

# The Jackson County Journal

\$1.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

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\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

## General Assembly One Of State's Most Progressive

(By Dan Tompkins)

Raleigh, April 4—The General Assembly of 1939 is now a matter of history. Observers generally consider it one of the progressive legislatures of the State. Starting on January 1, and with a strict economy viewpoint, the Appropriations Committee made drastic reductions in the appropriations for various departments of the State government and its institutions; so much so that many of them would have been crippled to the point of practical extinction. In fact, had some of the appropriations that were tentatively adopted by the committee have been approved by the Assembly, it would have been the part of economy to abolish some departments altogether, close them up, and wait for better days, for they would have had nothing with which to perform their functions.

But when a group in the House began a fight on the bill, the strength of the opposition gained momentum; and the fight ended with progress as the motto. The bill is not an extravagant one; but it does provide more adequately than the Committee Bill for public health service, the State advertising program, public education, vocational education, adult education, Western Carolina Teachers College, and some other items. This was the major fight in the entire Assembly. It contemplates no increase in taxation, and the Commissioner of Revenue is of the opinion that the Revenue Act will raise sufficient money to meet the expenditures voted by the Assembly.

Ballot reform was another matter that held much attention both of the members of the Assembly and the public. It resulted in the repeal of all local election laws, the abolition of absentee voting in primaries, and stricter laws regarding all absentee voting. These measures passed the House without opposition; but there was considerable discussion in the Senate.

Public health required much attention; and the Assembly went along with the Department of Health in the enactment of laws seeking to protect the next generation from syphilis and other diseases. Every couple obtaining license to marry must present to the Register of Deeds a certificate of health, showing that blood tests and other examinations have been made. Couples marrying outside the State must submit to such examinations within 60 days after their return to North Carolina. Physicians attending prospective mothers must blood tests for the protection of the off-spring. It is hoped that by these two measures and with the large amounts of money that the State Department of Health has to spend, from State, Federal and Reynolds Foundation funds, that social diseases will soon be stamped out in the State. Health authorities say that syphilis is the greatest health menace in North Carolina, and that of our population some 500,000 people are infected with this dread disease, which has crowded our hospitals, institutions for the feeble minded, insane asylums, penitentiary and prison camps. It is hoped that the campaign that is being waged against this disease will relieve the burden that the tax-payers of the State are having to bear for the support of the institutions. Victor Bryant, of Durham, in sponsoring the measures in the House, stated: "I am for these bills because every child in North Carolina is entitled to a sound body and a clear mind."

The more adequate appropriation for Western Carolina Teachers College, coupled with the present building program, will make of this institution a real college in every sense of the word. It will be edited and recognized as a standard four year college and will be able to go forward to greater service to the State and to the boys and girls of the mountains.

Provision was made for a more adequate old age assistance, and the weaker counties will benefit from the first that next year, instead of the present \$100,000 equalizing fund for this purpose, there will be \$370,000 to be distributed to the poor counties, out of State and federal funds.

A local bill, introduced by Thad D. Bryson, of Swain, which would have prohibited the pollution of the Tuckasee River by induction of any harmful matter or discoloration,

### QUALLA

Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Church spent Friday night at Mr. H. G. Ferguson's home to Somerset, Ky., where he is conducting revival services.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Howell announce the birth of a daughter, Patricia Lucile, on March 22. The Cherokee Society will meet at Mr. C. P. Shelton's Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Beck have moved to Whittier.

Miss Belle Ferguson has returned home after spending several weeks in Sanford, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Popplewell, of Detroit, and Miss Rhoda Cope, of Selva, visited at Mr. Homer Turbins.

Mr. Rogers Shelton has returned from a trip to Baltimore.

Mr. M. S. Gallimore has returned to Greensboro after a four months' stay at Green Acres.

Messrs. Chas. McLaughlin, Boyd Pool and Miss Annie Ruth McLaughlin of W. C. T. C., Cullowhee, spent Sunday at Qualla.

Miss Gertrude Ferguson is at home since the close of her school at Almond.

Mr. C. B. Terrell is at home since the close of Glenville school.

Miss Jennie Cathey and Mrs. Lois Martin are attending college at Cullowhee since the close of their schools at Olivet and Barkers Creek.

Mr. C. P. Shelton and family, Mrs. J. L. Hyatt and Mr. Alton Edwards visited Mr. J. E. Rogers, of Whittier, who has been seriously ill for several months.

Mrs. P. V. McLaughlin and sons of Canton spent the week-end with Mr. K. Howell and other relatives.

Miss Gertrude Ferguson called on Miss Annie Lizzie Terrell Sunday.

Mr. C. P. Kitchin and Mr. Willard Kitchin of Whittier were Qualla visitors Sunday.

Mrs. J. C. Johnson reports finding a hen's egg 6 1-2 by 3 1-2 inches in size.

### Training School Clinic At the Sylva Baptist Church

The officers and teachers of the Sunday schools in the Tuckasee Baptist Association will hold a training clinic each night next week, April 10-14, at the Sylva Baptist church. The meetings will begin at 7:30. Four books dealing with Sunday school work will be studied. Every Sunday school is urged to send its officers and teachers.

### Ideals Offended

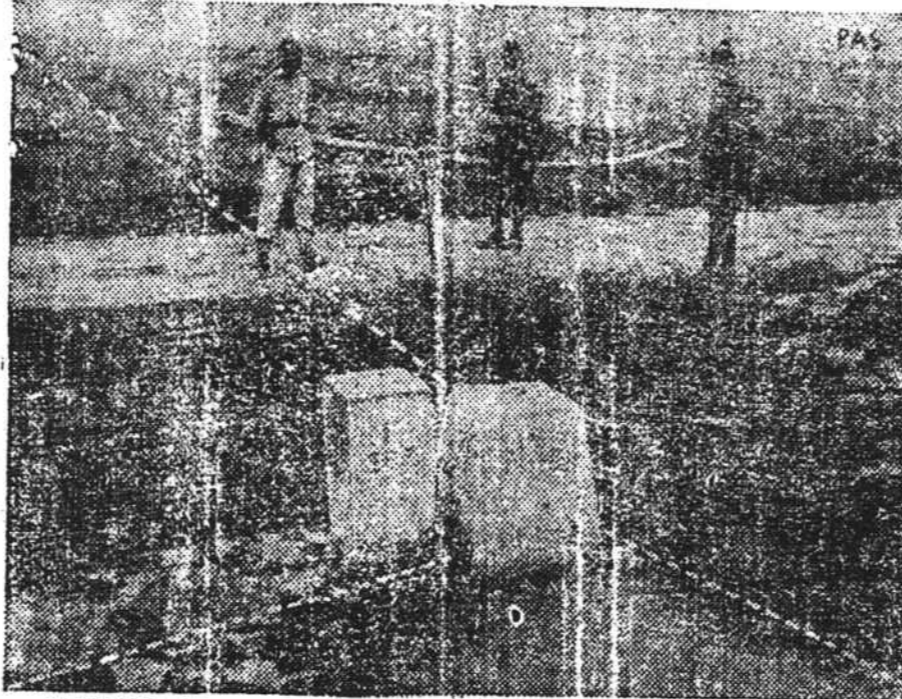


WASHINGTON, D. C.—Harry F. Cunningham, associate architect for the proposed German Embassy here, who quit his job recently and informed the German Charge d'Affaires that "it has become impossible for me to continue in my present capacity," adding that recent events were "offensive" to his American ideals.

was killed in the Calendar Committee of the House, before it was an hour old.

The bill, if enacted into law, would have greatly affected the operation of the plants at Sylva, and hence the sale of chestnut wood by the farmers of all the surrounding counties.

### Vital Spot in International Situation



SZEGED, Hungary—On a lonely field outside the Hungarian city of Szeged, the territories of Hungary, Rumania and Yugoslavia meet as shown in this picture. Before the World War all this territory was part of Hungary. Now the left part is Hungary, the right Rumania and the foreground section is Yugoslavia.

## Moses To Lead School Forces Of The County

Adam Moses was elected as County Superintendent of Public Instruction, by the new board of education, at its organization, Monday morning. Mr. Moses will succeed Superintendent M. B. Madison, on July 1. His term will be for two years.

The new Board of Education is composed of C. E. Smith, Chairman, John Hooper, vice chairman, John B. Deitz, T. B. Cowan, and Hut Middleton.

The board elected local committeemen for the several districts, as follows:

Dis. No. 1, Sylva Dis.: W. O. Sherrill, Floyd Sumner, George Knight. Dis. 2, Qualla Dis.: Jode Holcombe, Crawford Shelton, Jule Hayes. Dis. 3, Cullowhee Dis.: Jimmie Craft, Thomas Wike, Victor Brown. Dis. 4, Canada Dis.: Willard Shook, Mias Calloway, John Watson. Dis. 5, Glenville Dis.: Frank Fugate, Will Fowler, Elbert Moss. Dis. 6, Webster: James John Shepard, Frank Tatham.

### Sow Kills Fox

Rev. George C. Snyder was awakened a few nights ago, by a noise like falling lumber. He went to investigate, and found his brood sow shaking the body of a large, red fox, that she had just killed.

### Former Jackson Woman Dies

Funeral rites were conducted for Mrs. M. L. Hunter Saturday morning 10:30 at Bennettsville, S. C. Mrs. Hunter died at 7 o'clock Thursday evening.

Mrs. Hunter formerly of Jackson County, was the eldest daughter of J. W. Cagle, of Greens Creek.

She is survived by her husband, M. M. L. Hunter of Bennettsville, a step-daughter, Mrs. Alvah Castor, of Jacksonville, Fla., Lester, Ernest, Ray and Ella Lee Hunter, all of Bennettsville; her father, J. W. Cagle, and the following brothers: E. B., E. L., O. V., Holmes and David, Cagle, of Greens Creek; Walter of Enka; A. C. of Hollywood, Calif., and Harvey, of Lyman, Wash.; two sisters, Mrs. John Poffenberger, of Harrisburg, Va.; and Mrs. Fred Williams, of Mt. Olive.

Dr. E. E. Colvin, pastor First Baptist church, Bennettsville and the Rev. E. M. Harris, of Aberdeen, officiated at the funeral which was held at the Hunter home, 107 Robinson Street. Interment was in the McColl cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Curtis Odum, B. B. Sanders, Jr., Charles A. Reed, James Barnhill, E. W. Rowe and Lee Harris.

### Benefit Party Tuesday

There will be a benefit party at the community house, for the purpose of liquidating the debt of the building, next Tuesday night, April 11. Games of various kinds will be provided.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO

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The bill providing for Sylva's municipal government passed the Legislature, as all are perhaps, aware. As soon as a copy of the charter can be procured from the Secretary of State, the Government will be put into operation.—We publish in this paper a list of the magistrates elected by the last legislature. We are glad to note among the names a number of young men, and hope they will appreciate the distinction and endeavor to discharge conscientiously the honorable and dignified duties entrusted to them. Our young men ought to be encouraged and their services ought to be brought into requisition, if their ability and deportment give reasonable hopes of success.—Gen. E. R. Hampton has been busily engaged of late, making improvements upon his property. A neat, new fence has been built, and seven substantial gates afford success to the grounds for vehicle, equestrian and pedestrian. The front and side yards will be sown in grass and the parapets will be sodded. The place is well provided with trees; and when the General completes his intended improvements and embellishments we think there will not be a more attractive and desirable piece of property in vicinity.—Mr. George W. Cannon, Asheville's new postmaster, came out on Tuesday's train to transact some important business connected with his property here. He returned this morning.—Following is a list of magistrates elected by the Legislature, at its last session, for Jackson county: Qualla Township: Jas. H. Cathey, E. H. Hampton, W. J. Miller, W. H. Thomas, Jr.; Barkers Creek: Wm. Bumgarner, Jesse F. Brown; Webster: A. J. Long, Sr., Joseph Davis; Sylva: A. M. Parker, W. M. Rhea, A. W. Bryson, H. P. Brendle, L. W. Alien; Dillsboro: S. T. Early, J. C. Watkins, F. Merrick, James F. Williams; Savannah: E. C. Ashe, Alfred Davis, W. H. Buchanan; Scott's Creek: D. L. Robinson, L. F. Fisher, S. R. Cook; Cullowhee, J. E. Moss, Lee Hooper, John Bumgarner; Caney Fork: G. W. Hawkins, W. A. Brown, R. H. Stephens; River: Javan Davis, T. J. Jackson, M. M. Wike; Hamberg: W. A. Fowler, Thomas Wilson, James Wilson; Cashier's: H. M. Bennett, Thomas Zachary; Canada: J. C. Wood, W. A. Queen.—Over a dozen town is the State will put in systems of electric lighting during the year. The largest cotton mill in the state will be built in Fayetteville. The projectors of the enterprise are now at the North with specifications, completing the amount of stock required.—Last week 100 persons left Mitchell county for Utah, all having embraced the Mormon faith. The Mormon missionaries continue their work in Mitchell and Yancey counties.—The N. C. Sunday school convention will meet in Charlotte, on April 2nd to 4th, inclusive.

## This Week's Doings In The National Capital

### Macon Boys Hold Up Jackson County Bank

Ted West and Johnny Moore, two Macon county youths, are being held in Jackson county jail, charged with the daylight robbery of the Jackson County Bank, about 1 o'clock Monday.

Moore is charged with having entered the bank, ordered the male officials to fall on the floor, and demanded that Mrs. Frank Fisher hand him some money. She complied with his demand, and he backed out of the bank, gun in hand, entered a taxi, and forced Lawrence Gates, the driver, to drive him away. In the taxi also was young West.

Nearing Barker's Creek, Gates flooded his engine so that the car stopped, and left it. He states that he was fired upon after he abandoned his car. Commandeering a truck belonging to the Western Carolina Telephone Company, the alleged bandits crossed the river at Barkers Creek, went down the other side of the Tuckasee, and up Nation's Creek, where the truck wrecked. They then fled to the mountains, where they were captured a few hours later by a posse under Sheriff Leonard Holden. Moore is said to have had \$853 on his person when taken, the exact amount that officials state was taken from the bank.

West is said to protest his innocence, stating that he knew nothing of Moore's plans to hold up the bank, and that he thought, as did Mr. Gates, that Moore asked to stop in front of the bank, in order that he might get a check cashed. He insists that he was kidnapped and forced to accompany Moore, who was armed. West was unarmed.

The actual capture of West was by Lee Cook and Mr. Jones, of Barkers Creek, and Moore was taken by A. H. Weaver and Ed Bumgarner. Members of the Federal Bureau of Identification, who came to Sylva, made pictures of the two youths.

### Twentieth Century Club To Hear Mrs. Gillis

The Twentieth Century Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Raymond U. Sutton, on next Thursday afternoon, and the members will hear a talk, given by Mrs. Gillis, on the subject of "Russia". Mr. and Mrs. Gillis, who came to Sylva some time ago to reside, were for some time residents of Russia.

### Parent-Teacher Body Has Elected Officers

The Sylva Parent Teachers Association, meeting Tuesday, selected all its present officers for the year. Mrs. R. U. Sutton is president; Mrs. Walter Jones, vice-president; Miss Bertha Cunningham, secretary; and Mrs. Dan Tompkins, treasurer.

A program of much interest was presented by Mrs. Helen Dillard and the Recreation Unit. Mrs. Dillard explained the work that is being done, and its purposes, and other workers under her presented the program.

### Named To High Court



WASHINGTON, D. C.—William O. Douglas, chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, who will fill the vacancy on the United States Supreme Court bench caused by the resignation of Louis D. Brandeis.

Washington, Apr. 6 (Autocaster)—It usually takes a new Congress about three months to get "shaken down" so that it can tackle matters of legislation with a clear understanding of what they are all about and what chance there is of getting action.

This 76th Congress is no exception. Here it is April and the boys on Capitol Hill have been in Washington since the first of January, learning the ropes and getting acquainted with each other's points of view. Now it looks as if they were about ready to get down to serious business.

To be sure, the departmental reorganization bill was serious business, but not as serious as the President's opponents made it out to be. The major points on which the reorganization bill was beaten last year have been taken out of the measure as it now stands.

While it gives the President wide powers to regroup and consolidate Government bureaus and offices and to go as far as political expediency will permit in lopping off useless jobs, the powers granted him are not as great as those which President Hoover asked for and the House voted to give him in his last two years in office. And before Mr. Hoover, Presidents Coolidge, Wilson and Taft had asked for the same authority to introduce business-like methods into the administration of Government.

The big job which Congress is now about to tackle is taxation. Here the President lent a helping hand by agreeing to accept the proposal to amend the Social Security old age retirement will not go into effect next year, as provided under the law as it stands.

Act so that the increased taxes for trialists and economists say have been preventing expansion of business and the creation of new jobs for workers.

Details have not been made public of the Treasury's plan, which has been carefully worked out by experts, but in general it proposes to "broaden the tax base" by including in the income tax millions of persons who are now not directly taxed, providing for collection of such taxes at the source, by deductions from payrolls, scrapping all the present various forms of taxes on corporate business and substituting a single graduated tax on corporations with special preference to small businesses.

Part of the plan is to abolish all the excise and "nuisance" taxes, but here the problem of what to substitute for them arises, and is likely to cause a row.

There is every expectation that Congress will pass the Rankin bill providing pensions of \$40 a month for every veteran who wore a uniform for 90 days or more during the World War, whether he ever got farther than a training camp or not.

The only veterans' organization opposing the measure is the American Veterans Association, whose spokesmen contend that the total cost to the taxpayers of the proposed pension plan will run to at least 13 billion dollars. There probably will be some exciting debates when the measure gets to the floor of both houses, but the best-informed men on Capitol Hill concede the likelihood that the measure will be passed.

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Back of the new Agricultural appropriation bill, the largest ever proposed to Congress, the Farm Lobby is solidly lined up. The bill calls for the expenditure of a trifle over a billion dollars in the coming year, which is almost 250 millions more than the budget estimates.

More than half of the amount is for soil conservation and other direct subsidies to farmers and an additional 250 millions for "parity payments." Even with the certainty of a bitter fight on the floor, the general opinion is that there will be no serious changes in the measure.

The controversy over the failure of Madam Perkins, Secretary of Labor, to order the deportation of Harry Bridges, the West Coast Communist labor leader who is not an American citizen, came to an end when Miss Perkins convinced the House committee that was considering her impeachment that she had no power under existing laws to de-

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