

# The Jackson County Journal

1936 A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

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\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

## SENATE REVENUE BILL FAR SHORT OF APPROPRIATIONS

(By DAN TOMPKINS)

The Senate, sitting as a committee of the whole, completed its work on the revenue bill, considered all important, if the Assembly is to adjourn promptly within the next few weeks, and reported it to the body. Committee of Revenue A. J. Maxwell, whose wizardry with figures has vexed more than one Governor, and which has made more than one General Assembly sit up and take notice, estimated, as the committee of the whole finished its task, that the bill falls short of four million five hundred thousand dollars short of raising enough money with which to meet the appropriations for the biennium, all appropriations for both houses. Mr. Maxwell has a way of being extremely accurate in figuring revenue estimates, and the prediction made by him is causing considerable worry among the weary legislators, who want to finish their task and come home. The Senate brought about the discrepancy between revenue and appropriations by eliminating the hotel sales tax, by putting the present sales tax exemptions on basic commodities back into the law, and by other changes in the bill as set to it by the house.

Immediately upon the report being given the Senate from its committee of the whole, Senator Harris Newman moved to consider the Hill liquor control bill, as a means of bridging the gap between appropriations and revenue; but his motion was ruled down and the Senate is now considering its revenue bill. It is perfectly apparent that the breach between House and Senate will be so wide that the House will refuse to concur in the Senate amendments, or at least part of them, and the bill will go to conference, where the differences will be ironed out, and then back to both houses for adoption of the conference report, or its rejection. In their anxiety to get home, the legislators will probably adopt whatever suggestion their conferees agree upon, and clear the way for adjournment.

The school machinery act is yet to come out of Chairman R. L. Harris' committee on education. This bill usually draws fire from all sides of the educational argument. It is of interest to teachers that it will contain a provision extending certificates for at least another year without necessity of attending summer school. It may provide for a two year extension; but there is some objection to this, on the ground that the salaries will be increased next year and that the teachers should be able to go to summer school in 1936; but there is no disagreement over the proposal that they should not be required to do so this year.

Another measure that seems doomed to defeat is the proposal to reallocate the membership in House and Senate, according to the 1930 census and in obedience to the constitution. The east has been able to hold this up for the past two General Assemblies, and will probably be successful again, although there is no argument either in reason or in law for such procedure. The east just has the ups and doesn't want to turn its advantage loose. An instance of how it works at present is a comparison between the First Congressional district in the East and the little county of Cabarrus in the West. The first district has twenty representatives and three senators. Cabarrus county has one senator and one representative; but in the last election Cabarrus cast more votes than all the counties in the first district. That is unfair on the face of it; but where the assembly votes are against a proposal, no matter how fair and just, it is difficult for justice and fairness to win.

The flood of bills being introduced continues. Most of them are local, but many are State-wide and some are really important.

To provide that after two years from the first legal notice to creditors, the Clerk of the Superior Court upon the written request of an interested party shall require the personal representatives to file a report of setting forth all facts relating to the estate and upon a hearing of the report by all parties, the Clerk may extend from year to year not exceeding five years the time for settling the estate. The bill provides that after five years from the first legal notice the Clerk shall order a hearing

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## WARM WEATHER PREDICTED FOR EASTER IN WESTERN N. C.

Warmer weather for Easter is the prediction that comes on the heels of several weeks' cold weather for Western North Carolina, culminating in a frost and freeze on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, that is reported to have done considerable damage to early vegetables, small fruits and flowers in all parts of the mountain region. Wednesday the temperature began to rise, and it is predicted that the warm spell will continue through Easter, unless clouds form bringing rain and lower temperature.

## JOHN C. REED, 70, PASSES AT GREEN'S CREEK HOME

Funeral services for John C. Reed, 70-year-old citizen of Green's Creek, were held at Old Savannah Baptist church, Sunday afternoon, with Rev. W. C. Reed, his nephew, and Rev. Ernest Jamison officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. Mr. Reed passed on at his home Saturday, following a brief illness of pneumonia.

Mr. Reed, a well known citizen of the county, is survived by his widow, five sons, Frank Reed, Russellville, Ala.; Garland Reed and Fred Reed, of West Virginia, and Tom Reed and Grady Reed of this county, by two daughters, Mrs. Wade Gass of Almond and Mrs. Thornton Cabe of Jackson county; by two brothers, J. P. Reed of Beta, and Charlie Reed of Mt. Holly; by one sister, Mrs. Sebron Plot of Canton, and by other relatives and friends.

## Revival Meeting Is In Progress This Week

Beginning Tuesday evening, a series of evangelistic services is being held at the Methodist church, with Rev. W. D. Wolfe, of Gastonia, a brother of the pastor, doing the preaching.

Mr. Wolfe is an impressive speaker, and it is hoped by the church that the attendance on the meetings will continue to grow.

Tomorrow, Good Friday evening, the services will include the celebration of the Holy Communion.

Special music is being arranged for Easter by the choir, and for the service Easter evening by the junior choir of the church.

## MOORE HEADS ROTARIANS

Dan K. Moore, popular Sylva attorney, was elected president of the Sylva Rotary Club for the ensuing year, at the meeting at Jarrett Springs hotel, Tuesday evening.

Jack Walters, Cherokee, was elected vice-president and Bill Fisher, secretary-treasurer.

The new board of directors will be composed of S. W. Enloe, H. T. Hunter, Allen Adams, Dr. Focht, and Arthur Weidlich.

The new officers will be installed in June.

## WILL HAVE EASTER SERVICE

Rev. J. Gray Murray will preach at the morning service at the Baptist church here, using as his text Phillipians 3:10. The subject of the sermon is "The Power of His Resurrection."

Members of the two choirs, the young people's and the senior choir, under the direction of Mrs. John R. Jones are rehearsing music for the service.

At the evening service, Rev. W. N. Cook, pastor of the Webster Baptist church will preach and the young people's choir will sing.

## SUNRISE SERVICE AT BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY MORNING

There will be a sunrise service held on next Sunday morning at 6:30 at the Baptist church, sponsored by the different B.Y.P.U.'s of the church. All persons of the town and visitors in the community not attending a service elsewhere at that hour are urged to attend.

## ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. Geo. Lemuel Granger, Rector 8 P. M. Maunday Thursday, Holy Communion and sermon.

8 P. M. Good Friday, evening prayer and sermon.

Easter Day; 11 A. M. Holy Communion, sermon and presentation of lenten self denial envelopes.

## Present Plans For Highway Building Is Blow To County

(By DAN TOMPKINS)

Jackson county has drawn a lemon, so far as road construction is concerned, and in most serious danger of having her progress set back for many years, and in losing the greatest opportunity for progress that has ever been presented to her, by reason of momentous decisions in highway construction that have been, and are about to be made.

The truth is that Jackson county is about to be bottled up, set aside, and left high and dry in all the development program of the park area. That this county has every merit in her contentions regarding the construction of 106 as a trunk-line highway to and through the park from south and west, and in the superiority of her claims for the parkway along the Balsam range from Tennessee Bald to Soco Gap, is dangerously near to being disregarded by the powers that be and that pain.

It is true that the Highway Commission is ready to offer us enough federal money for one and possibly two grade-crossing elimination projects, which would create some work in Sylva and Dillsboro, but these are more in the nature of a sop thrown to us to keep us quiet while we lose the biggest opportunity of a generation.

It is true that the Highway and Public Works Commission is about to spend \$75,000 grading and surfacing Highway 196 from the Forks of Tuckasee to Trout Creek, where the amendment begins, if there is to be an amendment, to go up Shoal Creek instead of via the High Falls Gap and through the Hamburg Basin. But it is also true that the Commission has decided to spend \$450,000 regrading and surfacing Highway 286 from Bryson City to Franklin, and to complete Highway 284 from Bryson to Waynesville and then on to Soco Gap. And it is admitted that when this work begins on these two roads, the federal government will insist that they be completed before any federal funds are spent on other road in this part of the State.

That, if the plan is carried out knocks all attempts to get Highway 106 completed into a cocked hat for many years, and leaves Jackson county in the same condition so far as her main highway is concerned as she was when the State began constructing a State Highway system, with the exception that certain parts are paved, and can be used by people living along it; but for through traffic, and for connection with adjoining county seats and to allow the people from the other end of the county to come to Sylva, it is utterly useless during part of the year.

Highways 286 and 284 are both roads that are being constructed with the purpose of diverting traffic that would naturally flow over 106, and turning it through Waynesville and Bryson City. So far as park travel is concerned, 286 is utterly unnecessary, as there is already a paved highway from Franklin, via Dillsboro to the park, that is nearer than the route of 286. To spend \$450,000 on it now is nothing short of the rankest discrimination, and a flying in the face of the merits and the geographical advantages of 106.

Highway 284 is another that has not nearly the merit that 196 has. Yet both of these roads are written on the stars for construction in preference to 106.

The construction of the parkway from Soco Gap to Cherokee, and the building of 107 from Cherokee to

Highway No. 10, is a diversion of the traffic from east and west, over No. 10, that now flows through Whitler, Dillsboro, Sylva, Balsam, Hazelwood and Waynesville. That effectually cuts off east and west traffic through those towns, and leaves Sylva sitting at one side.

There is now an attempt being made to change the location of the Parkway, so as to leave off the Balsam range, Balsam Gap, and the most scenic part of the entire route, and run the master scenic road through Beetree Gap and to Soco Gap. Engineers are now at work surveying that route with the idea of a possible change.

Sylva and Jackson county entered into the Parkway fight as heartily as any part of Western North Carolina. The route had been mapped out, and there was no reason to believe that any substantial changes would be made. Yet, some of our neighbors, or somebody, working quietly and in the dark, has brought enough pressure to bear to have surveyors put to work mapping out a route that would contradict every argument made to Secretary Ickes, and upon which he based his decision to build the road through North Carolina, and that would leave off the most magnificent scenery, the highest skyline, and the most majestic of the entire route.

Picture for yourself Sylva and Jackson county, while the park area is being developed into one of the great regions of all America, left with the present traffic on Highway No. 10, diverted through Soco Gap; with 106 left uncompleted, and the traffic that would naturally flow over it diverted to 284 and 286; with an attempt made to divert the traffic from 285 to 286; with the Park route so as to leave out Balsam range and Balsam Gap. The program strikes at every section of Jackson county, beginning at Whitler coming on up to Dillsboro, the Savannah section, Sylva, Scott's Creek, Balsam, Cullowhee, Caney Fork, Canada, Hamburg, Mountain and Cashier's Valley.

If it is allowed to be carried out as planned, it will be a body blow to Jackson county, and one that was struck below the belt. It will thwart all our aims, all our purposes, all our aspirations. It will be as ruinous to the future of Jackson county as a plague, a pestilence, or the march of a devastating army, and perhaps more so.

That is the highway situation that confronts us at present. That is the story as it now is. There are reasons behind all this, and The Journal can and will at the proper time, spill the entire bag of beans. On the face of it it is a conspiracy to leave Jackson county and Sylva entirely out of the picture, to give us the rawest of raw deals, and to discriminate against us in the hope of giving advantages to Asheville and Waynesville that they should not naturally enjoy, and to which they are not naturally entitled.

Jackson county must arouse herself from the lethargy and get busy on the job. Now is the time to strike. Soon it will be too late.

We must make our friends, our neighbors, and our highway authorities see the injustice of the procedure. If necessary, we must carry the fight before the Governor of North Carolina, who received in this county the greatest proportion of vote in the primary that was accorded him in the State, and one of whose appointments is largely responsible for the present situation that confronts us.

## Jackson County Women Will Be Received By Mrs. Roosevelt In White House This Afternoon

Fourteen Jackson county women, bearing a gift of a lovely dress pattern of Eleanor blue homespun from Mrs. N. B. Ashe to Mrs. Roosevelt, and a beautiful coverlet woven by Mrs. Rhoda Watson, of Wayehutts, for the first lady, left here at noon Tuesday, on a trip to Washington, where they will be received at the White House by Mrs. Roosevelt this afternoon, and will be extended courtesies by Senators and members of Congress.

The Jackson women joined others from Western and Piedmont North Carolina at Charlotte. From there they proceeded via bus through the Valley of Virginia. The return trip will be via Richmond.

The Jackson county women who are away on the trip are, Mrs. Jeter Snyder, Miss Benita Sutton, Mrs. C. R. Moody, Mrs. Claude Jones, Mrs. Ed Bryson, Mrs. N. Don Davis, Mrs. R. L. Myers, Mrs. R. L. Holden, Mrs. Lee Hooper, Mrs. John Hooper, Mrs. J. M. Tucker, Mrs. Edward Bryson, Mrs. Frank Cole, and Mrs. Harry L. Evans.

## SCOUTS SPONSOR PLAY

The boy scouts and girl scouts of Sylva are sponsoring a play "After Dark," at the graded school auditorium, Monday evening, April 22.

The play is a boy scout comedy, and the cast is composed of Franklin scouts.

## 40 YEARS AGO

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Mr. A. H. Wilson, of Glenville, was down Friday.

Mrs. J. D. Buchanan, of Webster, spent a few days here, this week.

Messrs. R. L. Madison and John Wilson were down from Painter, Saturday.

Mr. W. C. Smith came back from Washington Saturday and remained over till Monday.

Elsie Wolff got back Wednesday from a visit to relatives in Forsyth and Yadkin counties.

Miss Ida Smith, of Painter, and Miss Fouts, of Graham, were shopping in town Saturday.

Gen. E. R. Hampton came over from Asheville, Friday, to spend several days with his family.

Miss Mamie Stedman left yesterday for a two weeks' visit to her brother's family in Ashburn, Ga.

The quarterly meeting of the M. E. Church South will be held here Saturday and Sunday, and Presiding Elder Wagg will preach Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Dr. W. C. Tompkins has succeeded in producing the first brood of chickens ever artificially hatched in the county. His incubator is turning them out at a date sufficient to astonish their natural mothers.

Monday seems to have been one of the "dog days." Three canines were killed by the freight train, the last one on the trestle here. It was a fine dog and belonged to Mr. S. W. Ensley.

With the view of finding a couple of offices for fusionists the late Legislature established two new Criminal Circuit Courts. The Courts being established, Gov. Carr exercised his constitutional prerogative and appointed O. P. Mears Judge of one and Thos. A. Jones, of Asheville, Judge of the other, notwithstanding the legislature had assumed to elect Chas. A. Cook and H. G. Ewart. The question as to which is the Judge of the western district, Jones or Ewart, was submitted to Judge Graham at Waynesville Tuesday and he decided in favor of Judge Jones. The case now goes to the Supreme Court and it is expected that both this and the other case, involving the title to the Judgeship of the eastern district will be decided next week.

Causes Suggested: Having in my last article described as well as I could the condition of the people in Jackson county forty years ago and compared it to their present state, let us see if we can arrive at any sensible conclusion as to what makes that difference. Now I wish to be perfectly candid and unprejudiced in this inquiry. I do not wish to belittle the present generation of men, for, I think with the same incentive and opportunities they are not less industrious than their fathers, but while some adverse conditions are beyond their control, I am sure many of them made grievous mistakes. Many and brilliant were the glowing pictures drawn by all of us as to the effect the completion of the railroad through our country would have on our financial condition and easy means of living. We all seemed to think that money could be gathered as easily as blackberries in July. What was the result? No sooner did the railroad reach us than there was a rush of our small farmers to get positions as section hands on the railroad, while the one who could get to be section boss thought that he had struck a bonanza. Others went to mica mining, others to digging and hauling clay, still others to denuding their land of walnut, poplar and locust trees, while a considerable number mortgaged their little farms to buy goods and set up as store keepers, all to the entire neglect of their farms, until now we are importing almost all the flour and bacon that the country consumes and not infrequently importing corn and hay. Everybody trying to make money at the expense of his neighbor instead of digging his living out of the soil, so that the little money obtained by these means has to be spent to buy

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## FIVE MEMBERS ARE NAMED TO SERVE ON SCHOOL BOARD

T. C. Ledbetter, of Cullowhee, J. H. Long, of Mountain, P. N. Price, of River, T. B. Cowan, of Webster, and J. C. Rogers, of Qualla, have been named as the Board of Education for Jackson county, in the omnibus board of education bill in the House of Representatives, according to information from Representative T. C. Bryson, who placed these gentlemen's names in the bill.

The five men were given the highest vote in the Democratic primary, last June, and Mr. Bryson is carrying out the decision of the primary in naming them as the Board of Education.

The new board will enter upon its duties immediately after the enactment of the bill, or at the end of the fiscal year.

Mr. Rogers, Mr. Cowan, and Mr. Price are members of the present board, which is composed, in addition to them, of Mrs. E. L. McKee, chairman, and G. C. Turpin, of Savannah.

One of the first duties that the new board will face is the election of a county superintendent of schools, as the present term of Superintendent M. B. Madison expires this year. The new board will have to either reelect Mr. Madison or elect someone else to the position.

## Boy Scout Court Of Honor Is Held Here

The regular monthly Court of Honor for the Smoky Mountains district of the Daniel Boone Council, Boy Scouts of America, was held here Monday night with 20 Scouts receiving awards. A. M. Adams, of Cherokee, chairman of the court presided.

The meeting opened with the invocation by the Rev. Frank Bloxham, of Franklin, followed by all pledging allegiance to the flag. The awards were presented by A. W. Allen, Scout executive, of Asheville, H. Gibson, of Sylva, W. E. Ensor and A. M. Adams, of Cherokee.

The Franklin troop won the prize for having made the highest score during the past year based on new members, program, and re-enrollment.

After the awards were made, G. B. Chiltonsky, newly appointed Scoutmaster of the Cherokee troop, was introduced to the court.

Following is list of those receiving awards: Tenderfoot, Preston Mull, Henry Cabe, Jr., of Franklin Troop 1; Richard H. Dillard and James A. McLain, Troop 1, Sylva; second class, Harold Baldwin, Troop 1, Franklin; Harold Winkler, A. B. Shook, Bill Smith, William Harris, Troop 1, Cherokee; Star rank, Andrew Jones, Troop 1, Franklin; Mark Reed, Troop 1, Cherokee.

Merit badges: Charlie Palmer, Willie Bryant, Ethan Allen Ordway, Charlie Slagle, Andrew Jones, Eugene Furr, Charles Hummelt, Bobby Porter, Ignace Higdon, all of Troop 1, Franklin; Walter Swancy, Mark Reed, Troop 1, Cherokee.

The district committee met for a short session immediately following adjournment of the court, with J. C. Allison, of Sylva, presiding. Other members present were A. M. Adams, and W. E. Ensor of Cherokee; Dr. W. E. Furr and Edward Eaton, of Franklin. It was decided to hold a two-day patrol camporee near Franklin during the month of May.

The next Court of Honor will be held the third Monday in May in Franklin.

## FORMER JACKSON MAN DIES MONDAY IN FRANKLIN

Jack W. Sherrill, native and former citizen of this county, died at his home in Franklin, Monday afternoon, following a long illness, at the age of 65.

Funeral services were held at the Franklin Methodist church, of which he was a member, Tuesday afternoon. Surviving are his widow, formerly Miss Lallie Addington, six children, Munday, of Washington; J. W., Jr., B. L., Eloise, Ada Belle and Fannie, of Franklin; two brothers, W. W. Sherrill, of Morganton, and M. A. Sherrill, of Laurel, Miss., and four sisters, Mrs. P. W. Kincaid and Mrs. C. A. Snyder, of Dillsboro; Mrs. Guy Hips, Canton; and Mrs. H. H. Mashburn, Blue Ridge, Ga.