

The Jackson County Journal

ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

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ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

Sylva, Jackson County and Western Carolina Welcome President To Mountain Country

HAMBURG CABBAGE MOVING AT \$2.50

The 1936 crop of Jackson county's famous Hamburg cabbage is beginning to move to market. Truckers from many states are coming to upper Jackson county, to buy and haul away the cabbage, and to leave many thousands of dollars in the pockets of Jackson county farmers.

The farmers who grow cabbage are feeling good. When the season last year their product was selling for 40¢ a hundred. Today the new crop is much higher, at \$2.50 a hundred.

Cabbage, the world's best grown vegetable, is produced in mountain, valley and parts of Cashier's region, and the river and Canada towns in this county.

This season, with Glendale as a center, has been an important trucking season for many years, especially in cabbage. As it has become more and more realized that better vegetables, with especially those produced here, would be more profitable, and especially in production of cabbage, because of its importance, it is justifying its importance.

The fame of Hamburg's cabbage, medium sized but firm heads, spread over half the United States, and marketing is no difficulty. The cabbage comes from the south, the west, from many states. It is up to the patch, pay the cash, and away loaded. Neither is it difficult to produce the cabbage in its favorable locality. As much as 10,000 tons have been grown on a single acre.



Roosevelt Will Come To This County Wednesday

Cherokees Will Hold Fair In October

The tribal drums of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians will summon the members of the tribe from their several "towns" to the capital at Cherokee, for the opening of the annual Cherokee Indian Fair on October 6 and continuing through October 9. Celebrated during the height of the brilliantly colored mountain Indian summer season, the Fair will mark the revival of ancient rites, sports, and customs of the aborigines.

The 3,000 members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians who dwell on the 60,000 acre "reservation" in Jackson, Swain, and Graham counties, on the North Carolina slope of the Great Smokies, and adjacent to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, are the remnant of the once powerful tribe, that had its stronghold in the mountains, that was the most highly civilized of all Indian tribes of the territory of the present United States, when the white people came; that was overlord of all Eastern America, from Florida capes to Pennsylvania; and that, with treaties and an offensive and defensive alliance with their cousins, the Five Nations, ruled all east of the Father of Waters with an iron hand.

The ancestors of this remnant, still living within the bounds of their ancient domain, hid themselves in the fastnesses of the mountains, when, 100 years ago, Federal troops were sent here to remove the entire nation to Indian Territory. That exodus, named "The Trail of Tears" by the Indians, was provoked by the discovery of gold on Cherokee lands, in Georgia. That transplanting of a nation is another story; but the forebears of the present North Carolina Cherokees, remained in hiding until they, through intermediaries, purchased their 60,000 acres, and consummated negotiations to allow them to remain upon their property.

While the members of the Eastern Band of Cherokees are wards of the Federal Government, they own their "Reservation" lands as tenants in common. The "reservation" is held in the name of The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, incorporated under a special act of the General Assembly of North Carolina. The governing body of the tribe is composed of a Chief, a Vice-Chief, and a Tribal Council, elected from the several towns, as provided in the North Carolina charter.

Tilling their fields, attending modern schools, provided by the United States Government, the Cherokees still hold to many of their ancient customs and crafts. The Indian Fair is designed and presented by the Indians themselves is typical of their life.

The Cherokee Indian Ball game, a forerunner of the present day game of lacrosse, will be the leading sports event of the four-day fete. Playing with "ball sticks" designed on the order of miniature tennis racquets, the warriors of Big Cove, Yellow Hill, Paint Town, Quilla and Wolf Town will contend for supremacy in the sport.

Contests with the bow and arrow and with the blow-gun, a weapon peculiar to this tribe in North America, will also be staged. The series of Green Corn dances including the Eagle and Butterfly dances will be presented by the older Indians in celebration of the harvest. Displays of Indian Pottery, beadwork and basketry and products of the Indian farms are planned as a part of the fair program. In the 1935 event a model Cherokee village and stockade of the prehistoric type was a part of the fair exhibit. The village may be reconstructed for the Fair this season.

A rousing and hearty welcome from Sylva, Jackson county, and all Western North Carolina awaits President Roosevelt when he enters the State at Newfound Gap, Wednesday.

At Cherokee he will be welcomed by officials of the Indian agency, and will be made "Chief White Eagle" by Chief Jarrett Blythe, for the tribe.

It has been strongly urged upon Col. Marvin McFigue, the President's secretary, that at least a short stop be arranged at Sylva, the first town that President Roosevelt will visit after entering North Carolina, and it is believed that he will make a brief stop, as he proceeds on his trip from the Great Smoky Mountains National Park to Charlotte, where he will be the guest and pinhead where he will be the guest and pinhead, arranged by North and South Carolina Democrats, honoring President Roosevelt and the New Deal.

The Presidential Special over which the President has just returned to Washington from the West, where he has been obtaining first hand information about drought conditions and conferring with State and local authorities about measures to be taken to meet the situation, will leave the Capital City Tuesday, and proceed to Knoxville. From Knoxville the President will make a motor tour through the Great Smoky Mountains National Park visiting points of interest there, and will come through Cherokee, Sylva, Waynesville, Canton and intervening points enroute to Asheville, where he will rejoin his special train.

The time when the President will be in Sylva or at any other point is not definitely known but he will enter Jackson county, sometime Wednesday, when he crosses the Great Luta at Cherokee, and will continue through the county, leaving it at Balsam Gap.

The Great Smoky Mountains National Park, not yet formally opened, is the chief reason for the President's visit here at this time. The people of North Carolina and Tennessee made liberal subscriptions for the purchase of lands for park purposes. The Rockefeller Foundation aided a large contribution; and, within a recent month, President Roosevelt has allotted Federal funds to complete the purchase.

The reasons that actuated the people of this region to seek the establishment of the park and to make sacrifices in order to put money into it were that a part of his region might be preserved to posterity as it was in its natural loveliness, when the white people came, and to provide a national recreation ground in the area that is comparable to the parks of the west.

It is believed that the required acreage will be ready by 1937 and that the park can be formally opened during the President of the United States during next summer.

Already the park has proved to be an attraction of the first magnitude to the great Mr. and Mrs. American Tourist, and with its formal opening and the completion of the Parkway from the Shenandoah to the Great Smokies, it is anticipated that the influx of tourists to Western North Carolina will be so great as to warrant the passage of legislation for the creation and to necessitate the expenditure of large amounts of money in preparing to care for the increased

100 School Children Will Greet President

Four thousand school children in Jackson county will see and greet the President when he comes through Sylva, Wednesday.

B. Madison, county superintendent, states that arrangements will be made to bring as many of the children of the public schools from all parts of the county as is possible to see the President at Balsam Gap.

ST OF PARKWAY WILL LIE IN JACKSON

The Appalachian Parkway, following the crest of the Blue Ridge from the Shenandoah National Park and extending with the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, will have its route through Sylva and the western part of Jackson county. The Parkway will strike Jackson county in the vicinity of Tennessee and will follow the Cary Ford road to Balsam Gap, where it will cross Federal Highway 19 and follow the line of the Southern Railway to the Mississippi-Tennessee-Carolina Road. Lane Balsam, Richard Balsam and the whole country of those mighty peaks, to the highest altitudes of the park, from that point on to the mountains of the Great Smokies, the Parkway will be composed of Balsam and the Great Smokies. The Parkway will run through the Balsam Gap, where it approaches the park, from that point on to the mountains of the Great Smokies, the Parkway will be composed of Balsam and the Great Smokies. The Parkway will run through the Balsam Gap, where it approaches the park, from that point on to the mountains of the Great Smokies, the Parkway will be composed of Balsam and the Great Smokies.

Dr. Brinkley Buys Biggest Tourist Season In Plott Balsam Range History Nears Close

Announcement has been made of the purchase of the 9,000 acres Davis tract of land in this county by Dr. John R. Brinkley, of Del Rio, Texas, and Milford, Kansas.

The lands include Black Rock, Waterrock Knob, and Yellow Face, three of the highest mountains in this entire area. It includes both sides of much of the Plott Balsam range that towers above Sylva at altitudes well above 6,000 feet.

Dr. Brinkley states that he will immediately fence the entire boundary, institute a reforestation program on that portion of his land that has been cut over; and that he will restock the streams with trout and the forests with game, developing the property as a private game and fish preserve.

There has been much speculation here as to whether or not Dr. Brinkley will erect a hospital, a sanitarium, or a hotel on his property. It would be admirably adapted for either purpose. But, if he has any such plans, he has not divulged them.

Dr. Brinkley, who has attracted international attention with his hospital and his radio station, and when he jived Kansas politics by almost being elected Governor, running as an independent with the voters writing his name in on the ticket, was born and reared in this county. As a boy he carried the mail from here to Tuckasee on horseback, and picked up telegraph at the Sylva railway station, while waiting for the mail trains.

Last spring, Dr. Brinkley bought the Jack Wike farm, near East LaPorte, and has had his agents gathering a crack herd of thoroughbred Hereford cattle on his pastures there.

Jackson county, and all Western North Carolina have been enjoying the biggest tourist season in the history of the mountain country. Hotels, tourist camps, boarding houses, and private homes have been full. The highways have carried a tremendous amount of traffic.

With more money in their pockets than for some time, the people of the lowlands came by the thousands to the mountains, seeking succor from the heat, and to rest and play in our mountains.

The Great Smoky Mountains National Park, lying in Sylva's backyard, with the wide publicity it has given to Western North Carolina has attracted many people here, from far and near. It has also tended to lengthen the mountain tourist season, at both ends.

Until a few years ago, only a comparatively small part of Jackson county catered to the tourist business; but now, Jackson's tourist region can truthfully be said to embrace the whole of the county. While still holding to their other activities and pursuits, circumstances have forced the people of the county into entertaining tourists until now the whole county, from the top of the Balsams to the top of the lowlands and from South Carolina to the Indian Nation, is in the business; and indeed, there is much to attract the tourists, in every part of the county. Every spot of Jackson County is a beauty spot.

It is all here, except an ocean. There are lakes, rivers, innumerable creeks, mountains towering over six-thousand feet, waterfalls, golf courses, hotels, tourist camps, boarding houses, private homes, offering a variety of accommodations, at a price range that is really amazing.

The State Board of Health, under the leadership of the late Dr. James Parrott, foresaw the greatly increased influx of tourists to Western North Carolina, in the counties adjacent to the park area, realizing the good business sense in providing the best health conditions here that are possible anywhere, inaugurated a sanitary, health-education, and inspection campaign, that seeks to prevent, in so far as is possible, any possible source of transmission of disease. Not only has that campaign largely accomplished its work, but it has resulted in the establishing of a permanent health unit, operating under direction of State and Federal health authorities, that is constantly on guard and seeking even greater perfection in sanitation.

NEW HOMES TO BE BUILT HERE

At least four new homes are either at present in process of construction in Sylva, or soon will be.

W. T. Wise is just completing a handsome home on Savannah Road. Phil Stovall's new home at Maple Springs, in in course of construction. T. N. Messie and W. J. Fisher have recently purchased lots near Mountain Park, and will erect homes there.

HOUSANDS EXPECTED HERE TO SEE PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

That thousands of people from this county, Macon, and other counties of this part of the State will be in Sylva on Wednesday, to see the President is confidently expected by city and Chamber of Commerce officials.

A large section of this county is not along the route he will follow.

Sylva Advantages Are Pointed Out

Sylva, the county seat of Jackson county, is comparatively a new town. However, it has more the appearance of a city than most of the towns in the mountains. It has a population of some 2,000 people, has many miles of paved streets, good schools, good churches,

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