

# The Jackson County Journal

ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

SYLVA, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, JULY 8, 1937

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

## Sylva Schools Scheduled To Begin 1937-38 Term Monday, August Second

The schools of Jackson county, including the two Sylva schools, are scheduled to open for the fall term on Monday, August 2, it has been announced from the office of the county Board of Education.

### PROPERTY WILL RAISE COUNTY TAX RATE

Jackson's share of the old age security and dependent children assistance will necessitate a raise in the tax rate of property, to raise the estimated contribution of the county for these two purposes, according to statistics obtained by the Board of Charities and Public Welfare, after a survey of the entire county.

### QUALLA

Mrs. J. K. Terrell and Mrs. Crawford is conducting services at the Qualla Club during this week. Mrs. Beck left Tuesday for Florida, after spending a few days with Mrs. J. H. Reagan and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hughes, Mrs. J. M. Hughes, Mrs. Horace Howell and Mrs. Frank Battle attended the funeral at Asheville. Mr. J. E. Battle and Wilma Battle spent last week with relatives in Charlotte. Mr. Terry Johnson of Cherokee and Mrs. Lutz Hoyle, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ward and Mr. Jake Battle of Charlotte spent the week with Mr. J. E. Battle's. Mr. J. H. Hughes called on Miss Knorr. Mr. D. C. Hughes and Dixon Hughes, who are employed at Asheville, spent the week end with Harry and Ted Kincaid and Mrs. D. M. G. S. Mrs. Bess Johnson and children visited Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Battle, Friday. Mrs. Frances Hughes called at Mr. J. K. Terrell's, Monday. Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hughes, Jr., visited with Ed. Hughes at Cherokee. Mrs. Annie Lizzie Terrell visited Mrs. Gertrude Ferguson. Mrs. Bessie, Emma, and Mr. Hoyle of Thomasville are visiting among relatives. The 4-H Clubs of Jackson County will leave here Monday for Swannanoa for their annual encampment. Mrs. Harry Evans, home agent, and Mr. Garland Lackey, county agent, will lead the groups from Jackson county.

### SYLVA BOY WINS HEALTH CONTEST FOR DISTRICT

The 11-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Battle, of Sylva, won in the health contest which was held at Waverly, recently. In August the boy will compete with the winners in the several districts for the State championship.

Water cover crops, conserve water, check soil losses, and provide early grazing several weeks before permanent pastures are ready to graze.

## Roosevelt Is Still Ace High With People Of Nation

Washington, July 7—Just how far the Presidential picnic on Jefferson Island has been effective in restoring harmonious relations between the Congressional leaders of the Democratic Party and the Chief Executive is still uncertain; but the probability is that much of the irritation between Capitol Hill and the White House has been alleviated.

Mr. Roosevelt is a master of coalition, and when he asked every Democratic Senator and representative to come to Jefferson Island Club for the three day outing it was a foregone conclusion that many of them would come back with less resistance to White House policies than when they went.

Not everyone invited accepted. Many members of both houses do not want to be reconciled, and these dissatisfied previous engagements which prevented them from going to Jefferson Island.

Even those who totally disagree with the President on major issues have always found it difficult to stand out against Mr. Roosevelt's personal persuasive charm. It is not stretching the facts to say that no occupant of the White House in half a century, at least, has enjoyed such an enormous personal popularity, as Joe, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The fact that great masses of the people feel a personal affection for him, even though they have never seen him except in the movies or heard him speak over the radio, gives him a tremendous advantage in dealing with recalcitrant legislators, who are acutely conscious that however sharply they may disagree with the President's policies, their constituents back home love him.

Not for many years has there been a President whom so many every day citizens wanted to see in person and shake hands with, if possible. According to figures compiled by the official usher of the White House, President and Mrs. Roosevelt shook hands with 16,650 persons at the White House last year.

In addition, however, to the ones who had the opportunity of shaking the Presidential hand, there were more than 650,000 sightseers who got a look at the inside of the White House during the year. About a third of them called on their Congressmen for cards of introduction, which are always freely granted to visitors from "back home," but the other two-thirds just walked in and strolled about the public rooms of the executive mansion.

The present White House family, therefore, has had less private life than any of its predecessors. Besides nearly 2000 uninvited guests strolling through the White House parlors every day, Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt in one year served tea or other refreshments to 22,353 persons, dinners or formal luncheons to more than 4,000 others, and have had 319 persons as over night guests in the White House.

## HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE GROUP COMES HERE TO WORK

Residents of Sylva and Jackson county are given an opportunity to join the Hospital Saving Association of North Carolina, which sponsors the "Two-Cents-A-Day" plan for paying hospital bills. Miss Lilly Montgomery, of Charlotte, field supervisor of the Association, is in Sylva this week for the purpose of explaining the benefits of membership to prospective members.

The Hospital Saving Association of North Carolina has its main office in Chapel Hill, and is controlled by the North Carolina Hospital Association and the North Carolina Medical Society. It is a non-profit association, set up with a grant of funds from the Duke Foundation. Its object is to provide a easy plan for people of ordinary means to be in position to meet their hospital bills when such an emergency arises.

Complete information may be obtained from Miss Montgomery, who is the guest of Miss Grace Corbin at C. J. Harris Community Hospital or from Miss Corbin.

## MRS. W. W. WATT PASSES

Friends here received the sad intelligence of the passing in Charlotte of Mrs. W. W. Watt.

Mrs. Watt has many friends in Sylva and Jackson County, having spent many summers here.

She has lately come to the point of a receptive candidate.

It is taken for granted here that the Presidential election of 1940 will be almost overwhelmingly Democratic as that of 1936. There is less feeling of certainty about the Congressional elections of 1938. The Republican strategy, so far as that has been formulated, is to put up the strongest possible fight for every Congressional seat not firmly held, and to cooperate with disgruntled and conservative Democrats in the effort to put two Democratic candidates—one regular and one New Deal—in the field in districts where it seems possible to split the Democratic vote by this means.

Meanwhile, vigorous undercurrents of various kinds are being made to bring about a reorganization of the Republican Party and set up a national leadership under which party members can be rallied. Senator Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan comes nearer today to being the actual leader of his party than any other one man, not excluding John Hamilton, Chairman of the Republican National Committee. The real hope of the dyed-in-the-wool Republican politicians, however, is to bring about a coalition between their party and the conservative wing of a Democracy.

There is little hope of that, observers here say, so long as the Republican leadership leans in any degree toward the New Deal. Therefore.

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## Sylva Has New Water Supply To Be Cut In Today

Sylva's additional water supply was turned into the main this morning, increasing the quantity of water flowing through the system by approximately one-third, according to officials.

The new supply, coming from the Pinacle, was arranged for with the National Forest Service, as the land is owned by the Federal Government as a part of the Nantahala National Forest.

The new installation was done jointly by the Town and the Work Progress Administration. The town has repaired the mains and it is said the supply of water for Sylva will be adequate, even during the driest weather.

## THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MAKES RECOMMENDATION

The Sylva Board of Aldermen, at its regular meeting last week, took cognizance of the fact that this is the time of year when dogs are most susceptible to the disease called rabies, and recommended that the following be observed:

1. When a dog has been exposed to rabies, the owner of such animal should keep same confined for a period of three weeks.
2. When a person or an animal has been bitten by a dog or other animal having rabies, the health officer should be notified at once.
3. Do not kill a dog that bites a person, but confine it until it is definitely determined whether or not the dog is mad.

## RAISAN

(By Mrs. D. T. Knight)  
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cope announce the birth of a ten pound boy. He arrived Thursday, July 1st, and his name is David Houston. At present he is at the home of his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Coward.

Mrs. J. R. Warren, Katy Lee Coward and Betty Louise Jones went to Sylva, Friday.

Mrs. O. E. Horta and son, Oze, of Atlanta, are occupying their summer home, "Green Pastures".  
New arrivals in Ballough Hill, include Mrs. J. E. Dixon and family from Jacksonville, Mr. James Sturrock and family of West Palm Beach, Mr. and Mrs. John Rusk, Atlanta, the Hipps, Dunas, and others from Daytona Beach, Fla.

The Fourth passed off very quietly here.

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## Sylva Boy Slugged And Robbed Wednesday Night

### TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)

### SHIPS . . . government's job

President Roosevelt has suggested that our Navy's two new battle-ship-should be built by Government navy yards, because the bids by private contractors are too high. That would be too novel. For nearly a century all naval craft were built in government yards, down to the time in 1906 when they began to replace wooden ones. Uncle Sam still owns the largest supply of raw materials for building wooden ships. That is the live-oak forest on Santa Rosa Sound, near Pagsicola. No timber equal to live-oak for timbers and "lance" of wooden ships has ever been found. So President John Quincy Adams bought this great stand of live-oak timber and made it a permanent reserve for the navy's use. It is still Federal property.

The only use that has been made of it in recent years, was to supply the timbers to repair the famous frigate "Constitution" and to make "Old Ironsides" seaworthy again.

We shall probably never build any more wooden war ships, but the Boy Scouts, who have the privilege of camping in the live-oak forest, get something worth while out of it.

### COOLNESS . . . manufacturer's own

South I have had the satisfaction of seeing some of my own predictions come true in a big way. Seven years ago in this column I first predicted that the air-conditioning of houses, stores, offices and factories was going to become a great industry. It was a new idea then. Now more than 500 companies are making and installing air-conditioning.

I have been riding all over the South in air-conditioned trains sleeping in air-conditioned hotel rooms eating in air-conditioned restaurants, trading in air-conditioned stores, visiting in air-conditioned homes and inspecting air-conditioned factories. It is literally true we have learned to make our own weather—indoors.

What we need now is air-conditioned automobiles. We have heaters for use in cold weather, and I was told by a man who had just driven from California to Florida that along the roads across the great American Desert there are filling stations which sell "dry ice" to motorists to put inside cars and reduce the temperature 15 or 20 degrees. Whoever thought of that was a genius.

One of the first things the Pilgrim Fathers learned from the friendly

George McLain, 15 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred N. McLain, was robbed of all but 8.00 of the \$60 "jack-pot" money, 15 minutes after he won it, at the Lyric Theatre, last night. Young McLain drew the jack-pot and started to his home, which is on the Sylva school property, of which his father is care-taker. He stated that before he reached the property, he saw an automobile turn into the school driveway from the highway, so, instead of following the driveway at the east side of the high school building, he started through the playground on the playground on the west of the building, and had just turned the corner, when he heard a step behind him. He started to turn to see who was behind him, but before he could turn his head he was struck on top of his head and felled to the ground. The money got all being in one pocket, the robber failed to secure the total amount.

Young McLain, after he recovered sufficiently, started walking back toward the main part of town, and was picked up by friends and taken to a physician, and the officers notified.

An investigation was immediately begun by police and highway patrol officers. Young McLain's hat was found where he was felled and robbed, and a Ford coupe, bearing a 1937, North Carolina "D-7484" tag was standing deserted in the driveway beside an open window of the school building. Just why an empty automobile should be on the school property and at the scene of a highway robbery, is puzzling police.

Officers are said to be proceeding on the assumption that the departed crime was perpetrated by someone who was in the theatre when the money was awarded the McLain boy, who knows the road where his home is, his usual route home and means of travel. It is also assumed that more than one person was implicated, from the fact that the youth was attacked on the opposite side of the building from that which he usually passes in going to and from home.

## BROTHER OF SYLVA MAN DIES

Friends of the Freeze family here will regret to learn of the death, on last Saturday, of Mr. R. P. Freeze, prominent citizen of Hendersonville. Mr. Freeze, a brother of J. F. Freeze of Sylva, died following an appendicitis operation.

Indians was that the way to make Indian corn grow was to put a mackerel in each hill when the seed was planted. Fish are still the best fertilizer for many crops. In Nova Scotia, many years ago, I saw farmers spreading young lobsters on their fields and plowing them under.

All along the Southern coast of the United States, from North Carolina clear around to the Gulf States, catching menhaden and other small fish for fertilizer is a big industry. These fish run in huge "schools" and millions of tons of them are netted every year and brought to factories along shore, to be ground up for plant food.

## POSTAGE

When Benjamin Franklin was Postmaster General it cost a shilling, about 25 cents, to send a letter from Philadelphia to Boston, by a mail messenger riding horseback. The rate came down to ten cents about 100 years ago. Then, as steamboat and stage lines increased it was reduced to five cents. The first postage stamp issued in the 1840's, were five cents. By the 1850's, the letter rate came down to three cents, and there it stood for thirty years. I can well remember when letter postage was reduced to two cents, in 1883. It climbed to three cents in the Spanish war and the World War, and then a few years ago when the depression hit us.

Now there is a strong movement to put letter postage back to 2 cents. Why not? It is not the object of the Post Office to earn a profit or even to cover expenses. It exists to give the people the best possible service at the least possible cost.

The Post Office deficit is something I've never been able to worry about. I would be concerned if the Post Office ever earned a profit.

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## He Who Gets Stung — by A. B. CHAPIN

