

Section Two

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ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

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Soil Erosion Work Is Very Important

(By G. R. Lackey)

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Washington, March — Four subjects of major interest dominate all Washington thinking and conversation these days. They are the other day the people of Hamp- and politics, with special reference to the Congressional elections next fall. The Tennessee Valley flood control and power project has been a violently controversial subject from its inception. It broke into the white light of publicity when Chairman Arthur Morgan of the TVA wrote a letter to Congressman Maury Maverick of Texas charging his two associates, David Lilienthal and Harcourt Morgan, with a great variety of improper conduct, including attempts to make the TVA into something not contemplated by the law, and with defying Dr. Arthur Morgan's authority as chairman.

TVA Quiz Looms
This gave the opponents of the whole TVA scheme the opening they had been looking for and they did not miss the opportunity. It is as certain as anything in the future can be that there will be rigid and far-reaching investigations of everything which has been done by the authority, including a public examination of the charge, made in the annual report of the acting Controller General that some ten million dollars had been spent without proper legal authorization.

Opponents of the TVA scheme of electric power business are predicting that a scandal of major proportions will be disclosed if the investigators dig deeply enough. In any event, the situation is oaded with dynamite and holds the possibility of widening the split between New Deal and Conservative wings of the Democratic party, a split which has been getting wider ever since the break in party solidarity over the President's Supreme Court reorganization plan.

Congress Takes Reins
That Congress is now doing its own legislation without taking orders from the Executive branch became evident to everybody in the debate in the House on the new Tax bill. The bill, as reported by the Ways and Means Committee, was distinctly an Administration measure, especially the "third basket" section which puts and additional heavy tax penalty on family controlled or closely held corporations. The defeat of this part of the bill by the House brought sharply to the fore the fact that Congress seems more sympathetic to the appeals of business for relief from stifling taxation than are some of the President's advisors.

Shrewd observers are predicting that when the Tax bill reaches the Senate it will come in for further handling. The Senate can do nothing about any tax measure until the House is through with it. The Senate Finance Committee has to study and report on the bill in the form in which it finally passed the House.

Senate Committee Hostile
The present Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee is the Hon. Pat Harrison of Mississippi who is still smarting over the President's action which deprived him last summer of the position of majority leader in the Senate. Mr. Harrison has always felt that he would have been the choice of his party caucus, after the death of Senator Joe Robinson, if the President had not written his famous "Dear Alben" letter to Senator Barkley of Kentucky expressing his hope that Mr. Barkley would step into the dead leader's shoes.

Even this manifestation of Presidential influence succeeded in defeating Senator Harrison by only one vote and he, together with many of his friends, have looked with increasing bitterness upon Administration activities.

Therefore, now the Tax bill finds itself in the hands of a Senate Committee whose chairman and majority of members are opposed to almost anything the President wants and most of whom have expressed sympathy from time to time with the plea of business and industry for relief from oppressive taxation.

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Governor's Greetings

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Governor's Office
Raleigh

The Editor of The Jackson County Journal:

I wish to warmly congratulate Editor Dan Tompkins upon twenty-five years of continuous service as Editor of The Jackson County Journal. I likewise congratulate the people of Jackson County upon having a newspaper of the type and character of The Journal published continuously by the same man for twenty-five years.

I covet the privilege of paying tribute to the great section of Western North Carolina in this Silver Anniversary issue of The Journal. Jackson County and Western North Carolina are peculiarly blessed and nature has been most prodigal in her bounties. The majestic splendor and beauty of her mountains and valleys attract the attention of all visitors and offer alluring prospects to all prospective homeseekers and investors. I predict a bright future for this great section of our State and I felicitate you upon issuing this splendid edition advertising this favored section.

Yours very truly,
CLYDE R. HOEY.

BETA

The social committee of the Scotts Creek church, Mesdames D. G. Bryson, G. C. Snyder, Jennings Bryson, Miss Rhoda Cope and Mr. Ed Curry are sponsoring a chicken dinner for all the married members of the church on Friday night, April 1st. A prize will be given to the couple present that has been married the longest and to the newest married couple. There will be games, contests, and other prizes.

William B. Dillard, student at State College, Raleigh, has been spending spring holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Dillard, at Beta. His sister, Jeanette Dillard, of Asheville Normal, also spent the weekend at home.

Scotts Creek B. T. U. was reorganized Sunday night. The following officers were elected: Director, Lyle Ensley; President, Ed Curry; Vice-President, Lucille Dills; Secretary and Treasurer, Hooper D. Price; Group Captains, Chas. Guy Reed and Loyd Ensley.

Beta school closes a very successful term this week. A program, consisting of a health wedding, songs by the Glee Club and music and drill by the band will be given Thursday afternoon. The seventh grade graduating exercises, address, and music by the band will be Friday morning. The following pupils have been present each day for the entire term:

- 7th Grade—John B. Dillard, Carroll Bryson, Tommy Fisher, Billy Cope, Albert Dills, Arlie Parker, Pauline Ward, Mildred Ensley, Rosa Lee Franklin, Edith Thompson, Fannie Burr Ensley, Viola Thorpe, Phyllis Dillard.
- 8th Grade—Adam Justus, George Brown, Mary Jean Fisher.
- 5th Grade—Bonnie Brown, Barbara Dillard, Johnnie Price, Waler Brown Cope.

Our First Advertisers

The following is the list of advertisers in the first issue of The Journal, published under the present management, 25 years ago:

Sylva Pharmacy, J. I. Lequire, saddler; Sylva Supply Company; The Hooper Company; Sylva Cash Store, Wilson Brothers; C. B. Allison, Dillsboro; Ellas and Wilson, moving pictures, every Monday and Friday nights; W. C. Cunningham, Dillsboro; Dillsboro Pharmacy; Jackson County Bank; T. C. Bryson; T. S. Morrison and Co.; Sylva Lumber Manufacturing Co., A. J. Dills and Co., fire insurance; W. A. Clark and Son, painters, Willets; J. S. Higdon, blacksmith; Tuckasegee Bank, Webster.

Three of these firms are still in business under the same names, Sylva Supply Company, Jackson County Bank, and the Sylva Pharmacy. The Hooper Company has become Hooper's Drug Store; Sylva Lumber Manufacturing Company is now the Builders' Supply and Lumber Company, and Mr. Dills is still in the fire insurance business.

4th Grade—Kathryn Ensley, Audrey Ensley, Billy Sutton, R. V. Franklin, L. B. Ensley, Andrews Queen, James Thorpe.

3rd Grade—Jack Ensley, James Smith.

2nd Grade—Annie Ensley, Lucile Thorpe, Darnel Ward.

1st Grade—Edward Ward, Barbara Sue Ensley, Mary Ellen Franklin, Dennis Ensley, Verna Vayle Hooper.

Cullowhee College Interprets Mountains

THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
(By Dr. C. N. Sisk)

Public Health has been defined as the science and the art of preventing disease, prolonging life, and promoting physical health and efficiency through organized community efforts for the sanitation of environment, the education of the individual in principles of personal hygiene, the organization of medical and nursing service for the early diagnosis and preventive treatment of disease, and the development of the social machinery which will insure to every individual a standard of living adequate for the maintenance of health; organizing these benefits in such fashion as to enable every citizen to realize his birthright of health and longevity.

Public Health work in North Carolina is under the direct supervision of a County Board of Health which consists of the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, the County School Superintendent, and the Mayor of the county seat as ex-officio members, and two physicians and one dentist selected by the ex-officio members of the Board. A County Board of Health is guided in the execution of its responsibilities by Public Health Laws adopted by the State Legislature, and by rules and regulations promulgated by the State Board of Health.

In order to promote Public Health activities in preventing diseases in North Carolina, 67 of the total of 100 counties in the state, comprising 2,531,310 of our population, has a full time public health organization, either as individual county units, or as a combination of counties in a health district. During the past four years Jackson County has been a unit of a health district, originally comprising Haywood, Jackson, and Swain Counties, and at the present time including Macon and Transylvania Counties. A central office is maintained at Waynesville in Haywood County under the direction of a District Health Officer, with offices in each of the other county seats, with two Assistant District Health Officers. Additional personnel includes a supervising nurse, with a county public health nurse in each county, and one on the Cherokee Indian Reservation, which is a unit of the District Health Department. A sanitary inspector and office clerk is provided for each county, and a District Laboratory is maintained in Waynesville for service to the entire area.

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Western Carolina Teachers College has recently issued as its regular quarterly bulletin, most attractive book, "Regional Sketches of Western of Western Carolina". Mr. H. T. Hunter, president of the college, states that the institution plans to issue a similar book each year, dealing with some phase of Western North Carolina, in the realms of history resources, problems, institutions and men and women who have contributed to the development of the region.

Also the college will supplement this effort by having a special "Western North Carolina Day" on the campus each year, as the Cullowhee institution is anxious to become increasingly an interpreter of the mountain region.

Miss Winnie Alice Murphy is editor of the book, Miss Laura Jean McAdams, illustrator, and Miss Anne Hammond, copy editor. The book begins with an introduction, in the form of a letter from President Hunter to Miss Murphy. Mr. Hunter states in the letter that the college hopes to really interpret the mountains and the mountain people as they are, in order to dispel the fog of misinformation that has surrounded them by reason of the gross caricatures that have been presented to the world by writers, who have written for profit, without taking the trouble to find the true facts and present them. Mr. Hunter states that the mountains have made a truly great contribution to the Anglo-Saxon civilization, and that the college wishes to give the world the facts concerning them.

Contributors to the book are Miss McAdams, whose illustrations show that she is a pen and ink artist of no mean ability; E. H. Stillwell, with an article on the "Formulas, Myths, and Ancient Religion of the Cherokees"; Thomas A. Cox, who gave the traditions concerning De Soto in Cullowhee; The legend of Socco Creek, by W. E. Bird; The Story of Sali, by P. L. Elliott, and other worth-while articles and poems, by Olive Tilford Dargon, Robert Frank Jarrett, Edwin Bjorkman, W. Newton Turner, Eva Plamondon Boyd, E. V. Deans, Jr., Rebecca Cushman, and Willis A. Parker.

The beautiful poem, of Jesse Collins, 19 year old Savannah township boy, has a place of prominence in the book, and should have, for it is, in our opinion, one of the most noteworthy pieces of verse that has come out of the mountains, and for this reason, we are reproducing in full:

I WAS BORN IN THE SOUTH

Jesse Collins

I was born of a breed
Of which giants are born,
In the dark of the woods,
In the dusk of the morn,
Of a daughter of God,
Without blemish or blame,
With the help of her faith
And the women who came.

I was born of a father
Who had little of gold,
But an arm for an axe
And a breast for the cold.
Yet the trails that he made
And the fields that he cleared
Are the cities today
Where his children are reared.

I was born in a place
Where the evergreens grow,
That are green in the sun
And are green in the snow,
Where a vale is a church
And a pine is a spire,
Where the winds are a voice
And the woods are a choir.

I was born in a land
That believes in God,
Who is heard in the gale
And is seen in the sod.
He waits by our side;
Him we praise with our mouth,
To the wild, to the world—
I was born in the South.

BALSAM
(By Mrs. D. T. Knight)

Mr. John T. Jones went to Sylva Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Christy and Mrs. George Bryson attended Quarterly conference at Elizabeth Methodist church near Waynesville Sunday.

The Avalanche



Woodmen To Have Meeting

The Sylva Camp Woodmen of the world will hold a special meeting in the lodge hall at Sylva Monday night, April 4, 7:30 P. M. A program of entertainment will be provided after which refreshments will be served. We would like to see 100 percent of the members present at this meeting.