

The Jackson County Journal

11.50 YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

SILVA, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1935

\$2.00 YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

C. M. WELLS DIES SUDDENLY EARLY SUNDAY MORNING

Charles M. Wells, 76, one of the best known citizens of Sylva, died suddenly at his home on Main street, early Sunday morning, of an attack of indigestion.

His daughter, Mrs. F. H. Weller, returning from a day's trip to Asheville, found that her father was in-ville, though he had not gone to bed, and summoned a physician. He shortly before his death, Mrs. Weller, entering his room, found her father sleeping. Within a few minutes she heard him fall, and found his body lying in the bathroom. Neighbors and a physician were summoned, but Mr. Wells had passed on.

Mr. Wells, a native of Macon county, had made his home here for many years. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Wells, and was born September 6, 1859. On July 12, 1894, he was married to Miss Ellen Cowan of Webster, who preceded him to the grave, a few years ago.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. F. H. Weller, of Sylva, and Miss Lucy Wells, of Charlotte, two granddaughters, Elizabeth and Joy Weller, and by a large number of other relatives and friends in Western North Carolina.

A carpenter, a cabinet-maker, and architect by trade, Mr. Wells had worked in various places in this and other States, and had a wide acquaintance.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at the Methodist church by Rev. S. H. Hilliard, in the absence of the Pastor, Rev. T. R. Wolfe, assisted by Rev. George L. Granger, rector of the Episcopal church, and Rev. W. C. Reed. Interment was in the Keener cemetery, where his wife and two deceased daughters are buried.

OVER 30,000 FARMERS MAKE APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS

Columbia, S. C., March 20.—Over 30,000 farmers in the third Farm Credit Administration district, comprising the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, had made applications through production credit associations for loans totaling \$9,003,853 through February 28, according to figures given out by the Production Credit Corporation of Columbia.

Through March 7 commitments totaling \$1,597,636.21 had been approved by the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Columbia, it was announced by that institution. On this same date last year commitments approved totaled less than \$1,000,000.

The loans for production purposes made by production credit associations last year in the four states totaled approximately \$9,000,000. The total this year is expected to go well beyond that figure as the flood of applications to date would indicate.

From North Carolina 10,138 applications for \$3,136,767 had been sent in by production credit associations through February 28.

Production credit associations make loans to farmers to finance the production, harvesting and marketing of crops. These associations are composed of farmer-borrowers and make short-term loans on a business to farmers in every county. Every county is provided for in the set-up of associations and any farmer who does not know the location of the association serving his county may secure the information from his county agent or teacher of vocational agriculture.

Production credit associations do not loan government money but obtain loan funds by discounting borrowers' notes with the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank. The Intermediate Credit Bank obtains funds for discounting purposes from the sale of debentures to the investing public. The production credit associations at present are charging 5 per cent interest on production loans but interest is charged only for the time the money is borrowed and farmers may get their applications in now and have them approved and get their money when it is needed. Many farmers are planning to save on their interest charges by obtaining their loans in a series of installments. They will pay interest on each installment only for the time they have the money.

40 YEARS AGO

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Judge D. D. Davis went to Asheville Wednesday.

Miss Otelia Davies is at home from St. Mary's Institute, Raleigh.

Miss Della Brinkley and Mr. Robt. O. Phillips were married Sunday morning, at the residence of Mr. D. L. Bryson, the ceremony being performed by Esquire A. M. Parker.

Occasional rains delay the work in the farm and garden. The vernal equinox brought us a heavy rain, and streams were considerably swollen. Spring is late and farmers and gardeners are much behind with their work.

The ladies of the Millinery Store request that their customers be informed that their spring stock will arrive before Easter, and that they hope that purchasers will await its arrival, as they will have a handsome and desirable stock to show them.

The oldest inhabitant has not seen the spirit of improvement so rampant in Sylva during its existence as now prevails. Four dwellings are in course of construction. Rev. A. B. Thomas is building on a beautiful site on his farm at the eastern end of the town. Mr. D. J. Allen's house is well under way. Mr. W. M. Haskett has laid the foundation for a dwelling on his lot on Jackson street and Mr. J. R. Frizzell is building at the lower end of town, while Mr. Judson Allen's remodeled house is nearly ready for an occupant and Mr. Neil Buchanan is overhauling and improving the house recently purchased from Mr. J. B. Rochester. Mr. Jos. H. House has just built a new comfortable barn on his lot and our enterprising liveryman, Mr. J. W. Divilbiss, is making improvements and adding conveniences to his stable and putting himself in more complete readiness to accommodate the traveling public. Besides all this, the town authorities, with the hearty co-operation of the public-spirited citizens have devised a system of sidewalks for the most frequented streets. These are made of plank and every citizen is doing his full share towards getting the work done as rapidly as possible. Dr. Wolff is entitled to the credit of getting down the first section in front of his office and is pushing ahead with that in front of his residence lot while Messrs. McKee and Cowan have their sections about completed. Others are hauling in their lumber and citizens, as well as the "stranger within our gates" will soon be able to bid defiance to the mud. With the prevailing spirit of enterprise and co-operation the town will soon show greater evidences of progress and improvement than ever. The public school building is also in an advanced stage of construction and will be ready for use before the fall term of the school's.

INSTALL ELECTRIC SIGNALS

The Southern Railway Company, in co-operation with the Federal government, has just completed the installation of an electric signal system on the crossing of Highway No. 10 and the Southern's main line, at the East end of the town of Sylva.

The signal system automatically rings a bell and turns on a warning light when a train approaches the crossing. The installation was done in line with the government's attempt to reduce crossing accidents in the country.

SILVA TAKES SECOND PLACE

Sylva High School won second place in the first annual dramatics tournament at Western Carolina Teachers College, last Saturday. First honors went to Marion.

Other schools in the tournament were Murphy, Robbinsville, Bryson City, Highlands, and Cullowhee.

The Sylva cast was coached by Mrs. Chester Scott; and three members from Sylva were placed in the all-tournament cast selected by the judges at the close of the finals, in which Sylva and Marion competed for first honors. In the all-tournament cast from Sylva are Evelyn Gibson, Glenn Cook, and Weaver Allen. Marion, the winning team, was also honored with three members in the all-tournament cast.

Revenue And Appropriations Get Attention Of Legislature

(By DAN TOMPKINS)

The House has resolved itself into a committee of the whole, for the consideration of revenue and appropriations. That means the beginning of the end of this General Assembly, though how much longer it will last no one can say.

The Hill Bill, seeking to open up liquor stores in North Carolina, was sent hurrying back to the committee, "for further consideration," which means simply that its friends in the Senate were afraid to take a vote on it for the time being, fearful of defeat, and sent it to the cold storage, to await more hopeful days. They are hoping that the revenue and appropriations bills will be so far apart, that the urgent necessity for more money for the State treasury will bring recruits enough to their ranks to put the measure across the shadowy hurdle of the 183,000 dry majority of November, 1933. They also hope that Georgia, South Carolina and Tennessee will all join the wet parade, and leave North Carolina as the only legal island amid the ocean of legal liquor, thus giving impetus to their cause.

The House, feeling in a merry mood, passed the bill to increase the alcoholic content of legal beer from 3.2 to 5 per cent, or raising Roy Francis 1.8. The bill was sent over to the Senate, where it is being held in committee, awaiting developments.

An amendment reducing the cost of automobile license tags from 55c to 40c per hundred weight, with a minimum of \$7.00, was adopted by the Senate and passed its second reading in that chamber.

The bill to ratify the Child Labor Amendment to the Constitution of the United States was voted down in the House by a 52 to 49 vote, although it has the approval of both President Roosevelt and Governor Ehrhardt. A two-thirds majority was necessary for its passage.

Bills introduced:
To extend the time for instituting 1932 foreclosures for taxes, so as to make the law already passed applicable to tax receipts.

To provide that the assumption of school maintenance by the State shall not prevent the issue of bonds for building, re-building and furnishing school houses for the purpose of providing building only.

To amend the school machinery act so as to eliminate maximum limits on salaries of county and city superintendents, leaving same to be fixed by a schedule prepared by the School Commission and State Board of Education; change the date of election of superintendents from May to July; change title of head of city unit from superintendent-principal to superintendent.

To provide that where any law has taken exclusive original jurisdiction from the superior court and vested it in an inferior court, the superior court shall nevertheless have concurrent jurisdiction.

To allow one of several tenants in

TOWN ELECTION MAY 7

The biennial election for the Town of Sylva will be held on May 7, according to a resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen of the Town, in conformity to the State laws governing municipalities.

Henry O. Curtis has been appointed registrar, and Dan Tompkins and S. H. Monteith, judges of the election.

The registration books will be open at the Town Hall on April 6 and on the two succeeding Saturdays.

No nominations have been made by either political party, as yet; but it is understood that the present administration will again be in the field for election.

C. C. Buchanan is mayor, E. L. Wilson, Claude Allison, Charles Price, W. E. Grindstaff and Dr. Grover Wilkes are aldermen.

NEWFOUND GAP HIGHWAY TO OPEN ON APRIL FIFTEENTH

The Tennessee section of the Newfound Gap Highway in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, closed to travel on account of construction last November, will be reopened to general travel on April 15. At that time all roads in the Park will be open to motorists.

common, joint tenants or co-partners, to pay assessments levied against the land of all, thereby acquiring a lien on the other interests to the amount of their share of assessments.

To provide that all cases of instruments requiring registration (prior to Jan. 15, 1935) to which a clerk of the superior court was a party or in which he had an interest, and which instruments have been ordered registered by such clerks, their deputies or assistants, on proof of acknowledgement taken before such clerks, their deputies or assistants, justices of the peace or notaries public, such registrations are validated.

To provide that an officer summoning jurors for a justice of the peace court shall receive the fee allowed by law for summoning jurors.

To make it unlawful to dredge or catch oysters in the closed season for purpose of sale or planting oyster gardens. Penalty, not exceeding \$50 or thirty days.

To allow counties and municipalities to make such refunds of the certificate of the tax collector, of taxes erroneously or illegally collected, on a resolution of the governing body setting forth the specific reason for the refund. No refund could be made more than five years after payment.

To provide two alternate methods of tax foreclosures, one involving the use of tax sale certificates and the other involving entry of judgment without sale of certificates. The proceedings would be in rem and lien holders would notify the authorities if they wish to be made parties.

To make all conveyances of real property by devise or heirs void as to creditors if sold within two years from the death of decedent.

To reappoint the members of the House of Representatives, as provided in the Constitution. It would allow members as follows: Mecklenburg and Guilford, four each; Buncombe, Forsyth and Wake, three each; Durham, Gaston, Halifax, Johnston, Robeson, Rowan and Wayne, two each. All others one each. At present Mecklenburg, Guilford, Wake and Forsyth have three each; Buncombe, Durham, Gaston, Halifax, Rowan, New Hanover, Halifax, Pitt, Johnston, Robeson, Rockingham, Nash and Wayne, two each. The effect of the bill, if passed, as the Constitution directs, would transfer the balance of power in the House from East to West, and the East has succeeded in defeating a similar bill at each session of the General Assembly, since the last census.

To increase from 10 to 25 the percentage of qualified voters required as signers of the petition before the name of an independent can be placed on the ballot.

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WEBSTER SCHOOL CLOSING

The closing events of Webster high and graded schools began Sunday morning at ten o'clock, with the commencement sermon being delivered by Rev. T. R. Wolfe, pastor of the Sylva Methodist church. The senior class play, "Betty's Last Bet," will be presented tonight, with Miss Mary K. Owens and Ray Cowan in the leading roles. Other members of the cast are Misses Edna Barnes, Vera Painter, Iona Buchanan, Edna Lee Morgan, and Lucille Ashe, and Harry Mason, Fred Thomas, Roy Morgan and Coy Rogers. Mrs. D. D. Davis is directing the play.

The class day exercise will be held Friday afternoon. The class membership consists of eight young ladies and eight young men. Fred Thomas is the valedictorian and Miss Vera Painter the salutatorian. Jackie Morris, young son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Morris, is class mascot and Mr. Paul Buchanan is sponsor.

The closing of the commencement will be on Friday night when the graduation exercises will be held. The address to the class will be delivered by Dean W. E. Bird, of Western Carolina Teachers College.

Quick Work Of Sylva Firemen Saves Home

A fire of unknown origin caused great damage to the home of Mrs. Carrie McKee, on Main Street, early Saturday evening.

The prompt response and quick work of the Sylva Volunteer Fire Department, alone prevented the building from being completely razed.

The house was occupied by J. Guy McClure and his family, and the fire originated in one of the upstairs rooms, occupied by Mrs. McClure's mother, Mrs. E. G. Kirk.

The entire second floor of the building was ruined by the fire, and water did great damage to the first floor.

Most of the furniture belonging to the McClure family was removed from the building, with little damage.

The building was partially covered by insurance.

FOURTEEN CLUB MEMBERS WILL GO TO WASHINGTON

Reservations were made this week with the Carolina Coach Company for fourteen Home Demonstration Club women from Jackson County to go on a tour to Washington, D. C., April 17th-20th. These women will join other Club women from the mountain and piedmont counties of North Carolina.

The tour will include the following places: Capitol, Washington's Monument, White House, Lincoln Memorial, Mt. Vernon, Arlington Cemetery (tomb of the unknown soldier), Cathedral where Wilson is buried, Smithsonian Institute, and Agricultural Buildings. In eastern Maryland the most outstanding curb market in the South will be visited. This market is conducted by Home Demonstration Club women. It is hoped that the Japanese Cherry trees in Washington will be in full bloom, which would be well worth the trip in itself.

The following are the Club women from this county who will make the trip: Mrs. Jeter Snyder, Miss Benita Sulton, Mrs. Claude Jones, Mrs. Edward Bryson, Mrs. R. C. Moody, Mrs. Everette Harris, Mrs. Ed Curry, Mrs. Ed Bryson, Miss Lucy Hedden, Mrs. N. D. Davis, Mrs. J. M. Tucker, Mrs. Bettie Hooper, Mrs. Nellie Hooper, and Mrs. H. L. Evans.

J.N.C. ALUMNI HEAR SNAVELY

The Haywood-Jackson division of the University of North Carolina Alumni Association, meeting for dinner at Moore Dormitory at Cullowhee Monday evening, had as its chief speaker Coach Snavely. The 36 members of the association present were welcomed by President H. T. Hunter, of Western Carolina Teachers College.

Coach Snavely, Marion Saunders, general secretary of the alumni association, and Coach James were guests, as were the members of the football squad of Western Carolina Teachers College.

W. C. Medford, of Waynesville, president, presided at the meeting. Dan K. Moore is vice-president. The Association voted to include Swain in the division, and Kelley E. Bennett, of Bryson City, was elected vice president for Swain county.

A resolution favoring an appropriation of \$1,700,000 for the University and \$22,000,000 for the public schools, was adopted.

BILL WOULD CHANGE HUNTING SEASON IN WESTERN COUNTIES

A bill, sponsored by Representative Jack Morpew of Graham, Representative T. C. Bryson of Jackson, and others, applicable only to the counties of Jackson, Buncombe, Swain, Cherokee, Graham, Haywood, Henderson and Transylvania, provides that the open season for squirrel shall be from September 15 to December 15; for rabbits, November 20 to February 1; quail, November 20 to February 1; that it shall be lawful to hunt foxes at any time, that it shall be a misdemeanor to sell squirrel for the market, and making a fine of not more than \$50 or imprisonment of not more than thirty days, or both, for the violation of the provisions of the act.

Macon county was originally included in the bill, but an amendment in the Senate removed that county, leaving the seasons there as they are at present.

JACKSON LEADS ALL COUNTIES IN TOTAL NUMBER GRADUATES

Cullowhee, March 18.—Jackson County has had 211 students to graduate at Western Carolina Teachers College since its founding by Professor Madison in 1889. In fact, over one-fifth of all its graduates hailed from Jackson County. To be specific, the entire list of graduates in the forty-five years of its history embraces 913 names. Since 211 of these were from Jackson, twenty-three and one-tenth per cent of all graduates were Jacksonites. But other counties, many of them outside the mountains, are well represented among the alumni. Each of the following North Carolina counties has had ten graduates or more: Haywood with 83; Macon, 68; Buncombe, 59; Cherokee, 29; Transylvania, 26; Swain, 25; Wake, 23; Clay, 22; Cleveland, 17; Union, 17; Madison, 17; Henderson, 15; Johnston, 12; Graham, 11; Polk, 10; Rowan, 10; Sampson, 10.

These and many other interesting data are contained in the Alumni Directory, which has just come from the Press. This directory gives the names, native counties, and latest known addresses of the 913 graduates. It reveals that the list of graduates represents 74 of the 100 counties in North Carolina, and that 66 graduates come from 12 other states. The names of 26 known dead among the alumni are given. The pictures of the three presidents which the College has had since its beginning appear in the bulletin. Professor Robert L. Madison, founder, served as president from 1889 to 1912, and again from 1920 to 1923. There were 130 graduates under his administration. Professor A. C. Reynolds served as president from 1912 to 1920. Fifty three joined the ranks of the alumni during his administration. President H. T. Hunter has been at Cullowhee since 1923, during which time a total of 730 young men and young women have completed either the two-year or four-year curricula.

GOOD RECORD IS MADE BY WEBSTER ASSOCIATION

At the last meeting for the school year, of the Webster Parent-Teacher association, which was held on last Friday, the reports of the secretary and treasurer disclosed records of a number of worth while objects attained during the year. The association sponsored a baby, in the baby show which was held in Sylva last Fall, bought a set of books, "Modern American Encyclopedia" for the school library, gave a "Womanless Wedding" and a Halloween party, during October; bought first aid equipment and repaired the piano, an oil stove and the fire escape of the school; conducted a sale of Christmas seals and a campaign for subscriptions for McCall's Magazine during November; donated \$10.00 for books, as a Christmas gift to the school; bought ten kettles for a hot lunch project for the school children; bought pictures for prizes to the meetings of the association; sponsored "Patrons' Night," in the interest of obtaining a new school building; gave a benefit Valentine party; celebrated Founders' Day and sent in a contribution; sponsored a pre-school clinic; worked throughout the year and succeeded in getting on foot a new school building; left \$16 in the treasury of the association.

At the meeting last Friday Mrs. Dan Allison was re-elected president, Mrs. Lewis Bumgarner was elected secretary and Miss Lucy Hedden treasurer for the next year.

LODGE WILL HAVE BOX SUPPER

A box supper and a special program will be held Wednesday evening, March 27, by the East Laporte Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star chapter. John S. Seymour, Worshipful Master of the East Laporte Masonic group, and a member of the faculty of Western Carolina Teachers College, will preside at the affair.

The Masonic Lodge at East Laporte will begin an attendance contest at its first meeting in April. The contest will terminate July 4. Frank G. Brown of Cullowhee, and Hut Nicholson of Cowarts, will serve as group captains during the contest.