

# The Jackson County Journal

ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

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\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

## Last Rites Held For C. C. Mason

A great throng from all parts of this county, and from many other points in Western North Carolina, filled the Methodist church at Dillsboro, last Tuesday afternoon, and overflowed the streets, crowding almost the sidewalks of the town, as the people gathered to pay their last respects to Sheriff Charles C. Mason, who was buried Thursday morning, by Donaldson in the Ashe settlement in Webster township. Relatives of Ashe, who lived alone on his farm, believed him to have become deranged, and proceedings for examination and detention. Sheriff Mason and Deputy Sheriff Homer Turpin went to the home of Ashe, alighted from their automobile, and were walking through the yard. As they neared the house, Ashe fired through a window and the sheriff fell, expiring within five minutes. Turpin came to Sylvan for help, and when P. A. Donnahoe, a son-in-law of Sheriff Mason, and Chief of Police Leonard Hunter entered the house, they found Ashe dead on a bed in an upstairs room with a pistol wound in his head and a revolver with one empty chamber near him.

The funeral services of Sheriff Mason were conducted by Rev. W. F. Moody of Lake Junaluska, Rev. E. F. Mayberry, of Sylva, and Rev. Thad F. Deitz, of Beta. "I have held services in 50 of the counties of the State, and I can say in this solemn presence that I believe Charlie Mason was the best Sheriff in North Carolina," said Judge Felix E. Alley, who addressed the congregation at the funeral. Judge Alley, a life-long friend of the slain officer, stated that he had done a great deal to set the standard of morals, right living, and respect for law and order in the county.

Interment was in the Parris cemetery, the Masonic Lodge of Dillsboro in charge and Masons from other lodges participating.

The following members of the Masonic order were active pall-bearers: J. C. Cannon, John Hastings, John M. Queen, Dr. C. Z. Candler, R. G. Queen, and Ralph Tatham. Honorary pall-bearers: J. D. Cowan, Dan Allison, C. N. Fricke, N. C. Brown, M. B. Cannon, D. H. Turpin, Frank Allen, Leonard Holden, Aaron Hooper, T. Walter Ashe, M. D. Cowan, H. E. Buchanan, Dr. Grover Wilkes, Dan K. Moore, John H. Morris, Rena Hyatt, Judge Felix E. Alley, Monroe Madison, B. B. Long, W. A. Norton, Walter Hyatt, K. H. Plemmons, and J. C. Passmore. Flower girls: Mrs. Ralph Tatham, Jo Meta Higdon, Mary Alma Wilson, Mrs. S. R. Roane, Dorothy Williams, June Coward, Mrs. Wayne Terrell, and Geneva Turpin.

Since boyhood, Sheriff Mason had been a member of the Dillsboro Methodist church, and for many years had been a member of the Dillsboro Masonic Lodge. From 1912 to 1920, during the Wilson Administration, he served as a United States Deputy Marshal under Marshal Chas. Webb. He was with the State Highway Commission for twelve years, served as chief deputy under Sheriff John Maney, and was serving his second term as sheriff. On June 4, he was renominated in the Democratic primary, by a large majority.

Sheriff Mason is survived by his widow, one son, James Mason, two daughters, Mrs. P. A. Donnahoe, and Miss Louise Mason, and by his father, John J. Mason.

### Sheriff Killed



CHARLES C. MASON

## TWO KILLED BY TRAIN SUNDAY

The badly mangled bodies of Gordon Jones, 38, and Arthur Rowland, 30, were found on the tracks of the Southern Railway, near the west end of Cowee tunnel, Sunday afternoon, shortly after a freight train had passed. The two men were presumably killed by the train. The engineer saw them sitting on the tracks as his train came around a curve, but was unable to stop soon enough to avoid striking them, it is said.

Jess Elders, who lives in the neighborhood of the tragedy, is said to have told investigating officers, that he and the two dead men had been walking on the railroad; that he left to go to a nearby house, and when he returned, both men had been killed, and their bodies mangled almost beyond recognition. He is said to have stated that he believed they went to sleep on the track.

Funeral services for Jones were held at the Robinson cemetery, at 2 o'clock, Monday afternoon. He is survived by his widow, three sons, Rufus, 8, Jimmie, 6, and Jackie, 4; by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Jones, six brothers, Shaster, Garland, Donnell, Aud, Aulse, and Wayne, all of Sylva, and by two sisters, Mrs. Ethel Welch, and Miss Dora Jones.

Rowland's father, Nick Rowland, came to Sylva and had the body of his son returned to Tomotla, for funeral and interment. The young man is survived by his parents, by his widow and four children. He made his home at Tomotla.

### QUALLA

(By Mrs. J. K. Terrell)  
Mrs. D. C. Hughes gave a household shower Wednesday for her sister, Mrs. Burton Bumgarner. About thirty ladies were present. Refreshments were served.

Mr. J. M. Worley, who has been seriously sick for several weeks, is reported to be slowly improving.

Mr. Luther Hoye, who has had pneumonia for several days, seems to be slightly improved.

Mr. Allen Ward, with other relatives, attended the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Mark Styles, at Dix's Creek.

Several Qualla folks attended the funeral of Mr. C. C. Mason, at Dillsboro, Saturday.

Several Qualla folks went to Asheville, last week, to attend the Rhododendron Festival.

Mr. and Mrs. Lueius Deitz, Wayne and Mary Deitz, of Coggins, Calif., called at Mr. J. K. Terrell's.

Miss Annie Ruth McLaughlin spent last week with relatives in Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Bumgarner called at Mr. D. C. Hughes'.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Patton and Mr. Edwin, and Billy Bird, motored to Asheville, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Moody have moved to Qualla.

Mr. and Mrs. Hapes Reagan and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Reagan, at Whittier, Sunday.

## Funeral Services Held At Webster For John B. Wild

Funeral services for John B. Wild were conducted at the Methodist church in Webster Saturday morning, by the pastor, Rev. G. A. Hovis, and Rev. W. N. Cook, pastor of the Webster Baptist church. Interment was in the Webster cemetery. Mr. Wild, who was 72 years of age, was unmarried. He had been in poor health for several months, and the end came Friday morning, at his home, on the Cullowhee road. A son of the late Rev. B. G. Wild, he grew to manhood in Webster. In his earlier life he engaged in the trade of blacksmith. Later he was a miller and a merchant. He was a member of the Methodist church at Webster for the greater part of his life, was active in church work, and was for many years a steward.

Active pall-bearers were Roy Cowan, Claude Cowan, Dorrence Tallent, Oren Tallent, Charlie Wild and Tate Wild, all nephews of Mr. Wild.

Honorary: Dr. C. Z. Candler, Dr. D. D. Hooper, Albert Moss, Geo. McConnell, N. A. Hall, Desmond Franklin, Raymon Stovall, John Wilson, E. L. Wilson, Prof. R. L. Madison, A. O. Allison, Harley Stewman, Leonard Norton, Whit Davis, Mack Ashe, Charlie Ashe, Arthur Allman, Dave Thomas, Dr. A. S. Nichols, Dr. A. A. Nichols, Don Davis, John H. Morris, Chas. Evans, Edgar Bumgarner, Chas. Ginn, Bill Lewis, Lee Henson, Roy Henson, Davis Parker, N. B. Ashe, Emless Tatham, Lem Parker, W. C. Norton, J. N. Wilson, L. D. Cowan, Arthur Cowan, John Henderson, John Dillard, J. L. Broyles, and Dr. W. P. McGuire.

Mr. Wild is survived by one sister, Mrs. W. L. Cowan, by a large number of nieces and nephews, and other relatives.

### Father of Sylva Man Passes

Funeral services for W. F. Moody, father of P. E. Moody, of Sylva, were conducted at Double Springs Baptist church, in Mountain township, on Tuesday of last week, by Rev. C. G. Heffner. Mr. Moody died the previous day, following a short illness with pneumonia. He was 73 years of age, and was one of the best known citizens of the Hamburg section of the county. He was a farmer, trucker and merchant. Mr. Moody was a member of Glenville Masonic Lodge, and of Double Springs Baptist church.

Mr. Moody is survived by three sons, P. E., of Sylva, H. M., and Clifton, of Erastus, four daughters, Mrs. Lon Reynolds, Glenville, Mrs. Fred Henson, East LaPorte, Mrs. Joe Hooper, Speedwell, Mrs. Ida Moss, Cullowhee, and by the following brothers and sisters, J. T. Moody, Tuckasee, W. R. Moody, Glenville, B. G. Moody, Gastonia, E. D. Moody, Erastus, Mrs. M. L. Coggins, Erastus, Mrs. Jason Brown, Mrs. Lon Brown, and Mrs. Javan Bryson, all of Washington, and Mrs. Joe Conner, Halden City, Ore.

### Ashe Interred At Webster

Funeral services for Donaldson she, 47, World War veteran, were held at the home of his sister, Mrs. Dora Lee Collins, in Sylva, at 11 o'clock, Saturday morning, with Rev. C. G. Heffner and Rev. R. F. Mayberry, officiating.

Interment was in the Stillwell cemetery at Webster.

Mr. Ashe, who was unmarried, is survived by two sisters, Mrs. T. A. Pressley, of Speedwell, and Mrs. Collins; three brothers, O. T. Ashe, Eastman, Ga., Roy Ashe, Webster, and C. Perry Ashe, Erie, Pa.

Active pall-bearers were M. V. Higdon, T. A. Pressley, Roscoe Higdon, Dennis Higdon, W. R. Ashe, and Bob Mathis.

### Large Enrollment at College

The enrollment at the present session of summer school at Western Carolina Teachers College totals 347 students. Fifty two of the North Carolina counties, are represented. Jackson comes first with 59, and Cherokee is next, with 50. There are students from nine states, North Carolina, Iowa, Texas, Georgia, Illinois, South Carolina, Missouri, Tennessee, and Florida, and from one foreign country, Cuba.

## Mrs. C. C. Mason To Fill Out Term As Sheriff Of County

Mrs. C. C. Mason is now Sheriff of Jackson county. The county commissioners, meeting on Monday, unanimously elected her as sheriff to succeed her husband, whose tragic death, last Thursday, shocked the entire county.

Mrs. Mason will serve as sheriff until the first Monday in December, at which time the present term of Sheriff Mason would have expired. The board of Commissioners is composed of J. D. Cowan, chairman, Cleve Fisher, of Hamburg, and R. C. Howell, of Qualla.

The collection of taxes goes with the office of sheriff in this county, and Mrs. Mason will complete the collection of 1937 taxes and will receive the 1938 tax books for collection, when they are completed, late in the summer. Although her term as sheriff will expire on Dec. 5, she will continue as tax collector until the fall of 1939.

### Donkey Softball Game To Be Played Here

Donkey softball, one of the funniest games ever conceived, is coming to Sylva, on July 2nd.

The game is being put on for the benefit of the Sylva High School Athletic Association and will be played under lights.

In selecting the players for the game the committee in charge has used great care to pick men who know "Donkey Psychology". After very carefully going over the list of eligible players here in Sylva the committee decided to put off their picking of players until they had investigated further the players' knowledge of Donkeys, one of nature's queerest animals. It was decided to pick two men from each major and each minor league team and also several other men from other organizations in town.

The game will be played between two all-star local teams. Watch this paper for the announcement of names next week.

The Bar-X-Ranch team of Mountain Donkeys have been trained to play in their respective positions and the spectators are guaranteed the laugh of their lives in watching the players trying to score.

The game is scheduled for 8:30 P. M. Saturday, July 2, and will be played on the Sylva athletic field.

If you want the laugh of your lives come and bring the family. Admission for adults will be 25 cents and for children under 12, 15 cents.

### Sylva Office Become Second Class

The post office at Sylva, as announced in The Journal, several months ago, will be changed from a third class office to second class on July 1.

### Vacation School At Cashiers

A vacation Bible school will begin in the Methodist church in Cashier's Valley, July 4. Classes will be held each morning from 9 to 11 o'clock, for children from four to fourteen years of age; and each evening at 8 o'clock, Mr. George Schreyer will conduct a Cokesbury school, on the subject of worship.

### Rites Held for Miss Massey

Funeral services were conducted at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Bailey, Sunday afternoon, for Miss Gertrude Massey, 25, who died Saturday evening. Rev. Thad F. Deitz was in charge of the service, and interment was in the Keener cemetery.

Miss Massey had made her home with her cousin, Mrs. Bailey, for several years, and was employed in the Coffee Shop. While there she made many friends. She is survived by one brother, Frank Massey, of Charlotte, by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Watson, and by other relatives.

### All Day Singing At Wilkesdale Church

An all day singing will be held at the Wilkesdale Baptist church, on Sunday July 3. Everybody is invited and choirs, especially, are urged to be present. Dinner will be served on the grounds.

## Saturday, July 2, Set For Selection Of Sheriff Nominee

### Cullowhee Baptist Church Will Have House Warming

The Baptist church at Cullowhee will hold a housewarming, Sunday, in celebration of the completion of the handsome, new church building.

Rev. L. K. Stafford, a former pastor of the church, will preach at eleven o'clock in the morning. Rev. W. F. West, also a former pastor will take part in the service.

A picnic dinner will be served on the church grounds. During the day there will be an organ recital, and singing by a male quartet from Canton.

Prof. E. H. Blount will speak on the history of the church. Dr. H. T. Hunter will review the building program; and the pastor, Rev. Fred Forester, will speak on the future of the church.

Mr. P. L. Elliott chairman of the program committee, stated that everybody is invited, and that former pastors of the church and their relatives are especially urged to be present.

### Johnny Jones Arrested Again

Johnny Jones, who escaped from the Prison Farm at Caledonia, for the... well, we don't know how many times it does make, was arrested by Canton police and lodged in jail, Tuesday, after a Negro, whom he had attempted to assault on a freight train, gave the officers the tip as to his whereabouts.

Jones is serving his present term in State Prison, after having been convicted of burglarizing the home of Velt Wilson, on Highway No. 10, near the western limits of Sylva.

When arrested, officers say, that he had a pistol on his person.

### Scouts Will Present Comedy

The Boy Scout troop at Cullowhee will present the comedy drama, "Oh, Professor", at the Cullowhee High school, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of next week, at 8 o'clock.

There will also be a baby popularity contest, and a cake auction, as extra features.

### Sylva People Score in Fete

A group of young people from Sylva, under direction of Mrs. Helen Dillard, were the object of a great deal of favorable comment on the part they took in making the Rhododendron Festival in Asheville, last week, a colorful and successful event. They presented the closing, and perhaps the most striking episode in the pageant at McCormick Field, last Wednesday night.

The costumes used were secured through donations of the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, and individual sponsors in Sylva.

### Stephens' Condition Still Critical

Reuben Stephens, 22 year old Caney Fork man, remains in a critical condition in the Harris Community hospital, and John Coward, 52, is being held in jail, charged with inflicting a pistol wound in Stephen's forehead.

The affair occurred on Caney Fork, Friday.

Deputy Sheriff Frank Allen placed Coward in jail, late Saturday afternoon, where he is being held without bail, pending a change in Stephens' condition.

### Mrs. Monteith Interred At Big Ridge, Sunday

Mrs. Roy Monteith, 24, died in the Marion, N. C., General Hospital, Friday.

Funeral services were conducted on Sunday at the Big Ridge Baptist church, with Rev. Ben Cook, officiating. Interment was in the cemetery at Big Ridge. Mrs. Monteith is survived by her husband, three young children, Roy, Jackie, and Marvin, by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Pruitt, of Big Ridge, two sisters, Mrs. H. C. Kirk, and Miss Geneva Pruitt, and by three brothers, Fred, Clyde and Jim Pruitt.

The Democratic Executive Committee of Jackson County will meet tomorrow, Friday morning, at 11 o'clock, to elect a county chairman, and to set a date for the selection of a candidate for Sheriff, to succeed Sheriff Mason, on the ticket.

The death of Sheriff Mason makes a vacancy on the Democratic ticket as nominated in the primary, and it devolves upon the county executive committee to fill any vacancies that occur after nominations have been made.

The executive committee is composed of one democrat from each voting precinct in the county. The precinct meetings are held prior to the county convention, and the democrats of each precinct elect a precinct chairman, who becomes a member of the county committee.

Tomorrow morning, the committee will first elect a county chairman, and then decide upon a day for the selection of a candidate for sheriff. The meeting will be held in the offices of County Chairman E. L. McKee.

### E. L. McKee, Jr., Goes Europe

Mr. E. L. McKee, Jr., left Sylva on Tuesday, for New York from which place he will sail on Friday for a tour of Europe. He will sail on the S. S. Statendam, landing in Southampton, England. The tour includes, besides England, France, Germany, Belgium and Italy.

### THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Washington, June 22 (Auto-caster)—With the ending of the last regular session of the 75th Congress and the scattering of its members to their respective homes, Washington's attention is now focussing upon the nominating primaries and the November election.

The more thoughtful political observers are examining the trend of political sentiment in the nation, with an eye to the outlook not only for the Congressional elections but for the major contest between the two great parties in 1940.

Bearing upon the whole political situation are some of the things which Congress did in the session just ended, and some of the things which it left undone. Its major accomplishments were the enactment of the Farm Control Act, the Federal Housing Act and the Wages-and-Hours Regulation Act.

The principal measures before it which it left for the next Congress to tackle are the President's proposal for a complete reorganization of the administrative machinery of the Federal Government, and the plans for relieving the railroads.

President's Demands Fulfilled

To the list of accomplishments must, of course, be added the appropriation of an additional three billion dollars and more for recovery and relief, the President's so-called "pump-priming" program, and the authorization of the construction of the greatest Navy in the world.

In spite of the show of independence of the Executive which manifested itself in the speeches and votes of many members of the majority party, the Administration got pretty nearly all that it demanded from the 75th Congress.

It was pretty well demonstrated, in numerous instances, that the Administration would not hesitate to use the power which control of huge relief expenditures gives it to punish Senators and Congressmen who have attempted to block its program, and to bring into the next Congress members who will be more sympathetic with New Deal policies.

In spite of such demonstrations in the early primary contests, Congress found it expedient to place no restrictions upon the President's personal power to allot a great part of the billions appropriated at his sole discretion. Even in the matter of the expenditure of five hundred million dollars for investigation of monopolies, four-fifths of that sum is to be used by Presidential allotment.

Administrative Bureaucracy

Those who take the long view of public affairs read into the history of the six years which will end with the November elections something in the nature of a social revolution. (Please turn to page two)

### College Has New Bus

Ralph Sutton, business manager of the Western Carolina Teachers College, has just returned from Muskegon, Michigan, bringing with him a brand-new bus for the College. The bus has a seating capacity of 30 and a 12-horsepower motor. It was purchased by John made by White, the bus of the Grayhound buses. It cost the college \$6,000, it is stated.

### Cullowhee Girl Has Position In Park

Miss Elaine Moses, Jackson county girl, and a student at Western Carolina Teachers College, has accepted a position as Park Technician, in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park for the summer. Miss Moses is an authority on the wild flowers and shrubs of Western North Carolina Mountains, and will assist in the classification of the flora of the park.