

The Jackson County Journal

\$1.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

SYLVA, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, MAY 9 1935

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

106 To Get Full Attention Avers Chairman Waynick

Chairman James M. Waynick of the State Highway and Public Works Commission has stated in this paper that Highway 106 will be given full consideration in the near future.

Mr. Waynick's letter follows:
"Mr. Dan Tompkins,
Jackson County Journal,
Sylva, N. C.
Dear Dan: I have received a copy of your paper dated May 2nd and have read with considerable interest the set of resolutions passed by the Chamber of Commerce of your city relative to Route 106. Again I assure you that you will be given full consideration when we plan our new program.

I do not know how its importance will impress the Commission relatively, but I do assure you full study of it will be given.

Cordially yours,
James M. Waynick."

To which we have replied to Mr. Waynick:

"Hon. Capt. M. Waynick, Chairman, State Highway and Public Works Commission,
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Mr. Waynick: I wish to thank you for your letter of May 6, regarding the matter of Highway 106, and I read with much interest what you have to say as to the consideration of the merits of our position will be given when the Commission plans its program.

I shall appreciate it greatly if you will indicate to me when the matter will be given consideration by your Commission, as I am sure that the citizenship of Sylva and Jackson County would like to have the opportunity at the opportune time, of presenting to the Commission all the facts that are available, and thus be of what assistance we can to the Commission in arriving at a proper conclusion.

"We are sure that the facts will bear out our contention that 106 is the most important State highway in this part of North Carolina that is yet incomplete, and that it is of the greatest importance in providing not only a trunk-line highway from the South, to and through the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, but also in connecting up county seat with county seat in this State and with South Carolina, and in developing the best and most important trucking region in Western North Carolina.

Sincerely and cordially yours,
Dan Tompkins."

SYLVA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLOSED LAST FRIDAY NOON

Beginning at 10 o'clock last Friday morning, the closing exercises of the Sylva elementary school were held in the school auditorium, and a large class of boys and girls received certificates of graduation, promoting them to the high school.

Prof. Robert L. Madison, founder of Western Carolina Teachers College, delivered the address.

Miss Alice Dills Weaver delivered the salutatory; Miss Frances Wolfe, the prophecy; Marion Cooper, the history; Paul Messer, the Class poem; Richard Dillard, the gifts; Lou Elsie Parker, the Toast to the Mascot; Ray Clark, the Last Will and Testament; and Lucile Reed, the Valedictory. Lucile Smith presented a piano solo.

The diplomas were presented to the class by Mr. Frank M. Crawford, the principal of the school.

BALSAM

Mr. and Mrs. Cicero Crawford announce the birth of a fine son, Thursday, May 2nd.

Announcement has been received here of the marriage of Mr. William Rogers Butler of Springfield, Ill., and Mrs. Mabel Ensley, Thursday, May second, in Tampa, Fla.

Mrs. John Coward spent last week in Canton with her daughter, Mrs. Fern Brown, and Mrs. T. M. Rickards.

Mr. William Owl and Miss Bigwith of Cherokee visited Mr. and Mrs. Marion Ashe and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ashe, last week.

Miss Edith Christy of Greenville, Tenn., is visiting relatives here.

Misses Freda Jones and Beulah Beck spent Sunday in Canton, guests of Miss Lou Smathers.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Christy and baby of Franklin were here Sunday.

Mrs. Nancy Hoyle spent last week end with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mills in Hazelwood.

General Assembly Nears Close Of Lengthy Session

(BY DAN TOMPKINS)

The Senate Committee on Calendar effectively put to death the bill to levy a tax on hotel rooms, yesterday, and ended the warm controversy over the subject that has worried sections of North Carolina, in the mountains, in the Sand Hills, and along the coast, for several weeks. The committee voted unanimously to report the bill unfavorably and, since there is no minority report, it will take a two-thirds vote in the Senate to get the bill off the unfavorable calendar and onto the calendar. The bill was originally a part of the revenue bill passed by the House and adopted by the Senate Finance Committee, but was taken out of the money-raising act by the Senate, after a determined fight led by Senator A. Hall Johnston, of Buncombe. It was revived as what was charged to be a spite measure when the Western Senators voted almost as a unit against the liquor stores bill. There was much bitterness against Senator Johnston, who the wets had hoped to induce to vote with them, and wets in the House introduced the hotel tax measure and passed it through that body, in an effort to even up with Johnston, Ramsey, and Browning for opposing the liquor stores.

John Barleycorn is endeavoring to get at least "one paw" out of the grave to which the Senate consigned him, when it killed the Day bill and put on the clincher, Representative Day, of Onslow, brought forth another liquor bill and pitched it into the House Hopper. It would allow any citizen of the State over 21 years of age to buy a quart every two weeks and carry it home in a sealed package. The sales would be under direction of the Commissioner of Revenue, and he would be authorized to open up places of delivery in all cities of over 15,000 inhabitants and in every county seat of such counties as have no towns that large. Another bill dealing with liquor would exempt New Hanover county from the operation of the Turlington Act. Still another would exempt a group of counties in the east from the Turlington interference with the right to make, sell, transport, buy and drink liquors.

The bill to provide a rental system for school books passed the House and went over to the Senate, it is an effort to reduce the cost of school text books in North Carolina.

The school machinery act has passed both houses of the General Assembly and is ready for ratification, if the House concurs in a few minor changes in the bill, made by the Senate. The Senate Committee on Calendar gave an adverse report on the House bill that would have set up machinery for the enforcement of prohibition in the State. The House passed it; but the Senate's committee didn't think so well of the plan, which provided for a prohibition enforcement division in the Governor's office, with one executive and several assistants. It provided that the Governor appoint two officers in each county, and one additional for each 10,000 population over 30,000. Salaries of the executive officers would not exceed \$3,600 and officers not over \$2,400. Each prohibition violator would pay \$50 to meet the expense, in addition to fine or prison sentence, and in case of a deficit, the counties would pay half of it, and the State the other half.

Some pending bills:
To provide for an advisory parole board consisting of Attorney General, Chairman of State Highway and Public Works Commission, Superintendent of Public Welfare, and three private citizens to be appointed by the Governor. Members would receive \$7 to \$10 per day and actual expenses. Governor would be empowered to appoint adequate number of investigators and parole supervisors, to be paid by State Highway and Public Works Commission.

To validate the creation of all sanitary districts and all official acts with reference to the issue and sale of bonds.

To provide that the names of grand jurors be drawn by a child under 10 years of age; that in counties having more than three regular criminal terms the grand jury is to be drawn at the first regular term in the spring and fall terms, respectively; that in counties having less than three regular terms the grand jury is to be drawn each spring to serve one year.

To provide that advertisement of sale under mortgage and deed of trust include not only the description of the property, but also the names of mortgagors, mortgagees, trustee and cestui que trust.

To provide that advertisement for tax sale of real estate be for two weeks rather than four.

To require that personal bond equal double the amount of the personal property and rents and profits issuing from the real estate of ward, and that corporate bond equal one and one-fourth that amount be required of guardians.

To make same requirements as to bonds of persons entitled to letters testamentary, etc., as above bill does as to guardians.

To reduce municipal license to sell beer from 15 to 7.50 for "On Premise" license and from \$10 to \$5 for "Off Premise" license, and eliminate the progressive increase of 10 per cent on each license over one is sued to same person. It would also eliminate the progressive increase of 10 per cent on each State license over one issued to same licensee.

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judge presiding would be permitted to discharge, and have drawn new grand jurors, and to have additional names drawn from the box to serve in case a grand juror becomes ill or dies.

To submit at the next general election provision for the organization of cities and towns under general, uniform laws, such provision requiring the adoption of town charters by vote of the citizens of the towns.

To provide for a State Board of Rehabilitation, consisting of three members appointed by the Governor, to study, recommend, manage and supervise homesteads, planned rural communities for families of low income, and to authorize the incorporation of limited dividend and non-dividend rural development companies.

To create in the Department of Public Welfare a division for aiding aged, and to provide aid to persons over 65 having an income of less than \$300 per year and meeting other requirements of the bill. Payments to be sufficient to bring income up to \$300 per year, but in no event to exceed \$25 per month.

To repeal the absentee ballot law in all primary elections in the State.

To require that notice, stating time and place of proposed sale, be sent by registered mail or served by proper officer on the maker of the instrument, at the time of beginning advertisement. Clerk's finding that notice was so served would be conclusive as to innocent purchaser.

To give the Municipal Board of Control, composed of Secretary of State, Attorney General, and the Utilities Commissioner, authority to change the names of cities and towns.

To approve, as advisory agency of State, the Planning Board appointed by the Governor on Jan. 26, 1931, at suggestion of National Resources Board. The Board would collect data on projects suitable for development by State or Federal agencies. Board members would serve without compensation, and expense entailed by its work, if not paid by Federal funds, would be paid from the Contingency Fund.

To provide that no public school be operated after July 1, 1935 without safe and adequate water supply and sanitary means for excreta disposal, and to provide for rules and regulations to be made by the State Board of Health.

To amend laws of 1933 so as to raise the fishing license fee for non-residents of the State from 60c to \$1.10 a day.

To submit constitutional amendments to increase the number of Associate Justices of the Supreme Court to not more than six. It authorizes the court to sit in divisions, with a majority membership necessary to any decision and with the entire membership sitting in banc on constitutional questions; and authorizing General Assembly to pass laws exempting not exceeding \$1000 in property used as residence by owner.

To provide that where merchandise is sold at a fair market price, the inclusion of tickets entitling the purchaser to receive something additional if his ticket is drawn by lot, shall not constitute a lottery.

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SYLVA HIGH FINALS NOW IN PROGRESS

The commencement exercises of Sylva High School, at which a senior class of 37 boys and girls will receive diplomas, is in progress this week.

The exercises began on Sunday night, when Rev. Paul Hardin, pastor of the Methodist church in Waynesville, delivered the annual sermon to a large audience.

This evening the declamation and recitation contest, sponsored by the B. H. Cathey chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will be held. The winners of the contest, one boy and one girl, will be presented the Gertrude Dills McKee Medal.

The class day exercises will be held tomorrow; the graduation exercises, tomorrow evening; and the class play will be presented Saturday evening.

40 YEARS AGO

(Tuckaseige Democrat, May 9, 1895)

Mr. R. L. Watson, of Cullowhee, was here yesterday.

Master Frank Tompkins was over from Webster this morning.

Mr. Chas. R. Cooke, of the U. S. Geological Survey, is here.

Misses Annie Leatherwood and Bessie Buchanan, of Webster, are visiting relatives here.

Mr. D. G. Bryson, Jr., and Miss Hatie Frizzell were married, Sunday, at Dillsboro, by Rev. A. H. Sims.

Hon. Theo. Davidson was elected Mayor of Asheville, Monday, together with the entire democratic ticket.

Mrs. W. A. Enloe, wife of Capt. W. A. Enloe, of Dillsboro, died Monday morning, after a long and painful illness.

Col. S. A. Jones and Messrs. J. M. Jones and W. C. Smith went over to Waynesville this morning, expecting to return tomorrow.

It is Judge Ewart now, the Supreme Court having decided the contest for the Judgeship of the new Criminal Circuit.

Mrs. M. M. McKee and Mrs. Hall, with the children, came over from Webster Saturday and visited relatives and friends here, returning home Monday.

We have had warm, rainy weather for the past week, which forced vegetation forward rapidly, but at the same time hindered farm work a good deal.

Miss Mary Robinson, who has been spending some time with her sister, Mrs. J. H. House, left today to attend the Southern Baptist Convention at Washington.

Our new officers are: Mayor, Dr. J. H. Wolff, Aldermen, Messrs. A. B. Thomas, M. Buchanan, R. A. Painter, Neil Buchanan and M. D. Cowan. Marshal, C. E. Stedman.

Mr. D. Rogers has been holding back a car load of cattle until he has made them fat and smooth enough to make one's mouth water to look at them. He left with them for Richmond today.

Mr. E. F. Watson, after court was over, went to see the folks at home at Glenville, remaining till Monday, when he left for Federal Court at Asheville. He tells us he saw a string of twenty-four trout which weighed twenty-four pounds.

Mrs. M. L. Luck, of Clyde, who has been visiting the editor's family for the past two weeks, returned home Saturday, accompanied by Mrs. Frank Haynes, of the same place, who spent a couple of days with her aunt, Mrs. L. H. Rhea.

Last Friday evening there was something of the nature of a cloud burst in the neighborhood of Addie, which caused considerable damage. Scott's Creek was suddenly raised to a surprising height, and logs, trees and other things came rushing down in a hurry.

ELECTION IN CITY GOES DEMOCRATIC

With average majorities of 33, the Democratic ticket won in the Sylva municipal election, after one of the most closely contested campaigns of recent years.

Mayor C. C. Buchanan defeated his Republican opponent, J. T. Gribble, by a vote of 292 to 267.

For Aldermen:

Democratic
J. C. Allison 298
Dr. Grover Wilkes, 299
W. E. Grindstaff, 293
E. L. Wilson 299
Sam W. Allison 291

Republican
Paul L. Warren, 263
J. V. Hall, 270
C. W. Hensley 258
Dillard Coward, 254
Velt Wilson, 260

Practically the total registration of the municipality voted in the election

From early morning until the polls closed at sunset, workers for both sides were busy, and ears were plying the streets of the city, getting the voters to the polls, and neither side was confident of victory until the vote was canvassed and the results announced, within thirty minutes after the polls closed.

The ticket elected is composed of the same officials that have governed the town for the past four years, with the exception of Sam W. Allison, who succeeds Postmaster Charles Price as a member of city council.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

The quarterly conference of the Sylva-Dillsboro charge will be held at Dillsboro, Sunday evening. Rev. W. A. Rollins, presiding elder of the district will preach at the 8 o'clock hour, and will hold the quarterly conference immediately afterward.

The public is cordially invited to both the preaching service and the conference.

GAY

Mrs. Alora Barron celebrated her 75th anniversary at her home here, Sunday, May 5. A good number of her relatives and friends gathered to help her celebrate. Her children were all present, as were her 25 grandchildren and 24 great-grand children.

Mr. Thomas D. Buchanan had the misfortune to get a chip in his eye while chopping wood, recently. He was carried to Waynesville to have Dr. McCracken treat the eye, and is much improved.

Messrs Tom Jones and Geo. Woodard have gone to Canada to work a pulp wood contract. Mr and Mrs Velt McManan have gone to take the cooking job.

Mrs. S. C. Buchanan is at Enka this week visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lee Gardner, who has had an operation for appendicitis.

Mr and Mrs Carl Higdon spent the week end at Glenville, visiting relatives.

Mrs. G. C. Turpin and Mr Wiley Collins are working in Canada, at present.

Van B. Higdon is visiting his grandparents, Mr and Mrs. John Murray, in Macon county.

We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to attend the annual commencement of the Cullowhee High School, which is to occur on May 16 and 17. The annual sermon is to be preached by the Rev. Geo. Wharton, and the Literary Address to be delivered by Mr. C. J. Harris, of Dillsboro.

Capt. Melvin E. Carter, Collector of Internal Revenue of the 5th District of North Carolina, died at his home in Asheville last Sunday, after a brief illness. Chief Clerk S. L. Rogers is in charge of the office until a new collector is appointed.

The revenue officers made two raids on Thursday. In Richmond county Deputy Gibson got an 80-gallon illicit still, but the owners escaped. In Rockingham county Deputies Davis and Smith captured two stills, each of 85-gallon capacity. Since January 1st of this year no less than 94 illicit distilleries have been seized in this district. These averaged about \$200 in value. It is a record breaking array of seizures within so short a period. Revenue officers captured a large blockade distillery, four miles west of Mocksville. The owner of the business was also captured and brought to Winston.