

The Jackson County Journal

ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

SYLVA, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 1935.

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

SHRINERS VISITED SYLVA ON MONDAY

Several hundred Shriners, and members of their families, returning to their homes in the Middle-West from attending the National Shrine Convention in Washington, visited Sylva, Monday morning. They were making a tour of the Park area, and stopped in Sylva for some little time.

WEEK BY WEEK

Aldas, whose touch turned everything to gold, would envy the fortune that the European nations are pouring into armaments, and preparations for war, these days. Each country says that it is "arming" and "working for peace," but it has never turned out that way, in the whole history of the world. When the nations arm, war inevitably follows; and another war comparable to the last one would be disaster to great that it is doubtful whether our delicately manufactured civilization could withstand the strain it and its aftermath.

The midget NRA, a new NRA sans a name, a sort of Blue Eagle with only pin feathers, enacted by Congress, has been set up by President Roosevelt, with the high purpose of salvaging the good that was in the old NRA, declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. James O'Neal, vice president of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York City, is the head of it, and believes that it can, with the cooperation of patriotic business and labor men of the country, be made to function so as to prove of much good to the country as a whole.

Speaking of the gubernatorial contest that is forming, we have a letter addressed to "Mr. Dan Thompson, Editor Jackson County Journal, Sylva, N. C.," from Colonel John A. Meitzel, down Charlotte way, asking that we request the people to withhold their choice until they have a chance to find out where he stands on matters and things. We suggest that the first thing the Colonel do is to have his stenographers learn the names of towns and cities in North Carolina. No; that it makes any difference to us folks want to call us "Thompson"; it is a pretty good name, at that, but it always riles us a little to see Sylva, the only town of that name in the world, corrupted into the commonplace Sylva.

The courts down east are being asked to pass upon the validity of the statute enacted by the General Assembly providing for referenda in 18 counties and two towns on the question of legal liquor or no legal liquor, to be dispensed through publicly-owned stores. Wilson and Edgecombe counties are getting ready to hold their elections on Saturday. The whole thing was a mess, from beginning to end, that the courts will have to straighten out, if they can. However, it has been demonstrated throughout our history that, on any matter in which they are really interested, the people are going to have local self government, despite State laws, National laws or constitutional amendments. What the majority of the people want in any given community they usually get.

Among the maze of happenings during this spring and summer, little thought has been given by the people to the bill, now pending in Congress, looking toward the future confederacy of every American. The bill, backed by President Roosevelt, will probably be enacted into law, and it accomplishes its avowed purpose, it will be the most far-reaching legislation of this generation, and will place every American in such position that the fear of unemployment, old age, loss of job, loss of business, loss of health, loss of home, the kind of things that nag at the hearts of men and women, as they go about their tasks, will have been removed. Such an attainment would be comparable to the greatest events in history, and could be set up as one of the most remarkable marks of the progress of the human race, from barbarism to civilization.

For small boys, in Balsam. Mr. and Mrs. John T. Jones and Mr. George T. Knight went to Sylva, Monday, on business.

Ceremonies At Cherokee Are Postponed, Pending Government Consent

Mrs. W. A. Hyatt, Chairman of the Cherokee Memorial Committee, and Second Vice-President of the North Carolina Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, announces that the unveiling of the memorial to be erected at Cherokee, by the First District U. D. C., has been indefinitely postponed, due to the fact that permission has not been received from the Federal Government on the Reservation.

A special program, as outlined in the program book, which was to have appeared in the journal, of this week, had been arranged.

Just what happened to change the plans, we have been unable to learn; but we think we can smell a good sized mouse. Just why it was found out, at this late hour that the permission of the Federal Government would be necessary, before the marker could be placed on the Indian property, we do not know. It is understood that permission had been granted by the Tribal Council, the governing body of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, the corporation in whose name the title lies. And it is known that a committee of the U. D. C. women went to Cherokee to complete the arrangements for the unveiling and the announcement of its postponement was issued shortly thereafter.

Just why the permission of the Federal Government should be necessary, is another thing that we cannot explain, since the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, incorporated under the laws of North Carolina owns the land, and so far as we know, no permission has ever been granted by the State of North Carolina to the Federal Government to buy land in the State for Indian Reservation purposes, and it is a well established principle of law that the Federal Government must have such permission before it can acquire title to land in any one of the original thirteen States. Such permission was granted by North Carolina for park lands, post office sites, and for forest purposes, with certain restrictions and reservations; but we never heard of any such permit for Indian reservations. That the consent of the Federal Government to the erection of a monument in North Carolina, on land owned by a North Carolina corporation is needed before it can be done, is news. But somebody seem to think that it was and the ceremonies have been postponed, and a fine day, as you will see from the following has been spoiled for the time being.

At three o'clock Sunday afternoon, June 23, the memorial erected by the United Daughters of the Confederacy to the Cherokee Indians of the Confederate army, will be unveiled, near the council house at Cherokee, with appropriate ceremonies.

The memorial, a fountain of native stone, bearing a tablet with the profile of an Indian chief, and the inscription:

"In honor of those brave Cherokee Indians,
Loyal to the Confederacy
1861-1865
Commanded by Colonel Wm. H. Thomas
Erected by the First District United Daughters of the Confederacy
1935"

will be unveiled by Master John Thomas Higgins, Jr., Waynesville, a great grandson of Col. Thomas, and Master John Tatham Ellis, of Andrews. Mrs. R. E. Ridenhour of Concord, president of the North Carolina Division, will be present and take part in the programme, as will other leaders in the U. D. C. Mrs. E. L. McKee, of Sylva, will introduce the principal speaker of the occasion.

A cross of military service will be presented to one of the young Cherokee soldiers who served with distinction in the 30th Division, A. E. F. This cross is conferred only on descendants of Confederate soldiers who

served in the army, navy, or marines corps of the United States.

When the North Carolina Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy put on a campaign to stimulate greater interest among the chapters in local history, the Haywood chapter, of which Mrs. W. A. Hyatt was Historian, began the study of the regiments in the Confederate army from Western North Carolina, and in that way her interest was aroused in the Companies of Cherokee Indians which formed a part of the "Thomas Legion." The Indians had been urged by Union sympathizers in East Tennessee to join them, and several proposals made to their advantage had been made them, but the Indians had always been on friendly terms with the white people, so they hesitated to make war on their neighbors, especially as their sympathy was with them in the defense of their State.

Col. William Holland Thomas, who was recognized by them as their friend and adopted Chief, tried to keep them out of the fight, but numbers of them appealed to various officers who were organizing companies for permission to enlist.

When Col. Thomas saw that they were determined to espouse the cause of States' Rights, he formed two companies, and with more than ninety per cent of the men in the tribe enlisting two full companies "A" and "B", were organized, under the Stars and Bars.

When they were first enlisted, they were sent to Virginia; but so many of them died of disease that the regiment was reorganized and returned to Western North Carolina, where, as scouts, they were invaluable, as they were familiar with all the territory of the mountains in Georgia, Tennessee and North Carolina.

While the captains of the companies were white, the other officers were Cherokees, and splendid soldiers. Asto-ga-Stoga was a recognized leader of the tribe at the time. He was killed at Cumberland Gap, while on special detail. Peter Graybeard and David Whitaker were also valuable men, not only to the tribe, but as soldiers of the Confederacy. Simpson Sanook related how he picked off four of the bushwhackers, who overran this section near the close of the war, coming in from Tennessee through the Soco country. It was necessary for the invaders to cross the creek on foot through the water, or to use a narrow foot-log, so he ran ahead of them and hid beside the road, took careful aim and killed the first man across. He repeated this four times with the same result, and then disappeared into the mountains and home to the Reservation.

Mrs. Hyatt became so much interested in the history, fables and folklore of the Cherokees that she spoke of it at the District meeting held in Franklin in 1933, suggesting that some day a suitable memorial be erected in their honor. It seemed that it was impractical at that time, but much interest was expressed and a committee with Mrs. Hyatt as chairman, was appointed, to formulate plans and present them the following year.

At a meeting held in Andrews, in 1934, Mrs. Hyatt presented plans for the fountain.

One regret must mar the day; not one of the old "Boys" who wore the Confederate Gray will be present from all that brave tribe.

Sevier Skitty was the last of those loyal men who valued the friendship of friends and neighbors and fought for the principles in which they believed, rather than accept the more profitable offers from the stronger forces. He died the first of January this year.

The profile on the bronze tablet was made from a photograph posed by Will West Long, typical Cherokee and a leader of the tribe of the present day.

CHURCH ELECTS DEACONS

At the annual business conference of the First Baptist church, held last Sunday morning, Messrs. L. P. Allen, John R. Jones and J. V. Hall were elected deacons, to serve for a period of three years.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. Geo. Lemuel Granger, Rector. First Sunday after Trinity 11 A. M. Morning prayer and sermon. ST. DAVID'S CHURCH, Cullowhee. 4 P. M. Evening prayer and sermon.

SAID TO BE INSANE MAN ATTACKS FIVE

Charlie B. Hensley, young member of a well-known Sylva family, is in jail, his wife and young son are in the hospital with knife wounds on their throats, his brother-in-law, Hubert Massey and wife were assaulted with a hammer, and the home in which they all lived, in the Spicewood Cove, was burned to the ground, early this morning.

It is believed that young Hensley suffered a fit of temporary insanity, and that he assaulted his wife and child, and Mr. and Mrs. Massey, set fire to the house, and tried suicide, as there are two or three knife wounds on his own throat. He stated to officers this morning that he had no recollection whatever of what occurred last night.

Sheriff Mason went to the scene and took Hensley in charge. The other members of the family had gone to the home of Berry Ensley, and it is reported that Hensley attempted to break in there also.

Massey, it is stated, at first believed that some intruder had entered the home and committed the assaults.

All the victims are expected to recover.

40 YEARS AGO

Tuckasee Democrat, June 20, 1895.

Mr. D. L. Love left Friday for Tallulah Falls on a pleasure trip.

Mrs. M. Buchanan and son are visiting relatives at Webster, this week.

Our old friend, Mr. David F. Brown, paid us a much appreciated visit, Tuesday.

Mr. W. E. Moore and sons, Tom and Harry, were in town Sunday.

Mrs. F. E. Hearn, nee Miss Sallie Stedman, of Ashburn, Ga., is here on a visit to her parents.

Mrs. Jas. McKee and two little grandsons came out from Asheville Friday and went to Webster to visit relatives there.

Mr. G. A. Hughes, of Ferhurst, was here Saturday, to meet his daughter, Miss Nannie, who has been teaching at Bryson City.

Mr. J. R. Love returned from Morganton, Friday, from a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hospital for the Insane.

Mrs. D. D. Davies and daughters, Misses Otella and Daisy, returned Saturday from Raleigh, where Miss Daisy has been at school.

The University of North Carolina now ranks among the foremost Colleges in America in scholarship, equipments and general efficiency.

Mr. and Mrs. Cling Cunningham, who used to live here, but now live at Biltmore, came over this week on the sad mission of bringing the remains of one of their children here for burial.

Mr. Editor:—Please announce that there will be a Teachers' Examination in the Court House, in Webster, beginning on the first Monday in July. The last act of the Legislature provides that "there shall be one public examination to commence the first Monday in July, 1895", and that "all applicants shall pay to the examiner in advance, one dollar for such examination." Every person desiring to teach in the public schools of Jackson county, who does not hold a State certificate, must attend this examination.—J. N. Wilson, County Examiner.

Nashville, Tenn., June 18.—The event of the Vanderbilt commencement was the address of Dr. Chauncey M. Depew, at the tabernacle tonight, delivered before an immense audience. He said, in part: "The great opportunities of our country are in the South. In these Southern States we find, as nowhere else in the country, the original stock which fought at Cowpens and King's Mountain and Yorktown. The composite of all races which has developed the conti-

BLAZE THREATENS COUNTY RELIEF UNIT QUARTERS

An early morning fire, in Clark's pool room, last Friday, threatened the offices of the Jackson County Emergency Relief Administration and the offices of W. R. Sherrill and C. C. Buchanan, all of which are located on the second floor of the building. But for its timely discovery, and for the prompt answer to the alarm and efficient work of the Sylva Volunteer Fire Department, the whole building, which was gravely threatened, would have been destroyed.

The fire originated in a closet under the stairway, and had gained such headway before the firemen arrived, that the pool room was a mass of smoke, and the heat so intense that the windows in the entrance were cracked. The stairway burned through in places, and in a very short time ingress to the second floor, where the relief and law offices are located, would have been cut off.

There is also a cafe located in the building.

The origin of the fire is unknown.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR HOMER ASHE ARE HELD

Funeral services for Homer Ashe, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tecumseh Ashe, of the Lovedale section, who died, Friday after an illness of several years, were held at the Lovedale Baptist church Saturday afternoon. The Rev. Kay Allen, assisted by the Rev. Thad P. Deitz, of Beta, officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

The youth is survived by his parents, one sister, Hilda, and three brothers, William, Edwin, and Orville.

BETA

(By William Dillard)
The annual associational meeting of the Baptist Training union of the Tuckasee Baptist Association was held at Scott's Creek church, here, at 2:15 Sunday afternoon, with Miss Mildred Cowan presiding.

The Beta union had charge of the devotional services. A short business session was then held. It was decided to establish an associational library, in order to make available to all anxious books and materials to be used in study courses. Plans were made for a large crowd to attend the State B. T. U. assembly at Ridgecrest, in July, and for a study course week to be held the last week of July. Outside workers will be provided for these courses by Miss Winnie Rickett.

Following the business session, the committees on time and place for the next meeting and for nominating officers were appointed. The roll call revealed Lovedale leading in representation, with thirty-eight members present.

The program consisted of a number of five-minute talks, which were: "His church, the mother of benevolences," Miss Margaret Allman, of the Webster union; "His church, a character builder," John D. Nicholson, of the Lovedale union; "The work of the B. Y. P. U. in time of revivals," Rev. T. F. Deitz, of Beta; "His church, the home base of world evangelism," Lyle Ensley, of the Beta union; "His church, the lighthouse of truth," Rev. W. C. Reed, of Sylva.

The Tuckasee Baptist church was decided upon as the next meeting place of the associational B. T. U., the meeting to be held on the third Sunday in June, 1936. The following officers were elected for the coming year, and were installed by Rev. T. F. Deitz: President, Lyle Ensley, of the Beta union; Vice-president, Miss Mildred Cowan, of the Webster union; Secretary-treasurer, Miss Zola Hensley, East Sylva; Pastor advisor, Rev. I. K. Stafford, Cullowhee; Junior leader, Miss Lucy Monteith, Cullowhee; Intermediate leader, Clarence Vance, Lovedale; Chorister, Alvin Buchanan, Beta; Pianist, Miss Sallie Mae Monteith, Sylva; Librarian, Miss Edna Allen, Sylva; Leader District No. 1, Lloyd Bryson, Sylva, Assistant, Miss Helen Ensley, Beta; Leader, District No. 2, Mrs. Jarvis Crawford, Lovedale; Assistant, Miss Frankie Buchanan, Webster; Leader, District No. 3, Miss Martha Lou Stillwell, Cullowhee; Assistant, Miss Fullbright, Cullowhee; Leader, District No. 4, Miss Breedlove, Glenville.

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