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SYLVA, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1935

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## APPROPRIATIONS BILL MAY GO TO HOUSE THIS WEEK

DAN TOMPKINS

Appropriations bill is expected to go to the House for consideration this week. The Appropriations Committee work has been completed and the bill is ready to go to the House. It is expected that the bill will be passed by the House and sent to the Senate for consideration. The bill provides for the appropriation of \$2,500,000 for the State Department of Transportation. It also provides for the appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the State Department of Public Safety. The bill is expected to be passed by the House and sent to the Senate for consideration.

## Matthew Green Dies At Home In Qualla

Mr. Matthew Green died at his home on March 6th, and was buried at Qualla on Thursday afternoon. Rev. W. W. Anthony and Rev. J. L. Hyatt conducted the funeral service. He leaves a wife, 2 daughters, Mrs. May Jones, of Barker's Creek, and Mrs. Lavisa Messer, and two sons, Oliver and Monroe, of Qualla. He was an honest, industrious citizen. He was about 63 years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Martin of Bryson City, visited at Mr. D. J. Worley's.

Mc. D. L. Oxner visited relatives in Canton. His granddaughter, Margaret Rinehart accompanied him home.

D. C. Hughes Jr., spent a while with Mr. Lather Hoyle, at Cherokee.

Mrs. Charles Thomas is visiting relatives in Bryson City.

Misses Bonnie Freeman and Ruth Connor called on Mrs. Grace Johnson.

Mrs. D. M. Shuler called on Mrs. J. G. Hooper.

Mrs. A. C. Hoyle and Miss Polly Hoyle visited Mrs. J. H. Hughes.

Mrs. D. L. Oxner spent Thursday night with Mrs. Garland Oxner.

## DRAMATICS TOURNAMENT AT CULLOWHEE SATURDAY

Western Carolina Teachers College will be host to seven Western North Carolina high schools, on Saturday, for what it is hoped will be the first annual dramatics tournament. Cullowhee, Marion, Bryson City, Highlands, Robbinsville, Sylva and Murphy high schools have entered the tournament. Sylva High school will present "The Valiant". Cullowhee has chosen "Silver Lining" for its presentation, with Florence Smith, Irene Green, Jaunita Farmer, Elizabeth Ammons, Ed. Nicholson, Oscar Price and Roy Phillips as the cast. Robbinsville will present "Squaring It With the Boss"; Highlands, "Sophie From Sandysville"; and Bryson City, Marion, and Murphy, selections from the Carolina Playmakers' productions. The Public Relations Committee of the college faculty is in general charge of the tournament. Miss Winona Hooper, Miss Nell Hines, and Miss Annie L. Brackett compose a special committee on arrangements.

## CHEROKEE DRAWS LONG TERM

Sim Jessan, 30 year old Cherokee, was sentenced to serve from 24 to 28 years at hard labor in the State Prison, by Judge Rousseau, at Bryson City, Monday, after he had entered a plea of guilty of murder in the second degree for slaying Matilda Reed, Indian girl, last December.

Jessan stated that he meant to shoot Tom Reed, who was residing at the home of Jessan's estranged wife, when he fired from a distance of 100 yards below the Indian cabin on the Cherokee lands.

## BRYSON SEEKS TO REPEAL STOCK LAW PETITION ACT

A bill introduced by Representative T. C. Bryson, and passed three readings in the House, would repeal the act of 1931, which provides that any person owning land within the exclusive stock law territory, can petition the county commissioners and have his lands annexed to such boundary.

## GLENVILLE SENIORS HAVE POSTPONED PRESENTATION

The senior class of Glenville High school will present its annual play, Saturday, March 23, at 8 P.M. in the high school auditorium. This year's play is "An Early Bird", a comedy-drama in three acts, by Walter Ben Hare.

The players are being coached by Mrs. Janie Brown, sponsor of the class.

## EPISCOPAL SERVICES

Rev. George Lemuel Granger, minister. St. John's church, Sylva. Second Sunday in Lent. 11 A. M., Holy Communion and sermon. Lenten Services: 8 P. M. Friday's Discourses on the Lord's Prayer. St. David's church, Cullowhee. Sunday services, 4 P. M., Evening prayer and address.

## CASHIERS, HAMBURG TRESPASSING ACT DRAWN BY BRYSON

The House of Representatives passed, on Tuesday, and sent to the Senate, a bill presented by Representative Bryson, providing a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$50 for trespassing for the purpose of fishing, in Hamburg and Cashier's Valley Townships, and offering a reward, to be paid by the defendant, of \$10 for evidence to convict of violation of the act.

The bill, which applies only to the townships of Hamburg and Cashier's Valley, provides:

"It shall be unlawful for any person to trespass or enter on the lands of any other person, firm or corporation, for the purpose or intent of fishing, without the written consent of the owner of said lands, and upon conviction shall be fined not less than \$10 and not more than \$50 for each and every offense. And for the purpose of this act, the word 'owner' shall mean either the owner of the fee in said land, or the owner or lessee of the fishing rights thereon.

"All sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, constables, forest wardens, game and fish wardens, and patrolmen employed by owners of land, are hereby empowered to make arrests for violation of this act in Hamburg and Cashier's townships of Jackson county, and shall receive the sum of \$10 in any case involving a violation of this act, in which he gives or secures the evidence upon which the conviction was obtained, which shall be assessed against the defendant and paid by such defendant as part of the costs in cases of conviction. If no conviction is procured, no fee shall be taxed against the defendant. In no event shall any cost or fees be taxed against the county or State."

## CONVERTED JEW TO SPEAK

Rev. Jacob Rosenthal, a Jew who has been converted to the Christian faith, will preach at the morning service, at the Baptist church here, Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Rosenthal was converted in February, 1928, and was ordained to the ministry by the First Baptist church of Abilene, Texas, on February 20, 1929. Rev. Dr. M. A. Jenkins, a native of Western North Carolina, was pastor of the church at Abilene and a member of the presbytery which ordained Mr. Rosenthal.

The public is invited to the service Sunday, and it is hoped, by the officials of the church that a large congregation will hear Mr. Rosenthal.

## WEBSTER SUPERLATIVES HAVE BEEN CHOSEN

The Seniors at Webster High school have elected the following superlatives:

Prettiest girl, Iona Buchanan; Best Looking boy, Roy Morgan; Best Sport girl, Edna Barnes; Best Sport boy, Clifton Thomas; Most Popular Girl, Iona Buchanan; Most Popular boy, Ray Cowan; Most Studious girl, Vera Painter; Most Studious boy, Coy O. Rogers; Cutest girl, Mary K. Owens; Most Athletic girl, Iona Buchanan; Most Athletic boy, Ray Cowan; Woman Hater, Cornelius Deitz; Man Hater, Velma Morgan; Most Religious girl, Irene Ashe; Most Religious boy, Fred Thomas; Most Conceited boy, Harry Mason; Most Conceited girl, Edna Lee Morgan; Neatest girl, Vera Painter; Class Flirt, Lucile Ashe; Class Baby, Mary K. Owens; Most Dignified girl, Vera Painter; Most Dignified boy, Coy O. Rogers; Quietest girl, Velma Rogers; Quietest boy, Ferry Buchanan; Class Wit, Cornelius Deitz; Sweetest girl, Lucile Ashe; Most Thoughtful girl, Irene Ashe; Most Thoughtful boy, Fred Thomas; Class Monkey, Estes (Slim) Dean; Class Sheik, Fred Thomas.

## SYLVA HIGH IN THE DRAMATICS TOURNAMENT

Sylva Central High School will participate in the Dramatics Tournament which will be held at Western Carolina Teachers College, this week. Sylva's entry will be a one act drama, "The Valiant", and is being coached by Mrs. Chester Scott. The characters are Miss Evelyn Gibson, Weaver Allen, Asbury Carden, Frank Deitz, Olin Reed and Glenn Cook. The play will be given at 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

## Would Separate School Committee

A bill, introduced by Representative T. C. Bryson, in the House, would require the County Board of Education to appoint a local school committee of five members for each high school in the county and of three for each elementary school. The effect of the bill would be, in Sylva, for an example, to have two separate school committees, one for the high school and one for the elementary school, both of which are under one principal.

## WOULD CLOSE HUNTING SEASON

On March 7, a bill was introduced in the House of Representatives providing for closing the season on deer, wild turkey and ring-necked pheasant in Jackson, Surry, Wilkes, and Alleghany counties. The bill would create three separate offenses and prescribe the penalties for each: Killing deer, wild turkey or pheasants, a penalty of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1000 or not less than 60 days nor more than two years in prison. Permitting dogs to chase deer or other game in Roaring Gap or Mitchell River Reservations, \$5-\$25 or not more than 30 days. Fishing with seines or nets, traps or dynamite or placing sawdust in streams, not less than \$100 or more than \$500 or not less than 60 days nor more than 1 year in prison.

## W. C. T. C. WINS FOUR DEBATES

Western Carolina Teachers College won four decisions in the Southeastern Forensic Tournament, in Hickory, during the past week-end. Two decisions in the woman's division were won over Maryville College and one each from Lenoir-Rhyne and Catawba college. The last two were in the men's division.

The debating teams, coached by Mr. E. H. Stillwell, were composed of: Misses Hattie Siler Freeman, Waynesville, Margaret Coward, Cullowhee, Nell McLaughlin, Whitfield, Violet Dilhard, Cullowhee, Eula Mae Potts, Highlands and Cecil Postard of Hayesville, Fred Anderson, Mars Hill, Awyer Tilley, Sneedwell, Marshall Watterson, Dana, and Joe Carson, Marion.

## U. N. C. ALUMNI TO MEET

There will be a meeting of the Alumni of the University of North Carolina, at Western Carolina Teachers College Cullowhee on Monday evening March 18 at 7:30. All former students of the University are invited.

## BALSAM

Cling Hoyle, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Hoyle, passed away Tuesday night the 5th at the old family home near Willets, after a short illness of pneumonia. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Dave Dean, and the body was laid to rest in the Love cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bryson and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bryson and little son spent Saturday in Lenoir with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Coffey, son-in-law and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bryson.

Mrs. Sara Bryson, Mrs. George Knight and Charles Beck went to Sylva Saturday afternoon.

A large number of Balsamites attended the basketball games at Cullowhee, Saturday night.

Mr. Sydney McCarty stopped over in Balsam for a short while Monday en route to his home at Guilford College. He had been to Highlands to visit his brother, Rev. Raymond McCarty, who is pastor of the Presbyterian church there. The McCarty family spent about twenty summers here. Recently they have been going to Highlands.

Mrs. Walter Brarren and Mrs. Reece of Daytona Beach, Fla., were here Monday.

Mr. John T. Jones and Mr. N. R. Christy went to Sylva, Monday.

Another car load of mica was shipped from Grassy Ridge mine, last week.

Car loads of olivine are shipped nearly every day from the Hyatt mine.

Mr. Bob Garrett also has a crew of men mining olivine on the West Cogdill land.

We understand that other mining will be done here in the near future. Let the good work go on. There are valuable minerals in these mountains.

## Swain Youths Go On Trial For Three Capital Crimes-- Murder, Arson, Burglary

### 40 YEARS AGO

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Master Bob Collins returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Greer left for New York, Tuesday.

Mr. Lee Hooper went off today with a car load of fat cattle.

Mr. E. D. Davis was among the crowd of visitors in town Tuesday.

Mr. W. M. Hoffman reached here Saturday and returned to Detroit, Tuesday.

Fred Moore, Esq., of Asheville, came out Saturday on a brief visit, returning Monday.

Mr. W. L. Shope, of Asheville, has spent a few days of this week here, on business.

Elsie Wolff left Saturday to visit friends and relatives at his old home in Yorkin and Forsyth.

Sheriff Haynes and Mr. G. E. Boggs, of Haywood, are among those having business here, this week.

Lyndon McKee made a trip somewhere down the road, Saturday evening, on his private "lightning express".

Messrs. Coward, of Caney Fork, are here with cattle, hogs, turkeys, chickens, ducks, and eggs to ship to market.

Mr. E. V. Watson was down, Tuesday, to meet Mrs. Watson on her return from a visit to her relatives in Bryson City.

Senator Candler got home from Raleigh, Monday.

There will be a "poke supper" at Bryson School House on Saturday evening, the proceeds to be used for the benefit of the church.

Mrs. J. B. Strong, one of the editorial staff of the "Housekeeper", of Minneapolis, Minn., arrived Wednesday on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Baum.

Dr. J. H. Potts, of Franklin, who has for several months been attending the Medical Department of Vanderbilt University, at Nashville, Tenn., got back Tuesday and went to Glenville, where his wife has been staying with her parents, during his absence.

We heard the frogs, for the first time this spring, last Friday evening, and that same night we had quite a flurry of wind, rain and snow. The buds on the peach trees do not, as yet, show any signs of becoming blooms, but the grass is beginning to look green and the buds on early shrubbery are swelling.

A party of emigrants, consisting of three families, came to town Sunday, from Caney Fork and Canada, and left Tuesday for Indian Territory. Mr. John Hughes, the famous bee raiser, who has had as many as 150 hives at one time, was along, with his family.

Program of the Sunday School Convention at Cullowhee, March 29, 30 and 31: Friday, Sermon, by Rev. A. T. Hord; Rev. H. D. Welch, alternate; dinner, 1:30; Question, Methods of organization, W. A. Henson, Rev. A. W. Davis; Recitation, Miss Hattie Stillwell; Question, proper and improper use of helps, Geo. Davis, Thos. Parker; Essay, The negligent Sunday School teacher, Miss Lala Allen; Song, Question, Who should teach? Why? B. C. Fisher, W. C. Allen, Rev. N. A. Orr. Saturday, 9 o'clock, devotional exercises, Rev. Wiley Conner; Question, How to conduct a Sunday School systematically, Julius Carson, Frank Jarrett, A. M. Parker, Recitation, Miss Laura Dilla; Essay, Preparation of the Sunday School teacher, Miss Mary Robinson; Question, How may we improve the spiritual condition of the Sunday School? W. T. Crisp, R. L. Hyatt, J. C. Watkins; Recitation, Miss Mary Stillwell; Question, Do we improve our opportunities and realize our responsibilities? J. T. Woodard, M. M. Buchanan, H. C. Cowan; Question, Who should attend Sunday school? J. P. Brendle, W. O. Buchanan; Recitation, Miss Mary Cowan; Essay, What we may expect from work faithfully done in the Sunday School? Mrs. Susie Zachary; Question, How and why should distinctive Baptist principles be taught? Geo. Hawkins, Lambert Hooper, Rev. H. D. Welch; Question, What steps should the church take in preparing teachers for Sunday School? Alfred Wilson, Revs. B. N. Queen and J. L. Owen; Sunday: 9 o'clock, Devotional by J. P. Painter; Essay, Bringing the children to Jesus, Mrs. Linnie

With a court-room crowded to capacity, with spectators from Swain and Jackson counties, Ed Nelson and Jesse Wiggins, 20 year old youths, went on trial for their lives, charged with three capital offenses, murder, arson, and burglary, in Bryson City, Tuesday, in connection with the robbery and slaying of Tom Cline, aged 61, merchant, and burning his store, on last January 14.

The Swain county grand jury, last week, returned a true bill charging Nelson and Wiggins with the three capital offenses. Judge Rousseau ordered a special venire of 150 men to be drawn and summoned to appear in Bryson City on Tuesday morning; and the whole of Tuesday was consumed in drawing the jury from the venire.

Yesterday morning the State began to put up its evidence, and it is believed that the trial of the case will consume the entire week.

Solicitor John M. Queen is being assisted by McKinley Edwards and Thurman Leatherwood in presenting the case for the State, while Nelson and Wiggins are being defended by J. N. Moody, of Murphy, and T. D. Bryson, Jr., of Bryson City.

The unusual aspects of the case and the fact that this is the first case in many years, if ever in this part of the State, in which the prisoners are charged with three offenses, conviction on any one of which would carry the mandatory death penalty, have caused it to create a great deal of interest in Jackson and Swain counties, and to draw an unusually large crowd of spectators to the Swain county capital. Tom Cline was a merchant who operated a little store beside Highway No. 10 at Ela. He was unmarried and lived alone in a room in the store building. On the night of January 14, his store was discovered to be in flames. The alarm was given and, though the building burned to the ground, Mr. Cline's body was rescued. It was learned that his skull had been fractured by a blow, and bloodstains were found on the bedding, leading to the conclusion that someone had entered the store, killed the old gentleman, robbed him and set fire to the building in an effort to conceal the crime. A few days later Wiggins and Nelson were placed under arrest by Swain county officers and have been held in jail in Bryson City until placed on trial, Tuesday morning.

There was evidence to show that the two youths were seen at the Big Chief filling station, east of Ela, on the night in question, that both had been drinking, that they were armed with pistols, and were seen going in the direction of Cline's store. A small quantity of merchandise, found in the woods by officers, was identified as having been delivered to Mr. Cline on Saturday, before the alleged crime, on Monday night. The two youths on trial admitted at the preliminary hearing that they had stolen the goods from Cline, but denied having anything to do with killing him or setting fire to his store. They contended that they were picked up between the Big Chief filling station and Ela, by a passing motorist, who was a stranger to both of them, and were taken to a point west of Ela, near their homes, by him, and that they knew nothing of Mr. Cline's place having been robbed, or burned, or of his death, until the following day.

The large number of prospective jurors who had formed the opinion of the guilt of the two lads on trial, and the emphasis with which a large number expressed their belief in capital punishment (though many stated that they held religious or conscientious scruples against it) were noticeable in the process of selecting the jury, as was the palpable effort of the defense to keep as many old or middle-aged men as possible off the jury, and to get the panel from young men.

The jury selected is composed of Dave Shock, W. A. Crisp, E. L. Welch Zell Stillwell, J. G. Johnson, Will Messer, W. A. Mitchell, N. A. Pilkington, Dan Shuler, G. L. Crisp, W. H. Wright, and Fred Ledford. Ralph Cody is serving as the 13th juror.

Stedman; Special prayer for Sunday School children, Thos. Parker; Essay, Mission work in Sunday School, Miss Annie J. Thomas; Sermon at 11 o'clock, Rev. A. H. Sims. J. H. House, Secretary to Sunday School Convention.