

# The Jackson County Journal

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## Christmas Lights Will Be Turned On Saturday

The Christmas lights will be turned on next Saturday night, December 6, and Sylva will again become a place to delight the eyes of people of all ages.

The Chamber of Commerce and the business houses of the town are having the lights and decorations put up, and the Dillsboro and Sylva Electric Light Company will donate the power to electrify the streets every night until after Christmas.

The county officials and employees will again place the huge star in the dome of the court house and will decorate the building and grounds.

Last year, Sylva was said to be the most beautifully decorated town in this area, and this year it will be equally as lovely, if not more so.

Everybody is invited to come to Sylva at night to see the Christmas lights.

## T. J. FISHER CELEBRATES EIGHTY-SEVENTH BIRTHDAY

On last Thursday, November 22, a large circle of friends and kindred gathered at the home of Mrs. J. C. Jones, on Fisher Creek, to celebrate with Mr. T. J. Fisher, his 87th birthday. Nine of his ten children were present, only Mr. Howard Fisher, of Blackfoot, Idaho, being absent; and she was represented by her daughter, Miss Affie Fisher, who has taught in high school in Honolulu, and is now teaching in Birmingham, Alabama.

Those of his children, and their husbands and wives who were present were: Mrs. Emma Painter and Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Monteith, Sylva; Mrs. Nannie Cunningham, King's Mountain; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Reed, Mrs. Cole Akms, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jones, Mrs. Thad Reap, Mr. and Mrs. Gray Fisher, all of Beta; Mr. and Mrs. E. Cole Hildley, of Waynesville. Grandchildren, and their husbands and wives: Mr. and Mrs. Hugh E. Monteith, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Monteith, Miss Sallie Monteith, Mrs. W. V. Cope, Mrs. Bud Pannell, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Reed, Charles Guy, Ruby, Joyce, and Tommy Fisher, and Miss Affie Fisher. Two brothers, R. W. Fisher and W. J. Fisher (and Mrs. Fisher), nephews and nieces: Mr. (and Allison), Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Fisher, Mrs. Clifton Fisher, Mrs. Charlie Enley, Mrs. Carolee Hartz, Elizabeth and Mary Kathryn Hartz, and little Paula Ann Parris, and Jack Davis, friends and neighbors: Mr. Joseph Enley, Mrs. Palfie Monteith, Rev. and Mrs. T. F. Deitz, Rev. and Mrs. Geo. Snyder, Rev. H. M. Heintz, Rev. R. F. Mayberry, E. B. Wilkes, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dills, and two sons, Mrs. J. W. Enley, Mrs. Sallie Freeman, and daughter, Mrs. Ben Crisp, Dixie Parris and Ruth Pannell.

The members of the family and guests gathered, with the patriarch in the center, about a large table that had been built on the lawn, and enjoyed a bountiful repast.

## EAST FORK CITIZEN PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY

Funeral services for Mark C. Deitz, who died suddenly at his home on East Fork of Savannah Monday morning, were conducted at East Fork Baptist church.

Mr. Deitz, a member of an old and prominent family of the county, was a native of Jackson County. He was 70 years of age.

Mr. Deitz is survived by his wife and three sons, Harte, Lawrence and Lawrence Deitz, all of Savannah. He was a member of the Baptist church, by one brother, Rev. T. H. Deitz, of Beta, and other relatives.

## AGED WOMAN BURIED AT GULLOWREE CHURCH

Funeral services for Mrs. Rachel Potts, 82, were held at 2 o'clock last Saturday afternoon, at the Baptist church at Gullowree, by Rev. Fred Forester. Mrs. Potts had been a resident for the last 12 years of her life. She is survived by one son, Billy Potts, of Gullowree, one daughter, Mrs. Addie Davis, and several grand children and great grand children.

Mrs. O'Dell Bankhead and her brother, Dr. Conrad Nichols, spent last week-end here with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Nichols.

## TODAY and TOMORROW

**JEWIS** Nothing has aroused so much indignation throughout the Christian world as the outrageous treatment of the Jews by the Nazi government of Germany. Unlike previous anti-Jewish movements, the excuse that the Jews are enemies of the church is not put forward now. The Hitler government's attitude toward Christians, both Catholic and Protestant, is almost as outrageous as its attitude toward Jews.

What the dictator of Germany is afraid of is any sort of religion. No dictatorship can survive so long as religious ideals are presented to its people. For the essential teaching of a religion is that of reverence for and allegiance to God first. A government which rules by force and commands the only allegiance of its people, or sooner or later they will rise in revolt and overthrow the dictatorship.

That is why Hitler and his gang have outlawed all religions whose ministers are not willing to teach their people subservience to Nazism. They have gone back to the pagan teaching of primitive times and set up the mythology of ancient days, which was based on force and conquest, as the only religion which good German subjects should believe in.

Mussolini has not gone that far in Italy. He still gives lip-service to the Church to which practically all Italians adhere. But he, like Hitler, has begun a campaign of persecution against the Jews, over the Pope's protest.

**PERSECUTION** The Romans were persecuting the Jews hundreds of years before the Emperor Constantine established Christianity as the Roman religion in the year 312. The motive behind those early persecutions was the same as that behind Hitler's now.

Jews have always been the richest traders and best money-makers in the world. A government in need of money could outlaw the Jews and replenish its treasury by taking their money away from them.

There were Jewish traders in what is now Germany—ancient Gaul—in the time of Julius Caesar. They had almost a monopoly in international trade for more than a thousand years.

When the Roman church forbade Christians to take interest for loans the Jews became the chief money-lenders of Europe. That made them unpopular with the people, but very useful to the rulers, who had a pleasant way of permitting them to live in a country until they had accumulated enough treasure to be worth stealing, then confiscate their property and banish the Jews.

The laws against land-owning by Jews were to force them to keep their wealth in portable form so that it would easy for the governments to confiscate. They were compelled to live in restricted sections, and in itself kept them from being active in public affairs and limit their social contacts to their own people. They were thus set off as a race apart, and it was easy for a despotic ruler to stir up popular feeling against the Jews on the case that they were enemies of Christianity.

**CHRISTIANITY** The Christian church carries heavy responsibility, as I see it, for the terrible situation in which Jews of Continental Europe find themselves today.

We owe our religion itself to the Jews. The Christian Bible, except for the New Testament, is the ancient Jewish scripture. All of the Christian concepts of morality, teachings embodied in the Ten Commandments, are held by Jews as well as Christians.

The only important difference the question is whether Jesus Christ was actually the Messiah whose coming the Jews prophesied.

He was born a Jew. His disciples were Jews. The congregations listened to His preachings were Jews. The most important part of teaching of Jesus was that all men, brothers, under the fatherhood of God. None can call himself a Christian who does not hold to that

## Congress Soon To Face International Problems

Washington, Nov. 30—International affairs are pressing upon the attention of Washington from a dozen different directions, and raising numerous questions which are likely to engage Congress in discussions which may be prolonged and acrimonious.

First is the situation in Germany, created by the recall of the American Ambassador, Hugh Wilson. Following the President's public declaration that he was pained and horrified at the brutality of the Hitler Government toward the Jews, the summoning of Ambassador Wilson here "for report and consultation" is the sort of diplomatic move which has often in the past presaged war.

Through Ambassador Kennedy in London, the Government is taking an active hand in the effort to find suitable new homes to which the Jews whom Hitler is driving out of Germany and Mussolini is threatening to expel from Italy can be removed by international action.

Yet some Christian prelates and preachers have led their people into hatred of Jews as a people, and many who have remained silent while their ignorant followers have tortured, robbed and murdered Jews merely because they were Jews.

It is not surprising that in the countries where the church controlled the State for a thousand years a public psychology of Jew-hating has persisted among the ignorant and superstitious masses.

**REFUGEE** Today the civilized world is trying to find a permanent refuge for the oppressed Jews of Europe. There is not room enough for them in Palestine and not enough means of self-support.

An international commission, in which the United States is represented, is considering locations in South America, South Africa and elsewhere spots where there is sufficient undeveloped territory to provide a pioneering livelihood for a million or more Jewish refugees from Germany, Italy and other European countries.

The chances are that no Jews will be permitted to take any of these wealth out of those countries. It will be confiscated by the rulers, as rulers have been confiscating Jewish wealth for two thousand years.

Jews and Christians of the nations and their governments are expected to contribute to the setting up of this unhappy people in a new land where they will be free from oppression.

It is quite possible that our great grandchildren may see a new Jewish nation taking its place among the great powers of the world.

## BASKETBALL TEAM

The Sylva Fire Department has decided to sponsor the All-Star Basketball Team, for the season that is soon to open. Season tickets, good for all games except the Gold Medal Tournament, will be placed on sale at an early date, and all money above expenses will go to the support of the fire department.

That there is grave apprehension in Administration circles of efforts by Germany and Italy to establish colonies of their nationals in South America, and thereby gain a political influence which would be a contra-vention of the American Monroe Doctrine, has been indicated by many moves in the world, lately.

Point was given to it by the President's declaration that the whole Western Hemisphere, from Hudson Bay to Cape Horn, has identical interests and that all of the nations of America, North and South must stand together.

When he coupled this with a declaration that this country must give first attention to our national defenses, especially in the matter of fighting aircraft, it was taken in many quarters as serving notice on the dictators that the United States will fight, if necessary to keep them out of South America.

Possible friction with Cuba seem to have been removed by the official visit to this country of Colonel Fulgencio Batista, the actual dictator of Cuba. The importance of Cuba in the international situation is that it would furnish an ideal airplane and submarine base for a foreign enemy if it were not tied closely to the United States.

As for the rest of the Latin American nations, the Pan-American Conference about to be held in Lima, Peru, is expected to reassure all of nations to the south of us of the good intentions of the United States toward them.

The Prime Minister of Canada, visiting the President, is understood to have renewed the assurance that Canada will make common cause with the United States in any situation which threatens the interests of any part of the Americas.

An extremely important step, calculated to remove any possible friction between the United States and the British Empire and to further strengthen the friendship between the English-speaking nations was the signing in Washington of the reciprocal trade agreement between this country, Great Britain, and Canada.

This was the nineteenth such trade

## New County Officers To Take Posts, Monday

The newly elected officers of the county will assume their duties on next Monday, December 5.

The changes that will be made at the court house are: Roy M. Cowan will succeed Dan M. Allison as Clerk of the Superior Court. (Mr. Allison has been Clerk for the past eight years, and was not a candidate this year.)

Leonard Holden will succeed Mrs. Cumi Mason as sheriff. (Mrs. Mason was appointed sheriff to succeed her husband, after his tragic death, last June. Sheriff Mason had served two terms and had been renominated in the June Primary. When his death caused a vacancy on the Democratic ticket, the county executive committee nominated Mr. Holden.)

T. Walter Ashe will succeed J. D. Cowan as commissioner of Finance. (After serving 8 years, Mr. Cowan did not run again. Mr. Ashe has been county auditor for eight years.)

Glenn Hughes will succeed Mrs. Margaret Sherill Roane as register of deeds.

County Commissioners R. C. Howell and Cleve Fisher, Coroner C. W. Dills and Seryevor Lyman Stewart will again qualify for the offices they now hold.

Clerk Dan Allison will administer the oath of office to Mr. Cowan; and the new clerk will then qualify the other officers.

agreement negotiated by Secretary Hull with various nations. It takes effect on January 1. Under it Great Britain abolishes all tariff duties on American wheat, lard, canned grapefruit, cotton, corn and other farm products, while we make tariff concessions on textiles, metals, and manufactured goods of several kinds.

Canada reduces duties on American fruits and vegetables, fishery products, paper products, and various kinds of manufactured goods, while the United States agrees to continue on the free list all Canadian products which now enter duty free.

This closer tying together of the English-speaking democracies is part of a broad program for a united front against aggressions by the authoritarian dictatorships of Europe. It is the hope, if not the expectation of the Administration that all the conditions which point to international complications will create a public sentiment strong enough to induce Congress to authorize the expenditure of hundreds of millions, perhaps billions, of fresh funds for building up the Army, Navy, and Air Force to what military men consider essential.

The President is not ungrateful of the fact that 67 Republican members

## FIRE DESTROYS CRAWFORD HOME IN GULLOWREE AREA

The home of Wm. Crawford together with its entire contents, including \$30 in money, was burned last Friday, from a fire believed to have started from a heater. The building was owned by Bill Davis.

of Congress voted last year against the billion-dollar naval program. He is anxious not to have national debate become a party question.

That is taken here as the reason why he appointed the nominal head of the Republican Party, Ex-Governor Alf M. Landon, as a member of the United States delegation to the Liga Pan-American Conference. Much stress is being laid upon Gov. Landon's declaration, in accepting the appointment, that partisanship ends at the boundaries of the nation.

war way includes, besides the building of the largest navy America has ever had, orders to large manufacturers for essential war supplies, so that they can get immediately into mass production of weapons, gas masks and other essentials if the situation gets critical.

The President is backing the plan to increase the number of fighting planes from 2,230 to more than 7,000.

stage is being set to fight if we have to. The real idea back of it all, however, is to convince Europe that we are ready to fight if the integrity of the Americas is threatened.

Friends of Mrs. J. D. Moore, local Western Union manager, who is a patient in the Community hospital, will be glad to learn that her condition is improving.

Mrs. Annie Tompkins and Mrs. Ben Sloan went to Waynesville today to be present at the funeral services for Dr. J. F. Abel.

As for us, it would not surprise us if these "tense" international situations would become past tense.

## Sues Over Broadcast



LOS ANGELES, Calif. Listened and believed that broadcast about the invasion of New Jersey by men from M. Now Miss Sara E. Collins, actress, wants \$40,000 worth of new shock damages. Miss Collins' suit here against Columbia Broadcasting System of California and New York and a couple of John F. Miss Collins is shown registering radio terror.

## JOE GISH

READING THE NEWS WHILE IT'S HOT



## Go Into Your Dance

