

The Jackson County Journal

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Folks Aroused Over Delay In Construction Of 106

(By Dan Tompkins)

Great concern and much indignation has been expressed by citizens of the county over the prospect of high-ways being built in this part of the State, by the appearance of the story in the Journal of last week, showing that the State Highway and Public Works Commission is planning to be- come spending federal funds on high-ways from Highway 28 to Waynesville, a distance of \$450,000 on High-ways 28 and 284 from Bryson City to the State line, and from Elia to the State line, and all intents and pur- poses, amounting to Highway No. 19 from the county seat and other Jackson county towns, and to compete the utter ignor- ance of this county by at present hav- ing a surveying party at work, attempt- ing to reroute the proposed Parkway, and to leave off the Balsam range, as was on the original route as mapped out by the Commission and designated by Secretary Ickes, thus leaving out of the picture the highest mountain range and the most magnifi- cent scenery that it is possible for the Parkway to actually traverse be- tween Shenandoah and the Great Smokeys.

Any census of traffic on the two roads would undoubtedly show that there is more traffic on 106 than on 284 and 284 combined. 106 is the natu- ral route for a trunkline highway from the South to and through the Park, either of the other two would be but an attempt to divert that traf- fic to unnatural channels, and could be prompted by none but selfish mo- tives, blinded to the real needs of Western North Carolina. And yet, the present plans of the Highway authori- ties call for spending \$450,000 on the one and large sums on the other, from Federal appropriations, knowing that when once Federal money is placed there no funds from that source can be used elsewhere in this immediate part of the State until they are com- pleted in their entirety.

An advisory committee appointed by the several chambers of commerce and other civic bodies of the western counties mapped out plans for the development of the Park Area, and making them as recommendations to the highway authorities and others from the five bodies of this part of the State. The most objective adopted was the construction of 284 from Waynesville to Soco Gap, and from Waynesville to Brevard, and the second road, as adopted over the ob- jection of Hon. Frank W. Miller, who was then a member of the committee, later now by order of our Governor and the favor of certain political arrange-ments in Buncombe and Haywood, a member of the Highways and Public Works Commission, was the comple- tion of Highway 106 from Sylva to South Carolina. Mr. Miller objected then, but the recommendation was made and had the support of civic bodies of this entire region, thorough- ly conversant with the situation and the needs of the mountain country.

A few weeks ago, the same advisory committee, composed of some of the best and most able members, met in Bryson City, and passed a resolution, which is on record, pointing out its first objective, 284, from Waynesville to Soco Gap, has been passed and memorializing the highway authorities to proceed with the recommendation that was con- sidered in importance, the con- struction of 106. And yet, the plan to isolate Jackson county still stands. Mr. Miller, as the member from this part of the State, if he will, see that he get the relief that we are entitled to receive. Senator Reynolds and Congressman Weaver can, if they will, see to it that the Balsam range as along the route of the Parkway designated by Secretary Ickes, is not blocked off the route that is to be built, and the people of America de- nied the privilege of seeing this, the most magnificent scenery of the en- tire Parkway, by selfish interests. They can, if they will, really represent the whole of Western North Carolina in this matter. Governor Ehringhaus can, if he will, exert his influence with the highway authorities in seeing that the present plans of isolation of Jackson county, do not ruin this, one of the most populous counties in Western North Carolina.

The following letter was received from the Chairman of the State High- way and Public Works Commission:

JACKSON STUDENTS GET HONORS AT W. C. T. C.

Cullowhee, April 22—Jackson county students came in for lion's share of honors in the various selections recently held at Western Carolina Teachers College.

Ned Tucker of Cullowhee was elected president of the newly-organized Day Student Council, as well as president of the Student Assembly for next session. Ernest Wilson, of Sylva, is another Jacksonite on the Student Senate. Dot Higdon, Burch Allison, Herbert Gibson, John Wilson, Jr., of Sylva, were also candidates for the Senate. This in itself is an honor, as the candidates are named by their respective college classes. The student body simply elects by popular vote the members of the Senate from the list nominated by the various classes. For Jackson to have six of the four-teen nominated for this governing body is quite a distinction. Burch Allison was elected business manager for next year of both student publica- tions, The Catamount, and the Western Carolinian. Matt Parker, of Tuckaseegee, was made vice-president of the Day Student Council.

Lawson Allen, Sylva, won the honor last year in being selected by the faculty and students as the Best College Citizen among the young men. The preliminary selections have been made this year from which the final selection is to be made by a joint faculty-student committee. In the selection of the preliminary group from which the best college citizens will be finally selected, the faculty and students agreed on the same two young men: Lawson Allen, of Sylva, and Marshall Watterson, of Dana, Henderson county. The three girls selected included Frances Brown, of Cullowhee, Rachel Williams, of Cabarrus county, and Velma Greene, of Nash county. Frances Brown recently had a further honor, in being one of the three students to be sent to New Orleans as delegates to the South-wide Student Government Conference. Miss Brown was also recently voted the most scholarly member of the four- year senior class.

Margaret Coward, of Cullowhee, and Dot Higdon, of Sylva, were elected members of the Queen's court for the May Day Festival.

Raleigh, April 20,

Dear Dan: I have read your interesting article in the Jackson County Journal of Thursday, April 18, and while I can't agree with you that there is anything like a conspiracy to bottle up Sylva or to reduce its im- portance in the western scheme of things, I do see that you have a good case in behalf of 106, and I trust that we will be able to do something to improve that road for you.

"I might say too that I will be glad for you to appear before the Commission and discuss the problems there at any time.

Cordially yours,
Capus M. Waynick, Chairman."

To which we replied on April 22:

"Dear Mr. Waynick: I have your gracious letter of the 20th, and thank you for it. I shall be glad, and the people of this county will be glad to appear before your commission at any time you suggest, and lay our claims before the commission, discussing in the most friendly manner the needs of the county and the injustice which we consider is being done us. The people feel so keenly the need of 106 that they believe that its present state is seriously injuring the entire county, present and future. I think the records in your office will bear out the fact that, with the single excep- tion of short 112, from Highway No. 10 to the Swain county line, not a highway of the entire program has been constructed in the county that was not at least paid for in part by Jackson county money, either dona- tion or loan, and that 106 was the first road asked for in this county, that it is the one the people of this county have insisted upon all the time, and that in order to secure its construction the county burdened itself with bonds.

I am still of the opinion that the present status amounts practically to a conspiracy to defeat the purpose of Jackson county, and I believe that I can prove to your satisfaction, and to that of the people that this is true. However, the people and I feel that you, the chairman, are friendly to our interests and are disposed to assist

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Legislative Session Nears Sound Of Closing Gavel

(By Dan Tompkins)

The Day bill, House committee substitute for the original bill, and the House counterpart of the Hill liquor control bill, pending in the Senate, was passed by the House of Represen- tatives in Raleigh by a vote of 49 to 41 on its second reading last night, as wets in a depleted House overrode their wet compatriots. The bill calls for a referendum on the question of setting up a State-owned chain of stores for dispensing legal liquor.

There was no ease on either side, after the vote, and it is freely predicted and believed that today when the House reconvenes, enough of the 30 absent members will be back in their seats to defeat the bill on its third and final reading, and to put the well-known legislative clincher, a motion to reconsider and to table the motion, on the top of John Barleycorn's grave, precluding his coming legally to life during the present session.

On the other hand, if the House does pass the bill, it is almost certain that the Senate will follow suit, and that the people will have to express themselves all over again about the liquor business. There was no roll call vote on the bill last night, and it is certain that one will be forced today. Many men vote differently when they go down on permanent record, from when they simply yell yes or no, and nobody knows who voted how.

Western representatives warned that the enactment of the bill would mean many republicans in the next House from mountain and other West- ern counties. Even that would not be so very distasteful to some eastern leaders, who are quite jealous of the growing power and influence of the west, and it is believed that many of

the easterners would prefer to see re- publicans filling seats now held by western democrats.

The revenue bill finally passed the Senate, sans the hotel sales tax, and with the same nine exempted articles of food as are in the present law. It carried an estimated deficit of some five million dollars for the biennium, and went back to the House, where that body refused to concur in the Senate amendments. A conference committee was appointed, and the conferees are now wrestling over the same general problems that have be- deviled the whole General Assembly during the entire winter and spring.

If, when the conferees make their report, it is accepted by the two houses, there will be nothing left to do except to make provision for the budgetary reduction of appropriations, in case revenue is insufficient, pass the school machinery act, adjourn and come home.

If, as is unlikely, the Assembly or either branch of it, should reject the report of the conferees, it would mean starting all over again.

There have been no major problems before the present General Assembly that were not discussed fully two years ago, no debatable ground that was not the scene of major engage- ments then. No far-reaching and fun- damental changes, such as the trans- fer of the school system, on an eight months basis, as was done two years ago, have been proposed.

The Assembly has, however, been de- cidedly more liberal in its appropri- ations for salaries of officials and em- ployees than its predecessor, and this has brought it most of its grief, in seeking the wherewithal to pay the bills.

QUALLA

The funeral service of Mrs. Albert Reagan, formerly Miss Sue Snyder, who died at her home at Olivet, Sunday, was conducted at the Baptist church Tuesday afternoon by Rev. J. L. Hyatt and Rev. C. W. Clay. Besides her husband she leaves six children, Dexter, Luther, Pauline, Ruby, Howard, and Mrs. Josephine Allison, all of Olivet, three living sisters and one brother, Mr. Clark Snyder, of Wilmot. A large congregation attended the funeral, and her grave was covered with beautiful flowers. It was said of her that she was a good woman, always ready to help in time of need, and would be missed a companion, mother, and neighbor.

Misses Jennie Cathey and Irene Raby and Mrs. Miller Hall are attending school at W. C. T. C.

Misses Gertrude Ferguson, Mary Battle, Etta Kinsland, Mrs. Wade Beck, Mrs. Herbert Reagan and Mrs. Vinnie Dean are at home since finishing their schools in Swain, Friday.

Miss Alma Freeman of Brevard College spent Easter vacation with her brother, Mr. Creed Freeman, and other relatives.

Mr. Carl Hoyle of Candler spent the week end with homefolks.

Miss Faye Martin of Bryson City visited Mrs. J. C. Johnson.

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Clay were dinner guests at Mr. Homer Turpin's.

Miss Geneva Turpin visited in Waynesville.

Mrs. Rufus Johnson and children of Elia and Mrs. Monroe Smith of Hazelwood, called at Mr. D. M. Straker's.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wiggins visited at Mr. J. G. Hooper's.

Mr. R. F. Hall and daughter's were guests at Mr. Miller Hall's.

Mrs. Frank Hall of Candler is visit- ing at Mr. Jule Hayes'.

Mr. J. K. and Miss Annie Lizzie Terrell called at Mr. T. W. McLaugh- lin's, Friday.

Mrs. C. M. Hughes and son, Win- fred, of near Canton, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee London of Asheville spent Sunday at Mr. K. Howell's.

Mrs. C. P. Shelton and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Turpin visited at Mr. C. M. Martin's.

Miss Mary Kathleen Fisher of Beta spent the week end with Mrs. Lucy Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Battle called at Mr. Hastings Springer's.

Miss Mildred Ensley of Beta was a guest at Mr. Jehu Reagan's.

Miss Florence Bumgarner of Wil- mot visited at Mr. D. J. Worley's.

Mrs. Luther Hoyle of Cherokee vis- ited relatives at Qualla, Monday.

Mr. Robert Bradshaw, who has spent several months in Idaho, return- ed home, Saturday.

BALSAM

Mr. J. K. Kenney and his grand- daughter, little Miss Bettie Kenney, spent Easter with relatives in Asheville.

Miss Helen Potts has returned from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Lily Rickett, in Andrews.

Mrs. Lily Duncan, Mrs. C. L. Dun- can and Miss Allie Hoyle spent several days last week in Bryson City. They attended the closing exercises of the elementary school in which little Miss Beatrice Duncan, youngest daugh- ter of Mrs. Lily Duncan has been a student for the past two years.

There was an egg hunt at the Baptist church Saturday afternoon. There was also an interesting program by the Sunday School Sunday morning.

The following program was given by the Methodist Sunday school Sunday afternoon:

Organ prelude, "Hark, The Merry Birds Are Singing", Hymn, "Joy Disperses Our Sorrow", Solo, "Vio- lets", Little Miss Dorothy Bryson and choros by primaries. The Easter Story by Blossom Bennet read by Mrs. Farwell. Solo, "Beautiful Lily," Miss Harriett Long. Hymn, "King Joy Bells, Ring". Lessons, Hymn, "He Keeps Me Singing". Prayer and ben- ediction, Mr. William Garringer. Mrs. J. H. Long presided at the organ.

The Methodist Sunday school had an egg hunt Monday afternoon. In addition to the Easter eggs, little Miss Jannett Coward found a bird's nest with four eggs in it but she did not let any one disturb them.

Mrs. W. S. Christy returned Mon- day from Milwaukee, Wis., where she spent the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Finley Carson.

Misses Myrtle and Birdell Middle- ton and Mr. Lawrence McCall are visiting their brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. John McCall at Cruso.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Middleton and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Beck went to Cowarts Tuesday to see Mrs. Ben Cook, who is very sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis King and baby, of Tuxedo, Misses Lucile and Winnie Potts, and Mr. Fayette Lindsay of Hendersonville were guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Potts, Sunday.

EPISCOPAL SERVICES

St. John's Episcopal Church, Sylva. Rev. Geo. L. Granger, Rector. First Sunday of Easter, 7:30, Ev. ing 10:00, prayer and sermon.

St. David's Episcopal church, Cul- lowhee. 4 P. M., Evening prayer and sermon. All most cordially invited to these services.

Chattanooga Motorcade Will Stop Saturday At 1:15

40 YEARS AGO

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Mr. T. R. Zaehary, of Cashier's was here Tuesday.

Mr. Elbert Watson, of Glenville, spent Wednesday night here.

Lawyer Fred Moore, of the Asheville bar, is attending our Court.

Capt. J. W. Terrell attended Confer- ence for a short time on Saturday.

Gen. E. R. Hampton came out from Asheville today, to look after matters at Court.

Mrs. M. M. McKee, of Webster, was among those who attended Conference Saturday and Sunday.

The still at Balsam was stolen one day last week by unknown parties and is now perhaps being used in the production of "blockade."

The Evening Star Literary Society, at Love's Chapel, will give an enter- tainment Friday night, May 3rd, 1895. All are cordially invited.

Hon. J. Frank Ray, of Macon, is conspicuous by his absence from our Court. He is in Raleigh attending to cases before the Supreme Court.

Only a few are attending Court who are not obliged to be there. People are busy in their farms and are mak- ing the most of the fine spring weather.

Only a few years ago it was a rare thing to see a drunken man at court. This week they have been numerous. The quantity of whiskey brought to this express office has been noticeably less than usual. Why the difference?

The materials for the construction of telephone lines are very cheap now, and a line from here up the river as far as it could be built would prove of great advantage to those of our people who live away from railroad and telegraph line. A telephone line from here to Glenville or at East La Porte or Cullowhee, we believe would pay a good interest on its cost. Can we not have one?

The quarterly conference of the M. E. Church, South, was held here last Saturday and Sunday. There was a large crowd in attendance on Sunday, which was a lovely day, and presid- ing Elder Waggs preached a grand sermon, having as his subject "Faith", his text being "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen".

Judge Graham arrived Monday and has prosecuted the work of the Court with great vigor and in a thoroughly business-like way. He is rapidly dis- posing of cases on the criminal docket, which number considerably over an hundred. Quite a number of convic- tions have followed trials, the fines will, if collected, largely increase the school fund and Sheriff McLean's boarding house bids fair to have its capacity taxed to the utmost.

An Old Citizen Gone: Died, at the home of his son, on the 13th of April, John Stewart, aged 84, one of the first settlers of Hamburg. He came to Mamiung 60 years ago to hunt, and settled in the Yellow Mountain sec- tion. He was lured to the country by the countless herds of deer and other game which then abounded and which like the Indians have passed away. Now the old hunter has passed to "The Happy Hunting Ground," "Where sorrows cease to roll". Of the many who came to the country only two are left. John H. Watson and Thompson Wilson. They too will soon cross the Dark River, and another generation will have passed away—J. C. M.

Cause of Hard Times and Its Rem- edy: I thank you for the editorial notice of this series of articles, and the hope that others may join in the discussion. To find out the real causes of the terrible depression is the first step to take to find out the remedies. Having to some extent pointed out the causes, for which we as a com- munity are responsible for our own poverty and need of money, let us take a glance at some causes that the people of Jackson could not help and are not responsible for. It is neither intention nor desire in these papers to trench on political grounds in a par- tisan sense, but put some axioms and some facts together that I pre- sume no one will dispute. From time immemorial both silver and gold have been used as a means of exchange, and as nations advanced in civiliza- tion, they first estimated the value by weight and afterwards adopted a means of coining or stamping and

A large motorcade, bearing a good will tour party from Chattanooga to Asheville, will be entertained in Sylva Saturday afternoon. Refreshments at 1:15, Saturday afternoon. Refresh- ments will be served the party, and its members will be officially welcome- ed to Sylva and Jackson county.

The motorcade will leave Chattan- ooga in the morning on Saturday, and then proceed to Asheville for dinner at the George Vanderbilt hotel, where Senator Robert R. Reynolds will be the principal speaker.

The motorcade will stop at several towns along the route, one of which that has been selected being Sylva.

DR. HOOPEE IS BETTER

The condition of Dr. D. D. Hooper, who has been quite ill at his home, is much improved.

CANDLERS IMPROVING

Dr. C. Z. Candler, who is suffering with an attack of pneumonia, at the C. J. Harris Community hospital, is somewhat improved. His daughter, Mrs. J. R. Ryan, is also much improv- ed. Dr. Candler contracted pneumonia while attending Mrs. Ryan, who has an attack of the same malady.

MRS. W. S. HYATT PASSES

Mrs. W. S. Hyatt, 80, of Olivet, died this morning in Waynesville, where she was visiting relatives. Funeral and interment will be in the Hyatt cemetery at Qualla, to- morrow afternoon at 2:30.

Mrs. Hyatt survived by her hus- band, two sons, Ed. and Horace Hyatt, of Qualla, 3 grandchildren, three brothers, W. F. Mehaffey, Waynes- ville, Sebron Mehaffey, Canton, T. P. Mehaffey, Lynchburg, Va., one sister, Mrs. Sarah Davis, Waynesville, and other relatives and friends.

HARDEE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AT MONCURE

Rev. Robert M. Hardee, pastor of the Methodist churches at Cullowhee, will preach the commencement sermon at the closing of the schools in Mon- cure, Chatham county, next Sunday, and his pulpit at Speedwell will be filled by Prof. C. F. Dodson, of the science department at Western Car- olinea Teachers College. The service will be at 11 o'clock, and the Sunday School will meet at 10 o'clock. Usual- ly the preaching service is at 10 o'clock, and the Sunday School at 11, but the order will be reversed next Sunday, the pastor has announced.

Rev. G. L. Granger, rector of the Episcopal churches here and at Cul- lowhee will preach at the Cullowhee Methodist church Sunday morning, at 11 o'clock, in the absence of the pas- tor, Rev. Mr. Hardee.

ZEB NATION PASSES

Zeb Nation, well known citizen of Barker's Creek township, died at his home on Nation's Creek, Friday, at the age of 74.

Funeral and interment were at Wil- mot, Saturday. Rev. Thad Watson and Rev. Mr. Cochran conducted the serv- ice.

Mr. Nation is survived by seven children, Will, Francis, Lee, Bob, Mrs. Callie Hensley, Mrs. Lizzie Settle- myre, and Mrs. Dolly Raby, thirty- five grandchildren, six great grand- children, and other relatives and friends.

BETA SOCIETY MEETS

Mrs. T. K. Guthrie and Mrs. Bas- ton Sutton were joint hostesses to the Beta Missionary Society at the home of Mrs. Guthrie, Friday, when the April business and social meeting was held.

The devoitional was conducted by Mrs. Aldon Buchanan. The business session presided over by Mrs. T. F. Deitz, preceded the social hour. De- lightful refreshments were served, and carried out in Easter colors.

naming the pieces thus stamped, and they passed from one to another by counting instead of weighing. Thus money was established and was un- versally desired, because it would al- ways procure the means of living, and the man who had the most money

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