Bethel, Canton, Clyde, Fines Creek and Waynesville; Transylvania: Brevard and Rosman; Henderson, Dana, Edueyville, Etowah and Fletcher; Buncombe: Barnardville, Candler, Flat Creek, Red Oak and Swannanoa. A maximum of sixteen boys and sixteen girls teams will be admitted. Western Carolina Teachers College will furnish officials for the tournament and entertainment for players until their team is eliminated.

BILL APPROPRIATES THREE MILLION FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES

(By DAN TOMPKINS)

Passage by the House of the bill appropriating three million dollars of the Highway surplus to be used immediately for construction and maintenance work on the highways of the State, is generally considered the most important business transacted by the General Assembly during the week.

The bill, however, cannot be ratified until minor differences are ironed out between the bill as it was originally passed by the Senate, and as it passed the House. This, it is thought, will not consume a great deal of time and with the differences between the two houses on the bill settled, the signal will be given to the Highway and Public Works Commission to go ahead.

It is generally known that the highway work has suffered during the past year because of lack of sufficient maintenance money, and particularly has that fact been seen by those who live along, or those who have had occasion to travel upon the side roads or lateral roads, leading off from the main highways, into the great countryside, where most of North Carolina lives. There are also, as has been frequently pointed out, important highways in the State, an instance of which is Highway 106 in Jackson county, that have never been completed, and from the lack of completion of which, whole counties and sections of the State are suffering.

Now, while the General Assembly is sweating over the problems of raising revenue, rebalancing budgets, and making appropriations for schools, State Departments, Institutions, and other agencies of the State, and while wets and dries are quarreling over the policy that the State is to pursue regarding the liquor problem, the State Highway and Public Works Commission, can proceed with the business of building and repairing roads, using for the first time in two years, State money for road construction.

The battle between the wets and dries over the Hill bill, which provides for a referendum upon the question of North Carolina going into the wholesale and retail liquor business, is being waged before committees of the General Assembly, today, Wednesday.

It is not generally believed by observers that the Hill Bill has a great deal of a chance of passing, and it is considered as still more unlikely, in view of the referendum of 1933 and its most surprising results, surprising, that is, to the wets, that the people would ratify the bill at the polls, even if it should pass the General Assembly. It is from the standpoint that, with so recent an expression of the people in the question, it is useless to put the State and the counties to the expense of another wet and dry election, that the dries are making one of their most powerful and convincing arguments.

The Senate, on Tuesday, passed, without a dissenting vote, the bill to ban slot machine gambling devices from the State. The bill, which will become law this week, when ratified, makes it unlawful to own, transport, possess or operate slot machines that can be used for gambling purposes. The bill is modeled after the New York law, which is said to have been most effective in ridding that state of the gambling machines.

Bills introduced:

To repeal law exempting church property from taxation, unless it is actually used for church purposes.

To authorize the State School Commission to set aside a fund from which payment is to be made of \$600 for hospital and medical bills for children killed or injured while riding on a school bus.

To require safety glass in all vehicles used for hire or for school buses.

To exempt from State, county, and city licenses, all shows at fairs.

To bring occupational diseases under the benefits of the Workman's Compensation Act.

To make robbery with firearms a capital felony.

To prohibit use of money from gasoline and license tags for any purpose other than construction or maintenance of highways.

To require midwives to obtain license.

To allow sale of estates in entirety when wife or husband becomes men-

DRUNKEN DRIVERS WORST CRIMINALS, JURY IS CHARGED

"Drunken drivers, and hit-and-run drivers are the most dangerous criminals at large in our State," said Judge Rousseau, in his charge to the grand jury, Monday morning. "I had rather meet a man with a shot gun, crazed with the desire to kill, than to meet a drunken driver on the highway," continued the Judge. He stated that nine out of ten cases on the court docket are there because of liquor, and that of the people killed and injured on our highway, nine out of ten are made to suffer because of liquor. The Judge was also severe in the criticism of bootleggers and bootlegging.

John Candler Brown, of Sylva, was chosen foreman of the grand jury, W. S. McConnell, Webster is officer of the jury, and the members are: J. C. Woodring, Lloyd Hooper, Wes Allison, C. M. Martin, Glenn Hughes, J. E. Monteith, Estes Green, R. E. Dills, W. E. Grindstaff, E. D. Blackburn, Joan R. Jones, G. L. Hooper, J. R. Brown, A. C. Barnes, W. T. Cook, T. J. Powell and J. S. Prince.

MUELLER CASE SET FOR TODAY

The case charging Hubert Mueller with being a hit-and-run driver, responsible for the death of Mitzie Ruth Bumgarner, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bumgarner of Sylva, on Highway No. 10, early this month, was set for trial this morning.

The case charging Frank Rhinebatr with perjury is scheduled to be called this morning, according to announcement made by Solicitor Queen.

WILLIAM LEWIS OF WEBSTER, IS TAKEN BY DEATH SUNDAY

William Lewis died at his home at 10 o'clock following an illness of more than two years. He was 65 years of age.

Mr. Lewis is survived by his widow, five sons, Ernest, Roscoe, Harley, Neil and Arthur, and five daughters, Mrs. Homer Buchanan, Mrs. Charles Frizzell, Mrs. John Green, Mrs. Henry Pangle, of Dillsboro, and Mrs. Julius Buchanan. Another daughter, Mrs. Dexter Hall, died several months ago.

The funeral rites were conducted Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Webster Baptist church with the Rev. W. N. Cook, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Stillwell cemetery near Webster.

D. D. BUCHANAN DIES AT HIS SAVANNAH HOME

D. D. Buchanan died at his home in Savannah township, Sunday night at 9 o'clock. He had been ill several months.

Surviving are his widow and five children, John Wesley, of East Fork, Mrs. W. A. Taylor, of Glenville, Mrs. J. M. Price, of Cullowhee, Mrs. Cole Allison and Mrs. Gay Sutton, of Green's Creek. Also surviving are one sister, Mrs. Mary Moore, of Darrington, Wash., and 18 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the East Fork Baptist church, of which Mr. Buchanan was a member, Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. The Rev. Thad F. Deitz and the Rev. William Buchanan officiated. Burial was in East Fork cemetery.

HARDEE TO PREACH TO NEGROES AT CULLOWHEE

Rev. R. M. Hardee, pastor of the Cullowhee Methodist church, will preach at the Negro Methodist church at Cullowhee, next Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. The Negro church has invited the student body of Western Carolina Teachers College, as well as the other white people of the community, to attend the service.

MINISTERS TO MEET

The Jackson County Ministerial Association will meet at the Baptist church at Cullowhee, on the first Monday morning in March, from ten to twelve o'clock. It is said, by those in charge of the meeting, that a challenging program is being prepared, and the ministers of the county are urged to be present. Rev. I. K. Stafford is chairman of the program committee.

Many Sentences Imposed In Superior Court Here; Other Cases To Be Tried

Johnny Jones Sentenced To Serve 7 To 10 Years

Johnny Jones was sentenced to serve from 7 to 10 years in the State prison, by Judge Rousseau, in Superior Court, yesterday afternoon, after he had entered a plea of breaking, entering, and robbing the home of Velt Wilson, last month.

Albert Keever, of Dillsboro, was convicted of receiving stolen property, in having bought a clock and a pistol belonging to Mr. Wilson, part of the loot from his home from Johnny Jones, and was sentenced to serve a term of not less than 2 nor more than 4 years in the State prison.

Jury Returns True Bill Against Roy Wilson In Death of C.C.C. Member

The grand jury brought in a bill of indictment, yesterday morning charging Roy Wilson, well known Sylva man, and employee of the Sylva Paperboard Company, with being the hit-and-run driver who struck down three CCC members, killing one and seriously injuring two others.

The case was set for trial next Monday morning. Dan K. Moore, defense counsel moved for continuance until the May term, but the Judge overruled the motion. Bond for Wilson was set at \$1500; and Roy Morton, alleged owner of the car was placed under \$200 bond as a material witness for the State.

Eugene Zito died in the C. J. Harris Community hospital, Sunday night, and John Kerney and Julius Porkwya are recovering from serious injuries received when the three were struck by an automobile, about 7 o'clock Sunday night, on Highway No. 10, near the Western limits of Sylva. Cash Clark, young Sylva man, observed the injured men on the Highway and rushed them to the hospital.

All three men were members of Civilian Conservation Corps 1211 at Smolmont, and are said to have been walking on the highway when they were struck down.

Roy Morton, lineman for the Western Carolina Telephone Company, with home and headquarters in Sylva, was placed under arrest early Monday morning by officers investigating the case, when it was learned that a Ford coupe, with both headlights smashed, and with leaking radiator which was found some little distance from the scene of the tragedy, standing on Highway No. 10, near the home of Dan Tompkins, was the property of Morton. Morton, it is said, informed officers that he had loaned his car to Roy Wilson, and that Wilson had it in his possession at the time of the tragedy. Near noon Monday, Wilson was placed under arrest at the Sylva Paperboard Company's plant, where he was working, and both men were held pending investigation of the affair by the Jackson county grand jury, which convened Monday morning. Wilson is said to have stated to officers that he left the car standing on the Main street of Sylva, and that someone had stolen it, asserting that he was not the operator of the death car.

The Ford coupe, when first observed by others, was standing on the highway, headed toward Sylva. There were tracks indicating that some one person had jumped from the car and crossed the lawn of Mr. Tompkins, making his escape that way. It so happened that there was fresh dirt on the bank of the highway, and also some distance across the lawn, and it was easily observable that this was the means of escape of the driver, and that there was but one person in the coupe at the time it was abandoned.

The body of Zito, whose home is 1032 E. 212th Street, Bronx, New York, was prepared for transportation and burial at the funeral parlors of P. E. Moody. The entire camp, numbering several hundred men and officers, assembled at the railway station in Sylva at noon, Tuesday, as an escort for the body of young Zito, and stood with bared heads and at attention as it was placed aboard the train and took departure for his home city, consigned to his mother, Mrs. Marie Zito.

Judge Rousseau handed out numerous road sentences in superior court here, beginning Monday, most of which were cases involving liquor, drunkenness, drunken driving, manufacturing, transporting, or retailing.

Cecil Queen drew a sentence of 8 months on the roads on a charge of operating an automobile while intoxicated. He had a suspended sentence of two years on a charge of disturbing religious services hanging over him from a former term, and the Solicitor moved that the sentence be put into effect, but Judge Rousseau continued the motion until the next term.

Hyman Sutton, well-known Sylva youth, drew a term of nine months on the roads, and a suspended sentence of an additional two years, not to be effective if he does not break the prohibition laws for four years, after he had given up the fight, while his trial was in progress, and entered a plea of guilty of transporting and possessing liquor.

L. L. Cope drew a sentence of 30 days for operating an automobile while intoxicated, and a fine of \$50 and the cost for carrying concealed weapons.

Ed Cope, transporting, four months on the roads, and an additional 12 months suspended sentence upon good behavior for two years.

Roy Buchanan, operating an automobile while intoxicated, \$50 and the costs. He proved a good character and that he had never been in court before.

Tom Ammons, manufacturing, two years, suspended upon good behavior.

Tom Clark, Willie Clark, E. L. Robinson and Port Jones, transporting, Tom and Will drew 90 days each, with an additional suspended sentence of 12 months. Robinson was fined \$100, and Jones \$50, and each sentenced to 6 months, and a suspended sentence of 12 months. Tom Clark drew an additional 30 days on a drunkenness charge.

Demos Wood, carrying concealed weapons, prayer for judgment continued.

Fred Pruitt, carrying concealed weapons, \$50 and the costs.

Claude Wike, violating the prohibition laws, judgment suspended upon payment of the costs. He proved an excellent character through his previous life.

Thad Bradley, violating the prohibition laws, 6 months, and 18 months suspended for two years on good behavior.

W. S. Collins, Wayne Jarrett, H. F. Boone and Mack Boone, violating the prohibition laws, 30 days each, suspended for 12 months on good behavior and payment of the costs. They only had a little for drinking purposes.

Don Stevens, operating an automobile while intoxicated, 6 months, suspended upon payment of \$75 and the costs, and on condition that he do not drive an automobile for two years.

Jake Arrowood, Tom Arrowood, and W. B. Dillard, playing stud poker, Tom and Dillard \$10 and the costs each. Jake was also tried for an assault, and had a previous suspended sentence hanging over him. He drew 12 months on the roads, and four months suspended sentence left hanging over him when he comes back home.

G. C. Fox, operating an automobile while intoxicated, prayer for judgment continued. His wife is sick and has a young baby.

Jack Snyder and Fred Wilde, transporting, Wild was found not guilty, and Snyder drew a sentence of 12 months, suspended upon payment of the costs and good behavior. The Judge stated he thought Wild the guiltier of the two, but that there was no evidence to support his belief, and that Snyder had just started in the business, and he would give him a chance. Snyder was caught with 15 gallons of liquor in Wild's car.

Nelson Beck, assault on his sister-in-law with an axe, 6 months.

Bo Cox, John Henry McDowell and Jess McDowell, three negroes charged with an affray. John Henry was found not guilty, and the other two drew 30 days each, suspended upon payment of the costs.

Jim Woodring, violating the prohibition laws. He had but 1 pint, which he said he was taking to a sick man. He drew a suspended sentence of 12 months.