

The Jackson County Journal

\$1.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

SYLVA, NORTH CAROLINA, FEBRUARY 1, 1940

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

January Weather Breaks Record Of Many Years

Climaxing five weeks of real winter weather, last Friday morning, was the coldest that has been seen in this part of Jackson county since 1893.

Altogether this was the coldest spell of weather during the present century, in most of Western North Carolina and the South. Unofficial readings in and around Sylva gave the temperature on Friday morning at fourteen below zero, while the official United States thermometer at Cullowhee registered minus 18. Not since the famous, but now almost forgotten all time low, since there have been thermometers in this region, of February 16, 1893, have Sylva and Cullowhee seen it so cold. On that February day, 47 years ago, there were two thermometers in the village of Sylva. One of them recorded 31 below, and the other 29 below. The United States thermometer at the home of Judge Davies hit a low of minus 25, and at Webster it was minus 30.

Most people hereabouts had forgotten that the mercury could drop down into the teens below zero, and even into the twenties and thirties, until they awoke last Friday morning to find their thermometers well down into the minus teens, and some instruments, that record no lower than ten or twelve below, and given up the struggle of trying to record the cold, and the mercury had contracted all of itself into the little bulb at the bottom.

While Jackson county was shivering, all the rest of the mountain country was cold. Topnotch had a recording of -17; Brevard -18; and Enka, -14. But at some of the higher altitudes the cold was not so severe. The weather station atop Mt. Mitchell recorded -5, which isn't unusual up there.

The whole South shivered in the cold, and zero minus was not unusual in many places in Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina, and even Mississippi. Icicles a foot long formed at Florida's famous winter resort of Miami; and damage to the citrus crops and vegetables in Florida and Louisiana ran up into the millions.

FROZEN HYDRANT PREVENTS FIREMEN FROM SAVING HOME

Sunday afternoon the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Roane, on Sylva heights, was completely destroyed by fire, and but few of the belongings were saved from the house. The fire originated from a flue, and Mr. and Mrs. Roane, who were both at home, gave the alarm and saved a small amount of their personal property. But the fire spread rapidly in the frame building. Sylva's fire department responded promptly to the call; but the severely cold weather had frozen the water in the fire-plug, thus greatly hampering their efforts. A fire was built about the frozen hydrant; but the home was almost a total loss before the water began to play through the hose.

AVERAGE PRICES FOR FARM PRODUCTS ARE THE BEST FOR DECADE

An Associated Press dispatch from Chicago summing up first of the year conditions with reference to the market for agricultural commodities says:

"Farmers studying market conditions in preparation for this year's planting found prices of their major commodities today averaging about 17 per cent higher than a year ago.

"Of 10 important items farmers have to sell, only livestock and eggs brought less returns than at the start of 1939. Most products were priced under January, 1937, quotations and a few were lower than two years ago, but with these exceptions the general level of market prices was about the best of the past decade."

SYLVA SCHOOLS OPEN AGAIN

After having been closed since last Thursday, by reason of the terrific cold and hazardous roads, coated with ice and snow, Sylva's schools will open Monday morning as usual.

This is the second time that the weather has caused the closing of the schools for short periods during the present month.

PRIMARY TEACHERS MEET AT W. C. T. C.

On Saturday the meeting of the teachers of the county will be held, the teachers of the primary grade meeting at 10:00 o'clock, at Cullowhee. Miss Kate Davis and Miss Helen Patton, of the faculty of Western Carolina Teachers College, will present the program on writing and art in the primary grades.

The grammar grades and high school teachers will meet at the same time, at the Sylva elementary school. The teachers will be addressed by Dr. Killian, of Western Carolina Teachers College, and will, after the general meeting, divide into groups for conferences.

HOME MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST TO BE HERE NEXT WEEK

Miss Pauline Gordon, Extension Specialist in Home Management and House Furnishings, will be in the county February fifth, sixth and seventh, to assist Mrs. Mamie Sue Evans in conducting a series of leaders' schools on lighting. Monday February fifth, at 2 o'clock, a meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Jeter Snyder. Tuesday morning, at 9:30, a meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Lewis Bumgarner, Lovedale. At 2:00 o'clock, a program will be given at the home of Mrs. L. A. Ammon, at Cullowhee. On Wednesday, the meeting will be held at the Gay school building, at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

Inspect New Buildings

Cullowhee, Jan. 31 (Special)—Final inspection of the six new buildings at Western Carolina Teachers College was made by the respective contractors, representatives of P. W. A., and a committee from the college on January 30 and 31.

Approximately forty-five contracts for buildings, heating, lighting, plumbing, furnishings, and miscellaneous supplies are to be considered by the inspectors on Tuesday and Wednesday.

NEW POTATO VARIETY TO GET RECOGNITION

North Carolina's contribution to the Irish potato field, the recently developed Sequoia, received nation-wide attention Friday, January 12, through the coast-to-coast network of the Mutual Broadcasting System.

Named for a famed Indian chieftain who devised the Cherokee alphabet, the new potato has shown unusually high yields as well as a definite resistance to diseases and insects. Since it was formally announced about three months ago, inquiries have poured into N. C. State College, the institution which originated this variety.

To M. E. Gardner, head of the Department of Horticulture, and Robert Schmidt, associate horticulturist of the Experiment Station, goes credit for developing the Sequoia. Beginning work 10 years ago with true seed, they selected and re-selected the most promising of the plants until definite characteristics were firmly established.

The complete history of the Sequoia was described in the 15-minute broadcast, which was originated through Station WRAL in Raleigh to the nation at 4:15 p. m.

Actual field tests with the potato in Ashe County proved it to be a high-yielder, far outclassing varieties now commonly

STATEMENTS OF INDUSTRIAL LEADERS SMOTHER "LACK OF CONFIDENCE" CRY

By now every one who can read or hear ought to know exactly what is the matter with the country. Ever since the bankers and industrialists recovered from the blue funk which brought them in droves to Washington during the early days of the New Deal pleading for the Government to save them, they and their kept economists have been letting the world in on the secret. Despite the years of recovery and despite myriad indications in recent months of an extraordinary rising tide of business activity many political and economic spokesmen for big business still utter the same old, threadbare, fatuous cry that "Lack of confidence" is throttling business. And of course the cause of "lack of confidence" is the Roosevelt administration.

It would seem as if the quarterly and annual reports of firms and corporations showing increased earnings, extra dividends, bonuses and the like would be a sufficient answer to this stale complaint. But since Republican candidates and politically-minded persons of all sorts are still parroting the banal phrase it is not out of place to report what the heads of some great enterprises are saying when they talk for the record.

Here's Edsel Ford, President of the Ford Motor Company, in a signed article for the press. "In the Rouge plant in Dearborn," he says, "we are in constant touch with the pulse beat of business through our branches and dealers in all sections of the United States. For 1940 the outlook is definitely favorable. From branches and dealers we continue to receive evidence that business in general will be good throughout the country. We have been looking far beyond 1940 however. During the recent slack period we have in no degree lost our courage, but have continued to believe as firmly as ever in the growth of our country and the increasing prosperity of our people through the years to come."

Also in a signed article William S. Knudson, President of General Motors Corporation wrote: "We in the automobile industry have every reason to be gratified with the general improvement in business which became so marked in the last quarter of 1939. We certainly can look forward to good business in 1940. . . I feel that we can look forward to a real recovery in American business with a national income sufficient to provide comfort for everybody."

H. W. Prentiss, Jr., President of the National Association of Manufacturers, an organization which has shown itself hostile to many, if not most, New Deal measures, said in a formal statement: "In general industry approaches the new year in an optimistic frame of mind. I am of the opinion that we as a nation have a distinct opportunity to build up our industrial and commercial activity in 1940 to levels higher than those which have existed in recent years."

John J. Pelley, President of the Association of American Railroads in signed statement said: "The American railroads have just passed through one of the most unusual years in their history—a year marked by financial improvement and record-breaking achievement. It is predicted that there will be an even greater improvement in general business activity in 1940 than during the past year."

So it's "lack of confidence" that's the matter.

PIGS TO OTHERS

Two Pasquotank 4-H club boys given pure bred pigs last year by the Elizabeth City Kiwanis Club have returned four pigs to be given to other deserving boys and thus the pig club chain is used to build the swine industry of the county.

grown in the mountain counties of the State. Likewise, it showed an almost uncanny resistance to diseases and insects which commonly attack potatoes.

LAST RITES HELD FOR WAYNE FISHER, JAN. 30

Funeral services for Wayne Fisher, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Fisher, of Addie, who died Saturday morning in a Sarasota, Fla., hospital following an operation, were held Tuesday afternoon at the Addie Baptist church. The Rev. Robert Parris, pastor, assisted by the Rev. L. H. Crawford, officiated. Burial was in the Addie cemetery.

Young Fisher, who had been employed at the Sylva Laundry, left here a short time ago, to accept a position in Sarasota.

Active pallbearers: Harrison Lee Jones, Richard Cogdill, Al Jones, Walter Cogdill, Leroy Mills, and Paul Cogdill.

Honorary pallbearers: Lewis Blanton, Lon Jones, Harry Ferguson, James Moody, Floyd Patterson, Dr. A. A. Nichols, Alvin Ridley, Don Cogdill, Jimmie Gaither, Bob Shuler, Charley Browning, and Ernest Jones.

Flower bearers: Bonnie Shuler, Audrey Shuler, Ellen Jones, Dorothy Keener, Winnie Cogdill, Annie Blanton, Birdell Terrell and Maggie Moore.

Surviving, besides his parents, are two brothers, Isaac and Billy, and five sisters, Mrs. John Parris, Mrs. Delos Cogdill, Mrs. David Parris, and Anne Fisher, all of Addie, and Mrs. M. C. Patterson, of Sylva.

NOTED GUESTS WERE VISITING CULLOWHEE

Cullowhee, Jan. 26 (Special)—Distinguished guests on the campus at Western Carolina Teachers College this week were Dr. C. C. Sherrard, president of East Tennessee Teachers' College, Johnson City, Tennessee; Mr. J. G. Stipe, dean of admissions of Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia; and Dr. M. C. Huntley of Birmingham—Southern University, Birmingham, Alabama, serving as a delegate from the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the three men inspected the physical plant of the college, studied the curricula, ranked the various departments, interviewed students and faculty members, and examined various records in order to determine whether or not the teachers' college at Cullowhee is eligible to become a member of the association they represented. Dr. Huntley is executive secretary for the association.

Although the committee complimented various aspects of the college, they also made constructive suggestion for strengthening the institution. The report of the committee's decision will be sent to H. T. Hunter, president of W. C. T. C., within a few weeks.

JACKSON COUNTY BOY IN AVIATION SCHOOL

Charleston, S. C., Jan.—Lt. Karl V. Taylor, instructor, reported this week on the progress of the ground school of the C. A. A. at The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina. Work on the Civil Air Regulations is now complete, and the classes have begun new material, one being at work on the subject of Meteorology and the other on Aerodynamics.

The Citadel group of C. A. A. trainees consists of 40 regulars and ten alternates, and is the largest such group in the state. Upon completion of the basic ground school subjects, taught by Lt. Taylor and Captain H. G. Haynes, the students are trained in actual flying. This is carried on at the Charleston Airport under the supervision of the Hawthorne Flying Service, and taught by Beverly Howard, its president, and Citadel Cadet Bob David of Jacksonville, Fla., a licensed pilot and instructor.

Lt. Taylor stated that all the student flyers have shown great interest and industry in the course, as well as in all things dealing with the aeronautical field, and have acquitted themselves well in the courses thus far.

Enrollees from North Carolina include C. D. Goforth, W. W. Gribble, A. S. Hoke and E. A. Terrell, Charlotte; Joseph Graham, Black Mountain; E. A. Hamrick, Shelby; J. B. Kend-

W. C. T. C. PUBLISHERS BULLETIN

Cullowhee, Jan. 31 (Special)—A forty-eight page bulletin commemorating the fiftieth anniversary celebration, held at Western Carolina Teachers College October 28, has just come from the press. The purpose of the booklet is to give those who could not be present for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Western Carolina Teachers College and the dedication of six new buildings, an impression of the events occurring during the day and also to serve as a memento of the occasion for friends and alumni of the college who were present.

Using the college colors and suggestive of the Golden Anniversary, the bulletin is printed on gold paper with purple lettering. The front cover carries the seal of the college and the two significant dates 1889-1939. The back cover bears a wood cut of the new Student Union building, executed by Miss Helen Patton, teacher of art at the college.

The first three pages of the issue feature pictures of the six recently completed buildings, the auditorium, infirmary, training school building, student union building, boys' dormitory, and gymnasium; and throughout the rest of the booklet are ten photographs of distinguished guests and speakers for the occasion.

The bulletin has reprinted a whole page feature article concerning the Homecoming Day's program and the progress of the college during the last half century from the Asheville Citizen-Times for October 29, 1939, as well as a congratulatory editorial printed in the same paper.

Repeating the order of the speeches as they occurred at the celebration, the bulletin has the invocation, pronounced by Dr. Frank C. Foster, dean of the Asheville Normal and Teachers College, and the following articles, talks, and addresses: a welcome, Why We Celebrate, by H. T. Hunter, President of Western Carolina Teachers College; Church and State Supported Schools, by Vernon E. Wood, professor at Mars Hill College; A Brief Chronological Summary of Teacher Education and Certification in North Carolina, by Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction; Alumni Welcome, by J. W. McDevitt, alumni secretary of the college; Student Welcome, by Charles Gray, president of the student body; Presentation of Buildings to Trustees, by R. U. Sutton, chairman of the building committee; Presentation of Buildings, to the State, by D. Hiden Ramsey, chairman of the board of trustees; an address, by the Honorable Clyde R. Hoey, governor of North Carolina; other events of the day, including the barbeque, the homecoming game with Mars Hill College, the homecoming dance and the program for the anniversary banquet; Banquet Address, by Miss Harriet Elliott, dean of Womens College, University of North Carolina; Banquet Address, by Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of University of North Carolina; Cullowhee as I Have Seen It by Alonzo C. Reynolds, former president of Western Carolina Teachers College; and The Founder Speaks, by Robert Lee Madison, president-emeritus of Western Carolina Teachers College.

Completing the bulletin are excerpts from letters of guests who had attended the celebration. Two thousand copies of the issue, printed to be distributed among alumni, friends, and students, will be sent out within a few days by a committee appointed by President Hunter.

Co-editors for this issue were James Howell and Winnie Alice Murphy, faculty members of Western Carolina Teachers College.

rick, Albemarle; Hinkle McLendon, Monroe; M. M. Stone, Raleigh; H. P. and J. N. Tucker, Winston-Salem, and J. O. Buchanan, Cullowhee.

MEETING POSTPONED

The meeting of the W. A. Enloe Chapter U. D. C., which was scheduled for this afternoon, has been postponed, because of the illness of some of the members.

\$82,270 To Be Spent On Farm-To-Market Roads

OLD TARIFF GANG USE FARMERS AS STOOGE TO GRAB BOOTY FOR SELVES

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace in testimony before the Ways and Means Committee of the House warmly defended the reciprocal trade agreements method of adjusting tariff rates and vigorously denounced the old way of framing tariffs. At one point he said, "God help the farmer when a special session of Congress is called to help him out by tariff legislation. The farmer is many times more likely to get a square deal out of the State Department than out of Congress on tariff."

"I believe," the Secretary said in a prepared statement, "that from the standpoint of agriculture, as well as the welfare of the nation as a whole, discontinuance of the authority to conclude reciprocal trade agreements would be extremely unfortunate. A program of this kind will be particularly important in the days of a postwar world, which all of us I am sure sincerely hope are not too far away."

Meeting the charge of increased imports under the agreements, Secretary Wallace said: "It should only be necessary to point out that in all the more important cases of increased imports, such as wheat from Canada, corn from Argentina, wood from Australia and hides from Argentina, there had been no change whatever in the tariff rates established by the Smoot-Hawley Act of 1930, to dispel the myth that trade agreements were responsible for the temporary rise in imports during the middle Thirties."

"It is also a fact that some reductions have been made through trade agreements in the duties on agricultural products. But I do not know of a single case where such duty reductions have seriously inconvenienced an American agricultural industry. . . .

"As a matter of fact, even in 1939, when imports of cattle reached record levels, the farm price of cattle was at or above parity every month of the year. . . .

"Here is another point on imports. There has been a good deal of loose talk about agricultural industries being singled out for sacrifice in the trade agreement bargaining process. There is absolutely no foundation for such statements. . . .

"After the Smoot-Hawley Act was passed in 1930, foreign countries felt obliged to erect prohibitive trade barriers in retaliation; international trade swiftly dried up, and what started out as a mild recession soon became a world-wide economic disaster of cataclysmic proportions. . . . All this is past history and would not need to be recited here except for the fact that the industrial interests which are trying to scuttle the trade agreements are apparently preparing for another 'tariff grab' like those of 1922 and 1930.

"They are apparently attempting to induce certain farm interests and certain labor interests to act as the shock troops in this campaign, so that they themselves can stay in the rear and come up in time to walk off once more with the major share of the booty."

Secretary Wallace added that he did not wish to see the farmers being "made a front" for this kind of grab.

HUNT FOR LESPEDEZA

Cattle hunt for every sprig of lespedeza in their hay ration and will hardly touch the other hay until every wisp of the lespedeza is consumed, says R. E. L. Plummer of Walnut Hill, Ashe County. Next year Mr. Plummer says he will feed up his mass hay before he starts on his lespedeza.

Construction and improvement of farm-to-market roads in nine Western North Carolina counties and widening and improvement of primary roads in two at a cost of \$1,195,125 has been approved and work will start in the near future, C. C. McGinnis, state WPA administrator, announced in Raleigh yesterday.

Buncombe county will receive \$262,061 for primary and farm-to-market road work, and Cherokee county will get \$196,909 for the same work.

Counties receiving farm-to-market road projects only were: Jackson, \$82,270; Henderson, \$136,904; Mitchell, \$31,469; Yancey, \$96,241; Graham, \$173,581; Haywood, \$64,720; McDowell, \$92,880, and Polk, \$58,070.

The work in each county will be county-wide, WPA officials said.

MARSHALS' CLUB AT WESTERN CAROLINA

Cullowhee, Jan. 31 (Special)—Upon the recommendation of the student senate, a Marshal's club has recently been organized at Western Carolina Teachers College. The purpose of this honor club is to provide marshals for all functions of the college for the year.

Newly elected officers of the club are president, Horace Meredith, Guilford College; vice-president, John Henry Gesser, Hendersonville; secretary, Kathleen Sandlin, Bryson City; treasurer, Howard McDevitt, Walnut. Other members selected from among the upper-classmen by a faculty committee on the basis of poise, marshaling experience, personality, and physical appearance are: Ruth Barton, Marble; Charlie Gray, Rutherfordton; Ty Burnett, John Jordan, Murphy; Gay Battle, Cullowhee; Sarah Welch, Waynesville; Catherine Reich, Cullowhee; David Stowe, Asheville; Marjorie Burkett, Roxobel; Shelby Robinson, Burnsville.

Any names submitted for membership to this honor club must be passed upon by a two-thirds majority of its members. Members of the club had their first experience of the year in ushering when they performed the duties of directing traffic, ushering at the dedication program, and directing a tour of the new buildings on the campus on Homecoming Day, last fall.

TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB WITH MRS. DAVID HALL

The Twentieth Century Club will meet next Thursday afternoon, with Mrs. David M. Hall hostess, at her home on Keener street. Mrs. Harry Evans will lead the program.

GEORGE WASHINGTON A PIKER COMPARED TO YOUNG DEWEY

"Rupert Hughes, the story-teller, who some years ago wrote a Life of Washington and discovered numerous flaws in the character and career of The Father of His Country, has now written a Life of Thomas E. Dewey. . . . and, apparently, has been unable to find a single flaw in the character and career of that precocious young gentleman.

"Whether the Hughes book is a 'campaign biography' or not may, in the absence of definite information, be left to one man's guess as well as another's. . . . Be that as it may, somehow we cannot help regretting that Mr. Hughes was so hard on poor Washington. At best, it is a dubious background for Mr. Hughes' attempt to apotheosize Mr. Dewey."—Worcester (Mass.) Telegram (Rep.)