

The Jackson County Journal

1938 A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

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1938 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

County Refinancing Plan Completed In State Capital

Chairman H. D. Cowan, of the Board of County Commissioners, Dan K. Moore, county attorney, and T. Walter Ashe, county auditor, have returned from Raleigh, where they completed the transaction for the refinancing of the county's bonds, which is estimated to save the county the sum of approximately \$232,000 in the next ten years.

Effective June 1, last, the plan calls for the issuance of \$511,000.00 of refunding bonds of extended maturity to be given in exchange, par for par, for the principal of all bonds now maturing or maturing through June 1944, all bonds for the next five years to be at the interest rate of 4 per cent per annum, and at 5 per cent for the succeeding five years. At the close of the ten year period, the present contract rate of interest will again become effective.

All bond coupons now in default, or that were due before June 1, 1937, will be redeemed at forty per cent of their face value.

The plan, as promulgated also calls for a sinking fund, and provides that whenever the sinking funds exceed the sum of \$10,000, the county shall call for tenders of bonds, and shall purchase offerings at whatever price below par they are offered until the sinking fund is exhausted. It is expected that here, in addition to the interest saving, a substantial saving to the county can be effected.

In approving the plan, the North Carolina Municipal Council said: "The prompt consummation of the plan and early return of the county to a current basis will benefit the creditors and the county."

Said the Local Government Commissioner: "We have collaborated with the representatives of the holders of the bonds for the county for the purpose of determining a fair and equitable basis on which the county might remove its default, and adjust its indebtedness within the ability of the county to meet. The plan has been approved by the Director of Local Government of North Carolina and it is believed that its consummation will be for the best interest of the creditors and the county."

The amount of defaulted coupons and interest, which will be paid at a rate of fifty per cent, is \$166,420.00 or a saving to the county on its present past due obligations of \$232,111.54.

The assessed valuation of the county is \$8,004,100.00. The net debt of the county is \$1,017,000.00, or \$68.60 per capita. The population, as by the 1930 census, is 17,519. This does not include \$27,000.00 Sylva township, nor \$2,000.00 Cullowhee township road bonds which are not included in the refinancing plan.

The county is now in default in the total sum of \$272,688.92, the plan calls for the Local Government authorities in Raleigh state that the county is unable to pay its total debt under the present interest rates and maturities. Under the old plan the county would have to pay, in 1937-38 the sum of \$110,100.00. The new plan calls for payment during this year of \$76,740.00. The greatest amount to be paid in any one year, under the refinancing plan will be \$80,080.00 in 1935-36. The entire present debt of the county, under the refinancing plan, will be paid off by 1933. Interest and principal of the final payment, in the sum of \$2,115.00 will be due in 1962-63. But, under the sinking fund, and lowest offering provision it is possible to liquidate the entire bonded indebtedness long before then as offerings of bonds are made at below par prices.

Chairman J. D. Cowan, of the county commissioners, the present board and the board that retired last December, have collaborated with the Local Government Commission and the representatives of the bondholders for more than a year seeking to arrive at a settlement that will bring substantial relief to the county, bring the bonded indebtedness within the ability of the county to pay, and at the same time one which would meet the approval of the creditors.

4-H Club Elects Officers

The 4-H Club of Sylva high school elected the following officers: G. W. Hadden as president; G. W. Hadden, vice-president; Roger Shelton, secretary-treasurer; Bobby Allison, secretary; William Gunther, local leader; and Bobby Allison, Guy Enslley, and Hooper D. Price, Program committee.

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49 YEARS AGO

Tuckasee Democrat, February 2, 1889

Gen. E. R. Hampton, with a large brigade of hands, did some valuable work on the road east of Sylva, last Thursday.

Rev. Dr. Buel, of the Episcopal church held services at the Academy, Sunday evening, at 4 o'clock.

Dr. J. H. Wolff showed us a fine leaf of the Yellow Orinoco tobacco, last week. It is a luxuriant specimen of the bright golden color and was grown in the Scott's Creek valley, not over a mile from here.

Esq. J. C. Watkins and J. H. Bryson of Dillsboro were in Sylva Thursday on business.

Mr. J. H. Painter visited our headquarters this week and ordered the continuance of his paper. . . . Master Willie F. Baum found his way to our sanctum this week. . . . Capt. E. R. Stamps, of Raleigh, one of the penitentiary board was on the west bound train Thursday. . . . A spirited discussion was indulged in at the meeting of the Literary Club a week ago. The question was "Resolved that dancing is contrary to the principles of Christianity." The affirmative was represented by Messrs. A. M. Parker and O. B. Coward; the negative by General E. R. Hampton and E. B. Madison. The judges appointed to render a decision on the foregoing were Martin Baum, R. M. Davis and Jas. McKee. The verdict was given in favor of the negative. . . . Mr. Zeb Dillard and Mrs. Talitha Wood were united in the bonds of wedlock on Tuesday night, the 29th, Rev. W. Enslley, officiating. The bride is a sister of Mr. A. M. Parker, of our town.

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David Coleman Camp Confederate veterans, will meet at Savannah school house January 19 and 20. Hon. C. C. Cowan will deliver the opening address. T. G. Picklesimer, F. E. Alley and James H. Cathey will deliver addresses in the afternoon. On Sunday Rev. Mr. Clyde and Rev. Mr. Gaillard will conduct the services. It is especially desired that all Confederate soldiers, with their wives and the Sons and Daughters of the Confederacy attend this meeting. The meeting will be held in honor of Gen. R. E. Lee's birthday. We have asked W. H. Jones and R. N. Deitz to conduct the singing. By order of the Commander J. W. Shelton.

The quarterly conference of the Sylva and Dillsboro Stations met with the Sylva Methodist church Saturday and Sunday, Presiding Elder Taylor in charge.

The Ladies of the Home Missionary Society of the Methodist church met with Mrs. M. Buchanan last Monday afternoon. Mrs. Buchanan sent a turnout in for the ladies and they enjoyed a straw ride out to the home of the hostess. Those present were Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Neal, Mrs. Nina Gaillard, Mrs. J. J. Gray, Mrs. Joe Sherrill, Mrs. J. W. McKee and Mrs. Geo. Bryson.

T. G. Picklesimer, of Webster, has sold his property at that place to Mr. Andy Allison. Mr. Picklesimer and family have moved to Bryson City.

The firm of Allison and Broyles, of Webster, has dissolved partnership, J. L. Broyles having bought the interest of Mr. Allison and will continue the business under the name of J. L. Broyles.

One marriage in our town to bid the old year adieu, a quiet home marriage. Miss Minnie Dills was married to Mr. Gray, lumberman.

Rev. J. J. Gray, of Sylva, performed the ceremony. They left on the first train after their marriage for a wedding trip. . . . Miss Gertrude Dills is teaching a select school in town. . . . J. J. Hooker and Scroop Hooker went to Knoxville today. . . . Miss Edith Moore, of Asheville, daughter of Judge Fred Moore, has been visiting relatives in Dillsboro. . . . S. W. Enloe went up on Cullowhee bird hunting last Saturday. . . . Henry Bryson has purchased one of the most desirable lots in town and is going to erect a nice building on it soon.

NORTON—Miss Leasia Norton is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. B. Wilson, in White Pine, Tenn. . . . Misses Teik and Lucy Zachary are spending their Christmas holidays with homefolks. . . . Miss Nellie Hill, of Cashier, visited friends at Norton last Saturday.

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Paper Mill Here Resumes Operating

The Mill of the Sylva Paperboard Company, which has been closed since before the first of the year, resumed operations Sunday night, and will operate all this week, and next week, according to Mr. P. C. Ellis, the newly appointed manager.

Mr. Ellis stated that he had no information as to whether the mill will run more than the two weeks at this time.

Commerce Body To Meet Tuesday

There will be a meeting of the Sylva Chamber of Commerce at the Community House next Tuesday night, Feb. 8, at 8 o'clock. Plans for the year's work will be made, and it is important that all members of the Chamber be present.

PARK WILL BE COMPLETED

On Wednesday the Congress of the United States passed, in its final form, a bill authorizing the appropriation of \$743,000 for the completion of the area necessary for the formal establishment and opening of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

There is no doubt that President Roosevelt will sign the bill when it is presented to him, and that the work of purchase of the additional acreage necessary will soon be under way.

The Journal hopes that the land exchanges will be speedily made, paving the way for a great, formal opening of the National Park, this year. Such an occasion could, and doubtless will be made a most memorable one, giving wide publicity to Western North Carolina, and attracting many thousands of desirable people to our region.

Organ Concert At Cullowhee

J. Jay Anderson, of Easley, S. C., will give a concert on an electric Hammond organ, at the Cullowhee Baptist church, Sunday night. Geo. McCravy, gospel singer, will accompany Mr. Anderson.

The organ will be brought by truck to Cullowhee, and the instrument and organist will be present for the morning service, as well as for the concert Sunday night.

Parent-Teachers Met Tuesday

The Parent-Teachers Association of Sylva celebrated Founders Day, at the meeting held Tuesday afternoon at the Elementary School. Parents and teachers from the entire consolidated school district were present at the meeting, representing eighth schools in this high school district.

Mr. F. I. Watson, principal of the high school, stressed the fact the high school here is no more Sylva's school than it is that of any other community in the district, and that it is important that parents and students from other communities feel that this is their school, and they take an interest in it.

Speaking on the 41st Birthday of the Parent-Teachers Association, Miss Edith Buchanan spoke of the beginnings of the movement, its early history, and its accomplishments, through the years.

A candle-lighting service, commemorating objectives of the P. T. A., was an impressive part of the program.

Mrs. John H. Wilson, in charge of the program, paid tribute to the teachers and to the president and former presidents of the local association. As the name of each past president was called, she came forward, lighted a candle, and told something of the accomplishments of the Association during her term of office. If the past president was not present, a candle was lighted for her. The first name called was that of Mrs. M. D. Cowan, first president of the Sylva P. T. A. Other past presidents are: Mrs. W. H. Rhodes (now deceased), Mrs. E. L. McKee, Mrs. J. F. Freeze, Mrs. Billy Davis, Mrs. Clara Allison, Mrs. J. D. Cowan, Mrs. John R. Jones, Mrs. H. E. Battle, Mrs. David M. Hall, Mrs. W. C. Reed, Mr. H. Gibson, and Mrs. David M. Hall, who is again president of the association.

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Rites Are Held For N. M. Davisson

Funeral rites for N. M. Davisson, who died of a heart attack at his home at East LaPorte, early Monday morning, were conducted at Waynesville, Tuesday afternoon, and interment was in Green Hill cemetery, at Waynesville, with Masonic services conducted by Unaka Lodge, Sylva, of which Mr. Davisson was a member.

Mr. Davisson came to Jackson county 17 years ago, when the Blackwood Lumber Company first began operations here, and has made his home in this county since that time.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lyda Moody Davisson, a two-year-old son, Joseph Rector Davisson, one sister, Mrs. Joseph Keys, East LaPorte, and two brothers, Burton Davisson, Sakatchewan, Canada, and James Davisson, of Nova Scotia.

Mr. Davisson was secretary-treasurer of the Blackwood Lumber Company and of the Tuckasee and Southeastern Railway Company.

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Washington, January 31. (Autocaster) — There is very decidedly a better feeling between Government and business, if by Government is meant Congress. How far that is true if by Government one means the President is uncertain. There have been numerous conferences lately in which the President has sat down with leaders of business and industry, the latter seeking to get some sort of a definite statement of policy which they could tie to from the President's lips, and the President, presumably, seeking from them the facts about business conditions and their ideas of the causes of the current slump.

Some of those who sat in on these conferences have reported that they had never heard a President talked to face to face in the tone some of those present used in attributing to him the major blame for the business recession—"depression" is not a polite word to use in Washington these days. Out of all the conferences, however, the President himself emerged smiling, giving no sign of any influence which his visitor's pleas to let up on business may have had on him.

Political Strategy Sensed

Smart political observers here believe that the failure of the White House to utter reassuring words at this juncture is part of a clever political strategy, which has been in progress since the present slump first began to be visible. If the blame can be successfully fixed, in the public mind, "economic royalists," and along around the Spring primaries, when the mass of consumers have just begun to feel the pinch of the slowing down of factory production and increasing unemployment, a new big Government spending plan is initiated, pouring out a billion or more unexpected relief money, the effect upon the average voter will not be too friendly toward Congressmen and Senators of either party who have refused to go along with the Administration in all its projects.

Whether that is the conscious plan of the Administration or not, such a program would have the effect of strengthening the Administration politically. And the growth of the spirit of independence in Congress has become so marked since last Fall that it is time some attention was paid to the repairing of many political fences.

Congressional Independence Grows — Congress, for once, seems more definitely concerned with the economic situation than with politics. Of course, no Congressman willingly throws away a political advantage if he can grab it honestly, but the few independent spirits on Capitol Hill who stood almost alone, like voices crying in the wilderness in the early days of the New Deal have been recruited by so many others that it no longer calls for the courage of a Daniel to take a stand in opposition to the Administration's pet projects. The brave Congressman no longer has to stand alone.

Mr. Roosevelt is still mindful of the support and encouragement he has long had from the "Left Wing" group with which he was once entirely surrounded. He has wrung their heartstrings on more than one occasion, by taking a too friendly tone toward princes of privilege, and failing to heed the advice of the starchy-eyed young intellectuals who think that there is no sense in giving the capitalistic system another

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Four Escaped Prisoners Are Retaken By Officers

TODAY and TOMORROW

RADIO fireside visitor

A short time ago the Federal Communications Commission warned one of the big broadcasting companies and a long list of stations that they were likely to lose their licenses if they ever put another program on the air like one which had brought an avalanche of protests from indignant listeners, because it overstepped the bounds of public decency and good taste.

Up popped thousands to protest that such censorship of the radio was an infringement of the right of free speech. Of course, it was nothing of the sort. No one has a right to come into your home and use language which offends you or your family or tell stories which you do not want your children to hear.

Radio is different from the theatre, the movies or the press. We can keep scurrilous newspapers, home. We can keep our children away from offensive plays and — though with difficulty — choose what movies they can see. But the voice of the radio comes right into the living room. Every possible control should be used that it does not defile our homes and offend our sense of decency by speaking the language of the gutter where our children can hear it.

SPEECH be careful

The surest road to success is to master the spoken word. I do not mean the ability to make speeches, but to speak the English language the way people of education and refinement speak it. The young man or young woman who habitually uses words which express the speaker's meaning plainly, enunciates them clearly and pronounces them correctly has an invaluable asset; for when he talks to people whose decisions may make or mar his career he will stand out from the crowd who use slipshod English, incorrectly pronounced.

The use of bad English is usually not so much from ignorance as from carelessness. Employers do not want help with either of those faults. Incorrect pronunciation is a mark of inattention or of poor breeding. Too many unfortunate children never heard good English spoken, even by school teachers.

Nothing calls me so much as to hear attractive and intelligent persons pronounce common words in English. It is a sign that they either do not know or do not care what impression they make. My pet peeve is to hear someone who ought to know better pronounce "address" with the accent on the first syllable.

LIQUOR In moderation

Now that the sale of liquor is again legal in almost every state, a great deal more attention is being given to the study of the effects of alcohol on the human body. A great deal of what used to be taught by the "temperance" lectures and schoolbooks in my youth turns out, under scientific inquiry, to be largely bunk.

We used to be shown horrible pictures of the drinker's inside, showing how alcohol caused many terrible diseases and surely hurried its victims to an early grave. Some of us wondered, in childhood, how if that were so Uncle Ezra Peters and the hard-drinking Rollins family, all grandpaterns, happened to be spryer and live longer than many good deacons who never touched a drop. It is not fair to children to teach them lies, even in a worthy cause.

Now the state text-book board of Virginia has approved new schoolbooks which will teach Virginia children the truth which every modern doctor knows — that the use of liquor in moderation is not harmful to people in good health. It is up to the parents and schools of today to teach moderation, it seems to me.

INSURANCE at low cost

In Massachusetts the mutual or non-profit savings banks have been issuing life-insurance policies for more than thirty years. Their experience has been so beneficial to large numbers of people that the governors of New York and Rhode Island are now urging the adoption of similar systems for their state.

What the Massachusetts plan amounts to is the largest insurance

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Three of the five prisoners who escaped from the Jackson county jail, here Sunday night, were captured before midnight Tuesday, by local officers. Bill Dockins, who with Luther Owens, is charged with breaking and entering the store of R. G. Parker, at Tuckasee, was captured on a mountain above Birdtown, in company with Lt. Richard Murray. Murray is an officer in the Reserve Corps, and a former commanding officer of a CCC Camp. He is charged with issuing worthless checks, and his family had sent money to make good his alleged wrong-doings, and he would have been released, Monday morning.

Owens was taken on a mountain between Canada and Caney Fork, when he was presumably trying to work his way back to his home in Canada township. Leslie McDonald, held on a charge of larceny, and Frank Brown, Negro, charged with drunken driving, have not been retaken, as yet.

The five men escaped when one of them a blanket over the head of Jailer Homer Turpin, and stunned him with a blow on the head. Thirteen other prisoners in the jail made no attempt to get away.

Malcolm Brown Slightly Injured In Bus Accident

Malcolm Brown, of Sylva, and son of Mrs. E. E. Brown, received slight injuries in a collision of a Carson-Newman College bus and an automobile near Bull's Gap, Tenn., Tuesday night, at which time two students of the college were killed in a number injured.

The basketball squad of Carson-Newman, of which young Brown is a member, was enroute to Johnson City to meet Eastern Tennessee Teachers College in a game basketball, when the bus in which they were riding is said to have collided with an automobile and trailer, resulting in the death of two of the members of the squad, the serious injury of several others and slight injuries to a larger number.

Members of his family communicated with young Brown Wednesday morning, by telephone and found that he was not seriously injured, and that he was able to be at school.

Finds Penny In Building Roof

Gordon Dillard, who has been working on the razing of an old building and the construction of a new one, at the Armour Leather Company's Plant here, found a one cent piece embedded in the concrete roof of the old building. The one cent piece, an Indian Head one bearing date of 1893, was placed in the concrete when it was poured, in 1910, by B. R. Morgan, who was helping to construct the building at the time, and who is now employed at the Sylva Paperboard mill.

Mrs. Stovall In Hospital

Mrs. Phillip Stovall is a patient in the Community Hospital, where she is recovering from serious injuries received in an automobile accident in Waynesville, a few days ago.

Two cars, in one of which Mrs. Stovall, was a passenger and guest of members of her husband's family, collided at a street intersection, and she received a broken collar bone and injuries to her shoulder.

Sylva Boy Goes To Panama

George McLain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McLain, who recently enlisted in the United States Army, and has been stationed at Fort Bragg, will sail from Charleston, S. C., on February 6, for Panama, Canal Zone.

BALSAM

(By Mrs. D. T. Knight)

V. C., the nine months old boy of Mr. Lon Crisp, died Friday, the 28th, and was laid to rest Saturday in the Crawford cemetery by the side of his mother, who preceded it about six months ago. Rev. Aaron Bryson conducted the service.

The many friends of Mr. J. K. Kenney, who has been very ill in Asheville, are glad to learn that he is improving.

Also Mrs. has been very sick but is now improving. Mr. and Mrs. Corbett Enslley, of Asheville, visited his mother, Mrs. D. W. Enslley, last week-end.