

The Jackson County Journal

ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

SYLVA, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1935

\$2.00 YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

40 YEARS AGO

Tuckaseige Democrat, March 7, 1895

The contractors say that they are about to sub-let several contracts for grading and tracklaying on the Hendersonville and Brevard road, which is twenty-two miles long, extending between the points named in North Carolina.

Rev. G. W. Spake and Capt. W. A. Enloe were up from Dillsboro, Tuesday.

Mrs. Laura Belle Cooper left Wednesday to join her husband in Gainesville, Texas, whither he went a few months ago. Her father, Post Master Long, of Webster, accompanied her as far as Asheville.

Persons who will take boarders for the summer would do well to furnish Mr. E. L. McKee, agent for the Southern Railway Company here, the necessary information as to how many they will take, distance from station, rates of board, etc., in order to get the benefit of the free advertising the railroad company will give them.

Oh, No! The Asheville Citizen says: Canton, on the Murphy branch, is a great station for salt. It is the only one of the small towns on the roads leading from Asheville that gets salt in car load lots. On the contrary, there are only a few stations on the Murphy branch that do not get salt in car load lots, one firm alone here having handled four car loads in the last three months.

The Senate yesterday went into executive session. The Governor withdrew the nomination of George H. Smathers as Director of the Western Hospital, at Morganton, and nominated James R. Love, a Populist, of Jackson county. He was promptly confirmed. The withdrawal of Smathers was due to objections offered by Western Republicans. In some quarters he was charged with being a Democrat. The Governor, when objection was made by the Fusionists, withdrew his name, and substituted a Populist, who was accepted.—News and Observer.

When the election law was pending in the Legislature, an amendment, introduced by a democrat, that judges of elections should be men of good moral character, was defeated, the republicans and populists generally voting against it and the democrats for it. Then, another amendment, that the judges should at least be men of moderately good character was defeated by a strict party vote.

If, when the Legislature adjourns, which it is expected to do on next Friday, and ended its own official existence, if it could obliterate from the statute books all the acts that it has passed, it would prove of great advantage to the State, for the evil of what it has done, we believe, when it acts, with their effects and influences shall become known by the light of experience, will far outweigh the good. The desire for helping forward the material interests of the people of the State has been subordinated to the gratification of an unworthy spite against the party which has so long and so successfully administered the State government, and the controlling spirit which has governed the majority has been to get and to hold, as many offices as possible, even creating new ones for their benefit. Therefore, the act of adjournment will afford more general satisfaction to the people of the State than any other of its acts.

BEGINNERS DAY MARCH 28 AT SYLVA GRADED SCHOOL

Thursday March 28 will be beginner's day at Sylva Elementary School, according to plans announced by the Parent-Teacher Association. All parents who have children old enough to enter school next year, are requested to have their children at the school at 9 o'clock in the morning of that date.

There will be entertainers to care for and amuse the children. Nurses from the health department will be on hand to give them free physical examinations, to ascertain whether there are any physical defects that can and should be corrected. A toy balloon will be given to each child, and a good time is in prospect for everyone. Last year on Beginner's Day, 33 children were present.

Legislature Not Likely To Change Prohibition Laws During Present Session

(By DAN TOMPKINS)

As the time approaches for a test of strength in the Senate on the Hill Bill, providing for a referendum on whether or not the State is to set up a dispensary system of legal distribution of liquor to those who desire to imbibe, it becomes more and more apparent that the Hill Bill, or any other act seeking to change the status of John Barleycorn in North Carolina, has little chance of passing the Senate, and still less chance in the House.

There are two reasons for believing that. The first is that many leading North Carolinians are constitutionally dry, and believe that prohibition of the manufacture, sale, and transportation of liquor is the best plan yet evolved for dealing with the problem; and they have a majority of 183,000 less than a year and a half ago, to strengthen their arms. Another potent reason is the light which history sheds upon the effect that tampering with liquor laws has upon the political party in power. It never fails to work adversely against the majority party, when the liquor laws are changed. In 1908 the Democrats sponsored the movement to put liquor out of the State, and won a victory in a referendum on the subject. Liquor went out, but, at the next election three Democratic Congressmen went out with it, and three Republicans took their places in Congress from that State. That was the worst defeat that the Democrats had in the State between 1896 and 1928; and in 1928, when liquor was much discussed, although the State is generally believed to have voted anti-liquor and not so much anti-liquor, yet liquor was an issue in the campaign, and Al Smith, the Democratic candidate for President lost the State to Herbert Hoover, this district lost a Democratic Congressman, although he is a life-long dry, and general up-sets and upturns in politics in the State followed in the wake of liquor talk and prohibition repeal proposals.

Tampering with liquor laws, whether to provide prohibition or to repeal it, always costs the majority party a plenty, and this is a most potent reason, frankly recognized by many Democratic leaders, as to why they are opposed to the enactment of the Hill Bill.

The appropriation bill and the finance bill, are both expected to emerge from committees in a short time, and then the real business of the General Assembly will come to the fore, and the real fighting over clashes of opinion will begin.

Bills introduced:

To exempt hospital nurses from taxation.

To permit delinquent special assessments, with interest and penalties on the same, as well as assessments not yet due, to be apportioned in cases in which the land is divided into two or more parcels.

To exempt from taxation real estate, up to \$2,000 belonging to blind persons who have been residents of the State for four years, when the property is used exclusively as the home of such blind person.

To require the State to refund 5c of the 6c gasoline tax bought by counties, cities and towns, in quantities of more than 10 gallons at a time.

To regulate the purchase of supplies, materials, and equipment by counties, cities and towns, and to require competitive bidding.

To allow cities and towns to levy a license tax of not more than \$50 on motor buses used for transportation of passengers, operated on routes entirely within city or town.

To extend the time for instituting foreclosures on taxes for 1932 to December 1, 1935.

To create a prohibition commission, with a commissioner, two agents in

each judicial district, and twelve agents at large, with the duty of enforcing the prohibition laws. The commission and enforcement agency would be financed by taxing an additional \$5 in the bill of costs in every case where a person is convicted of violating the prohibition laws or driving while intoxicated.

To extend the time for payment of special assessments, and to allow them to be paid in ten annual installments, beginning the first Monday in October following the resolution of extension.

To make robbery with firearms punishable by life imprisonment.

To allow only citizens of the State to bring suits as paupers.

To provide for repair and improvement of city streets, by the Highway and Public Works Commission, when the streets are a part of or connecting links in the State Highway system.

To allow the use of deposits in banks to offset debt to the bank owned by a depositor, whether the deposit is personal or as trustee of a fund for which he is bound and must account.

To broaden the power of the State Forester to appoint county wardens. The bill would authorize the maintenance of lookout towers, broaden the fire patrol laws to include woodland as well as forests, and require the counties to pay one-half, not to exceed 5 mills per acre, of keeping wardens appointed for their counties.

To authorize the State Board of Health to use any available funds to establish local or district health departments in counties, cities, or groups of such.

To make it a misdemeanor to induce to leave, carry away or accompany, except by permission of proper authority, any inmate of an institution duly committed by a court.

To permit voluntary sterilization under certain conditions and to prescribe the procedure in such cases.

To provide for licensing court reporters.

To repeal the laws which give power to the State Board of Elections to hear petitions alleging failure of county officials to comply with the election law, to remove such officials, and to make rules regulating and governing the conduct of primaries and elections.

To allow obligations due by banks to be used as set-offs against obligations due to the bank in paying off judgments, assessments and executions in favor of said bank.

To increase the State's preemptory challenges in capital cases from four to twelve and in other cases from two to four.

To allow appeals to the superior court from all rulings of the Industrial Commission in cases arising under the Workman's Compensation Act.

To provide that in counties and cities in which realty has not been offered for sale for taxes for 1932-1933, the governing bodies be authorized and directed to advertise such property not later than the first Monday in May, 1935, and to bring foreclosure proceedings for such taxes not later than 90 days after the sale.

To require marriage licenses to designate each licensee as "widow," "widower," "single" or "divorced."

To eliminate the requirement that the Holy Gospels be kissed when oath is administered.

To require the petition for restoration of citizenship to be posted at the court house door for 30 days, and published in a newspaper once a week for four successive weeks, preceding the term of court at which the petition is to be presented.

To repeal the act providing that prospective groom file a health certificate of an affidavit attesting the fact that he has not active tuberculosis or any venereal disease.

BUMGARNER IS IMPROVING

Oscar Bumgarner, who has been confined to his home since he was injured, while working at a filling station here, several years ago, returned Monday, from an Asheville hospital, where he underwent an operation, and is improving, at his home. Surgeons now believe that Mr. Bumgarner will regain the use of his legs and will be able to walk again, as soon as he has completely recovered from the effects of the operation.

HASTINGS BUYING POLES

John J. Hastings states that he has just been accorded the largest order for chestnut poles that has been placed in this territory in several years, and has begun buying poles from the wagons and trucks. Mr. Hastings has been employed on the Southern Railway for several months, during the lull in the pole business, but has returned to Sylva, his home, and will make his headquarters here.

Indicted For Three Capital Offenses

The Swain county grand jury, on Wednesday, brought in a true bill charging Ed. Nelson and Jesse Cline, 20-year old Ela youths, with three of the four capital felonies, murder, arson and burglary, in connection with the death of Tom Cline and the burning of his store at Ela, a few weeks ago.

Young Nelson and Cline have been held in Bryson City jail since Jan. 14. It is expected that they will be tried at the present term.

CHILD LOSES LIFE SAVING SISTER'S DOLL FROM FIRE

Franklin Press, Feb. 28.—Mary Louise Conley, eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ingram Conley, who live near Otto, succeeded last Thursday afternoon in rescuing her small sister's doll from a fire but in so doing she suffered burns which resulted in her death the following day.

Mrs. Conley went to the barn to milk, leaving Mary in the living room playing with two younger sisters. One of the smaller girls dropped her doll in the fireplace and Mary Louise pulled it out. When she reached into the flames her clothing became ignited. She ran to the barn and her mother succeeded in tearing the burning clothes from her child; but her body already was badly burned. She was taken to Angel hospital, where she died Friday morning.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Dryman's Chapel in the Tensata section.

MRS. M'KEE SPEAKS AT ZONE MISSIONARY MEETING

Mrs. E. L. McKee, of Sylva was one of the speakers at the Zone meeting of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Methodist church, in Waynesville, on Tuesday. Her subject was "Requisites of a Good Officer."

Mrs. Robert Howell presided at the meeting, and Mrs. F. E. Branson, the district secretary delivered an address.

The next Zone meeting will be held at Cullowhee, next fall; and the annual conference meeting will be in Concord on April 9-11.

The Sylva society was represented by Mrs. H. Gibson, Mrs. M. D. Cowan, Mrs. E. L. McKee, Mrs. S. H. Hilliard and Mrs. Dan Tompkins. Representing the Cullowhee society were Mrs. Thomas A. Cox, Mrs. David H. Brown, Mrs. Henry Bryson, Mrs. W. D. Wike, and Mrs. L. H. Ammons.

QUALLA

Rev. C. W. Clay preached at the Methodist church Sunday morning on the evils of intemperance. His text was "I will seek it yet again." He, with Mrs. Clay, were dinner guests at Mr. J. W. Cathey's.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cordell on March 3rd, a daughter.

Miss Ruth Ferguson, who has been teaching at Fairfax returned home last week.

Miss Faye Roper of Solola spent the week end with Miss Etta Kinsland.

Rev. C. W. Clay and Rev. J. L. Hyatt attended the Ministers' Conference at Cullowhee Monday.

Misses Jennie Cathey and Geneva Turpin, teachers, and the entire student body of the Qualla school were given a dinner reception by the principal, Mr. G. C. Cooper, at his home at Sylva.

Rev. J. L. Rogers of Sunburst and Mr. Stevens of Hazelwood called at Mr. T. W. McLaughlin's, Saturday.

Mrs. Lottie McLaughlin spent Sunday with Mrs. Taylor Bridges at Olivet.

Mr. and Mrs. Kerm Noland of Swannanoa spent Sunday at Mr. D. L. Orner's.

Miss Viola Webb visited at Mr. Jim Keener's.

Mr. Weaver Freeman called at Mr. Horace Howell's.

Miss Nell McLaughlin returned to Cullowhee Sunday after a visit with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hyatt and Mrs. C. P. Shelton called on Mrs. Albert Reagan who is seriously ill.

Mrs. Rufus Johnson and children of Ela, called at Mr. D. M. Shuler's. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bird of Sylva and Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Terrell visited at Mr. T. W. McLaughlin's, Sunday.

Harold McLaughlin visited Charles McLaughlin, Sunday.

GOLD STRIKE IN STANLY CAUSES BIG EXCITEMENT

Stanley News-Herald, March 5.—The village of New London was in a high state of excitement today as news spread that gold was literally pouring from "them thar hills" on the western side of town, known as the Parker mining property. Gold was really "struck" here, according to confirmed reports—and in such quantity that it is plainly visible in a poorly-lighted tunnel where the rich vein was discovered early this morning.

solid nuggets from the size of the end of a finger, to gold-coated rocks larger than a man's head, rolled down the side of the tunnel when the vein was uncovered by a workman's pick. A frenzied excitement ensued, and all work in the tunnel was ordered stopped by E. M. Scott, superintendent of the mine, while the site of the rich vein was placed under guard. The work was suspended in order to provide housing facilities for the gold-producing ore as it is removed from the shaft.

The newly discovered vein, according to first-hand estimates, has a tonnage value that will run into thousands of dollars. Just how far the vein extends has not been determined, but rich deposits were located near the source of some valuable and far-reaching veins that were discovered when the mining property was first worked, some thirty years ago.

It was in the course of reaching one of these old veins that today's discovery was made in the tunnel that is being dug to what is known as the old crib shaft. The find, however, was over 150 feet away from this point, and was made after reaching a depth in the hill of some 60 to 70 feet past the open cut work. The vein in this tunnel was possibly struck by workmen on the midnight shift, as the dirt taken from the cut during the time, was found, when examined this morning, after the existence of the valuable strata became known, to contain rich deposits of gold.

FIDDLERS' CONVENTION ATTRACTS LARGE CROWD

Whittier, March 6.—The Whittier school auditorium was crowded to capacity Saturday night for the second fiddlers' convention in as many months. The program was more a succession of features than a series of contests—features ranging from the singing of Scott Cooper, Edd Styles, and Gillian Lambert to the "flat-footing" of Ham Childers and the harmonizings of Luke Shuler's harmonica.

The \$25.00 in prizes was divided among these musicians: Ham Childers, Paul Childers, Scott Cooper, Gillian Lambert, Bill Pennington, Garth Reed, Frank Shuler and Edd Styles.

BALSAM

Mrs. H. L. Evans, Home Demonstration Agent, visited several families here Monday. The next meeting of the Club will be with Mrs. Loranzo Crawford at Willets next Friday.

Miss Harriett Long of Abbie spent Sunday night with the Knights.

Miss Louise Arrington, who is teaching at Maggie, spent last week end at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. George Knight and Miss Harriett Long motored to Delwood, Sunday afternoon.

We are glad to say that Mr. and Mrs. Henderson Jones, Mrs. Lily Bryson and Miss Daphne Potts, who have been on the very sick list for some time, are now improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bryson and Mr. and Mrs. George T. Knight went to Asheville Tuesday.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY TO MEET

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Sylva Methodist church will meet at 3:30 next Wednesday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. J. Robert Long. Mrs. Walter L. Jones will be in charge of the program.

Each member of the society is requested to bring to the meeting a dresser scarf and a small vase, to be given to the C. J. Harris Community Hospital. There will be an executive meeting of the society at the home of Mrs. Dan Tompkins, the president, tomorrow, Friday, evening, when reports for the quarter will be made out and plans for the future will be made.

WOMEN MEETING TO BE HELD AT MOSES CHURCH

Baptist Union with the Moses Church, March 29, 30, the suggested

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