

The Jackson County Journal

ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

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\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

March 9 (Auto-... The first real Presidential... reception and banquet to... High Commissioner to... Islands, former Gov... and former Comman... American Legion. Political... McNutt boom... McNutt is being managed by... Democratic National... of Indiana, and is... Governor Townsend and... "regular" Democratic or... of the state. A McNutt... fund is being raised by the... "Club" which collects two... of the armies of all Indian... especially interests Wash... that no sign of opposition... House or the Democratic... Comm. This is inter... some quarters as indicat... the President does not seek... term for himself and is con... to get others scramble for the... always provided that... in front are his friends... Gov. McNutt's supporters call him... New Deal governor," and... that he will withdraw from... Mr. Roosevelt should de... to run again. The... plan is for Mr. McNutt to... his Philippine post in August... back to the States to start... making and organizing... European affairs have taken the... situation out of the lime... of political interest, at least for... It is no secret that the... England's foreign policy... of almost defiance of Italy... conciliation and compro... relieved the State Depart... of a considerable amount of... it is clear now that England... the limit to prevent a Euro... and to remove the fear... this country will be somehow... in a contract of our seek... The English reversal of policy... ever, has gone far to set at rest... that any alliance with... land could be counted upon... have demonstrated again, it is... e. g. that Britain will always... or British interests first, and... disregard the interests of... nations, however friendly... South America... Another phase of the European... however, is causing consider... concern; that is the growth of... in Europe with the immen... possibility that the Fascist... already noticeable in South... may grow. With German... policies now controlling... to control Czechoslovakia... Hungary, Roumania and... Balkan States, there will be a... block of Fascist govern... occupying all of Central and... Europe, and capable of put... powerful drive behind the de... for colonial possessions into... The flight of the six American... "ambassadors," U. S. Army... planes, to Peru and Argen... regard here as a piece of... strategy designed to tie... South American republics more... to the United States. It is... State Department's policy to try... up an All-American united... front against Fascism, though there... no official utterances on the sub... The situation in Brazil still gives... of the State Department offi... the jitters. Both German and... influences are suspected of... behind the recently-proclaimed... form of government in Brazil... the number of both German... and Italian colonists settling in that... and some other South American... is increasing... Recovery Thru Lending... The recent renewal of the Recon... Finance Corporation's offe... to lend money to businesses in... of funds, is regarded as an... evidence that the Administration's... of spending money for "pump... " is shifting toward a policy... of helping business recovery by lend... The theory that free spending... Government results in in... purchasing power is bitterly... by the Treasury, the Fed... Housing Administration and the... F. C., among others... components of spending say that... distributed in the form of... for W. P. A. work does not... (Please turn to page two)

TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)
BIBLE . . . literary masterpiece
The book which has been the greatest influence in shaping the English language into its present form, both in the common speech of every day and in written literature, is the "King James" translation of the Holy Scriptures, which we know as the Bible. Three hundred years ago the committee of scholars appointed by King James I of England to revise the earlier translations of the Hebrew and Greek texts of the Scriptures produced a literary masterpiece, although that was not their purpose. They only sought to make the Bible readable to every Englishman who could read. Their work still stands as the greatest book in the English language. Many attempts have been made to revise and "modernize" the text, but none of these efforts has the literary quality of the King James version. The best attempt to make the Bible readable to the present generation is a book: "The Bible designed to be read as living literature" is selling faster than most popular novels. It ought to. It will outlive them all.
INCH . . . getting shorter
How long is an inch? That depends on whether one is talking about an American inch or an English inch, for the English inch is shorter than the American inch by one half-millionth of its own length. Nobody knows how the variation occurred, and it doesn't make much difference anyway, but for the sake of conformity to international standards the U. S. Government Bureau of Standards has asked Congress to enact a law making the legal inch an infinitesimal fraction shorter than it is now. The effect of the proposed law would be to make a difference of about an eighth of an inch in one mile. The advantage would be that microscopic measurements calculated in fractions of an inch would be the same in America as in all other English-speaking countries. Only in English-speaking countries is the inch used as a unit of measurement, anyway. Most of the rest of the world uses the metric system, reckoning in millimeters, centimeters, decimeters, meters, and kilometers. The inch now is 25.40005 millimeters; under the new law it will be 25.39996 millimeters. And that would make a thousand yards of muslin about a sixteenth of an inch shorter than it is now.
JOBS . . . too insecure
The hitch in the plan to revive the building industry by making it easier for ordinary folks to build or buy new homes is that so many of the people who would like to take the advantage of the easy terms offered under the new F.H.A. amendments don't feel sure enough of their jobs to warrant committing themselves to making payments on a home over a period of twenty years or more. I have talked to several men, and have heard of several more, who are holding back until they see some better evidence of general economic recovery than is now in sight. They want to know whether their employers are going to continue in business or whether there will be some more dismissals of employees which might include themselves. A new building boom would start a real recovery, create jobs for millions and make the jobs of those secure. But it hasn't started yet, and it won't until a hundred thousand or more people are willing to take a chance.
PRICES . . . and wages
On one page of my morning newspaper the other day, I saw three items of news all having to do with prices. The President said that farm prices ought to go up but that manufactured products ought to come down. A spokesman for Labor said that industrial wages should go up. The chairman of the Maritime Commission told the President that the prices asked by ship-builders were so high that nobody could afford to run ships which cost so much and pay the wages to seamen fixed by American Laws. The first of those statements points toward higher textiles—an increase in the cost of living. The second is another signal of the unceasing effort of organized labor to get more pay, regardless of the effect on any one else. And the prohibitive cost of ship-building is, in large measure, the outcome of the other trends. Some day, maybe, we Americans will approach the problem of costs from a realistic point of view, and will stop trying to repeal the law
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Only Confederate Veteran Celebrates 95th Birthday

Elbere Watson, Jackson County's sole surviving veteran of the Confederacy, celebrated his 95th birthday last Wednesday at his home near Greenville. His children and grandchildren gathered at the home for a birthday dinner, and later in the day a group from B. H. Cathey Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, went to his home, bringing him a basket of fruit, and wishing him many happy returns of the day. Among the 28 relatives and friends of Mr. Watson, who enjoyed the birthday dinner with the veteran, were Franklin I. Watson, prominent attorney of Burnsville and his grandson, John Watson. The group from the Daughters of the Confederacy included Mrs. Herbert Bryson, President of the Chapter, Mrs. Dan Tompkins, Mrs. T. O. Wilson, Mrs. J. H. Wilson, and Mrs. E. L. Wilson. Despite his advanced age, Mr. Watson's mind is as clear as that of a young man, and he recalled many incidents of the War Between the States. He told about being engaged in the Battle of Malvern Hill, the culmination of the Seven days Battle around Petersburg, and of being wounded in that historic struggle. The hand to hand fighting with the Yankees, who outnumbered the Confederates five to one, and the shelling of the advanced lines of his regiment by other Confederates coming up, made an indelible impression upon Mr. Watson's mind. After being wounded, he went to Petersburg, where he was admitted to a hospital. The hospital was shelled during the night, and he was evacuated to a tobacco warehouse, converted into a barracks, which had been used by the Yankees, and which he stated was infested with vermin. Mr. Watson volunteered for service in the Confederate Army in 1861 and was assigned to the 25th North Carolina Regiment. After the termination of the war, Mr. Watson returned to Jackson County, and married Miss Martha Alexander. He engaged in farming in Hamburg, and he and Mrs. Watson ran an inn at Greenville. For a time after the death of his first wife, Mr. Watson made his home with his son at Burnsville, but later he returned to Greenville and married his present wife, who was Miss Sally Moody, and has made his home in Hamburg since that time, 17 years ago.

Ensley Opens New Store In Sylva

Mr. John B. Ensley has recently completed his new store building on Cullowhee road, just inside the city limits, and has opened his business there. The building is of brick and concrete, and has ample provision for storage of feeds and produce. Mr. Ensley, who is one of the county's best known citizens and business men, will engage in the feed and grocery business in his new building.

FLOOD LIGHTS ARE BOUGHT FOR ATHLETIC FIELD

At a meeting of the Smoky Mountain Athletic Association held Monday night at the Sylva Central High School it was decided to order immediately 16 flood lights. This will enable the soft ball league to play their games at night this summer. When the committee which is composed of L. O. Huff, T. N. Massie, Phil Stovall, Buddy Hall, Wayne Terrel, Ray Cogdill, and R. U. Sutton, that had charge of raising the money with which to purchase these lights, reported it was found that five hundred and five dollars had been raised. The 16 lights for the soft ball only cost around \$275 the remaining will be left in the treasury for the purpose of being used to purchase the remaining lights necessary to play night football next fall. This will necessitate the raising of about a hundred and fifty dollars more. Anyone wishing to donate to this fund please see one of the committee or Claude Jones, who is treasurer of the Association. A meeting will be called at once of all the soft ball team managers for the purpose of deciding which teams will be in the major league and which teams will be in the minor league. The soft ball teams will begin play around the first of May. Teams that will play this summer are: Two teams from each of the Armour Tannery and the Sylva Paperboard, The Lions Club, Moore's Cleaners, Massie Furniture Co., Cannon Brothers, and Velt's Cafe. The Rotary Club probably also will sponsor a team.

Stockholders Meet Saturday Morning

The annual meeting of Jackson county stockholders of the Farmers Federation has been called for 10 o'clock Saturday morning, March 12, in the co-op's Sylva warehouse. James G. K. McClure, president, and other Federation officials are expected to attend. Principal business to come before the meeting will be the reading of reports on last year's business, the election of the Jackson county advisory committee of 10 members, and the nomination of a director to represent the county on the federation's board. Two directors are named from each county where the federation operates. Their terms are for two years and one comes up for election each year. Nominations of directors are made at county meetings and elections take place at the annual meeting of stockholders of the entire organization. The general stockholders' meeting this year to be held at 10:30 o'clock Asheville. Music will be supplied at Saturday's meeting in Sylva by the federation's string band. SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION TO MEET AT WEBSTER The Tuckasegee Baptist convention will meet with Webster Baptist Church Sunday afternoon March 13th at 2:30 p. m. A large attendance from all Sunday schools of the County is expected at this meeting. A Banner will be awarded to the Sunday school having the largest number present. Devotional . . . Miss Mildred Cowan Special Music . . . East Sylva Quartet Report on Waynesville Meeting . . . Reverend Fred Forrester. The value of Sunday school Training . . . by R. F. Jarret Special Music . . . East Sylva Quartet Round table discussion on the general topic "A Sunday School Revival" Adjournment.

Petroleum Industries Committee Has Meet

The Jackson County Petroleum Industries Committee meeting at the Carolina Hotel in Sylva on Monday night March 7th ratified the four point program of the North Carolina Petroleum Industries Committee as setting forth fair principles of taxation for oil men and motorists of North Carolina. The program now is being considered for ratification by similar Committees of other counties and when the approval is general the entire manpower of the petroleum industry will be thrown behind the plan. "This program will foster justice and equality for the motorist taxpayer", it was explained by Chairman D. M. Hall of the Jackson County Committee, "and will safeguard the welfare of thousands of workers engaged in the automotive petroleum, and allied trades in this state. At the same time we believe this program will do much to assure the reasonable and economical development of highways and highway transportation without taxing anyone or anything excessively." The four points in the ratified program follow: 1. To insist that all gasoline and motor vehicle tax revenues be used for highway purposes only and to urge the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution to accomplish that end. 2. To render assistance to state and federal authorities in detection and elimination of gasoline tax evasion. 3. To work toward the abolition of the federal gasoline and lubricating oil taxes. 4. To oppose all tax and other proposals inimical to the petroleum industry and its motorists customers. Use of state income from automotive taxes exclusively for highway financing, the purpose for which these levies were imposed, and the adoption of a Constitutional Amendment to accomplish that end was advocated today by D. M. Hall Chairman of the Jackson County Petroleum Industries Committee, upon his election as chairman of the Committee. "Diversion of automotive tax income to purposes unrelated to highways is one of the most unjust and dangerous financial policies a state could employ," declared Chairman Hall. "It is unjust to the motorist taxpayers because it means spending for something else the tax money they have paid for roads. It is dangerous because it means neglect of roads, with resulting increase in highway accidents, deaths, and injuries." Officers are as follows: D. M. Hall, Chairman; Ray Cogdill, vice-chairman; Legislative Committee is: J. C. Allison, Dan Allison; Local Affairs: J. C. Cannon, S. C. Cogdill; Public Relations: W. R. Enloe, and M. B. Cannon.

GOES TO BRYSON CITY

Mrs. Ben N. Queen has accepted a position with the U. S. Employment Office in Bryson City. The office was recently moved from Asheville to Bryson.

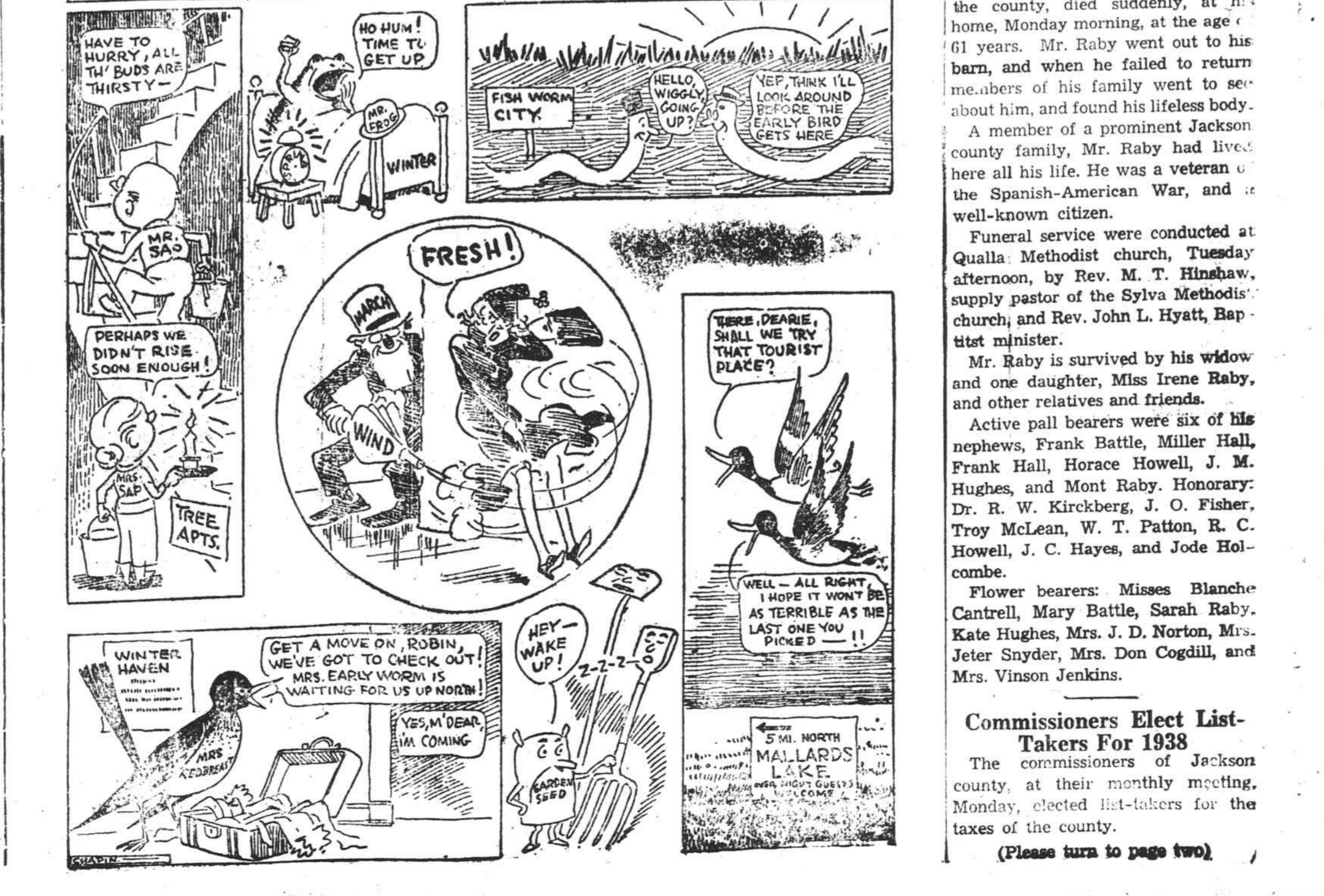
BALSAM

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Beck announce the birth of a 10 pound boy—Nathan Edward. He arrived March 2nd. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bryson and son, Clifton visited his mother, Mrs. Sue Bryson, at Gay Sunday. It was reported that Mr. Bryson's mother had been struck by lightning during the electrical storm early Sunday morning, but fortunately she was not hurt, although there was much damage done to a water pipe and the yard was considerably torn up. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Bryson and two sons, Junior and James, of Madison Barracks, New York, are guests of Mr. Bryson's parents, Reverend and Mrs. A. C. Bryson.

Former Jackson Woman Dies

Mrs. Mary D. Styles, 69, a former resident of Willets died Sunday at her home in Brandon, S. C., and funeral was held at Brandon Baptist church, of which she was a member, Monday afternoon. Among her surviving children is her daughter, Mrs. D. H. Gunter, of Willets.

Signs of Spring by A. B. CHAPIN



Prominent Shoal Creek Citizen Dies Suddenly

G. J. Raby, well known citizen of the county, died suddenly, at his home, Monday morning, at the age of 61 years. Mr. Raby went out to his barn, and when he failed to return, members of his family went to search for him, and found his lifeless body. A member of a prominent Jackson county family, Mr. Raby had lived here all his life. He was a veteran of the Spanish-American War, and a well-known citizen. Funeral services were conducted at Qualla Methodist church, Tuesday afternoon, by Rev. M. T. Hinshaw, supply pastor of the Sylva Methodist church, and Rev. John L. Hyatt, Baptist minister. Mr. Raby is survived by his widow and one daughter, Miss Irene Raby, and other relatives and friends. Active pall bearers were six of his nephews, Frank Battle, Miller Hall, Frank Hall, Horace Howell, J. M. Hughes, and Mont Raby. Honorary: Dr. R. W. Kirkberg, J. O. Fisher, Troy McLean, W. T. Patton, R. C. Howell, J. C. Hayes, and Jode Holcombe. Flower bearers: Misses Blanche Cantrell, Mary Battle, Sarah Raby, Kate Hughes, Mrs. J. D. Norton, Mrs. Jeter Snyder, Mrs. Don Cogdill, and Mrs. Vinson Jenkins. Commissioners Elect List-Takers For 1938 The commissioners of Jackson county, at their monthly meeting, Monday, elected list-takers for the taxes of the county. (Please turn to page two)