

The Jackson County Journal

ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

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\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

Giving Highway 107 To Federal Government Bills To Pass Legislature

TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)

PIONEERS heroic stuff From my study window in my country home I look out as I write this and see Ed Miller and his two boys sawing two big maple trees into firewood. It has taken them a week to cut down, uproot and saw and split just those two trees.

What heroic stuff our pioneer ancestors were, who went out into the wilderness with their rifles, axes and crosscut saws, to clear the forests for their farms and build themselves houses out of logs. Their labor, after observing how much it has taken to get rid of only two partly-decayed trees, seems all but incredible. No wonder that settlers rushed to take up land in the comparatively treeless prairie country as fast as it was safe from Indians—and even before it was safe.

Young folk who think life is hard in these days, ought to be taught more about the difficulties which the early settlers had to overcome, to make America an easier, pleasanter place to live in for this generation.

POLITICS and bosses The chief objection, as I see it, to the Government-run-everything scheme is that with us in this country "Government" means "politics" and people are employed to run things, not because they are competent but because they are useful to a political party.

Everyone who has ever had to do business with any government office knows that the politician holding a government job assumes that he has been made a boss instead of a servant of the people and acts as if he were the master, and a rather bad-mannered, arrogant master, of those who have business to transact in his bureau or department.

The postmaster general has lately had to issue an order to post office employees to be more courteous to the people who come to their offices. I do not know how much good it will do. On the whole, I have found postmasters and postal clerks far more obliging and good-natured than other kinds of government employees, most of whom have very bad manners indeed.

TAXES at the source I have just gone through the annual agony of making out my income-tax return. I have had to do it every year since the income tax law was enacted in 1913, and every year it becomes a more and more complicated operation.

I do not object to paying a reasonable tax, but it seems to me that the process ought to be made simpler, and that studying the laws, rules and regulations to find out just what I am required to pay taxes on and what I can legally deduct from my income for tax purposes, is a wonder how long any private business would last which required the immense amount of book-keeping detail which the assessment and collection of the income tax alone comes to.

I think the system under which income taxes are imposed in this country is all wrong. The new income tax under the Social Security Act is far better. One percent of every employee's wages or salary is deducted by his employer as an income tax and paid direct to the Federal government. That principle, of deducting the tax at the source of the income, is used everywhere else in the world.

MEN and brains Men last longer than the machines they make. The machine wears out from use; men increase their powers by using them. Even the man who does nothing but manual labor can keep on delivering a good day's work for years longer than a mowing machine or an automobile will continue to run.

The whole progress of our civilization is based on lightening the burden of physical effort by human beings. We make machines to do the heavy work, machines which enable every worker to do many times as much work as he could do by hand. The human body is not a very efficient machine for any special purpose, though it can do a greater variety of things than any machine ever built. And no machine has ever been able to think.

MACHINES scrap obsolete A railroad executive told me the

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Western Carolina To Hold Table Tennis Meet 29th

(By Burch Allison)

Beginning March 29th and continuing for three weeks, the intra-mural sports department of Western Carolina Teachers College will sponsor a table tennis tournament. This meet is being directed by Miss Alice Beaton, head of the physical education department, and is under the supervision of "College Humor" magazine. "College Humor" is giving medals for winners in both men and women's division. The medals are now on display at the College Book Shop.

The two winners in the tournament will be enrolled in the United States Table Tennis Association and will receive a year's subscription to the magazine "Table Tennis Topics."

Table tennis is new to this section of the country, but it should receive much notice in the future, because it is a very interesting game and can be played at small cost. A complete outfit can be purchased at a reasonable cost. The physical education department at Cullowhee is putting on this tournament in an effort to better acquaint sports lovers with the game.

Last year "College Humor" sponsored thirty such tournaments over the United States. They were all successful and the magazine hopes to have even a bigger and better list of college tournaments this season.

QUALLA

(By Mrs. J. K. Terrell)

Rev. McRae Crawford preached at the Methodist church, Sunday afternoon. His subject was taken from the parable of the Good Samaritan—The Other Side and This Side. Visitors present were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Campbell and son, Junior, of Canton, and Messrs. W. O. and Montgomery Sherrill, of Olivet.

The finals of Qualla School are to be Wednesday and Thursday nights of this week. We doubt if the programmes put on by Mr. G. C. Cooper, his assistants and students can be excelled by any other Elementary school.

Miss Ollie Hall, Miss English, Miss Owen and Mr. Walter Galloway, of Waynesville, visited at Mr. J. C. Johnson's, Saturday.

Miss Gertrude Ferguson spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Ellis Stockton, in Canton.

Miss Laura Snyder has returned from a visit with relatives at Clyde.

Rev. L. H. Hippe is visiting his mother, Mrs. James Hipps, who has been seriously ill for the past week.

Mrs. Emma Sweed, of Bath, New York, is visiting her mother, Mrs. E. S. Keener and family. She has been absent for 20 years from Qualla, her former home.

Miss Nell McLaughlin spent the week end with home folks.

Mrs. A. J. Franklin, of Bryson City, visited Qualla relatives, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Shuler were guests at Mr. Jess Blanton's, Sunday.

J. K. Terrell went to Sylva, Wednesday.

Miss Jessie Cathey and Messrs. G. C. Cooper and C. B. Terrell registered at Western Carolina Teachers College, for the Spring Quarter, Wednesday.

CONFEDERATE VETERAN DIES

James R. Davis, 89 years old, and one of Jackson County's three remaining Confederate veterans, died at his home near Webster, Friday, after an illness of a week.

He is survived by his widow, two brothers, W. M. Davis, of Gastonia, and Nathan Davis, of Haywood county. Funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon, and interment was in the Franklin cemetery near Dillsboro. Rev. W. N. Cook, pastor of the Webster Baptist church, conducted the service.

Mr. Davis enlisted in the Confederate army at the age of 17.

BALSAM

(By Mrs. D. T. Knight)

Mr. J. K. Kenney returned Thursday on a visit to Asheville.

Mr. John T. Jones went to Sylva, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Conner have moved to Balsam, from Waynesville.

Mr. George Knight went to Asheville, last week.

Miss Doris Messer, of Waynesville, and Miss Freda Jones were in Asheville, Saturday.

Bitter Feelings Are Caused By Plan To Reorganize Court

Washington, March 23.—Politics is always in the air in Washington, where political considerations determine most of the activities of Government, year in and year out. But after a Presidential election there is usually a breathing spell of a couple of years in party politics, before the forces of the opposing parties begin to form their lines for the next Presidential contest.

The partisan breathing spell has been very brief this time, however. Mr. Roosevelt's second term is hardly two months old, but already the lines are forming for the election of 1940, with the possibility that the line-up in that year may be totally different from anything in the past.

Two developments since the first of the year have started shifts of political opinion and point toward a realignment of political leaders. These are the President's proposal to bring the Judicial department of the Federal Government under the control of the Legislative and Executive departments and the spectacular rise to power and prominence of John L. Lewis and his C. I. O. or industrial union programs for labor organization.

The President's proposal has had the immediate effect of splitting the Democratic party wide open. "Old line" Democratic leaders, who have been willing to go along with Mr. Roosevelt in the name of party regularity, even though many of his New Deal policies ran contrary to their own judgments and to the party's traditions are coming out in the open and declaring that they cannot follow him on any proposal designed to impair the position of the Supreme Court as an equal and coordinate branch of the Federal Government.

The Senate split is not along established party lines. Although the 16 Republican senators are naturally opposed to the President's plan, they are keeping quiet and letting the Democrats do the public protesting. The most active public leader of the opposition is Senator Wheeler of Montana, a Democratic wheelhorse whose party regularity has never been questioned. Following Senator Wheeler's leadership are at least 25 senators of his own party, mostly from the traditional Democratic stronghold of the "Solid South."

They are earnestly, even bitterly determined to fight the Supreme Court proposal to the last ditch. At present more than forty Senators are avowedly in opposition to the Court plan. That is not a majority of the Senate, but it is a large enough group to block the Court proposal, or at least to force a compromise even if ten or a dozen yield under Administration pressure. And since this "bloc" contains many of the most powerful party leaders, with enormous influence in their home states, who are risking their political futures as a matter of principle, observers here regard the situation as pointing directly toward a split in the whole Democratic party between the "Old Line" Democrats and "New Dealers."

That might result in some sort of a coalition of conservative and anti-New Deal forces for the 1940 campaign. The proposal has been made and is seriously being considered in Republican circles that it would be good strategy for the Republicans to let it be known that their party will put no candidates in the field in the Congressional elections of 1938 against Democratic Senators and Representatives who vote against the Administration on the Supreme Court issue.

Further complicating the political outlook is the apparent certainty that there will be a new and powerful Labor Party in the field in 1940, with possibly 10 to 15 million votes which it will control. It will be a Third Party, but it may endorse the Administration's candidates, as its nucleus, is Mr. Lewis's American Labor Party did in the 1936 elections. John Lewis stood out today as the strongest labor leader since the late Samuel Gompers. The breach between his industrial union organization and the craft union set-up of the American Federation of Labor grows wider every day. The outlook from here is for practically complete domination of the labor situation by Mr. Lewis, in the long run, although until that is demonstrated the Administration will not openly take sides against William Green and

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Cathey Held In Automobile Death

Charlie Cathey, well known Sylva man, is being held for preliminary trial before Justice of the Peace John H. Morris, on Saturday, for the death of Annie Belle Wilson, 15 year old Negro girl, Sunday night. The accident occurred on Highway No. 10, just across the street from the main street of Sylva, as the girl and her mother, who was seriously injured, were returning from church.

Cathey was arrested in Asheville and came to Sylva, where he posted bond in the sum of \$1,100 for his appearance on Saturday for a hearing.

COMMENCEMENT AT WEBSTER HIGH SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Commencement exercises will be given at Webster high school this week, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. All exercises will be in the new high school auditorium.

The program for the three nights is as follows: Thursday night, 8 o'clock, Class Day exercises; Friday night, 8 o'clock, Senior Class play, "Romance of a Boarding House."

Saturday night, 8 o'clock, final graduation exercises, with Superintendent Hutchins, of the Canton school system, making the principal address.

The senior play, "Romance of a Boarding House" is being directed by Mrs. D. D. Davis and the cast includes 11 boys and girls. The scene is laid in a boarding house and there are many humorous happenings before the curtain is rung down.

Characters in the play are: Isabelle Rogers, Virginia Long, Victoria Buchanan, Bernice Cowan, Margaret Allman, Faye Barnes and Ray Cowan, Roscoe Higdon, Carl Vance, Arthur Morgan and Jesse Buchanan.

The play will be presented on the stage of the newly completed river creek building. The stage is large and roomy and modern in every respect. A new curtain was recently installed.

TWO ARID SPOTS IN JACKSON

There are to be two arid spots in Jackson county, according to legislation enacted by the General Assembly.

It is unlawful to sell wine, beer, ale, or other alcoholic beverages within one mile of Western Carolina Teachers College. Lunch stands, cafes, and the like in the college village and community will not be allowed to sell or serve beverages containing alcohol. The bill making this unlawful was introduced by Senator McKee, and when it passed the Senate provided for an arid region of two miles from the college. However, the House of Representatives reduced the area to one mile, and that was the form in which the bill was ratified and became the law.

The other arid spot is a circle one mile in each direction from the high school at Glenville. This bill was introduced in the House by Representative Ledbetter.

Both bills were effective upon ratification, and are now the law.

EASTER SERVICES AT THE CULLOWHEE BAPTIST CHURCH

The Schubert Glee Club will have charge of the Easter night service at the Cullowhee Baptist church. Mrs. Inez Gulley will direct this sacred music program. The chorus is made up of W. C. T. C. students. Some members of the club are local students. The public is invited to attend this service.

The Easter morning program will be in charge of local talent. The College Sunday School Department, with the aid of the Junior Sunday School department will render a short Easter program at the opening of the Sunday School.

The pastor, Rev. Fred Forester, will speak on the subject "The Universal Resurrection." The church choir will sing special Easter songs.

MRS. GOSNELLE DIES

Funeral rites were held March 16 at the Fox cemetery at Speedwell for Mrs. Elda Gosnelle daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fox. The service was conducted by Rev. Zollie Fox of Ellijay.

Mrs. Gosnelle is survived by her husband, Wiley Gosnelle, of Canton, by her parents, by three brothers, Lemmon Fox, Ellijay, David Lee and Ellisha Fox, of Speedwell, and by two sisters, Mrs. Andy Cranies and Miss Ella Fox, of Canton.

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Western Carolina To Start Large Building Program

Western Carolina Teachers College, it is believed, will be able to launch out upon a real building program, under the provisions of the Permanent Improvements Act of the 1937 General Assembly, and an act permitting the institutions of the State to obtain grants in aid from the Federal Government under the PWA.

The College has \$110,000 appropriated by the State for the erection of a class room building. It already has, from appropriation made in 1935, some \$18,000 for a physical education building. It is believed that with this total of \$128,000 of State money, and an opportunity of securing PWA funds in at least the same amount, or probably more, that the college can put on a building program that will greatly add to its plant.

WORLD WAR VETERAN DIES

Harley M. Bryson, 43, an employe of the Armour Leather Company's Sylva plant, died at his home here Monday morning. He was injured in a fall, several weeks ago.

A native of this county, Bryson served in the 81st Division A. E. F., during the World War.

Funeral services were conducted at Wesley's Chapel, Tuesday afternoon, by the pastor, Rev. L. W. Hall. Mr. Bryson was a member of the board of Stewards and superintendent of the Sunday School at Wesley's Chapel.

JOHN PARRIS GOES TO NEW YORK CITY

John Parris, who has been with the United Press in Raleigh, and has recently been covering the North Carolina General Assembly for that agency has been transferred to the New York City bureau of the United Press.

The United Press is one of the greatest world-wide news agencies, and its New York bureau is one of its most important ones.

Johnny is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Parris of Sylva.

SQUIRES APPOINTED BY LEDBETTER

The following justices of the peace for Jackson county have been elected by the General Assembly, upon nomination of Representative T. C. Ledbetter.

Sylva, Mont Jamison, John Cunningham, Dan Tompkins, Jane Coward W. H. Oliver; Cashier's Valley, C. G. Rogers, T. A. Dillard; Hamburg, H. H. Bryson, Dave P. Moss; Mountain, Elbert Moss; River, Thomas Wike, A. P. Craft; Cullowhee, John R. Hooper, Henry Taylor; Webster, John H. Morris, Albert Moss; Canada, T. C. Galloway, W. T. Rigdon, Dock Wood, Green's Creek, C. N. Buchanan; Savannah, Gay Sutton, John C. Jones; Scott's Creek, Cary Henson, Aaron Bryson, J. C. Allman; Qualla, J. C. Hayes, Albert Patton; Barker's Creek, Jahu Jones; Dillsboro, Ralph Tatham; Caney Fork, Weaver Swayngim, Luther Stevens.

BAPTIST WORK PROGRESSES

(By H. M. Hocutt)
Next Sunday will bring to a close the first quarter of the year 1937. The record for the three months indicates that the work at the Baptist church has made steady progress. There have been several bad Sundays, but the attendance has held up and the offerings have been good, and as a result the month and the quarter will come to a close in an encouraging manner. Let's make next Sunday the best yet! Sunday will be Easter Day. All of us will want to be at church and join in singing praise and in worshipping the Risen Lord.

We cordially invite you to join us in service at the Sylva Baptist church.

R. L. ELDEBS IS DEAD

R. L. Elders, a prominent citizen of the county, died at his home at Barker's Creek, yesterday, following an illness of pneumonia for about a week. Funeral and interment will be conducted Friday afternoon.

Mr. Elders was a well known farmer, and had many friends throughout the county.