

The Jackson County Journal

SYLVA, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1936

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

IN A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

Large Number Of Baptists To Meet Here Next Week

The largest convention ever to assemble in Sylva will be that of the Regional Baptist Training Union, which convenes here next Friday afternoon and continues through Saturday.

Speakers of prominence on the two-day program will include Miss Mabel Starnes, Dr. W. H. Fitzgerald, Dr. M. Al Martin, Rev. Nathan Brooks, Miss Winnie Rickett, Mrs. S. F. Rogers, Miss Mabel Starnes, Dr. Gibson Davis, Rev. S. F. Rogers, Prof. F. L. Elliott, Prof. Wood, Mrs. Fred Forester, and Rev. Nane Starnes.

The sessions of the convention will be held in the Methodist church, by invitation of the Methodist congregation, as the auditorium at the Baptist church is thought to be too small to accommodate the large crowd of delegates that is expected to be here.

The convention includes all the Baptist Training Unions of the fifteen counties of Western North Carolina. The people will be entertained by a variety of banquets, on the Harvard plan, and all the people of the town and surrounding communities, regardless of denominational affiliations, have been invited to provide entertainment for the delegates.

The program has tentatively been laid out for the convention to follow:

Friday Afternoon

Beginning at three o'clock:
 Song service, Miss Blanche Emery, Asheville.
 Bible appreciation, Dr. W. H. Fitzgerald, Cherokee.
 Special music.
 Address, Mr. Al Martin, State Baptist, Wake Forest.
 Facing our problems with:
 Prayers, Rev. Nathan Brooks, Bryson City.
 Internationals, Mrs. Nane Starnes, Asheville.
 General Officers, Miss Winnie Rickett, Raleigh.
 Juniors, Mrs. Smoot Baker, Sylva.
 Associate Officers and Pastors, Miss Mabel Starnes, Raleigh.

Friday Evening

Song service.
 Bible appreciation, Dr. Fitzgerald.
 Special music.
 Faith is the Victory in World Service, E. Gibson Davis Asheville.

Saturday Morning

Surprise service: Faith is the Victory in our Witnessing for Christ, Mrs. Winnie Rickett.
 Morning session:
 Song service.
 Bible appreciation, Dr. Fitzgerald.
 Symposium:
 Choosing a life work, Rev. P. I. Elliott, Cullowhee.
 Being a Christian in Economic and Liquor Problems, Rev. S. F. Rogers, Andrews.
 Peace, War, Race Relations, Internationalism, Prof. Wood, Mars Hill.
 Social Life, Moral Problems and Leisure Time, Mrs. Fred Forester, Cullowhee.
 Song service.
 Special music.
 Conference Conclusions, Conference leaders.
 Address, Rev. Nane Starnes, Asheville.

Saturday Afternoon

Song service.
 Bible Appreciation, Dr. Fitzgerald.
 Faith is the Victory in our Association Endeavors, Miss Mabel Starnes.
 Installation of officers.

LITTLE GIRL DIES

Funeral services for Betty Lou Sims, three-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Sims of Sylva, were held Sunday afternoon at Chattanooga Methodist church in Helen, Ga. The little girl died Saturday at the Community hospital following an illness of five weeks, of influenza and complications.

She is survived by her parents and three small sisters, Ruthelene, Helen, and Edith.

TODAY and TOMORROW

FLOODS . . . everywhere

It almost seems as if there wasn't a river east of the Mississippi that didn't go on a rampage in the past two or three weeks. Such puny efforts as man has made to keep the waters under control seem rather ridiculous.

Naturally, I have been thinking of floods I have seen. In 1889, when the ice coming down the Potomac made a dam out of the railroad bridge at Washington, all the lower part of the city was flooded. My brother and I got hold of a boat and rowed up and down Pennsylvania Avenue, from the Treasury to the foot of Capitol Hill, in various directions.

I have seen the Mississippi river, 65 feet above normal at St. Louis, the Ohio at Cincinnati up to the third story of buildings on the streets along the river. I saw all South Florida under water in the winter of 1925-26. I have seen our New York and New England rivers in flood so often that I have come to expect it every year or two.

REBUILDING . . . the blessing

One effect of the floods in the thickly-settled East is bound to be an immense amount of rebuilding. Bridges and dams will have to be replaced and other buildings repaired or replaced. It will take countless millions of dollars to set things right. Steel and concrete will be used where wood answered before. That will make more business and employment for the "heavy" industries, and in all the construction and building trades.

BRIDGES . . . the doctor

The old-fashioned covered bridge, of which quite a number survive in the East, have always fascinated me. The early settlers "housed in" their wooden bridges to keep the road way free from snow and ice. It didn't matter so much if a horse or wagon slipped sideways off the highway, but a loaded wagon on a slippery bridge could easily go through the guardrail into the river.

One of my boyhood memories is of a flood that washed away the flooring and superstructure of an old covered bridge near my home. Our village doctor had been sent for on an emergency call, across the river, but could not get out until long after dark. He saddled his horse, and rode off through the rain. Not until after he had crossed the river did he learn that the bridge was "out".

A miracle? No, just an accident. The sure-footed horse happened to hit one of 18-inch "stringers" that were all that was left of the bridge, and walked across in the dark like a tight-rope performer!

FIRE . . . wet hay

I am watching now for reports of fires in barns, along the river valleys where the flood water has gone down. They always follow when hay in the barn has been thoroughly soaked, unless it is spread and given a chance to dry out.

Spontaneous combustion from the heat generated by damp hay in the bottom of the mow started scores of barn fires in northern New England after the last big flood we had, nine years ago. Not all the fires were spontaneous, either, an insurance man told me, through proof to the contrary was hard to establish. Few companies write flood insurance policies, and few farmers would pay for them, anyway. But they all carry fire insurance.

Some day, in a more perfect world perhaps, we will all live in houses as fireproof as were the caves of our ancestors, and to build a barn of wood will be a jail offense.

Funeral Rites Held For A. B. Allison

Funeral services for A. B. Allison, for many years one of the leading citizens of this county, and of Western North Carolina, were held yesterday morning at the Webster Methodist church, with Rev. E. C. Price, preacher in charge, and Rev. T. R. Wolfe, of Sylva, officiating. Interment was in Webster cemetery, conducted by Unaka Lodge A. F. and A. M.

The active pall bearers were S. W. Emloe, D. M. Hall, Pan Allison, Bragg Allison and L. H. Canen. Honorary pall bearers were Prof. R. L. Madison, Dr. D. D. Hooper, Dr. C. Z. Candler, Dr. A. S. Nichols, E. L. McKee, N. Don Davis, Theodore Queen, M. D. Cowan, C. C. Buchanan, W. R. Sherrill, Asbury Barnett, John Newnan, Claude Allison, John Sheppard, J. C. Henderson, A. C. Allison, C. W. Hensley, John T. Cunningham, R. P. Potts, Thomas A. Cox, John Harris, Dan K. Moore, D. H. Brown, M. E. Haynes, Dan G. Bryson, G. C. Mason, and Dan Tompkins.

Mr. Allison was born in Webster, in 1856, one of the family of 15 children of John B. and Rebecca Allison, and has lived in Western North Carolina all his life, except for a short time when he lived and was in business in Newport, Tenn. He was identified for more than half a century with the business, civic and religious life of this region.

He was a devout member of the Webster Methodist church, and a member of Unaka Lodge, A. F. & A. M., at Sylva. He was interested in the welfare of the church and in the development of his native region, along all worth while lines. A man of strong character and personality, Mr. Allison made himself felt wherever he was and in whatever capacity.

Man, churchman, mason, or citizen, he had a host of friends and a wholesome influence throughout this mountain region.

Mr. Allison died, early Sunday morning, at his home in Sylva, following an illness of several months' duration.

He is survived by one brother, C. H. Allison, one sister, Mrs. J. L. Boyles, both of Webster, and by a large number of nieces, nephews, and other relatives, being a member of one of Jackson county's oldest, most numerous and most prominent families.

HOOPER AGAIN HEADS BOARD

The State Board of Elections has appointed the following board to

Molt Incites Probe Of W. P. A. Policies

Washington, April 1—Maybe there wasn't any politics in Senator Byrd's resolution for a Senate Committee to investigate the New Deal and find out how many of its agencies can be dispensed with—and then, again, maybe there was. Senator Byrd of Virginia, though a Democrat, has been one of the New Deal's most vigorous critics. But if he had any political motive in mind, the President proved himself just as good a politician, by appointing his own committee to make its own investigation and to cooperate with the Senate Committee.

At any rate, the New Deal is going to be investigated. The three men named by the President, Louis Brownlow, Charles E. Merriam and Luther H. Gulick, have all fine records of unselfish public service, though none of them has ever been active in politics. Not one of them has ever done anything to suggest that he could be influenced by political considerations to distort or suppress the truth. It seems probable, therefore, that before long, probably before election, the most thorough study yet made of the governmental set-up in Washington will be ready for public inspection.

The recent floods have played right into the hands of the advocates of public works. Look for a large number of projects for flood control, dams, reservoirs and dikes throughout the devastated regions.

The heavy rainfalls, coming on the heels of a severe winter in many years, revived Governmental interest in the weather. It has just disclosed that the Federal Weather Bureau has been for a long time exploring possibilities of a long-range weather forecast, and believes it is ahead.

It is easy to imagine how valuable it would have been to everybody if the recent severe winter and this spring's heavy rainfalls, or last summer's drought could have been predicted months in advance.

While the Weather Bureau does not hold out any hope of being able to begin long-range weather forecasting for some years yet, nevertheless, it is issuing occasional bulletins and reports on the subject. Anyone who wishes to study the efforts that are being made for this county for the biennium:

Aaron Hooper, democrat, Cowarts, W. E. Grindstaff, democrat, Sylva, and H. R. Queen, republican, Sylva.

Republicans Nominate Clyde Jarrett For Congress

40 YEARS AGO

(Tuckaseige Democrat, Apr. 2, 1896)

The Macon county jail was burned last Friday night.

John T. Wake was down from East Lenoir, Monday.

Mrs. D. J. Allen left Wednesday for a visit to relatives in Waynesville.

Judge D. D. Davies went to Bryson City, Tuesday, returning yesterday.

Mrs. Hannah Hall spent Friday here with her mother, Mrs. McKee.

Mr. W. C. Norton is down from Cullowhee every few days with a load of logs for shipment.

Mr. Chas. E. Stedman is adding a new room to his dwelling, and Mr. John L. Potts is having his porches rebuilt.

Mr. D. G. Bryson, Jr., was here Tuesday for the first time in several months. He says he has been busy in the store.

Mr. C. S. Fullbright, railroad agent at Marshall, came over Monday on a visit to his grandfather, Mr. Eli Fullbright, who is very low with pneumonia.

The peach trees did not show much till the close of March, and now they are in a fair way to be killed tonight by frost, as the wind is blowing strongly from a cold quarter.

We had no mail from the east to-day.

The train from Knoxville had not reached Asheville when the train from Asheville left this morning, so our mail car had to be taken to Salisbury. This prevented our having a mail from the east, but that doesn't matter as this is only the Murphy Branch.

The W. C. T. U. of Dillsboro held its anniversary meeting Sunday evening, March 22, in the Academy. The platform was tastefully decorated with banners and ferns. Rev. Mr. Sims offered the opening prayer. Mrs. Ruffum presided, and introduced Rev. Mr. Humphrey, of Whittier, who delivered a very interesting and effective address. The music was conducted by Miss Florence Emloe and Miss Minnie Dill.

Clyde H. Jarrett was nominated for Congress, on the first ballot, by the Republican Convention, meeting in Asheville, today.

Mr. Jarrett, whose home is now in Andrews, is a native of Jackson county, a son of R. F. Jarrett of Dillsboro. He was educated at Sylva Collegiate Institute and at Wake Forest College. He is a veteran of the World War, having served in the 30th Division; is an attorney, and until the advent of the Roosevelt Administration, was postmaster at Andrews.

Mr. Jarrett was put in nomination by his father, Halsey B. Leavitt and vote of the judges, both of Buncombe, were also put in nomination; but Mr. Gudger withdrew his name.

On the first ballot Jarrett received 100 votes to 83 for Leavitt. The nomination was then made unanimous.

SYLVA SCHOOL BOY DIES

Harry Sumner, 8 year old pupil at Sylva graded school, died early Monday morning. The little boy, who was popular with the other pupils and his teachers, was at school and at play as usual on Friday. He became ill Friday night, and died Monday morning.

Funeral and interment were at Andrews, Tuesday afternoon.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Sumner, and by one brother and two sisters, Ruth, Ruth, and Lucy Sumner.

HOME AGENT'S APRIL PROGRAM

Mrs. Marie Sue Evans, home demonstration agent, announces the following schedule for April:

- 1st, Green's Creek.
- 2nd, Glenville.
- 3rd, Cashier's.
- 4th, Office.
- 6th, Ochre Hill.
- 7th, Speedwell.
- 8th, Mrs. Cornelia C. Morris from Raleigh will do field work with Mrs. Evans.
- 9th, Lovedale.
- 10th, Willets.
- 11th, Office.
- 13th, Sylva.
- 14th, Qualla.
- 15th, John's Creek.
- 16th, Wilmot.
- 17th, Pressley Creek.
- 18th, Office.
- 20th, Qualla and Beta 4-H Clubs.
- 21st, Webster and John's Creek 4-H Clubs.
- 22nd, Wayhutta.
- 23rd, Fisher Creek.
- 24th, Cope Creek.
- 25th, Office.
- 27th, Beta.
- 28th, Field.
- 29th, Field.
- 30th, Field.

MARS HILL GLEE CLUB TO SING

The Glee Club from Mars Hill College, consisting of 32 voices, will appear in concert, under the auspices of the Baptist church here, on Sunday night, April 12. The public is invited and it is anticipated that a large audience will hear the program.

SILVER TEA AT COLLEGE

A Silver Tea will be given Wednesday afternoon, April 8, from 4 to 6 in the Moore dormitory parlors at Western Carolina Teachers College for the benefit of the Madison memorial fund.

The Alumni Association is sponsoring the tea with Mrs. Frank H. Brown acting as hostess assisted by Misses Mary Elizabeth Maddux, Albee Benton, Claudia Baker, Anne Albright, and Addie Beam.

The proceeds will be used toward the completion of the Madison Memorial.

SPEAKING OF FLOODS — by A. B. Chapin



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