

Post Office To Move To Larger Quarters

The Sylva post office will move into splendid, new quarters, within the next few days, according to Postmaster Charles E. Price. The Post Office Department has leased the Tuckasegee Bank Building from Mr. R. F. Jarrett, and it is being prepared to house Sylva's post office. A large number of new boxes will be provided, so as to care for the growing needs of the patrons of the office; and commodious lobby space and other conveniences will be provided.

Although Sylva will not have a new, federally-owned post office, its quarters will be better than that provided by a great many federal buildings.

FARMER BOB WILL GO BACK TO HOUSE

Yielding against his personal desires, to the importunities of his constituents and colleagues, Farmer Bob Doughton has decided to again enter his name in the Democratic primaries for the seat he now holds in Congress.

Mr. Doughton, one of North Carolina's most trusted and beloved public servants, is also one of the most powerful figures in Washington. His prestige in the National Capital has reflected credit upon himself and upon the State, and has been worth much to both State and the Union. His level-headed common sense, his familiarity with the needs of the people and with the affairs of the Government, and his ability to meet great and small on equal terms have meant much to the country during the trying times through which we have been passing.

Mr. Doughton is Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, and he will retain that powerful chairmanship, if the Democrats retain a majority in the House at the fall elections. For Congressman Doughton is going back to Washington, since he has agreed to run.

No Great Congressional Race Anticipated

It is not anticipated by competent observers that there will be any great Congressional race in this district in this year's Democratic primaries.

Judge Sam Cathey, a fine young man, over in Buncombe, so it is said, will offer himself as a Congressional candidate; and, so far, no other opposition to Congressman Weaver appears in the offing. Observers believe that the race will not be even as spirited as that two years ago, when Henderson's Lee Whitmire made an unsuccessful attempt to unseat the Congressman.

The writer has been in almost every county in the district, and the opinion seems to be that, conceding that Judge Cathey will get a large vote in his native Buncombe, and nobody will concede him a majority there, that he can't muster the strength of Henderson and Transylvania that Whitmire had; and that the counties of the 20th Judicial District, that is those counties west of Buncombe, will row up their usual Weaver majorities, or more than they usually do.

That is the way politicians and observers all over the District are talking. But, it is still February, and the primary comes not until May. As one observer put it, "if anybody expects to defeat Congressman Weaver, he will have to develop his strength between now and May; for it does not now exist."

MRS. COGDILL DIES AT WILLETTS HOME

Funeral services for Mrs. George Cogdill, who died at her home near Willets, Monday morning, at the age of 61, following a long illness, were conducted at the home, Tuesday afternoon, by the Rev. Robert Parris, pastor of Buff Creek Baptist Church, and Rev. Waldo Stevens, pastor of Mount Pleasant Baptist church. Interment was in the family

REAPPORTIONMENT SHOULD BE MADE— IT PROBABLY WILL AT NEXT ASSEMBLY

Asheville, Feb. 5.—There is considerable pothor in the press of Western North Carolina over the question of reapportionment of the membership of the General Assembly.

It is well that this matter be discussed now and the people thoroughly understand the situation.

There is nothing new about this question, when it is considered in all its ramifications. In fact it is almost as old as North Carolina. Did you ever study a map of the State and observe the shoe-string counties, down east that consist largely of water and a narrow strip of land, and wonder how this came about? As the population of the State began to surge westward, necessitating the creation of new counties in the west, the east, which then held and still holds the most votes in both houses of the Assembly, did not intend to relinquish power that goes with the majority of votes. So every time a new county had to be made in the west, a new one was also created in the east; and the voting majority in the Assembly remained in the east; regardless of what political party or faction held the whip hand in the State.

This condition existed up to the time of the taking of the census of 1930. The population, the wealth, the votes in general elections and primaries had all shifted to the west; but the east still held the majority in the General Assembly. The Constitution said that the membership should be reapportioned after every decennial census, upon the basis of population. But, the reapportionment had to be made by the General Assembly. There was a hard fight in the Assembly, and reapportionment was put off until 1933. That year the east was renewed; and there was a great scarp, with fireworks; and the east won again, with the help of some western votes. That year, the Jackson representative, Mr. Tompkins, was a first-termer in the House, and he voted and worked for reapportionment, as the record in Raleigh will substantiate.

In 1937 the fight was on again, and the east again won, with the help of some western votes, including that of Jackson and one adjoining county. The western Republicans, take them by and large, were provoked with their Democratic neighbors from the same part of the State, and most of them voted with the east, as did a few western Democrats.

In 1939, every leader of the Assembly, regardless of what section of the state he came from, agreed that it would be useless and foolish to make the fight all over again, with another census just a year away. But, everybody agreed that the matter will come up for a final fight in the General Assembly of 1941. There are enough members, or probably will be, from the east, who recognize the righteousness of the cause, and their duty to obey the Constitution, to effect the reapportionment of both House and Senate, at the 1941 session—provided the west will vote as a unit on this important matter.

It will be of no direct benefit to small counties in the west, like Jackson, for example, for we will have but one Representative anyway. But, it will be an indirect benefit, in that our section of the State will have the representation that it is entitled to have, under the Constitution. Buncombe will probably pick up an additional representative, as will Mecklenburg, Forsyth, Gaston, and perhaps one or two other western counties. And, every representative that is reapportioned to the west will take a representative away from an eastern county. Johnston, New Hanover, Rockingham, Nash, and some other eastern counties will probably be the ones to lose representation.

But, the west does the voting in the elections, pays the larger part of the bills, and has the population. The last is the thing upon which the Constitution says representation shall be based, each county having not less than one representative in the

House.

It is just, it is fair, it is what the Constitution says do. And it should be done. If it is to be done, the west, however, must send good, and wherever possible, experienced, legislators to Raleigh. We can't help it if the east loses representation. The thing that has helped most to retain the balance of power east of Raleigh, all through the years, is not that eastern Senators and Representatives are any smarter than their colleagues from the west. It is that the East has maintained a policy of returning the same men to Raleigh year after year, until they are experienced in the arts of legislative procedure, and hold that prestige which experience and long service give to any man. The western counties, on the contrary, have continued to send first one man and then another to represent them in the House and the Senate. And the balance of power has remained in the

Honor Court Of Boy Scouts Was Held Here

The regular monthly boy scout court of honor for the Smoky Mountains district of the Daniel Boone council was held in the Sylva Methodist church Monday night. The assistant scout executive, Floyd New, of Asheville, was in charge.

The invocation by the Rev. H. M. Hocutt, pastor of the Sylva Baptist church, was followed by the presentation of the tenderfoot awards by Mr. New.

Receiving the tenderfoot award were Francis Jackson and Wilbur Sequoyah, of Cherokee, and Paul Cope and Joseph Vance Osborne, of Sylva.

Wilford Phillips of Cullowhee, was advanced to second class, the award being made by W. E. Bird, of Cullowhee.

The first class award was made to Ray Wike, of Cullowhee, by H. E. Monteith, of Sylva.

Receiving merit badges were: Clyde Smith, Roy Churchill, and Ray Wike, of Cullowhee; George Goines, Adam S. Lossiah, and Cecil West, of Cherokee; and Oscar Martin and Lacy Stallings, of Bryson City. These awards were made by W. E. Ensor, of Cherokee.

Following adjournment of court, the district committee, with W. E. Bird, chairman presiding. Plans were made for the celebration of boy scout week and for the adult membership drive, both of which will be held this month.

Mr. New discussed plans for development of the property recently acquired by the Daniel Boone council in Haywood county.

E. J. Duckett was chosen chairman of the Sylva troop committee to replace Howard Clapp who has recently been named farm agent for Swain county and move to Bryson City.

It was decided to hold the next court in Bryson City.

W. C. T. C. TEACHER HAS QUESTION ON RADIO

Cullowhee, Feb. 6 (Special)—Mrs. J. W. Fisher, faculty member of Western Carolina Teachers College, has just had the honor of having a question which she had submitted selected to be used on the Columbia Broadcasting System musical quiz program from New York City, called So You Think You Know Music. This half-hour program takes place every Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

Each week four questions pertaining to music which are sent in by listeners are selected as part of the program, and Mrs. Fisher's question, name, and address were read on Sunday, Feb. 4.

As a prize she will receive a copy of the recently published biography of the French composer Ravel, called Bolero.

Mrs. Fisher tells us that the participant who was asked her question answered correctly two parts of it but missed the third.

Her prize-winning question was: Name one mass written by each of the three B's. The answer is: 1. Bach, B Minor Mass 2. Beethoven, Missa Solomnis 3. Brahms, A German Requiem.

Following the meeting, Miss Rabe, and other Cullowhee teachers conducted the group through the new training school building.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Last week, The Journal announced a new game to be played by the school children of the county. A lot of interest was shown, and the game will be continued. But, in order to give the children outside the Sylva area equal chances with those who live close in, we are making the following rules:

No answers will be received before Tuesday following the publication of the paper. If you prefer, you can bring your answer. If you live away from Sylva, mail it, and have your postmaster place the date hour and minute your letter was mailed, upon the envelope with his initials. Don't mail it, or bring it before Tuesday following the publication of the paper containing the question. One dollar will be paid to the student in any Jackson county school who first comes to this office or mails the correct answer.

Here's this week's question. Who were the Anzacs, and in what war did they make themselves famous?

The winner of last week's contest was Miss Anne owan, of Sylva. Two correct answers were brought in that of Miss Cowan and one by Fred McLain, Jr., also of Sylva. However, Miss Cowan beat Fred to the draw. The answer is Rufus King, born in Sampson County, N. C.

Ammon Brothers Shot In Gladly Creek Row

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION TO MEET AT SCOTTS CREEK

The Tuckasegee Baptist Sunday School Convention will meet with Scotts Creek Church Sunday afternoon February 11th at 8 o'clock.

A large group from over the county is expected to attend this meeting. The following Program will be given.

General Theme "Every Sunday School Officer and Teacher doing Personal Work after Lost Souls." Congregational Singing Devotional. . . . T. C. Bryson Sr. Secretary's Report. . . . J. V. Hall Business and Announcements Special Music. . . . New Savannah Talk. A Vacation Bible School in Every Church This Year.

By Rev. H. M. Hocutt Special Music. . . . Scotts Creek Junior Choir

Talk. . . . The Pastors Place in Personal Work. . . . Rev. Ernest Jamison

Talk. . . . Personal Work for Lost Souls. . . . Rev. C. L. Allen.

Adjournment.

Cullowhee High School To Hold Carnival

Cullowhee, Feb. 6 (Special)—A carnival featuring a one-act comedy, a negro minstrel, two popularity contests, a cake walk, and side shows, will be given Friday evening, February 9, in the auditorium of Western Carolina Teachers College by the high school students of the training school.

The entertainment has been planned by the students in order to raise money for high school athletic equipment.

The senior class has for its special part of the program the production of the play "Waf Carver's Mouse Trap," written by Frederick Koch, Jr. and directed by Miss Winnie Alice Murphy, senior sponsor. The four members of the cast are Laura Belle Phillips, Robert Lee Seago, Elizabeth Ann Hunter, and Durward Stephens. Scenery for the play is being made by the senior boys from lumber donated by Mr. E. B. Mikels of the Blackwood Lumber Company at East LaPorte, and painted by the senior girls.

The junior class will have charge of refreshment booths and all food sales. Members of this class, as well as others, are donating sandwiches, candy, cake, pies, and drinks to be sold all during the evening. The students are being assisted by Miss Ketchem, their class sponsor.

The ninth grade has for its special part in the entertainment a negro minstrel, "For Satan's Sake," which is being directed by Mr. E. V. Deans, Jr., sponsor for the ninth grade. The cast for this production consists of twenty-six black-faced characters who dance, sing, and tell jokes.

The eighth grade is sponsoring a baby popularity contest, for which each of the four grades has chosen a baby from

Asbury Ammons, 33, is in the Community Hospital, suffering from a serious wound in the abdomen, and his brother, Albert, sustained a flesh wound in the head, all resulting from a gun-fight, staged about eight o'clock Wednesday morning, on Gladly Creek, in Canada township, according to officers.

Carl Crawford, 30, is being held in the Sylva jail, charged with the shooting.

According to officers, the shooting occurred in front of Crawford home. Crawford is said to have told officers that the two ammon stopped a ruck in front of his home, and that an argument soon arose, and Asbury was shot during the encounter, and Albert was shot accidentally.

Crawford brought the two wounded men to the hospital, and then surrendered to officers.

P. T. A. HOLDS INTERESTING MEETING

The January meeting of the Sylva Parent Teachers Association, which was postponed because of the bad weather, was held Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Charles Z. Candler, presented by Mrs. Louis Hair, the program chairman, gave an inspiring address to the association, on "The Royal Way of Life."

Mrs. R. U. Sutton, the president, announced that the sum of \$165 had been realized in Jackson County from the sale of Christmas seals, the largest amount ever sold in the county.

Miss Cogburn was general chairman for the county, and Mrs. Ray Cogdill represented the Sylva P. T. A. in the seals sale.

Prizes for attendance to parents at the meeting were awarded to Miss Louise Mason's primary class; Mrs. Herbert Gibson's, grammar grade class; and Mr. Henson's High School room.

Miss Weatherington Com- ing To County

Miss Julia Weatherington of the State Department of Education, will be in Jackson county, next week, on a tour of inspection of the schools.

the community and is soliciting votes for its candidate. The babies chosen for this contest are: Lyndon Higdon, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Higdon for the seniors; Betty Jean Ashbrook, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Ashbrook for the juniors; Craig Brandon, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Gurliey for the freshmen.

A popularity contest for high school students is also being featured. Two students, a boy and a girl, will be elected as most popular in high school from these eight students who have been named, a boy and a girl from each grade, by the four classes: seniors, Thelma Mikels and Durward Stephens; juniors, Gladys Cowan and Glenn Price; sophomores, Doris Long and Clyde Andrews; freshmen, Helen Bird and Wilfred Phillips.

During intermission cake walks will be conducted with students auctioneering. Side shows, planned by the sophomore class, will be open at this time.

At the close of intermission the results of the school and baby contests will be announced and prizes will be awarded the winners.

All the activities have been planned by the students themselves working in various committees, with Mary Catherine Bryson, Anne Bird, and Woodrow Bryson, members of the senior class, serving as steering committee. Publicity for the occasion has been in charge of Clyde Andrews, Lloyd Wilkes, and Laura Belle Phillips.

The performance will begin promptly at 7:30 Friday evening. Admission price is twenty-five cents.