

The Jackson County Journal

\$1.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

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ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE GUARANTEES THE COUNTY

Jackson 4-H Girls Bring High Honors To County

Miss Helen Higdon of Webster and Miss Carmen Nicholson of Cowarts, won for Jackson county the distinction and the honor of taking two out of the possible eight highest awards in Girls' 4-H Club work in the State.

Miss Helen Higdon, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Higdon, of Webster, is a student at Woman's College of the University of North Carolina. She won first place in the State in canning and food conservation, which carries with it a \$100 trip to the National 4-H Club Convention in Chicago, where her exhibit and record will compete for Southern and national honors. She was also a winner in that, for National honors. Winner of Southern honors gets a prize of \$200; and of National honors, \$500. The medal Miss Higdon has won and the prizes were donated by the Kerr Manufacturing Company, as was her handsome gold watch. Miss Higdon was also elected by the Jane S. McKinnon Loan Committee as one of seven girls in the State to win the student loan.

Miss Carmen Nicholson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nicholson of Webster, is the State Champion in sewing. She was awarded a gold medal and a beautiful watch, and her exhibit and records will be sent to Chicago for competition for Southern honors. The Dutch Craft Corporation awards but four of the \$100 trips to Chicago. Therefore, Miss Nicholson's exhibit and record must win Southern honors before she is eligible for the Chicago trip award. However, State College Extension workers and experts who observed Miss Nicholson's work on exhibit at the North Carolina State Fair are hopeful that she will walk away, not only with Southern, but also with National honors for girls' handicraft.

The Jackson County Exhibit in Educational work took Second Prize in the State. It was prepared, under supervision of Mrs. Mamie Sue Evans, Mr. Garland Lackey, and Mr. Howard Clapp, by Miss Carmen Nicholson, the Beta 4-H Club and the Webster 4-H Club. It consisted of an exhibit of crafts. The booth was designed by H. P. Cathey, and was the gateway of a Colonial living room. The simulated weathered stone fireplace was painted by Johnny Cunningham. Mrs. Evans, Mr. Lackey and Mr. Clapp assembled the exhibit. It attracted wide attention at the fair.

Miss Laveria Rogers, of Webster, won second place in the State in the clothing exhibit, and a prize of \$15. Miss Eva Higdon, also of Webster, took third prize for room improvement, and won \$18.

BETA 4-H GIRL TO SPEAK ON NATION-WIDE HOOK-UP

Miss Phyllis Dillard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Dillard of Beta 4-H Club Achievement 1-35, on the National Radio Hook-up. Miss Dillard, representing the 4-H Club of Jackson county, will speak from Station WWNC at 1 o'clock, on November 5.

Misses Helen Higdon, of Webster and Thelma Ashe and Robbie S. Hooper of Sylva were chosen to represent the Jackson county 4-H Club at the recent Wildlife Conference at Holman, but as they were all in school, none of the young ladies was able to go.

METHODIST WOMEN TO HOLD WEEK OF PRAYER SERVICES

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Sylva Methodist church will observe the week of prayer with services at the church at 3:30 on Monday and Tuesday afternoons.

On Monday afternoon, Mrs. Dan Tompkins will lead the service, and Mrs. A. D. Parker will present the special, which is China.

Mrs. Harry Hastings will lead the service, and the home mission special, the French Mission in Louisiana, will be presented by Mrs. Dan K. Moore.

The public is invited to the services. Offerings will be taken for the two mission specials.

TODAY and TOMORROW

BICYCLES

motorized

I saw a report recently that more bicycles are being sold and ridden in this country than ever before. It interested me because I have seen the bicycle develop from the old "high wheel", but particularly because I have seen the two most important modern means of transportation come out of bicycle shops.

The other day the man who built the first successful automobile died in Philadelphia. His name was Charles Duryea. As a boy I spent a high school vacation working in a bicycle repair shop, under a bright young mechanic named Charlie Duryea. He had the fool idea that he could rig a gas engine to a bicycle and so cut out the hard work of cycling. He tinkered around the shop after hours and finally made a machine that ran.

Out in Dayton, Ohio, two brothers named Wright had a bicycle repair shop. They dreamed of a flying machine, and the airplane came out of their bicycle shop. Another young chap whom I knew, named Glenn Curtiss, had a bicycle shop in Hammondsport, N. Y. He built the first motorcycle. Then he hooked a motorcycle engine to a balloon and made the first dirigible. Then he too, got the airplane bug and made the first public flight in a machine of his own contriving.

STAMPS

profits

If there is an old house anywhere in America in which the attic has not been thoroughly rummaged for valuable old postage stamps, I can't imagine where it is.

Every little while I hear from one of my stamp-collector friends of the discovery of a valuable stamp. Not long ago one of them showed me a Hawaiian "Missionary" stamp, one of only three or four known to collectors, for which he had been offered \$5,000. He had got it from the granddaughter of a missionary, who found it among a package of old letters which had been packed in a farmhouse attic for 75 years.

There are two or three million people in America to whom stamp collecting is a fascinating and profitable hobby. One of my friends, a country Methodist preacher, makes more every year trading in stamps than his congregation pays him in salary.

Not long ago I read of the sale of a particular set of stamps for \$30,000. It made me feel a bit sick, for I once owned that identical set and sold them, nearly fifty years ago, for a few dollars.

RUSSIA

autocracy

All the news I read from Russia and all the reports my friends bring back from that country, confirm me in the belief that it will be hundreds of years, if ever, before Russia becomes a democracy.

It is quite clear that the Russian government of today is in the hands of a small group who are as arbitrary, as dictatorial and as absolute in their control over the lives and liberties of the Russian people as ever the most tyrannical of the Czars ever was.

That is why I am puzzled by the friendliness for Russia and Russian ideas professed by many Americans who are sincerely devoted to the rights of the common man and believe in personal liberty. To a large number of intelligent young people, Russia is the symbol of a democracy. To me it is the symbol of all that is worst in autocracy.

FISH

habits

The ways of fish are still very much of a mystery to man. Nobody knows how the salmon find their way back from the sea to their streams where they were hatched. When the Bonneville Dam across the Columbia River was projected a great project went up from the salmon canning industry. The dam would keep the salmon from coming back to their old spawning beds, where they are caught by the canners.

Nothing of the kind happened. A fish "stairway" was built alongside the dam, and more than half a million salmon climbed its 1,200 feet in the first season. It is easier for the fish to take the short leaps of the stairway than the 20-foot jumps they used to have to make in climb-

Ratlidge Returns To Sylva Charge

All Methodist preachers in this county were returned to their present charges, by the annual conference, meeting in Charlotte, except that Rev. McRae Crawford is succeeded at Whittier-Qualla by Rev. L. Fisher. Mr. Crawford goes to Linville Falls.

Rev. A. P. Ratlidge returns to Sylva; Rev. G. A. Hovis, to Webster; Rev. C. G. Hefner, to Cullowhee; and Rev. W. F. Beadle to Highlands Circuit. Rev. J. D. Pyatt goes to Jonathan, which includes the Balsam church.

Speedwell was taken from Cullowhee charge and put in the Webster Circuit.

Rev. W. L. Hutchins succeeds Rev. W. A. Rollins as presiding elder of the district.

The full list of appointments for the district is: Presiding Elder, W. L. Hutchins; Andrews, G. N. Dulin; Bethel, J. W. Blitch; Brevard, E. P. Billops; Bryson City, A. L. Rayle; Canton, W. R. Kelly; Clyde, E. C. Price; Cullowhee, C. G. Hefner; Crabtree, A. F. Phibbs; Delwood, C. O. Newell; Fines Creek, G. L. Lovett; Franklin, I. L. Roberts; Franklin circuit, H. S. Williams; Hayesville, J. C. Gentry; Highlands, W. F. Beadle; Jonathan, J. D. Pyatt; Junaluska, J. N. Carper; Macon, J. C. Gentry; Murphy, Van B. Harrison; Murphy circuit, J. A. Fry; H. L. Leffers; Sylva, A. P. Ratlidge; Waynesville, J. G. Huggins, Jr.; Webster, G. A. Hovis; Whittier, C. L. Fisher; missionary to Brazil, C. W. W. Clay; professor, Bevard college, E. D. C. Brewer; district missionary secretary, W. R. Kelly.

ing the rapids. In the spawning season watching the salmon climb the stairs furnishes novel entertainment for tourists.

Sturgeons, like salmon, are a migrating fish which go up fresh water streams to spawn. As a boy I used to see them in the upper Potomac above the rapids. Indians used to say that sturgeons could jump up Niagara Falls. That was their way of accounting for their presence in the upper Great Lakes.

Scientists believe, however, that the lake sturgeons are descended from fish trapped by the great volcanic upheaval that formed the falls. Some age old insect law ever, bring sturgeons from the sea every year up the S. Lawrence to the foot of Niagara, where I used to see Indians spearing them in the rapids below the falls.

NAZIS

outsmarted

In fear-ridden Germany opponents of Hitler faced with the almost unsurmountable task of disseminating information opposing Hitler's (Please turn to back page)

Election Day Is One Week Ahead

With the election but two weeks off, there are beginning to be seen many signs of political activity in the county, though old timers say that elections now are tame affairs as compared with the biennial bouts between the Elephant and the Donkey, as they were staged during the closing days of the last century, and the first three decades of this, when parades, torch-light processions and joint debates marked each campaign. The two county tickets this year are:

DEMOCRATIC

State Senator, Chester Cogburn. Representative Dan Tompkins. Clerk Superior Court, Roy Cowan. Sheriff, Leonard Holden. Register of Deeds, Glenn Hughes. Coroner, C. W. Dills. Surveyor, Lyman Stewart. Commissioner of Finance, Walter Ashe. Commissioners, R. C. Howell and Cleve Fisher.

REPUBLICAN

State Senate, I. H. Powell. Representative, W. H. Smith. Clerk Superior Court, Lewis Bumgarner. Sheriff, R. M. Crawford. Register of Deeds, T. K. Guthrie. Coroner, John Painter. Surveyor, Estes Parris. Commissioner of Finance, Dillard Hooper. County Commissioners, W. C. Cagle and J. M. Cunningham.

The Republicans have no nominee for Solicitor, to oppose John M. Green; and all but four of the more than twenty places on the Republican side of the State and National ballot are vacant.

BALSAM

(By Mrs. J. K. Terrell)

Mrs. W. S. Christy had as house guests, this week, the following friends and relatives: Mrs. Anna Bell Edwards and two children and two friends from Saluda, S. C. Mrs. H. C. Kenney, Macon, Ga., Mr. Henry Christy and family, from Franklin, Mrs. Julia Bryson and Miss Sall Christy, from Andrews.

Mrs. John Blanton and June Blanton are visiting her sister, Mrs. Geo. Christy, from Andrews.

We are enjoying cold, frosty mornings, at present.

Washington Sees Great Business Revival Looming

Election Of Democrats Urged By Governor Hoey

Governor Clyde R. Hoey, speaking at Cullowhee on Tuesday, lauded the records of the Democratic party in the State and the nation, and urged the election of the national, State and county Democratic tickets on the basis of that record.

He praised the State government for the establishment of the State-wide eight months school term, bringing an 8 months school within the reach of every child in North Carolina, and for the economical administration of the State Government. He stated that only 5 cents of every dollar going into the State treasury is paid out for administration of government, a record not even approached by any other State.

He praised the humanitarian measures of the Roosevelt Administration; and referring to the increased National Debt, and asserted that it costs less to carry the National Debt now than it did when Mr. Coolidge was President, because Mr. Roosevelt has secured marked reductions in interest rates. The State, he said, has reduced its debt by six million dollars a year for the past six years. Mr. E. L. McKee, Democratic county chairman, presented Dr. H. T. Hunter, President of Western Carolina Teachers College, who introduced the Governor.

Stewart Acquitted; Moss Goes To Pen

Burl Moss was sentenced to serve a term of not less than 10 nor more than 15 years in the State Prison, for the slaying of Fred Pruitt, in a contested battle, on Pine Creek on Sunday night, July 10, last.

A plea of guilty of manslaughter was tendered by Moss and accepted by the State, immediately after a jury had acquitted Albert Stewart, a cousin of Moss of the murder of Abe Stewart, their uncle, in the same battle. Moss had appeared as the chief witness for the State in the trial of his cousin, Albert Stewart.

He stated that he shot a man who he believed to be Bill Teague, who had first fired upon him; and that Albert had shot Abe Stewart.

Washington, Oct. 26—Great hopes of peace between the Government and industry are being voiced here, not only by Administration supporters but by impartial observers.

Everybody wants to see business pick up in a big way. It is the feeling here that the greatest obstacle to recovery has been the more or less open warfare between the Administration and the big power companies. There are more hopeful signs than ever of a reconciliation of the major differences, which would mean in the opinion of most economists, the beginning of a real business boom.

It works out this way. The public utilities have been for years steadily extending their services. As population increases, especially in the larger cities and their suburbs, the demand for electric light, gas, and telephone services increases.

Every new home built anywhere in America today means a new customer, and involves laying new mains, setting up more poles, running more wires, and adding to the capacity of the generating plant or providing additional switchboard facilities.

That means that in order to serve the utilities continuing to have to invest more capital in their plants. That has always been so, and it accounts for the increasing monetary size of the big utilities.

Every new customer means so much more copper wire for transmission lines, so many more poles, so much additional equipment to be furnished by the electrical manufacturers, and, naturally, so much more employment for labor. When expansion of utility services lags a hundred kinds of industries slow down.

The utilities have stated that they are ready to spend literally billions of dollars in extending their services and enlarging their plants as soon as they are satisfied that the Government is not going to render their investments worthless by competing with them at the taxpayers' expense. The Government's attitude has been that the power companies were charging the public too much for their services, in order to earn dividends on fictitious capitalization. The device of "holding companies" to eliminate many of the holding companies has been, it is contended, a scheme to get something for nothing out of the public's pocket.

Hence the statutes designed to eliminate many of the holding companies, the establishment of the Securities Exchange Commission to supervise all future offerings of bonds and stocks, and the setting up of a "yardstick" in the shape of the U. V. A. power development, by which to establish fair costs for electric service to consumers.

Those, and the Government's furnishing of funds to municipalities to enable them to go into the light and power business, have had the natural effect of frightening capital away from further investment in power securities.

What President Roosevelt means when he denounces industry as non-cooperative is that the utility leaders, particularly have been resentful of government's attempts to regulate their business, and instead of being willing to talk the whole thing out frankly and freely, have indulged in violent attacks upon the whole Administration policy, and have sought in the courts and otherwise, to prevent the government's program from working.

Much bitterness has thus been generated on both sides, but there is now a more amiable disposition being shown.

The magnates of the power business are beginning to take a realistic view of the situation. After all they are managers of other people's investments, and their stockholders are beginning to impress on them that angry disputes and fighting with the government do not earn dividends.

The ray of hope is seen in the action of the largest of the utility holding companies in agreeing to subject its affairs to the scrutiny of the S. E. C. This action by the Electric Bond and Share Corporation is hailed in Washington as a victory for Mr. Roosevelt, by his ardent enthusiasts.

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Hallowe'en Snooks

