

The Jackson County Journal

\$1.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

SYLVA, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1935

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

SENATE PASSES SALES TAX WITH NO EXEMPTIONS

BY DAN TOMPKINS

The resolution by the Senate of the revenue conference report, leaving in all cases out of the sales tax the passage of the appropriation bill by the Senate on all three bills, was one thing in the mind of the Senate, and that is liquor. The Senate Judiciary committee No. 10, on May 1 to 5, gave a favorable report on the House substitute for the liquor control bill, and the Senate will pass the matters out to the House for conference. It is doubtful that the House will concur in the measure. That the vote will be 26 to 24 against the bill. However, if one of the western senators should shift his position the result would be a tie, 25 to 25, and the duty would fall upon Lieutenant Governor Graham to break the tie.

In the appropriations bill passed the teachers got their increase of pay of 20 per cent above the present salary schedule for the first year of the biennium and 25 per cent for the second year. Many senators, however, express the opinion that the purported increase is not worth the paper that it is written on, asserting that there is not sufficient provision for revenue to meet it. If the liquor bill passes, this will be one of the big arguments of the wets, that the revenue from the liquor is necessary to meet the increase in the appropriations for the schools and to pay the increase in the salaries of the teachers, thus maneuvering the school people and the teachers into a rather unenviable position.

There have been repeated attacks upon the school machinery act, from all quarters in the State, on the asserted ground that it brings too great centralization of authority, in the provision that county superintendents are required to submit lists of eligible principals, and the principals in turn submit lists of eligible teachers.

The bill provides that the school teachers be not required to attend summer school this year or next in order to receive their certificates; but that the certificates are automatically renewed by the act of the General Assembly.

Town Election To Be Held Next Tuesday

The Sylva municipal election will be held next Tuesday. Democrats and Republicans have entered complete tickets for the election, and workers of both parties have been bending their efforts to getting voters registered and preparing for the contest.

The democrats renominated Mayor C. C. Buchanan and the board of aldermen consisting of J. C. Allison, W. E. Grandstaff, Dr. Grover Wilkes, S. W. Allison and Ernest Wilson.

The republican ticket is, for mayor, J. T. Grubb, for aldermen, Paul Warren, C. W. Hensley, J. V. Hall, Dillard Coward and Velt Wilson.

The polls will open at sunrise and close at sunset.

H. O. Griggs is registrar and S. H. Monteith and Dan Tompkins judges of the election.

ENTERTAINMENT TO BE AT COLORED SCHOOL MONDAY

The Glee Club of the Allen High School of Asheville will give a variety concert at the Colored Consolidated School Monday, May 6th at 8 P. M.

The program will consist of negro spirituals, secular solos and sextet numbers, and a one-act folk play, "The Howl of the Wolf."

The Glee Club consists of thirty members. One hour and a half of high class entertainment will be given by this well-trained group for a small admission fee.

The musical director is Isabelle R. Jones.

40 YEARS AGO

Tuckaseige Democrat, May 2, 1895

Mr. Thos. Wilson, of Big Ridge, was here Sunday.

Mr. W. E. Norton and little son were in town yesterday.

Mr. G. S. Ferguson returned to Waynesville yesterday.

Mr. C. S. Fullbright, of Alexander's came over Monday to visit relatives here.

Col. A. T. Davidson, of Asheville, attended Court at Webster part of this week.

Mr. Jno. T. Wike and daughter, of East La Porte, were here Tuesday, shopping.

Hon. W. T. Crawford came over yesterday enroute to Webster, and returned home today.

Mrs. W. J. Fisher and Miss Annie Gibson were down from "Happy Valley" this morning.

Mr. Sheppard Homans, of New York, spent Monday night in Sylva the guest of M. Patten, Esq.

The first strawberries were offered on the Wilmington market Thursday at 35 cents per quart.

The first State convention of the Christian Endeavor Societies opened at Winston on Friday.

Mr. J. S. Jarrat, who is well remembered here, came in from Greenville, S. C., Tuesday, to attend Court.

Dr. J. H. Knight returned from Richmond Medical College, Monday. He had been absent several months.

Among those returning from Court Tuesday, we noticed Messrs. Gilmer, Smathers and Stringfield of Waynesville, and Fry, of Bryson City.

Thos. Bracken, of New York, arrived Monday, to look after his interests in the suit of McKenzie vs the Equitable Mfg. Co., which is being tried this week.

Hearn-Stedman: The prettiest ceremony ever witnessed in Ashburn was that at the Methodist church Wednesday evening which made Mr. Francis E. Hearn and Miss Sallie Stedman one. At 8 o'clock the church, which had been tastily decorated by the friends of the young couple, was thrown open to the spectator. Hardly an available seat remained unoccupied. Rich and poor, high and low, young and old, had all turned out to witness the first church wedding in the history of our town. The happy couple have the best wishes of the Advance and a host of friends who throw their old shoes after them as they sail for Port Eternity.— Ashburn, (Ga.) Advance.— The Democrat begs to tender, in its own behalf and in behalf of the other friends of Miss Sallie in this neck o' the woods,

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Outline Program For Better Rural Housing

The state advisory rural housing committee of the FHA has worked out a plan for stimulating the better housing program in each of the counties.

The plan calls for the establishment of county rural housing committees to carry on the work locally with the help of A. K. Robertson, whose headquarters will be at State College.

As farm representative of the FHA in this State, Robertson will visit the different counties to assist in the development of a better housing program where it has not been started and to do follow up work in counties which have already been organized.

The purpose of the program, said Dean I. O. Schubb, of State College, chairman of the rural advisory committee, is to stimulate the making of permanent improvements to farm homes and buildings and to help families secure credit on reasonable terms when necessary.

Tentatively, the county committee would be composed of the farm and home agents, representatives of vocational teachers, representative farm men and women, NCERA representatives, Grange representatives and leaders of other agricultural organizations.

The functions of the committee are to be: outlining a better housing program, holding meetings to acquaint farm people with the program, to encourage commercial firms to advertise material which can be used in house improvements, to encourage financial institutions to cooperate with the program and to arrange demonstrations in installing water systems and similar activities.

COMMENCEMENT OF SYLVA HIGH STARTS SUNDAY

The commencement exercises of Sylva high school will be initiated at 8 o'clock Sunday evening, when the Rev. Paul Hardin of Waynesville will deliver the annual sermon.

On Thursday evening the declamation-recitation contest, sponsored by the B. H. Cathey Chapter, U.D.C., for the Gertrude Dills McKee medal, will be held, and a number of boys and girls have entered.

Class day exercises will be held. Weaver Allen will deliver the address of welcome; Ruth Dillard, the prophecy; Hayes Watson, the class poem; Elmer Green, the last will and testament; Janie Reagan, the history; Asbury Carden, the gifts. The mascots are Betty Ann Queen and Arthur Sutton, Jr.

Graduation exercises will be held Friday evening. Miss Evelyn Gibson is the salutatorian, and Miss Bonnie Monteith, the valedictorian.

On Saturday evening the class play will be presented. The cast is being coached by Mrs. Chester Scott, and is composed of Evelyn Gibson, Glenn Cook, Weaver Allen, J. W. Patterson, Ruth Dillard, Leona Dillard, Olin Reed, and Asbury Carden.

The senior class is composed of 37 boys and girls:

Weaver Allen, president, Willard Allen, Kathryn Brimer, Edith Bumgarner, Hermie Lee Bumgarner, Pearl Bumgarner, Asbury Carden, Virgie Clayton, Alvin Cogdill, Bart Cope, Hazel Crispe, Fannie Katherine Davis, Leona Dillard, Ruth Dillard, Diane Ensley, John H. Ferguson, Josephine Garrett, Evelyn Gibson, Elmer Greene, Marjorie Grindstaff, Elva Harris, Girlie Henry, Claywell Hyde, Bonnie Monteith, Hazel Allison Moore, Essie Parker, Sam Billie Parker, J. W. Patterson, Janie Reagan, Olin Reed, Elizabeth Sherrill, Kathryn Sutton, Janiveve Thomas, Hayes Watson, Dorothy Patton and Ruth Connor

Log Community House Soon To Be Completed

A new log community house will be ready for use within a few days in the Cullowhee Mountain section.

This unusual community project has been inspired by Miss Ida Smith, of Cullowhee, who a year ago went "up on the mountain" to conduct a night school under the Federal emergency relief education program. The social and welfare work of Miss Smith has reached far beyond the strictly educational realm and the new community house will serve as a place for worship as well as for a place for school.

It will be the scene of all the organized educational, religious, and social activities of the neighborhood.

The community house, which will have one large room and is being built at the mouth of White Rock Creek, lacks only two "workings" before being finished, Miss Smith said this week.

Miss Smith has furnished the money needed in the project and the men and boys of the community have furnished logs and labor. Each family will make its own seat and bring it to the new community house.

It was planned to have the new building ready for use by Easter but the men of the Cullowhee Mountain community could not find quite enough time from work on their hillside farms to accomplish this.

A Sunday School that was formed by Miss Smith will be one of the outstanding organizations to use the little civic building for its meetings. Preaching and old-time mountain singings will also be held in it. The building, which will be the only structure for public use for miles around, will seat about 100 persons when finished.

The log building is located about two miles from the former home of Teester, the "rattlesnake minister," who has recently moved to Hendersonville.

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Motorcade Stops In Sylva Saturday

A large motoreade from Chattanooga, stopped in Sylva, Saturday afternoon, enroute to Asheville, on a good will tour, and stressing the need of opening up a highway through Sylva from Chattanooga to Asheville.

Drinks and other refreshments were served to members of the motoreade while in Sylva, with girl scouts and members of the Junior Club doing the serving.

The Junior Elks Band from Chattanooga entertained the people with several musical selections, in the streets, and everybody seemed to be having a great time.

Mayor C. C. Buchanan today received the following letter from officials of the Chattanooga Motor Club, sponsors of the motoreade, expressing appreciation of the cordial reception given in Sylva:

"We want to thank you for your most cordial reception of our motoreade last Saturday.

"Every member of our party was most enthusiastic over your cordial reception, and we hope for an early completion of the water level link in our highway system, in order that we may be closer neighbors.

"Will you please convey our thanks to all of those in your city who contributed to our most pleasant trip."

The letter is signed by Hugh L. Thatcher, president of the Chattanooga Motor Club, and Stanley Sackman, chairman of the motoreade committee.

Jackson Young People Will Organize Union

The young people from the different churches in Jackson county are asked to send delegations to an all-day meeting of the young people of the county at Cullowhee, Sunday, May 19th. The purpose of the meeting is to form a union between the denominations for better and closer cooperation of the young people. All B.Y.P.U.'s and Epworth Leagues are invited to send delegates.

Miss Mildred Cowan, chairman of the Baptist Young People's work in this county is asking every church to be represented. All of the Epworth Leagues and other young people's organizations from churches in the county are expected to be represented.

The county young people's union is expected to be the young people, the same as the county Ministers' Association is to the ministers. It is believed that a county union will stimulate the work of the B.Y.P.U. and the Epworth League in the county, that it will help to draw the young people into the church, instead of away from the church. It will give the young people of the county a means of expression for the church of tomorrow in the young people of today, and a county union will help train and stimulate church pride, attendance and loyalty.

All delegates are asked to bring picnic lunches. The program will begin at 10 o'clock in the morning at the Methodist church in Cullowhee.

Dr. H. T. Hunter will give a brief address of welcome. Miss Mildred Cowan will introduce the delegates and delegations. Rev. Robt. M. Hardee will preach at the eleven o'clock hour.

Picnic lunch will be served at twelve on the campus of Western Carolina Teachers College.

A short afternoon session will be held, with vocal music, and an organization will be perfected.

U. D. C. CONTEST THURSDAY

Eleven boys and girls will contest for the Gertrude Dills McKee medal offered by the B. H. Cathey Chapter, U.D.C., at the school auditorium Thursday evening of next week.

Music will be given by the Children's Chapter, under direction of Mrs. J. L. Dillard.

The contestants and their selections are:

Harriett Holland, "Rattlin' Joe's Prayer"; Annie Ruth McLaughlin, "Maud Muller"; Helen Queen, "Paul Bevere's Ride"; Wilda Moore, "The Soul of the Violin"; Dorothy Patton, "Being Beautiful"; Susie Bell Tatham, "The Blind Man"; Maggie Dillard, "Sellin' the Farm"; Jannette Dillard, "Byd's Fairy Tale"; Ollie Hall, "Lasca"; Harold Cook, "Soldier's Reprieve"; and Claywell Hyde, "The New South."

Chamber Of Commerce Urges Completion Of 106; Resolutions Are Adopted

Queen Of The May Will Be Crowned

Miss Edna Patton, of Murphy, a 14-year senior, and winner of second place in the 1933 State-wide beauty contest of the American Legion, will be crowned Queen of the May, at Western Carolina Teachers College, with elaborate ceremonies, tomorrow, Friday, afternoon. Miss Elizabeth Davis of Charlotte will serve as maid of honor; and the court will be composed of Misses Betty McFarland, of Tryon; Ruth Burch, Canton; Reba McLawhorn, Vanceboro; Evelyn Shields, Murphy; Margaret Coward, Cullowhee; Helen Patton, Swannanoa; Dot Higdon, Sylva; Anne Barnett, Charlotte; Amyrillis Knight; Brevard, Marjorie Young, Brevard; Christine Coggins, Blair, S. C.; Catherine Howell, Burnsville; Oseola Everett, Highlands; and Winifred Nicholson, Brevard.

The coronation ceremonies will begin at 4 o'clock.

The folk dances will include representations from England, Spain, Sweden, Hungary, Scotland, France, Germany, Ireland, Norway, and America.

A field and track meet, and interclass event, will be held on the athletic field, prior to the coronation, and will be directed by Coach C. C. Poindexter.

Jackson County Joins W. N. C. In Advertising

Jackson county and Sylva have joined in the advertising campaign to be conducted by the Park to Park Magazine. The huge advertising Zepelin trailer, covered with advertising and lined inside with photographs of Western North Carolina, will leave this area on June 10, and will make a trip through the middle west and the east, as far as New York, carrying advertising of Western North Carolina.

Thousands of copies of the magazine will be distributed to Chambers of Commerce, hotels, gas stations and the like throughout the sections of the country reached.

Jackson county, through the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, and by individual subscriptions, will have a page of advertising in the magazine, in addition to much free space.

CHAMBER TO ELECT OFFICERS

The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce will elect officers at the next meeting, which will be held during this month.

A nominating committee composed of M. Buchanan, Sr., Dan Tompkins, S. C. Cogdill, Sol Schulman and H. E. Monteith, was appointed at the meeting Tuesday evening, to make nominations for president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and nine directors, to be submitted to the chamber at its next meeting, and to be voted on as officials of the body for the ensuing year.

Elementary School Will Close Friday Morning

Tomorrow the Sylva Elementary school will celebrate the closing of the present term, and a large class of boys and girls will be given certificates promoting them to the high school and signifying their completion of the work of the elementary school.

The program for the exercises, which begin at 10 o'clock in the morning and will conclude at noon, is:

Processional.

Song to the 7th grade, by the sixth grade.

Salutatory, Alice Dills Weaver.

Address, Prof. Robert L. Madison.

Piano Solo, Lucile Smith.

Prophecy, Frances Wolfe.

Class History, Marion Cooper.

Class Poem, Paul Messer.

Gifts, Richard Dillard.

Toast to Mascot, Lou Elsie Parker.

Last Will and Testament, Ray Clark.

Valedictory, Lucile Reed.

Presentation of diplomas, Mr. F. M. Crawford.

Preston Henn, Jr., is the mascot of the class.

The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, meeting Tuesday evening in the Masonic hall, unanimously adopted a resolution calling upon the State Highway and Public Works Commission to construct Highway 106 at the earliest possible moment.

The resolution was offered immediately upon a report on the situation of highway construction in the county by Mr. Dan Tompkins, chairman of the chamber's highway committee, and a report by Mr. A. J. Dills, who with Mr. S. C. Cogdill formed a special committee, that went to Asheville last week to confer with District Engineer Walker on the subject.

Perhaps never in the history of the county has there been such ready and enthusiastic response among the people as has been evidenced regarding Highway 106, following the two articles concerning the highway situation that have appeared in the last two issues of the Jackson County Journal.

The resolution reads:

Whereas, it is now apparent the State Highway and Public Works Commission will soon be in position to spend a considerable sum of money in the construction of highways within the State, and,

Whereas, there is a great need for certain highway work in Jackson county in order to provide for the expected tourist travel to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce in session duly assembled on this the 30th day of April, 1935:

First: That we respectfully request the State Highway and Public Works Commission to immediately construct Highway No. 106 and repair such other highways as the Commission may seem expedient.

Second: That the matter of location of Highway 106 or any other highway within the county be left to the sound discretion of the State Highway and Public Works Commission.

Third: That we urge that highway construction be begun in Jackson county at the earliest possible moment.

The secretary was directed to forward the resolution, together with a letter of transmittal and the minutes of a meeting of The Western North Carolina Committee for the Development of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Approaches Thereof, held at the Fremont Inn, in Bryson City, on January 4 of this year.

The minutes of the meeting of that committee, composed of members representing the various civic bodies in the Park area, say:

"The various projects recommended in the resolutions which were passed at the initial meeting were carefully reviewed and reports made on their status by informed delegates that almost all of the objectives sought in the Committee's original program have been attained. The only exceptions of importance are Highway 106 in the Cashier's Valley section of Jackson County and the completion of No. 107 from Ela to Cherokee."

Another paragraph says:

"The committee is grateful to the N. C. Highway Commission for the progress which has been made on the great majority of the projects recommended in the resolutions adopted by the committee at its initial meeting. It notes with regret, however, that no action has been taken to improve Highway No. 106 from Cullowhee to Cashier's Valley and supports the view of many citizens of Jackson county that this project has not received the attention by the Highway Commission which its importance merits and which the efforts expended by the citizens of the county warrants. The Committee respectfully requests that the Highway Commission devote earnest consideration to early inauguration of work on this project, and would call to its attention the fact that a former District Highway Engineer stated that North Carolina would make every effort to meet South Carolina on Route 106 at the State line."

Members of the Chamber of Commerce expressed themselves as feeling decidedly more optimistic over the prospects of early action on this highway than has been felt for some time. It is generally believed that Chairman Waynick is now entirely familiar with the situation here and

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