

# The Jackson County Journal

\$1.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

SYLVA, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 1935.

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

## Saturday, 5 P. M. Closes Successful Journal Campaign. Candidates Are Close

### Highway Commission Is Meeting In This County

Today, Wednesday, and Saturday, the State Highway and Public Works Commission will meet at High Hampton, in the Valley, and will hold public hearings during that time. Plans for the new highway, according to the commission, are being discussed, according to the commission.

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### 40 YEARS AGO

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Miss Inez Erwin returned to her home in Asheville yesterday.

Miss Mattie Pender, of Bryson City, is visiting friends here, this week.

Wesley Shelton has moved back to Jackson from Haywood county.

Mr. Garland and the Misses Garland of Macon, spent Monday night here.

Mr. Jolley, of Macon, was here this week, the guest of Mr. Woodfin's family.

Dr. Fred Siler and Miss Lela Enloe were over from Webster Tuesday evening.

Dr. J. H. Wolff went to Whittier yesterday, returning this morning on the freight train.

Messrs. J. D. Zachary and J. F. Coward each shipped a car load of cattle to market last week.

Miss Sallie Pollock, of Kinston, came over from Canton, Monday, and will spend some time with Mrs. J. H. Wolff.

Mr. W. J. Kincaid, agent for the Southern Ry., at Dillsboro, returned home today, after a few days' trip to Florida.

There will be a silver medal contest at the Academy at Sylva, August 27, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. of Sylva. All are cordially invited to attend. A collection will be taken for the benefit of the work.

Today, as one of Bidwell & Co.'s four horse wagons, loaded with corundum, was crossing the bridge across the creek, near the corundum wheel factory, the bridge gave way under the weight and settled into the creek. Both of the sills of the bridge broke at the same time, and let the bridge, with wagon and all, down. Fortunately, the water was shallow, or the accident would have been much more serious. As it was, it resulted in the serious crippling of one horse, whose leg was at first thought to be broken, and the breaking of two of the wheels of the wagon. The bridge was not long ago condemned as unsafe and the use of it closed to the public. It was then repaired and again opened to travel only a few weeks ago.

A little child of Mr. and Mrs. James Fisher, of Rabun, Ga., who are visiting at Mr. A. W. Farmer's, some three or four years of age, wandered off in the mountains last Sunday, which caused great distress and consternation, until it was found about sunset, at a considerable distance from the house. Mrs. Fisher told the child they would go out after a while and get some apples. The little one did not wait for its mother, but first providing itself with a small satchel, went out alone. Mrs. Fisher soon missed the child and sought it first about the house. Not finding it, the neighbors soon organized searching parties and after looking the greater part of the day, it was found up on the mountain-side. It had traveled over a great deal of ground during its wandering, and when found, there was naturally great rejoicing.

Miss Nellie E. Bird, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bird, of Quallatown, aged 15 years, fell asleep in Jesus, Sunday evening, August 11, while at Candler.

Misses Mary Battle and Ruth Parks visited Mrs. D. C. Hughes.

Mrs. A. C. Hoyle and Miss Edna Hoyle were guests of Mrs. J. O. Howell.

Miss Gertrude Ferguson went to Fontana, where she will begin school, Wednesday.

Mrs. J. H. Hughes called on Mrs. I. W. Cooper.

Margaret Johnson of Ela, spent last week with Mrs. D. M. Shuler.

Miss Mary Emma Ferguson spent Sunday with relatives at Ela.

### Jackson Will Have Labor Celebration

Plans have been perfected for staging Jackson county's second annual Labor Day Celebration and Progress Exposition, Monday, September 2. The event, which is being sponsored by the Sylva Rotary Club, promises to be even bigger than that of last Labor Day, when some 5000 people were attracted to Sylva. The Community Service Committee, of the Rotary Club, composed of Cy Rasmussen, Bill Erwin and C. C. Poindexter, is in charge of arrangements. C. C. Poindexter, Director of Athletics at Western Carolina Teachers College, is in active charge of working out the details of the program.

The program will get under way at 9:30 in the morning, with running, jumping, throwing, and other athletic events at the Sylva High school. There will be events for boys, girls, men, women, large, small, young and old. Mr. Poindexter will be in charge of these events.

At 11:30 a big parade will be held on the streets of Sylva, featuring all kinds of Jackson county products. There will be a baby division in charge of the Junior Club; a mutt dog division in charge of the girl scouts; a school children's division, and any other group or organization that cares to enter. The parade will assemble and form at the high school.

All day at the High school building there will be on display agricultural and other farm, garden and factory products of Jackson county. County Agent G. R. Luckey will be in charge of these exhibits.

There will be a special flower exhibit in charge of the 20th Century Club. This division is open to flowers of any and everyone. Mrs. Kermil Chapman is president of the club.

At 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon there will be a baseball game between the Sylva Athletic Club and the Cherokee Indians.

The day's activities will be topped off with a string band contest and old time square dance at the high school gymnasium. There will be a small admission charge to this event, for the benefit of the Sylva High school activities and to help defray expenses of the day. All players of string instruments are urged to attend, and the public is invited.

Blue ribbons will be awarded winners in all events and exhibits.

One of the special features of the celebration will be window decorations of the stores and business houses of Sylva, displaying products of merit from the farms, yards, gardens and factories of Jackson county.

The committee in charge of arrangements appreciates the splendid co-operation they are receiving from the various organizations and individuals. Constructive suggestions are requested and always welcome.

The big idea back of the whole program is a general good time for all, along with a display of some of the products of the county.

### Sylva Schools Start Friday, August 30th

Sylva and Dillsboro children will end their vacation, and get them back to their classrooms and play-grounds of their schools, Friday of next week, August 30.

The building at the high school will be used for exhibits, in connection with the Labor Day and Progress Exposition that is to be held under auspices of the Sylva Rotary Club.

All other county schools, except the high school at Cullowhee, opened on Monday morning of this week.

The Cullowhee high school will open on Tuesday, August 27th.

### TREE KILLS C.O.C. LAD

The body of Charles E. Lassiter, 19 year old C. C. C. enrollee, who was fatally injured, last Friday, in the Great Smoky Mountains, when a rolling-log knocked him over a cliff and fell on him, was sent to his home in Morrisville, near Raleigh, Saturday.

The young man was brought to the C. J. Harris Community hospital here, but lived only a few minutes after he was received.

### Congress Anxious To Go Home Soon

Washington, August 21—Two things stimulated the anxiety of Senators and Representatives to get through the session of Congress and go home to inspect their political fences. One of these was the result of the bye election in Rhode Island last week, when what was supposed to be a safe Democratic district in a Democratic state elected a Republican Congressman on a strictly New Deal issue. The other was a public demand by former President Hoover for the disclosure by President Roosevelt of his intentions as to amending the Constitution in order to further centralize power in Washington. Those two strictly political events caused even more of a turmoil than the rejection by the Senate Finance Committee of the tax bill drafted by the House Committee, and the substitution for it of a bill which conformed very closely indeed to the La Follette plan of spreading the income tax down farther in the lower brackets than it has ever been.

That proved to be a flash in the pan when it became evident that Administration leaders would not go along but it has complicated the tax bill situation so that no one can guess what will happen.

The Rhode Island election brought home to Administration partisans, who have been somewhat skeptical about the tales of rebellion on the Atlantic Coast, the realization that there might be something to those stories. Stripped of other complications, the Rhode Island campaign was chiefly on the issue of the cotton processing tax under the AAA. Rightly or wrongly, voters in the Rhode Island mill towns blamed the processing tax for the shutting down of many cotton mills. To their opposition to this phase of the New Deal was added the vote of the wealthy Newport residents, who were becoming nervous over the President's avowed desire to impose much heavier taxes on great estates and inheritances.

Politicians, being human, always try to find a scapegoat on whom to lay the blame for untoward happenings. In this instance the fingers of Democratic spokesmen are pointing at Sec-

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### Final Rites Are Held For Coot Woods

Cowarts, August 17—Final rites for Coot Wood, 48 of Cowarts, were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Balsam Grove Union church, of which he was a member. Mr. Wood died Friday night in the C. J. Harris Community hospital, following a major operation.

Rev. Merritt Hooper, pastor of the church was in charge of the service, and was assisted by Rev. Ben Cook, pastor of John's Creek Baptist church. Mr. Wood was a prominent citizen of Jackson county, and one of the leading farmers of Caney Fork. He had engaged in the mercantile, wood and lumber business, also, and at the time of his death was employed as purchasing agent for Simmons and Weleh, of Clayton, Ga., who operate a saw mill at Sylva.

Surviving Mr. Wood are his widow, his mother, four brothers, Dill, H. L. and J. Wood, all of Cowarts, and G. F. Wood, of Crossville, Tenn., four sisters Mrs. Flora Mason and Miss Lydia Wood, of Cowarts, Mrs. Nellie Phillips, of Speedwell, Mrs. Annabelle Phillips, of Rockport, Washington, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Active pall bearers, nephews of Mr. Wood, were: Clifford Hooper, Jack Phillips, Ethan Hooper, Howard Wood, Dillard Wood, and Carl Wood. Honorary pall bearers were: John Painter, Dillard Hooper, J. T. Snyder, Dillard Coward, Dr. C. Z. Candler, Dr. D. D. Hooper, Dr. Sam Stringfield, Milas Parker, Cyrus H. Nicholson, Hugh Monteith, E. P. Stillwell, and E. C. Henneste.

The flower girls, all nieces of Mr. Wood, were: Ora Blanche Henson, Juanita Hooper, Sallie Hooper, Elenora Phillips, Christine Mason, Lazelle Wood, Blanche Wood, and Sabra Hooper.

### Every Minute Is Valuable Until Vote Period Ends

#### TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)

"MARGINAL" . . . . . questioned. We have been hearing a lot in late years about "marginal lands" and the folly of farming them. I wonder sometimes if that is not a false point of view.

Around my country home in the Berkshires there are plenty of farms which my economist would class as "marginal." They do not and cannot produce cash crops big enough to bring in much more than the taxes. Yet they are occupied, for the greater part, by contented, even happy farm families. They get a living, and a good one, from the land. Farming, to these folk, is not an industrial or commercial enterprise, but a mode of living, in independence and security.

I know of no farmer who looks at his problems that way, even on these decidedly "marginal" New England farms, who is in real distress.

#### MINES . . . . . swimming hole

Last Sunday I drove over to York State, past the remnant of a distinctly "marginal" enterprise. That was the old Williams iron mine. Back before the Revolution the Colonists were digging iron ore out of the mountains of western Massachusetts. The mines were operated and the ore smelted at nearby Richmond furnace for more than 150 years. Then the cheapest iron ore in the world was discovered in Minnesota.

The old Williams iron mine is full of water now. Local tradition has it that there is no bottom. That isn't true, of course, but there is 200 feet or more of water under the boys who go swimming there.

Unlike a marginal farm, nobody can get a living out of a marginal iron mine.

#### CHANGE . . . . . will come

Any plan of social-economic planning which would fix everything as it is would be silly. I got to thinking over the changes on one New England county.

A mile from my farm is the old Freelyville marble quarry which produced most of the building stone for the Eastern cities when I was a boy. It shut down forty years ago, when bigger veins of better marble were found in Vermont. Two or three miles away, the first wood-pulp paper was made the year I was born, and for a century almost all the writing paper used in America was made in our valley. We no longer make wood-pulp, and half the writing paper mills are shut down.

Up to five years ago we were shipping a quarter of a million dollars worth of lime every year. Now we don't ship a carload a month. Better limestone and easier to quarry, in other places, is the answer.

One of the reasons why I have little faith in the permanency of any plan of building model towns around particular industries is that I have seen too many communities fall into decay when the march of progress moves in another direction.

MEN . . . . . some marginal. I wonder if a good deal of the world's troubles is not due so much to "marginal" agriculture and "marginal" industry, as to what might be

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#### FIRST VISIT IN 35 YEARS

Mr. Jeff Rhea, who is here for his first visit since he moved to Arkansas, nearly thirty-five years ago, expressed himself as being utterly amazed at the change and progress in Sylva and Jackson county.

Mr. Rhea believes that his old home is destined to be the coming region of America, and says that he knows now that it is the best part of the country.

Mr. Rhea is a son of Major W. M. Rhea, a former prominent citizen of Sylva township, who died in 1908. He is visiting his brother, Mr. S. M. Rhea, and other relatives and friends.

Each candidate made her last report Wednesday to the Campaign Manager. Saturday's reports must be placed in the Ballot Box at the Jackson County Bank, before 5 P. M. If you fail to do this you lose all votes that are in your last report. Remember this.

Now is the time to really find out who your real friends are. A five years subscription counts 150,000 votes, and votes alone will win. No candidate should hesitate to go to her friends for a five year subscription, as there are many that are so close, one 5 year subscription may mean a new Chevrolet.

Think of driving this wonderful new automobile, and please bear in mind, as stated early in this paper, that there is no occupation where one can make enough money by only working spare time for six short weeks to buy an automobile like this. Let us state once again that this campaign has been, and will continue to be, absolutely on the square, so, with this thought in mind, the Campaign Manager will say—"GO TO IT! KEEP GOING, AND GOOD LUCK!"

#### REMEMBER

All reports must be in the Ballot Box at the Jackson County Bank, Saturday at 5 p. m. Cash only will be counted, when the Judges and the Campaign Manager open the Ballot Box and check the records. Then someone will be glad he or she DIDN'T SLOW UP DURING THE LAST DAYS.

#### LAST RITES FOR MRS. BRYSON WERE HELD AT WEBSTER

Funeral services for Mrs. Hattie Stillwell Bryson were held at the Webster Baptist church, Sunday, at three o'clock in the afternoon. Rev. W. C. Reed of Sylva and Rev. I. K. Stafford of Cullowhee officiated. Interment was in the Stillwell cemetery at Webster. The pall bearers were: David Stillwell, Alvin Sutton, James Cook, Carl Altman, Roy Cowan and Mr. Staicup.

Mrs. Bryson was born at Webster, Nov. 29, 1872, and died August 17, 1935, at the age of 63 years. She had been afflicted with paralysis for more than two years.

She was married to Mr. L. F. Bryson in 1911, and they made their home in Birmingham, Ala., until the death of Mr. Bryson, in 1934, since which time Mrs. Bryson has been living with her brother, Mr. I. E. Stillwell at Webster.

Surviving here are two sisters, Mrs. W. N. Cook, Webster, Mrs. Geo. W. Sutton, Sylva, three brothers, E. H. Stillwell of Western Carolina Teachers College, E. P. Stillwell, Sylva attorney, and I. E. Stillwell, of Webster, two step-sons, Richard and Fred Bryson of Birmingham, and a host of other relatives and friends.

#### BETA.

(By William Dillard.)

Our school opened its regular session with a large enrollment and a number of parents present, despite the bad weather.

Miss Hilda Keener, of Glenville, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Ed Fisher.

Messrs. J. R. and Paul Snyder have returned to their home in Georgia, after a month's visit here.

Miss Bonnie Freeman has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Sallie Freeman.

Several new buildings are being constructed in our community. Residences are being erected by V. V. Hooper and Ed Erwin and a wood work shop by Monteith and Dean.

Mrs. J. E. Latta and daughter, Madeline, who have been spending the summer here and at Webster, have returned to their home near Durham.

The Home Demonstration Club of Beta held an all day meeting at Mrs. G. C. Snyder's, Wednesday of last week. The women of the community canned many fruits and vegetables under the supervision of Mrs. Mamie Sue Evans. Around 170 quart cans were filled.

The annual cleaning and decorating of the Old Field and Dills cemeteries will be held this week.