

The Jackson County Journal

BEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

SYLVA, NORTH CAROLINA, APRIL 14, 1938

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

Wa High To Graduate Sixty Boys And Girls

Young men and young women will be given diplomas from Wa High School at the commencement exercises, which will begin at 8 o'clock, April 22.

The exercises of the commencement will be the annual declamation and recitation contest for the Dills McKee Medals, presented by the B. H. Cathey Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy and five girls will participate in the contest, which begins at 8 o'clock, in the elementary school auditorium. The exercises will be held at 8 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Rev. P. C. Housh will deliver the commencement address.

Declamation exercises will be held at 8 o'clock Monday afternoon, with Charles Housh as valedictorian; and declamation exercises will be held at 8 o'clock Monday evening, at the home of Mrs. Housh will deliver the address.

A dramatic play, "Diana and Her Sisters", will be presented at 8 o'clock Monday evening, at 8:00 o'clock.

TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)

GRANDMOTHERS . . . know It has been one of my pet beliefs for years that some day the grandmothers of America would get together and take over the management of everything, including Government. They'd make a better job of it than we men have done so far, and wouldn't spend near as much money doing it.

Thirty-nine grandmothers, all of them in business in Chicago, have with the avowed purpose of showing the world that grandma's place is not in the chimney-corner. They have the sensible idea that women get more sense as they grow older. They certainly know more about human nature after they have raised a family and married them off than most men ever learn.

A world run by grandmothers would be no place for loafers. It would be well ordered, comfortable world with a lot less fighting going on in it, but with a lot more real work.

NEWS . . . by phone We Americans are not always the first to have bright ideas. A Paris newspaper has developed a telephone news service which might well be adopted by the press of America.

In Paris if you want the latest news you don't have to look at the day's radio program to see what station is broadcasting news at the moment, or call up some newspaper where you don't know anybody and be made to feel that you are an impertinent intruder when you ask what has happened. You merely call information One or if it's a dial phone, you dial "F-I" and you get, without delay, a three minute bulletin giving the "headline stuff" of the past few hours.

Three and a third million calls for this service were made last year. It cost each caller only the regular price of a phone call—about two cents in American money. It made money for the telephone service and goodwill for the newspaper supplying the news.

SMELLS . . . recall the past Driving across the wooden bridge which crosses the Matanzas River above St Augustine, I was suddenly transported in memory to my childhood home in Maine. The tide was out, and the odor which arose from the mud-flats, a mingled odor of decaying seaweed, dead clams and salt water, was precisely the odor I used to smell at low tide in Portland Harbor.

I believe the sense of smell has the strongest memory of any of the five senses. A sudden whiff of a long forgotten odor brings up dramatic memories of places, persons and events of many years ago. The scent of harness soap, not long ago, carried me back to New England barn and a sorrel mare named "Jessie" that I used to have to curry as a boy.

Crossing the Capitol rotunda in Washington the other day my nose picked up a scent which took me back nearly sixty years, to my first visit to Washington as a small boy. The Capitol still smells the same as in 1881. It is the same smell that all state capitols and most city halls have. It is the characteristic odor of politics.

THOUGHT . . . with body A few weeks ago I commented here upon the fact that intensive mental work causes actual physical fatigue, so closely are brain and body linked. It occurred to me, and I find psychologists agree with me, that the opposite is also true, at least to the extent that we do a great deal of our thinking with our bodies.

A child learns about the world has just come to live in not alone through his hands and feet and all the rest of his body. The sensations of cold and heat are mental reactions to physical causes. We have brains in our finger tips, and we learn through them that objects are hard or soft, smooth or rough, that knives are sharp and rock heavy. Those impressions are stored in the brain so that we don't have to handle such things a second time to know their qualities; our eyes tell us.

Just as there can be no brain apart from a body so the brain cannot reach its fullest development without the help of the body. A person has not reached his fullest possi-

SYLVA BAPTISTS TO ENLARGE PLANT

The first Baptist Church will begin construction for additional space for the use of the Sunday Schools and Young People's Department of the church, according to plans perfected at a Churchmen's Conference held Sunday Morning.

The expansion program of the church will cost approximately \$1,800, and will be of two stories with floor space of 26 x 28 feet for main floor and will be so arranged that it can easily be turned into a dining hall. The new building addition will begin at the corner of the auditorium and will run back 28 feet. The basement will contain class rooms, heating plant and two rest rooms.

The building committee consists of G. H. Cope, A. J. Dills, S. H. Monteith, J. T. Gribble, and Mrs. Roy C. Allison. Finance: John R. Jones, John B. Ensley, George Womack, Mrs. C. L. Allison, and Miss Sadie Luck.

The church selected J. V. Hall, Mrs. John R. Jones, and Mrs. John B. Ensley as a committee to arrange for both a 50th anniversary of the church celebration, this summer.

May Day At School

The Sylva Elementary School will present its May Day exercises at 5:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon of next week, with Evangeline Cooper as the Queen of the May, June Bess as Maid of Honor, and the boys and girls of the seventh grade as the court.

The exercises, which will include the maypole dances, a coronation of the Queen of the May, dances and songs, will be held on the outside of the building, weather conditions permitting.

Pure Oil Company Ours Safety Drive

In connection with the nationwide interest in promoting safety on the highways, the Pure Oil Company and the Skyline Oil Company are conducting a Drive Safely Crusade, and are offering \$1,000 in cash prizes during this month for the best 10 word slogan on safe driving.

There are 75 prizes in all, with \$250 for the first prize, \$100 for the second, \$75 for the third, \$25 for the fourth to the tenth, \$10 for 11th to the 25th, and \$5 for 26th to 75th prizes.

Judges for the contest are Dr. William H. Frazier, Dr. Shelton J. Phelps, Clarence C. Kuster. The contest is open only to persons holding driver's license cards issued by North Carolina or South Carolina.

It is understood that another contest will be held in May, and one each month through November.

Entry blanks may be obtained at any Pure Oil Station, according to D. M. Hall, the Skyline Oil Company.

WILEY L. MOORE President Pure Oil Company



ble mental development until he has learned how things feel as well how they look. Think it over.

HOUSES . . . by Ford Henry Ford is tackling the housing problem in his own original way. He has announced his plan to build a model community on his 90,000 acre plantation at Ways, Georgia, and I am willing to make a good-

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County Republicans Hold Convention

The Republican Party of Jackson County will hold its nominating convention at the court house in Sylva on Saturday of this week, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

The convention was called by John B. Ensley, chairman, and Cyrus H. Nicholson, secretary.

Hon. Jake F. Newell, of Charlotte, Republican candidate for Senator Robert R. Reynolds' seat in the United States Senate, and Vonno L. Guder, Republican candidate for Congress from this district, will speak at the convention.

A county chairman and county secretary will be elected and the convention will consider the selection and endorsement of candidates for the various county offices.

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Washington, April 14 (Antocaster) One peculiar thing about rumor and scandal is that when all the facts are disclosed the truth is seldom as scandalous as the preliminary ballyhoo has led people to expect. The real sensational scandals pop up without much preliminary advertising.

A situation now exists in Washington which seems likely to provide a graphic demonstration of both the preceding statements.

There has been so much talk about undisclosed malfeasance, corruption and graft in connection with T. V. A. that gossip-mongers are predicting that the blowoff, when the Congressional Investigative Committee gets into action, will make more of a sensation and send more people to jail than did the Teapot Dome oil exposures. But experienced observers here discount that notion. That all is not well inside of T. V. A. everybody realizes, but that anything like conspiracy to defraud the Government or to sabotage the activities of the T. V. A. will be disclosed is regarded as quite unlikely.

Old Age and Politics

Where the big scandal will break, it is whispered by the wise ones, will be in the administration of the Social Security Act. And there it is not expected that an investigation will disclose the slightest irregularity in the conduct of the Security Board itself, but a great deal of irregularity in the handling of Federal funds by the State administrations. For a large part of the Federal money collected by excise taxes on payrolls for unemployment grants, by direct income taxes on workers for Old Age benefits, and by general taxation for Old Age relief, which is something quite different, is handed over by the United States to state commissions for distribution.

The first intimation that public funds are being wrongly used came from Oklahoma, where the rapid rise in the number of people on the old age pension lists and the corresponding increase in the flow of Federal money into the State, started an investigation by the Social Security Board. The investigation is not yet finished but it has already been reported that money has been poured out in the form of old age pensions to the thousands of persons who are not in need, but who are favored by certain politicians.

Social Security Benefits

No evidence has been made public that similar wasteful and improper methods prevail in other states, but Washington is digging deep into the facts, with a corps of field workers trying to find out what is going on, not only in the matter of disbursements for old age pensions but in unemployment payments under another section of the complicated Social Security Act, while at the same time a rising tide of resentment against the use of the old age benefit taxes, taken out of wage-earners pay envelopes, is growing into something resembling a tidal wave.

Under the Social Security Act provision is made for many different kinds of philanthropic activities. Employers are taxed to create a fund to be distributed by state authorities to part wages to men and women who have been laid off their jobs. Employers and employees alike are taxed for old age annuities—called "benefits" in the law. Then the Federal Government, out of general revenues, undertakes to match, dollar for dollar, all moneys paid by a state for pensions to the indigent aged. That is the phase of the Act under which the Oklahoma

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S. T. McGinnis Passes At Oteen

S. T. McGinnis, 48, of Sylva, died Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock in the veterans hospital at Oteen of bronchial pneumonia. He became ill last week and was taken to the hospital.

Mr. McGinnis was a veteran of the World War serving overseas. He was gassed while fighting.

Mr. McGinnis came here from Commerce Ga., about 15 years ago. Since coming here he has engaged in the garage business and recently had been connected with the Allison Motor company.

The funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Blacks Creek Baptist church in Commerce, Ga. Interment was in the church cemetery. The Rev. Mr. Collins of Commerce and H. M. Hocutt of Sylva were in charge.

He is survived by his widow; six children: Walter, S. T., Hugh Lee, Kathleen, Eugene, and Hilda, all of Sylva; one brother, T. D., of Maxey, Ga., and ten sisters: Mrs. J. H. Patterson, of Sylva; Mrs. C. N. Woods, Elmer Woods, Mrs. Webb Reiding, Mrs. R. B. Minnich, Miss Era McGinnis and Miss Ester McGinnis, all of Commerce; Mrs. Minnie Ann Clark, of Watkinsville, Ga.; Mrs. L. L. Frix, Candor; and Mrs. Ed Chapman, of Gillsville, Ga.

Looking Backward In Jackson County 49-30-20 years ago

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Jackson Academy Roll of Honor: Misses Pauline Morris, Ella Bumgarner, Maggie Brendle, and Annie Lizette Jaxett, and Ellerie A. Wolff. The closing exercises of the Cullohe Academy, (Rev. T. C. Buchanan, principal,) take place on Friday next, commencing in the forenoon.

The foundation stone of a new Methodist Church, South, to be erected at Speedwell will be laid Wednesday, May 1, in the afternoon. Rev. F. Siler, Rev. E. G. Wild, and others will take part in the proceedings. We noticed the following lawyers in attendance upon Court at Webster this week: W. W. Jones, Thomas A. Jones and Locke Craig, Asheville; W. B. and G. S. Ferguson, Ex Judge J. C. Guider, G. H. Smathers, W. L. Norwood, Solicitor Moody, Waynesville; R. L. Leatherwood, A. M. Frye, Charleston; J. F. Ray, Hon. Kope Elias, George A. Jones, Franklin; Attorney Gask, Hendersonville; --At a meeting of the Board of Directors of Judson College, Hendersonville, Rev. J. B. Boone tendered his resignation as president of the Faculty. A resignation was unanimously adopted, requesting him to withdraw his resignation. It is not known yet whether the board will succeed in retaining him. --There have been ten deaths in Waynesville during the past few weeks. Asheville's new paper, the Evening Journal, made its initial appearance under the editorial management of Mr. Theodore Hobgood, on the 16th inst. --Messer Robert Finley and J. D. Nelson have opened at No. 46, North Main Street, the first wholesale produce commission business ever established in Asheville. --The first charge of ice was taken from the Greensboro Ice Factory Monday, April 8th. The works are pronounced a success. --Rev. B. Cade, a Baptist minister of Louisville, has announced the invention of a system of electric communications between trains running or standing. It has received the endorsement of Edison and other leading electricians who say that it will revolutionize the business of train dispatching. --Near Wadesboro is a silk factory, employing 40 white girls between the ages of 7 and 12. The raw silk is shipped in bales that weigh 200 pounds and sells for \$5.50 per pound. This is, perhaps, the only silk factory in the state.

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Prohibition rally. In spite of the rain, a good crowd assembled to hear Rev. Gilbert T. Rowe and Hon. J. H. Tucker on last Saturday at the Methodist church here. Some special prohibition music was rendered by the choir. Rev. W. B. Creaman sang a very impressive solo. --The Dilboro Anti-Saloon League which was or-

Don Bestor And His Orchestra To Play For Easter Dance In Asheville

Don Bestor and his orchestra of Jello fame and rated by popular vote one of the ten best bands of the country, will play for an Easter dance in Asheville Tuesday night April the 19th at the Carolina Warehouse, dancing will begin at 8:30. Don Bestor is playing repeated engagement at V. P. I. and Washington Lee Universities for their spring dances.

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Mason Files For Office Of Sheriff

With the announcement of the candidacy of Sheriff Mason to succeed himself as Sheriff of the county, and of Hon. T. C. Ledbetter, to again represent the county in the General Assembly, the political situation in Jackson county took on renewed interest during the week.

Both announcements have been expected, and in fact it has been generally understood that Sheriff Mason would again be a candidate. Mr. Ledbetter had made no statement until within the past few days, but many of his friends had believed that he would again offer for the General Assembly.

Fred Sutton, of Qualla, announced some time ago that he would be a candidate for Sheriff, and has been actively campaigning. So far he is the only opponent that has come forward against Sheriff Mason.

Garland Dillard, of Beta, and Dan Tompkins are both avowed candidates for Representative, the position now held by Mr. Ledbetter.

Some activity has been noticed in the county in the campaign of R. Lee Whitmore, of Hendersonville, to unseat the veteran Congressman from this district, Zebulon Weaver.

A spirited race between Baxter C. Jones and Solicitor John M. Queen, for the solicitorship of this district has developed.

Over in Haywood it is said that Chester Cogburn, Canton attorney, and James R. Boyd, Waynesville banker, will be opposing candidates for the State Senate.

In the Register of Deeds race six candidates have developed. Mrs. Margaret Sherrill Roane, present incumbent, has announced that she will again make the race, and Earl Reed, Beta; W. Lee Henson, Sylva; Roscoe Higdon, Savannah; Doug Davis, Webster; and Glenn Hughes, Cullowhee, have all entered the lists for this position.

Clerk of the Court Dan M. Albon will not again be a candidate, and Adam Moses, of Sylva; Frank C. Crawford, Sylva; Jennings Bryson, Beta; and Roy M. Cowan, Webster, are candidates for this position.

County Finance Commissioner J. D. Cowan likewise will not be a candidate, and J. H. Long, of Mountain, and W. Vernon Cope, of Sylva, have announced that they are aspirants for that important position.

While Sheriff C. C. Mason has made no formal announcement of his candidacy, it is generally understood that he will seek renomination; and Fred Sutton, of Qualla, is opposing him.

R. C. Howell, of Qualla, and Cleve Fisher, of Hamburg are candidates to succeed themselves as county commissioners, and Ed Fisher, of Beta, is also a candidate for commissioner.

Bird Heads Sylva Rotarians

W. Ernest Bird, Dean of Western Carolina Teachers College was elected president of the Sylva Rotary Club, at the meeting held on April 4.

Reginal Enloe was elected vice-president; Raymond U. Sutton, Secretary-Treasurer; and S. W. Enloe, Cole Cannon, T. N. Massie, Clyde Blair, and Ralph C. Sutton, directors.

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Don Bestor's orchestra featured with Jack Benny for several years on the General Tires and Jello programs one of the leading hours on the air.

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QUALLA

The body of Mr. John Beauregard, who was accidentally killed on the way to Qualla for interment on Saturday afternoon. A large crowd attended the funeral. The service was held by Rev. J. L. Hyatt and Thad Watson. He lived at Qualla for several years before moving to Sylva. He was honest, truthful, and ready to help in every time. He was 77 years of age.

On Sunday School at Qualla. Several interesting talks were made and the exercises were sung by the Qualla Quartet. A large number were present.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Ferguson spent the weekend at the Mission Hospital Asheville visiting their daughter who has been very ill for the past few days.

On April 4th a large crowd of citizens, eighty or more, perambled to Sylva to ask that a new building be erected at Qualla in an early date. As the "Authority" approved the project, we are hopeful that the new building will get under way during the coming summer.

Mr. McRae Crawford and Mr. McLaughlin were dinner guests at Mr. L. H. Hipps Sunday.

Mr. T. H. Ferguson and Miss Gertrude Ferguson visited relatives at Qualla Saturday.

Mr. C. M. F. Hughes of Canton spent the weekend at Mr. K. Howell's.

Mr. W. A. Hyatt of Spruce Pine, visited his sister Mrs. Oscar Gibbons who is taking treatment in the Community Hospital in Sylva.

Mrs. Allen Vard visited her mother and sister Mrs. Stiles Dix Creek, who are seriously ill.

Mr. T. W. McLaughlin and family returned to their home in Qualla.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ferguson and Mr. Wayne and Hugh Ferguson visited relatives at Hayesville.

BALSAM

(By Mrs. D. T. Knight) Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Crawford attended the funeral of Mrs. Crawford's uncle, Mr. Wilkie McHan, at Alamogordo Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Fred Bryson and Mrs. Wayne Housh have received letters from their husbands saying they had reached Washington, Wash., and were expecting to go to work soon. Mr. Bryson and Mr. Hyatt left here the 15th.

Mrs. Fred McKee and two children who are visiting her mother, Mrs. Lona Green.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Crawford went to Qualla Monday.

The school closed Friday, the commencement exercises were held Thursday night.

Mr. Housh, for the Journal and its staff of workers!

I have lived in Jackson County for forty years and have read and collected news items from time to time in our paper, though it had other names and other editors.

My relatives and friends attended the funeral for Mr. Henry Teague at Hayesville Tuesday. Mr. Teague was killed in an automobile accident Sunday afternoon on the highway at Whites. His wife, Mrs. Sara Jones

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