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ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

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\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

Will Widen Highway 10 Between Sylva and Ela

Plans have been completed and approved for widening Highway No. 10 from Sylva to Ela, and work on the project will begin immediately, it was announced here yesterday, by Commissioner E. L. McKee.

From Sylva to the junction of Federal Highways 19 and 23, at Dillsboro, the pavement will be 20 feet wide, and from Dillsboro to Ela it will be 18 feet.

At present it is 15 feet within the limits of Sylva. From there to Dillsboro to Ela, it is 14 feet. Not only does this road carry the traffic from east to west, from Asheville to Murphy and Chattanooga and back, but also that from Knoxville, that from the entire east and west into the Great Smoky Mountains National Park; but, when Highway 106 is completed, it will form part of the great northwest and west coast trunk highway, connecting two great sections of the United States through the Park and through the center of Jackson County.

TODAY and TOMORROW

CHARACTER . . . religion
As I grow older I lose faith in the accepted theories about life. I am skeptical about the stability of "reforming" people. I may elevate the moral standard, society as a whole, and have doubt about the individual who comes to me with anti-social or criminal tendencies is hard to make over. The twig is bent the tree's inclined.

am all for every social movement which is designed to start children off with an understanding of the rules of the game of life, and of the consequences to those who try to substitute their own rules for those of the order of their time. Children ought to be brought up on the unchangeable principles and principles of honesty, decency and good behavior seldom need reforming. But all the reform work in prison discipline in the world can't change the brain-patterns, the tastes and inclinations of those who have come to maturity. Their characters have been formed in childhood.

I have known a few cases, and I know of others, in which men's characters have been changed almost miraculously by the power of religion. I know of nothing short of Divine intervention that will make people

CREDIT . . . influence
What qualities we inherit from our parents have much to do with our characters. How much, I don't know. Some scientists say a great deal, some say very little. It seems to me that every human being is the sum of all his ancestors.

As a boy I read a story which has been in my memory for half a century. A magician, strolling through a forest, encountered an old charcoal burner, who was sure that he had been "changed" from some other person and asked the magician to prove him back. The wizard pronounced the proper incantation, and the old charcoal burner changed a baby! Years later the magician passed along the same path and again encountered a charcoal burner, whom he recognized as the one he had changed to a baby twenty years before. He had been changed to be a charcoal burner and would not become anything else.

Many things besides heredity go to the formation of character, but the physical and mental traits and abilities which are born in us have much to do with determining the relative influence of the other things.

ENVIRONMENT . . . social value
The childhood environment a great part of the credit—or blame—for the character of any individual. I can't follow the reasoning of any of my friends who are devoted to the uplifting of humanity, and who seem to think that it is necessary to make better citizens by providing the poor with . . . to-date . . . and sanitary . . . I don't . . . any . . . on character. . . to as . . . material.
Make people
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CHILD KILLED BY TRUCK MONDAY

Bessie Lee Barnes, six year old daughter of Whitfield Barnes, died at the Community Hospital, Monday night, from injuries received that afternoon, when she was struck and mangled by a truck, on the highway in front of her home, just east of the town limits.

Jim Duncan, of Balsam, driver of the truck, stopped his machine as soon as possible, and picked the little girl up in his arms, and she was taken to the hospital. Duncan was taken into custody by officers, to whom he surrendered, and will be given a hearing later.

The child had crossed the road to get her kitten, which had strayed, and was returning with it in her arms, when the truck, coming around a curve in the road, struck her, witnesses stated.

But six years of age, Bessie Lee was a favorite with pupils and teachers in Sylva elementary school, where she was a student in her second year. Her mother has been dead since 1931, and her father is a working man, so she was permitted to attend school, under age, in order that her older sisters could be in school. Of a bright, sunny disposition and alert mind, she won her way into the hearts of those with whom she came in contact, at the school.

The funeral service was conducted at Wesley's chapel, near Sylva, on Tuesday afternoon.

FRIENDLY TALK WITH PARENTS

M. B. Madison, County Superintendent of Schools

The first and main aim of our schools is to give every child as much training as possible to help him lead a happy, normal life and make a useful citizen. That is the duty of the school.

The school cannot, alone, perform this duty well. We, the parents of Jackson county, must help in this tremendous task, with all of the ability we have and every bit of energy that we can muster. I cannot emphasize too much the necessity of our help in this important matter.

What is the child's attitude each morning, as he starts to school? What are your instructions to him as he leaves home for his daily work? His attitude is a reflection of your attitude. Is your feeling toward the school a friendly and wholesome one, or is it antagonistic?

Do you instruct your children to obey their teachers and conduct themselves in accordance with the regulations of the school, or do you say, in their presence, that you will tend to the teachers if they touch your precious ones?

I mean no reflection when I say precious, for their lives are precious. They are so precious that we cannot afford to give them the wrong attitude toward authority and toward law and order.

Do you send your children to school willingly every day that they are physically able to go, or do you send them reluctantly or keep them at home for all kinds of flimsy excuses? You alone can answer this question correctly. What is the true answer?

A survey of the prisons throughout the country shows that only a small per cent of the criminals have completed the elementary school. With this idea in mind, we cannot afford to keep our children out of school and take that terrible chance that they might wind up on the chinking or in the electric chair.

Let me beg you to think on these things.

(This column, as a contact between the school system of the county and the parents of children, will be prepared each week, or from time to time, by Superintendent M. B. Madison.—Ed.)

QUALLA

(By Mrs. J. K. Terrell)
The new pastor, Rev. Ben Cook, preached at the Baptist church, Sunday morning.
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Howell and sons, Calvin and Edgar, of Lenoir, spent the week end with relatives.



LABOR Guardian Of Civilization By Dan Tompkins

It was the honest sweat of men and women of vision, who were neither afraid nor ashamed to work, that blazed the trail across the continent and builded a nation.

Republics, empires, all governments that are or that have ever been dependent for their safety and their very existence upon those who toil, upon their integrity, their common sense, and their daily labor, in home, on farm, in factory and mill, in mine and quarry, in school and office and store.

These are the men and women who compose that mighty army which we know as labor. Good sense, good leadership, and devotion to home and country have kept American labor true to the ideals of their fathers, and in the forefront of those who seek to bless and to preserve America.

This paper has always believed in laboring folks. We know the pinch of poverty and the joy of eating our daily bread from the sweat of our face.

We trust men and women who know the dignity of work, and the proud joy that comes only from a task well done. So long as America has a labor army with the ideals that have always actuated American labor in the past, so long will America be safe, regardless of the vicissitudes of fortune and the eventualities of history outside our own country.

One of the greatest blessings ever bestowed upon the race was the command to work. The prophet laid down the rule of greatness. The worker who follows it is an uncrowned king: "He hath showed thee, oh man, what it good; and what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"



Huge Crowd Here Pleased By Brinkley

A large crowd of citizens from Sylva and other points in the county gathered at the community house, Monday evening, to hear Dr. John R. Brinkley address the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Brinkley, who was born and reared in this county, and who came back here, last year and bought a live-stock farm and summer home at Tuckasee, and a large tract of land in the Balsam Mountains, promised that he will give Sylva and Jackson County "a million dollars worth of advertising on his radio, at Del Rio, Texas, this winter."

Dr. Brinkley stated that he did not intend to tell the Chamber of Commerce nor the people of Jackson County how to run their business but that, since he had been invited to address the meeting, he thought he could with propriety tell what the Del Rio Chamber, with which he is closely affiliated, is doing, and that the organization which is serving this town and county might gain from the example before them.

He stressed the importance of the utmost courtesy being shown all visitors, by every one with whom they come in contact. He pointed out that this section has many advantages over all others as a tourist center; and the theme of his speech was "blow your own horn, for nobody else is going to blow it for you—attract the tourists here, show them what you have, display the opportunities for investment, and treat them so well that the more desirable ones will want to become permanent residents and investors here." To this end he advocated a wide-awake Chamber of Commerce, liberally and enthusiastically supported by the people.

COWARD RITES HELD SUNDAY

Funeral services for Senator O. B. Coward, who died suddenly at his home, Thursday evening, were conducted at the home, Sunday afternoon by Rev. G. A. Hovis, pastor of the Webster Methodist church. Prof. Robert L. Madison also delivered a short eulogy on the life of Mr. Coward.

Interment was in the Webster cemetery, with Unaka Lodge A. F. and A. M., of which Mr. Coward was a member, in charge.

Active pall bearers were Steve Owens, N. Don Davis, John H. Morris, Dan M. Allison, Bannister Madison, and Edgar Queen. Honorary pallbearers, J. C. Henderson, Theodore Queen, Robert L. Madison, Dr. A. A. Nichols, Dr. A. S. Nichols, Dr. C. Z. Candler, E. L. McKee, E. L. Wilson, John R. Jones, J. L. Broyles, James Cowan, G. H. Cope, H. T. Hunter, C. C. Mason, J. C. Allison, J. J. Hastines and W. C. Queen.

Mr. Coward, a member of one of Jackson county's pioneer families and a son of the late Nathan Coward, was prominent in the business, civic and political life of the county for more than half a century. For years he was a traveling salesman. Later, he engaged in the mercantile business in Sylva and Webster. He served the county in both houses of the General Assembly, and was one of the most influential citizens of the county.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Nora Zachary Coward, by one daughter, Mrs. Charles English, of Hazelwood; three sons, Capt. M. R. Coward, of New York City, J. O. Coward, of Savannah, Ga., and Baltimore, Md., and Rogers Coward, of Sylva; by three sisters, Mrs. W. C. Norton, Cullowhee, and Mrs. Raymond Glenn and Miss Jane Coward, of Sylva; by three brothers, R. B. Coward, Ware Shoals, S. C., J. Homer Coward, Peoria, Ill., and B. Frank Coward, Sparrows Point, Md., and by a large number of other relatives and friends.

BALSAM

(By Mrs. D. T. Knight)
Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Crawford spent Sunday with relatives at Whittier.
Mr. Winston Fuller Edwards, who has been visiting his aunt, Mrs. D. T. Knight, left Monday, for his home in Danville, Va.