

# The Jackson County Journal

A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

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\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

## Court Measure Has Strong Opposition

Washington, March 19.—The situation in Congress might be compared to a log-jam in the timber country. The log-jam is made up of a dozen legislative proposals of major importance, and scores of minor bills, which cannot make headway in Congress until the most important of all are out of the way.

The key-log in this legislative jam is the bill for the reorganization of the Supreme Court. It is generally accepted on Capitol Hill that the rest of the Administration's program must wait until that issue is cleared for on the liberalization of the Court rests the success or failure of the Government's reform plans. It is possible to put a large part of the program into laws which would not touch the Constitutional test, but in the light of the fact of N.R.A., A.A.A., Cattle Coal Act and other New Deal measures, there is a strong disposition to take any chances with the Supreme Court as now constituted.

Therefore, the reorganization of the Court by the addition of justices will see eye to eye with the President on the constitutionality of his projects accepted by Congress. The key-log, the Court Reorganization, is still jammed, and some doubt as to whether it will be released, and a reasonable estimate is that the process will take a long, long session; but the re-cooling system now in operation throughout the Capitol and offices of members, the prospect of getting through another Washington summer is not so appalling as it was.

It is this Administration program which hangs upon either an amendment to the Constitution or a change in the point of view of the Supreme Court? Nobody can read the President's mind, but enough of his has been disclosed to make the purpose clear. Broadly, the program includes ten major items.

1. The plan already submitted for reorganizing the executive branch of the Government.

2. A plan for establishment of a minimum wage and maximum hours in industry and abolition of child labor.

3. A supplementary plan for voluntary trade agreements by industries to insure relaxation of anti-trust laws in an effort to abolish unfair trade practices.

4. A new program for agriculture, including Secretary Wallace's idea of an "ever-normal granary," and a new form of Federal crop control as a method to help bring it back to normal.

5. A Federal plan of slum-clearing and low-cost housing.

6. A plan for broadening the Federal power policy, coupled, perhaps, with a more integrated plan for control and water power.

7. Revision of the tax laws so as to place a larger impost on income from foreign investments in the United States, to serve the double purpose of producing revenue and giving Federal Government greater control over the foreign capital flowing into security markets.

8. A Federal program for aid to tenants.

9. New appropriations for relief recovery.

10. Amendments to broaden and strengthen the Social Security Act.

There is little difference of opinion on the desirability of most of the items of that program. There is some difference of opinion on the question whether the proposed measures would accomplish their purpose, whether the Federal Government has authority under the Constitution to undertake them. The Supreme Court has held that some of the ends are unconstitutional.

The real issue, however, which has caused what may fairly be called a constitutional crisis, perhaps the most serious in the nation's history, is whether the trend of recent years toward centralization of all Government power in Washington shall be continued, or whether power shall be decentralized in the Executive. It is on that issue the President's own proposals in Congress are sharply divided. Senators and Representatives are hearing from the voters back home in a larger volume than ever before. Hundreds of thousands perhaps a million letters have poured in on the subject of both Houses in the past

## Joseph Cope Dies In Hazelwood

Joseph Cope, aged 87, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Robert Walls, in Hazelwood Monday, and funeral services were held at the Scott's Creek Baptist church Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Thad F. Deitz. Interment was in Old Field cemetery. He had been a member of the Scott's Creek church for many years.

Mr. Cope lived in Jackson county most of his life, having been a farmer in the Cope Creek section. After the death of his wife, which occurred several years ago, he went to Hazelwood, where he resided until his death.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. John W. Smith, of Sylva, Mrs. R. O. Oliver, of Bryson City, and Mrs. Wall, of Hazelwood. A number of grandchildren and great grandchildren, as well as other relatives and friends, also survive.

## QUALLA

By Mrs. J. K. Terrell

Mrs. M. L. Blanton better known by her neighbors as "Aunt Lizzie" was laid to rest in Ward cemetery, Tuesday, Rev. W. N. Cook, of Webster conducted the service at the home of Mr. D. M. Shuler, where she passed away, on Sunday night. Her husband and all their children, a host of grand children, several great-grandchildren, besides a number of other relatives, neighbors, and friends attended the funeral. The following was read at the service: "Mrs. Elizabeth Blanton was born February 9th, 1850, died March 7th, 1937. She professed faith in Christ early in life and joined the Baptist church. She leaves her husband and nine children: Mr. Taylor Blanton and Mrs. Sarah Shuler, of Deep Creek; Mrs. Maggie Henderson, of Canton; Mrs. W. T. Buchanan, of Webster; Mr. Dock Blanton, of Sylva; Mrs. Fannie Gibson, of Knoxville; Mrs. D. M. Shuler, Messrs. Jess and Roy Blanton, of Qualla. Mrs. Blanton was of a friendly disposition and was greatly loved by all who knew her."

Mr. H. G. Ferguson and Rev. McRae Crawford went to Echota, Monday, to attend the funeral of Rev. William Hornbuckle. He was a good preacher and a religious leader among the Cherokees. He was highly respected, honored and loved by his people, and some would speak of him as "the best Indian in the Nation." Among the ministers who attended his funeral were Rev. W. A. Rollins and Rev. R. S. Truesdale, of Waynesville; Rev. J. H. Carper, of Lake Junaluska; Rev. W. F. Eaker, of Jonathan; Rev. Mr. Fitzgerald, of Cherokee.

Rev. McRae Crawford preached an impressive and appropriate sermon at the Methodist church Sunday morning on the text "This do in remembrance of me". After the sermon he administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Miss Ollie Hall, Miss Ruth Hampton, Miss Oberia Wyatt and Messrs. Walter Galloway and Bud Jenkins of Waynesville were Qualla visitors Sunday.

Rev. J. L. Hyatt attended the "Miristers Revival" at Lovedale. Mr. Alton Edwards had his tonsils removed at the Harris Community Hospital last week.

Mrs. Mack Fowler and son Joe, of Greenville, called at Mr. J. L. Hyatt's. Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Raby, Mrs. Frank Battle, Miss Irene Raby, Mrs. William Caldwell and Mrs. D. C. Hughes visited Mrs. J. E. Battle who has been sick, but is improving.

Mrs. Frank Owen and son Robert, have returned from a visit with relatives at Lenoir.

Mr. W. A. Hyatt and family have moved to Marion, N. C.

Miss Gertrude Ferguson had as dinner guests Sunday, Mrs. J. U. Gibbs, Miss Oliver and Miss Warlick who teach at Whittier.

Miss Verna Callahan spent the week end with homefolks.

Miss Eula Childress of Conleys Creek visited her sister Mrs. Golan Kinsland.

Miss Nell McLaughlin of W.C.T.C. spent the week end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. McLaughlin visited relatives at Cullowhee Sunday.

Mr. D. C. Hughes is making a business trip to Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kinsland called on Mrs. W. J. Turpin.

Mrs. D. L. Oxner visited at Mr. Geo. Gunter's, Sunday.

Mrs. J. L. Hyatt and Mr. Hugh Ferguson were guests at Mr. Frank Owen's, Sunday.

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## General Assembly Plans To Adjourn Sine Die The 19th

(By Dan Tompkins)

Raleigh, March.—With a resolution already passed by both houses of the General Assembly forbidding introduction of any new bills after Wednesday of this week, and tentatively fixing next Thursday, March 18, as the date of adjournment, it looks as if the 1937 session will soon pass into history.

There are, however, several major matters that have not yet been finally settled, and it is these, together with local roll call bills that prevent an earlier adjournment. Any bill that in any way levies a tax, must of necessity, because of Constitutional provisions, be read in each House on three separate days, thus insuring that a tax-levying measure is not passed in less than six days. Hence, bills that change the boundaries of a city, or town, so as to include more territory, one authorizing a raise in a tax rate, and bills of a similar nature, whether they be State-wide or local, must have a roll call on three separate days in each house.

The warmest session of the House during the present year was that in which the Old Age Assistance Bill, carrying the names of Senators Gregory, Gregory, and McKee as introducers, was being considered. Craven county's Libby Ward Secretary of the State Democratic Executive Committee, and Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, offered a substitute bill, and made a vigorous, but losing fight, to have it acted instead of the Senate measure. The bill that came over from the Senate provides for county participation in the burden of Old Age Assistance to the extent of one fourth of the cost. Mr. Ward argued that it is but an indirect way of putting a tax on land for State purposes, and his substitute would have reduced the amount of the assistance granted by one fourth, and let the State and Federal Governments carry the whole burden. Ward, who has followed the Administration forces all the way through the session, and has in fact been an Administration leader and stalwart, broke with the dominant group on the matter of county participation, and made an impassioned plea against forcing the county commissioners to levy a tax on the lands of the people to carry a fourth of the burden of Old Age Assistance. He lost his fight, and the counties have no alternative except to shoulder a quarter of the burden, which means that they must levy a tax on the land for that purpose, or find some other source of revenue, such as voting ABC stores. Jackson county's representative, Mr. Ledbetter, followed Senator McKee's bill and voted for the increase of taxes on land for the purpose of Old Age Assistance.

On Friday night a similar bill, providing for assistance to the blind, came over from the Senate, and was passed by the House. It also implies an increase of land taxes or that part of the money that is to be contributed by the counties.

On Thursday of this week, the General Assembly of North Carolina will be in session in Edenton, for the first time since colonial days. The Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, other State officials, and the members of the Senate and House, will go down to Edenton, where so much of the early history of the State was enacted, and will hold a session of the General Assembly. This is a gesture to call attention to the richness of the history of the State, and is in line with the program of the present Administration to advertise North Carolina.

The topic of warmest discussion in Raleigh and throughout the State, during recent days is the Victory Dinner, held at the Sri Walor, at which Senator Millard Tydings, of Maryland, was the chief speaker. The dinner, sponsored by National Commit-

tee-man Lon Folger, was for the twofold purpose of celebrating the great victory of the Democratic party at the last election, and of raising money to off the deficit of the National Committee. Senator Tydings was present, as scheduled, but the diners didn't relish his speech. He was introduced and spoke for sometime; but he failed to mention the name of President Roosevelt, or to offer any words of praise of the National Administration. Instead, he launched an attack upon the Administration, without coming right out plain and saying what he was doing, or at whose his words were directed, though it was plain that President Roosevelt whose election the diners thought they were celebrating, was the target of the Maryland Senator's shafts. And were they mad! The North Carolinians were too hospitable to tell their guest what they thought of him and his methods, and being placed in such a position only added to their wrath.

Lon Folger was and is terribly embarrassed by the incident, though it is generally conceded that he is not to blame. He tried first to get Vice President Garner, who couldn't come. Then he made an attempt to secure the services of Secretary of State Cordell Hull. Mr. Hull was unable to come to North Carolina at the time. Then Mr. Folger requested Senator Bailey to get a good speaker who would draw, entertain and enthuse the crowd of North Carolina Democrats, and Senator Bailey sent Senator Tydings. When that news got about, the folks were almost as mad with Josiah William Bailey as they are with Senator Tydings. Many of them were not feeling any too kindly toward Mr. Bailey anyway, because of his recent attacks on the President's court proposal. Mr. Bailey came to his home in Raleigh for the week end, and many people believe that his coming was to look the situation over and see how much permanent damage had been done to his personal political fences by the coming of Tydings to North Carolina. Many axes have been whetted for Senator Bailey because of the incident; but they may become dull again before he has to offer himself for reelection.

The opinion most generally expressed about Senator Tydings is that he did a most discourteous thing, and that, if he felt himself unable to come to North Carolina, to a Roosevelt meeting and offer praise to Caesar, he should not have tried to bury him, and that he should have declined the invitation altogether. That is the mildest criticism that I have heard offered of Senator Tydings' historic participation in North Carolina's Democratic Victory Dinner, in Raleigh.

That it will probably make and unmake political leaders in the State there seems to be little doubt. 616,000 North Carolinians voted for President Roosevelt in the election last November, and they are not going to take an attack launched against him at a dinner given in his honor without showing a great deal of resentment, and showing it in a manner that will allow of no mistakes as to their attitude.

The one gallus Democrats are going to have another victory dinner, on Friday night in Raleigh, and Secretary Ikes will be the speaker. He is expected to whoop 'em up for the President. And, it is to be marked down in your book of memory, that Lon Folger, the moving spirit behind the first Victory Dinner, is also one of the leaders in arranging the one to be staged Friday night. He is a loyal, Roosevelt Democrat, and the outcome of the dinner to which he had given so much attention was as distasteful to him as it was to anyone, and decidedly more embarrassing.

Mr. Eugene Lowe spent Saturday in Bryson City.

Mr. Thurman Potts of Hendersonville, spent Sunday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Potts. He has just returned from a visit to his family in Daytona Beach, Fla., where they spent the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Brad Shuler of Buffalo, S. C. spent last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lowe. Mrs. Shuler is a sister of Mr. Lowe.

We congratulate Hon. E. P. Stillwell on the improvement he has had made on Balsam Mountain Springs Hotel grounds. We understand that other improvements will soon be made on the property.

## Harrison Frizzell Died Saturday

Harrison Frizzell, 67, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lou Jones, on Sylva Route 1, Saturday. While his health had not been good for the past year, he had not been seriously ill but two weeks. Besides Mrs. Jones, he is survived by another daughter, Mrs. Burke Painter, and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Addie Baptist church, on Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Robert Parris, and interment was in the Long cemetery, in the Love's Chapel community.

## Aged Citizen of County Passes

Burrus Norton one of the oldest and most respected citizens of the county, died last Friday, at the age of 81. Mr. Norton was born in this county and lived here all of his life. He was married twice, his first wife having been Miss Sarah Arlena Wilson. His second wife was Mrs. Alice J. Norton, who preceded him in death several years ago. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. J. B. Wilson, of White Pine, Tenn., and Mrs. W. B. Green, of Graham, and by seven step-daughters Mrs. O. B. Coward, of Webster Dr. Daisy McGuire, of Sylva, Mrs. L. M. Stevens, of Pendleton, S. C. Mrs. Pearl McCurry, of Asheville, Mrs. K. E. Bennett, of Bryson City, Mrs. Lucy Cochran, of Casco, and Dr. Jessie Moreland, of Highlands.

Funeral services were conducted at Norton, Sunday, by Rev. Mr. Beadles, and interment was in the Norton cemetery.

Mr. Norton was for many years a member of the Methodist church and was one of the oldest members of the Masonic lodge at Glenville.

## Sion T. Early Dies At Home, In Asheville

Sion T. Early, for many years a resident of this county, died at his home in West Asheville, last Thursday, and was buried on Saturday, in Green Hill cemetery. Funeral services were held at Calvary Baptist church, West Asheville, Saturday morning, conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Grice.

Mr. Early, who was 84 years of age, lived in Webster for a number of years, where he married Miss Sallie Enloe, daughter of the late Capt. and Mrs. W. A. Enloe. Later, they moved to Dillsboro, where he lived until some years after death of Mrs. Early. Later, he married again and has lived for a number of years in West Asheville. Besides his widow, he is survived by the following children: Roy J. Early and Mrs. Sidney Kilgore, of Leesburg, Fla., Scroop D. Hooker, of Paterson, N. J., who was adopted when a small child, by his aunt, Mrs. J. J. Hooker, and the late Mr. Hooker, Charles Early, of Kingston, and Miss Elizabeth Early, of Asheville.

## WEBSTER PTA NEAR GOAL IN DRIVE FOR CURTAIN

The members of the Webster Parent Teachers Association have been engaged in a drive to obtain a curtain for the new school auditorium. Plans for the actual work have been given to an Asheville concern and the curtain will be installed in time to have the commencement exercises in the building.

Several hundred dollars have been raised by the organization in various ways. Most of the fund was raised by selling advertising space on the front drop curtain. The organization wishes to thank all the business firms in Sylva that helped in that way.

Work is almost finished on the new building, but school will not be held in it until next term. When finished, the new Webster building will be one of the most modern plants in Western North Carolina. All modern fixtures will be installed it has hoped.

## Sylva Wins County Basketball Title

In winning out in all four divisions of the county tournament last Saturday night, Sylva definitely won the title to be named the champions of Jackson county.

Sylva defeated Cullowhee to win boys' title in the "A" division, in one of the most exciting games played on the local court in recent years. The score was 30 to 26. At the hall Cullowhee was in the fore by a margin of 3 points, the score at that time being 18 to 15. The Sylva girls won the "A" division title by virtue of their 20 to 9 victory over Cullowhee by defeating Webster 22 to 12, in a fast but one sided game. Sylva won the girls "B" championship by defeating Cullowhee 39 to 27.

## HOUSE PARTIALLY DESTROYED BY FIRE MONDAY AFTERNOON

The home of John Alston, Negro resident of the Tannery Flats section was partially destroyed by fire Monday afternoon, about three o'clock. The volunteer fire department was at the scene of the fire very soon after the alarm was sounded, and most of the house and contents was saved. The house is comparatively new, having replaced one which was destroyed by fire only a few years ago.

## Western Carolina Tournament Began Thursday Morning

(By Burch Atkinson)

Madison Gym, Cullowhee—Play in the 13th annual Western Carolina high school basketball tournament got under way here today, and the field was narrowed down to 16 teams. Eight girls' and eight boys' teams. Play was fast and furious today with the best teams in Western North Carolina taking a part in the meet.

This meet has grown into one of the greatest meets in the entire South. Play has been limited to 16 boys' and 16 girls' teams. This has been done in an effort to make the tournament faster and better.

From all indications in today's play the favorites in the boys division will advance to the final round. The two favorites are Grace and Sylva. These two teams took victories over weaker teams, but in doing so they looked good. When they meet teams in the quarter finals tomorrow they will have to pick up considerably.

Play was completed today in the first round and tomorrow will be devoted to games in the quarter and semi-final divisions. The semi-finals will be reached tomorrow night and the finals will be played Saturday night. Fans will still have a chance to see some of the best games if they come out Friday or Saturday night. First round games are mainly a weeding out process and the real play starts in the quarter final bracket.

The best night of the entire meet will be Saturday night when the finals are to be played in both the girls' and boys' divisions. Handsome trophies have been selected to present to the winning teams in each division. The trophies will be presented by President H. T. Hunter after the final game on Saturday night.

Best looking teams in today's play were: Sylva boys and girls, Grace, were: Sylva boys and girls, Edneyville, and Pleasant Hill. Both the contending champions, Waynesville girls and Edneyville boys, are entered in the meet, but they hardly stand a chance of repeating their last year's performance.

Tournament fans will be treated to a real contest Friday night, if Webster and Sylva boys pull through their games up to the semi-final tilt. An intense rivalry has sprung up between these two teams and it would make an ideal game if they should meet in the semi contest.

This article is being written as the paper goes to press and it may not be possible to get complete returns of today's scores, but, if possible, we will give them on another page.

These are a few scores from the tournament that we received just before going to press.

Clyde (21)	Cullowhee (33) (Girls)
Clyde (23)	Webster (5) (Boys)
Cullowhee (19)	Cherokee (16) (Boys)
Cherokee (21)	Webster (11) (Girls)
Sylva (25)	Robbinsville (19) (Boys)

## Mrs. C. C. Higdon Passes Away

Mrs. Violet Jane Wilson Higdon died at her home at Gay, last Saturday, aged 79 years, having been born on January 25, 1858. Mrs. Higdon, who was the daughter of Manson and Brunette Wilson, was married to Rufus Buchanan, in 1875. To them were born three daughters. Mr. Buchanan died in 1881 and in 1883 she married Columbus Higdon. To them were born three daughters and eight sons. Her husband, six sons, M. V. Higdon, of Sylva, A. W. Higdon, of Gainesville, Ga., D. C. Higdon, of Webster, Walter, John and Frank Higdon, of Gay, and six daughters, Mrs. Mary Hall, Mrs. Ruthie Deitz, Mrs. Elsie Tatham, Mrs. Alice Dillard and Miss Lois Higdon survive. Twenty-seven grand-children and thirty-seven great-grand-children also survive.

## Funeral Services Held at East Fork Baptist Church

Funeral services were held at East Fork Baptist church, of which Mrs. Higdon was the last charter member, last Sunday, conducted by Rev. T. F. Deitz, assisted by Rev. Will Buchanan, of Bryson City. Her six sons acted as pall bearers, and six of her grand-daughters were flower girls.

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