

The Jackson County Journal

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SYLVA, NORTH CAROLINA, FEBRUARY 15, 1940

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Sylva Elementary School Has Been Standardized

A. B. Combs and Miss Julia Weatherington, of the State Department of Instruction, have been making a general check of the schools of the county this week, and have placed Sylva Elementary school on the standard list—the first elementary school in Jackson county under the new standardization. The order for equipment needed to standardize the school has been completed and the school goes to standard immediately.

It has been stated that it was through the splendid co-operation of County Superintendent Moses, the County Board of Education, of Principals Hair and Crawford, the teachers, and the Parent-Teacher Association, that this much-coveted object has been attained.

Mr. Combs stated that he found a twenty-five per cent improvement in the high schools of the county, since the last check was made, and Miss Weatherington complimented the principals and teachers at East La Porte and Tuckasee on the improvement in their schools.

The schools at Glenville and Webster will be placed on the standard list about August first, pending the acquisition of supplementary sets of books.

J. R. CHASTIAN DIES AT TUCKASEE

Mr. J. R. Chastian, best known as "Uncle Bob," died, Sunday Feb. 11, at his home at Tuckasee. He was 82 years and 4 days old. He was a member of John's Creek Baptist church for 52 years.

He is survived by five children, Mr. E. L. Chastian, Mr. F. M. Chastian, Mr. Don Chastian, Mrs. Lem McCoy, all of Jackson county, and Mrs. Albert Price, of Lake Toxaway; by twenty-four grand-children, ten great-grand-children, and two sisters, Mrs. Cloe Middleton, and Mrs. Calla Long.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Ben Cook, at the Wike cemetery.

P. T. A. TO CELEBRATE FOUNDERS' DAY

The Sylva Parent Teachers Association will observe Founder's Day, at the February meeting, which will be held on Monday night, at 7:30 o'clock. The meeting will be held at night, to give the men of the community an opportunity to attend.

The program will begin with a devotional service, led by Rev. H. M. Hocutt, pastor of the Sylva Baptist church. A short business session will follow, after which Miss Edith Buchanan, of the High School faculty, will tell of the founding of the parent-teacher association, in 1897. A group of songs, sung by the High School Glee Club, under the direction of Mr. Dan Cook will be followed by a talk by Mrs. Mary Cowan, in which she will honor the former presidents of the local association, and will recount the accomplishments of the organization. Special invitations have been sent to former presidents.

During the evening a free will offering will be taken, as is usual on Founder's Day, for expenses other than those of the local association.

The hospitality committee will serve refreshments after the program.

ADULT EDUCATORS HOLD MEETING HERE

A meeting of the supervisory and head teachers of Adult Education for the western county forming the ninth area, was held here Monday. Mrs. Edith Morgan presided.

RALPH TATHAM IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Ralph Tatham, well-known Dillsboro business man and World War Veteran, is seriously ill in an Asheville hospital. Mr. Tatham has been ill for several weeks, and was taken to Asheville, a few days ago.

This Week's Question

Last week, Fred N. McLain, Jr., of Sylva won the dollar, for being the first to answer the question: "Who Were The Anzacs, and in what war did they make themselves famous?" Fred brought his answer to The Journal 6:56 A. M., Tuesday. Frank Cowan had the correct answer; but he delivered his at 7:29. Floyd Griffin, Jr., of Cullowhee, mailed the correct answer, at 7:30; and Ben Sumner, of Sylva brought in the right answer, at 1:44 P. M. The answer is The Australian—New Zealand Army Corps, of the British Expeditionary Forces, in the World War.

The week before, regarding the vice president, of North Carolina nativity, who took the oath of office in a foreign country, and was never in the City of Washington, was answered correctly by Miss Mildred Painter, of Webster; but her answer came in later than that of the winner, Miss Anne Cowan.

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.

This week's question is: Assuming that your father is a native of Glasgow, your mother of Moscow, and you were born in Prague in 1937; Your parents brought you to North Carolina when you were six weeks old. Both your parents are now naturalized citizens of the United States. Of what country would you be a citizen or subject?

METHODIST COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD HERE SUNDAY

A council meeting for leaders of the young people's work in the Methodist churches in the Waynesville District, will be held at the Methodist church here, at three o'clock Sunday afternoon. Mr. George Swearingen, director of young people in the Waynesville District, will preside.

S. S. CONVENTION MET SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The Tuckasee Baptist Sunday School convention met last Sunday afternoon with Scotts Creek church. Clarence Vance presided. About 200 persons were present from the following Sunday Schools; East Sylva, Little Savannah, Scotts Creek, New Savannah, Sylva, Tuckasee, Lovedale, Wilkesdale, Cullowhee, Jarrett Memorial Dillsboro, and Webster. Four visitors were present from the Tennessee River Association and one from the Haywood Association.

The devotional was conducted by T. C. Bryson, Sr. of Scotts Creek. Special music was rendered by a group from New Savannah, and the Junior Choir of Scotts Creek. Misses Kay and Laverne Hooper of Tuckasee also sang a special number.

Rev. H. M. Hocutt made a talk on the subject of vacation Bible schools for this summer.

Rev. Ernest Jamison talked on the pastor's place in personal work and Rev. C. L. Allen spoke on personal work for lost souls.

Rev. Fred Forrester was appointed director of daily vacation Bible school work in the Association.

J. T. Gribble was appointed director of Lords Acre work for the Association.

The next meeting will be held with Tuckasee church the second Sunday afternoon in March at 2 o'clock.

Ammons Dies--Crawford Held For Grand Jury

The Jackson County Grand Jury will pass upon the case of Carl Crawford, when it meets next week, following the death of Asbury Ammons, from a gunshot wound in the abdomen.

Ammons, 33, of Argura, who was brought to the C. J. Harris Community hospital here last Wednesday suffering from a bullet wound in the abdomen, died about 2:30 o'clock Monday morning.

Ammons was shot with a .38 calibre revolver during an altercation which is said to have taken place in front of the home of Carl Crawford in the Canada section of Jackson county last Wednesday morning. Crawford, a highway employe, is charged with the shooting and is being held in the Jackson county jail here.

Ammons' younger brother, Albert, was slightly wounded in the head at the same time. Crawford is said to have told officers that the shooting of Albert Ammons was accidental, the younger Ammons having been shot in a struggle for the revolver after Asbury Ammons had been wounded.

Crawford surrendered to Sheriff Leonard Holden after he brought the two wounded men to the hospital.

Sheriff Holden said that a charge of murder would be placed against Crawford, but no date for a preliminary hearing has been set.

Asbury Ammons is survived by his widow; his mother; two brothers, Albert and Don, of Argura; and four sisters, Mrs. Charles Teague and Mrs. Barney, of Virginia, and Mrs. Roger Burrell and Mrs. Louie Broom, of Argura.

The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home. Burial was in Argura cemetery.

JACKSONIANS RESPOND TO CALL OF BELEAGUED FINNS

Jackson county folks, always liberal, extremely patriotic, and usually found on the side of the underdog, responded liberally to the call for the relief of the valiant fighting Finns, who are battling for their very national existence against the hordes of godless communism, and turned in to Mrs. F. L. McKee, general chairman, and Ralph Sutton, Cullowhee chairman, the sum of \$235.25, to be forwarded to Finland.

The names of those who have subscribed are:

Sylva Rotary and Members, \$60.50; J. E. S. Thorpe, \$25.00; Red Cross, \$22.50; Womens Club, \$15.00; 20th Century Club, \$10.00; Dillsboro, Sylva Elec. Co., \$10.00; R. C. Allison, \$10.00; Mrs. Leslie Forgrave, \$5.00; Mrs. Ben Queen, \$1.00; W. J. Fisher, \$1.00; W. W. Bryson, \$1.00; Raymond Glenn, \$1.00; Chester Scott, \$1.00; Dexter Hooper, \$1.00; T. W. Ashe, \$1.00; Chas. Price, \$1.00; Mrs. B. E. Gray, \$1.00; M. V. Higdon, \$1.00; Frank Hall, \$1.00; Oscar Bumgarner, \$5.00; W. D. Warren, \$5.00; Jennings Bryson, \$1.00; Sol Schulman, \$1.00; T. C. Bryson, \$1.00; Bob Long, \$1.00; Miss Alice Benton, \$1.00; Mrs. D. H. Brown, \$1.00; Jimmie Gaither, \$1.00; Tommie Keever, \$5.00; E. L. Wilson, \$5.00; Mrs. Bennie Reece, \$2.50; Elva Harris, \$2.50; J. H. Morris, \$1.00; Dan Allison, \$1.00; Mrs. D. M. Hall, \$1.00; David Stillwell, \$1.00; Mrs. Queen Hastings, \$1.00; A. C. Moses, \$1.00; Glenn Hughes, \$1.00; Roy Cowan, \$1.00; Richmond Deitz, \$5.00; Griffin Middleton, \$1.00; Mrs. Nannie McGuire, \$2.50; Chas. Reed, \$1.00; Mrs. Mary Cowan, \$1.00; S. C. Cogdill, \$1.00; Earl C. Padgett, \$1.00; Grady Henson, \$5.00; Paul Kirk, \$1.00; Bill Wise, \$1.00; Phil Stovall, \$1.00; Ray Cogdill, \$1.00; B. Lessing, \$1.00; F. H. Brown, \$5.00; Robert L. Brown, \$5.00; Mrs. R. V. Brown, \$5.00; R. V. Brown, \$5.00; Mrs. W. N. Coward, \$1.00; Mrs. Hannah Hall, \$1.00; John E. Hooper, \$1.00; A. K. Hinds, \$5.00; Mrs. M. K. Hinds, \$1.00; T. C. Ledbetter, \$5.00; John W. McDevitt, \$1.00; Oscar Norton, \$1.00; Miss Margaret Reid, \$1.00;

BALSAM (By Mrs. D. T. Knight)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Arrington a son, Thursday the 8th. Mr. Charles Arrington and his son, Mr. Howard Arrington and son Edward and daughter Lois, and Mr. Harper Emerson of Saurinook were guests of Mrs. Sarah Smothers Sunday. Mr. Charles Arrington is a brother of Mrs. Smothers.

4-H CROPS CHAMPIONS ANNOUNCED BY HARRILL

Meet the 4-H Club crops champions of North Carolina for 1939, invites L. R. Harrill, State 4-H Club leader. They are Borden Holloman, 15, of Wayne County, the corn champion; Remus Edwards, 15, of Rutherford County, the cotton king; Elmer Tucker, 16, of Pitt County, the best tobacco grower; and Charlie Nick Chestnutt, 14, of Sampson County, the horticultural project leader.

Each of the boys will receive a one-year scholarship to N. C. State College from funds donated by the American Nitrate Educational Bureau through H. L. Meacham, its North Carolina representative.

Holloman, a member of the Rosewood 4-H Club, produced 126.28 bushels of corn on his measured club acre, and made a profit of \$51.30 on the project. His club leaders were C. S. Mintz, Wayne County farm agent, and R. B. Harper, assistant agent.

The Edwards boy is a member of the Mt. Vernon Club, and his one-acre cotton yield was 960 pounds of lint and 280 pounds of seed cotton. His profit was \$84.45. F. E. Patton and T. J. Hamlin, farm agent and assistant, respectively, are Remus' club leaders.

The Pitt County boy, Elmer Tucker, made 1,702 pounds of tobacco on his club acre for a profit of \$243.21. His club at Grimesland is led by R. E. Bennett, farm agent, and C. D. Griggs, assistant agent.

Charlie Nick Chestnutt, the 14-year-old member of the Turkey 4-H Club in Sampson County, grew one-half acre of peppers, his horticultural project, and harvested 187 baskets which sold for an average of \$1.10 per basket. Figuring all costs, including hauling and marketing, his profit amounted to \$160.88. E. J. Morgan, county agent, and J. P. Stovall, assistant agent led Chestnutt's club work.

SYLVA DEFEATS CANTON CAGERS

In one of the season's finest games here the Sylva high Hurricanes Monday night defeated the Black Bears of Canton high 32 to 31. In the girls' game Sylva also triumphed, 27-14.

Sylva's boys led Canton almost the entire game. Canton managed to slip into a 20-20 tie at the end of the third period but Sylva jumped to the front again to stay.

Girls' line-up: Sylva, (27): F—Sumner, (8); F—Fisher, (9); F—Parker, (10); G—A. Jones, G—Henry, G—H Jones.

Canton, (14): F—Pressley, (7); F—Gregg, F—Reedes, (4); G—Calvin, G—Woodruff, G—Kelley. Subs: Sylva, Dillard, Keener; Canton, Gray (3), Stewart.

Boys' line-up: Sylva, (32): F—Sutton, (5); F—Rector, (4); C—Crawford, (3); G—R. Henson, (11); G—B. Henson, (3).

Canton, (31): F—Fowler, (4); F—Rhea, (11); C—Price, (7); G—Hippis, (3); G—Clark, (6). Subs: Sylva, Phillips (6); Canton, Wyatt.

H. P. Smith, \$1.00; Miss Lenora Smith, \$1.00; E. H. Stillwell \$1.00; Miss Mabel Tyree, \$1.00; Fred Forrester, \$1.00; Five persons with names not given, \$5.00; G. C. Henson, \$1.00; Myrtle Hoglen, \$5.00; Miss Ethel Hitt, \$5.00. Total contribution \$235.25.

Chief Allen Improving

The condition of Sylva's Chief of Police, William O. Allen, who has been quite ill at his home, for several days, is somewhat improved.

FORMER FARM AGENT PRACTICES TEACHING

R. F. Shearin was assistant farm agent in Nash County for four years. He is now completing work for his Master's degree at N. C. State College. Recently he bought a badly run-down farm in Halifax County, in the Fishing Creek Soil Conservation District.

Shearin preached pasture improvement, cover crops, good rotations, and other conservation farming practices during his service as a farm agent. So the first thing he did after buying the Halifax County farm was to make application to the soil conservation district supervisors for a farm plan. Shearin will operate the farm in conjunction with a beef cattle farm owned by his father. But he wants to make hay and pasture available in advance of bringing in too many cattle—another idea he has been teaching.

He found from the farm plan survey that 20 acres of the land formerly cultivated was too steep or severely eroded for row crops. So he reduced the cultivated land from 85 to 55 acres, and planted the steep and eroded 30 acres to kudzu, lespedeza sericea, trees, and permanent pastures.

Shearin will use a four-year rotation on the cultivated acreage, and will plant most of the 55 acres to annual lespedeza this spring, using only a small acreage for row crops until 1942. Bottomland will be cleared and treated over a period of years for pasture.

The kudzu, lespedeza, and other hay crops will serve the dual purpose of protecting badly eroded areas and providing additional feed for beef cattle. The old pastures will be improved and new grazing land developed.

Cullowhee, Feb. 13, (Special)—Mrs. Louise Lorick, lyric soprano, and Miss Ruth Rhyon, pianist, both of Asheville, and two of the city's most popular young artists, entertained the student body of Western Carolina Teachers College in the new auditorium Tuesday afternoon with a concert consisting of operatic arias, light waltz songs, and several piano solos, including the ever popular Liebestraum by Liszt.

Mrs. Lorick in coming to Western Carolina Teachers College today filled a return engagement, having sung before the student body in previous recitals.

PASSES MILLION

More than a million farms are now included in soil conservation districts organized during the past two years by farmers, with 400,000 more expected to come in shortly.

STEADY GROWTH

The nation's first plant for making starch from sweet potatoes, located in Laurel, Mississippi, reports a steady growth and in 1940 expects to turn out 3,400,000 pounds of starch.

IMPORT ANIMALS

The importation of purebred animals into the United States for breeding purposes increased during the calendar year 1939 as shown by records of certificates issued by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

FARM COOPERATIVES

A total of 10,700 farmers' marketing and purchasing cooperatives were in business during the 1938-39 marketing season just closed and transacted business amounting to \$2,100,000,000.

MILK CONSUMPTION

The consumption of fluid milk and cream is increasing, following the improvement in business employment and payrolls, reports the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Commerce Directors Nominate New Board

IT'S TIME, OR ALMOST TIME TO PLANT GARDEN

Dean I. O. Schaub, director of the State College Extension Service, illustrates the value of a garden by telling this story: "A man decided to attend the horse races, but before starting out he bought a round-trip ticket so that he could get home no matter how much he lost gambling."

The same philosophy should apply to North Carolina farming, Dr. Schaub declared. "If we are going to gamble with tobacco and other so-called 'cash crops,' we should buy a round-trip ticket by planting a garden so that we will have something to eat if we lose our tobacco bet."

It is time now to start planting home gardens in all parts of the State except the mountain region. By March 1, it is usually safe to set out lettuce, cabbage, onion sets, and the hardier greens in the mountains. Elsewhere in the State it is safe now to plant cabbage, lettuce, spinach, garden peas, beets, carrots, and mustard.

Dean Schaub recommends that for a family of 7 to 10 persons, a one-acre garden be planted. It should be laid off in 70-yard rows. For a family of five or less, a one-half acre garden will suffice, or 35-yard rows.

The number of plants or amount of seed needed for a 70-yard row follows: Cabbage, 200 plants; lettuce, 200 plants; spinach, 2 ounces of seed; wrinkled garden peas, 1 pound; beets, 2 ounces; carrots, 1 ounce; mustard, 1 ounce; Irish potatoes, two bushels for 10 rows; turnips, 1 ounce; snap beans, 1 pound; corn, one pound for four rows; tomatoes, 100 plants; sweet potatoes, 200 plants for 10 rows.

METHODIST SOCIETY REORGANIZES

The Methodist Women's Missionary society has recently been reorganized, and divided into the afternoon circle and an evening circle. The afternoon circle will meet on the second Wednesday afternoon of each month and the meetings of the evening circle will be held on the evenings of the second Monday night in each month.

The first meeting of the evening circle was held last Monday night, with Mrs. E. J. Duckett a hostess, at her home. Officers chosen were: chairman, Mrs. Duckett; vice chairman, Mrs. Herbert Gibson, Jr.; recording secretary, Mrs. Madge Martin; corresponding secretary and local treasurer, Mrs. Frank Wells; treasurer, Mrs. Kenyon Moody.

At this meeting pledges for the year were made by the members, and a talk by Mrs. W. Kermit Chapman on the work of Miss Belle Bennett, was heard.

After the program and business meeting, Mrs. Duckett served a salad course.

On Wednesday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. Dan K. Moore, the February meeting of the Methodist Women's Missionary society was held. The devotional was led by Mrs. Annie Tompkins, and the program, on the subject of the life work of Miss Belle Bennett, was presented by Mrs. David M. Hall. Officers for the afternoon circle of the society were named, as follows: chairman, Mrs. David Hall; vice chairman, Mrs. Robert Long; treasurer, Mrs. R. U. Sutton; local treasurer, Mrs. M. Buchanan, Jr.; recording secretary, Mrs. T. N. Massie; corresponding secretary, Mrs. B. E. Gray.

Mrs. Moore served her guests delightful refreshments during the afternoon.

"Thanks For Them Kind Words," Mrs. Alley!

Waynesville, N. C., 2-7-40
Congratulations on your improved newspaper—size—print and material. I appreciate receiving news of my home town. Sincerely,
Mrs. Doyle D. Alley
State P. T. A. Pres.

The Board of Directors of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce met at the Community House, Wednesday evening and nominated men who will be voted upon for the new board of directors. From those elected the President and Secretary will be chosen by the Board.

The ballot box will be placed in the information booth and public library from January 19 to 24, inclusive, for all members of the chamber to express their choice for directors.

These who were nominated are: Velt Wilson, S. C. Cogdill, W. C. Hennessee, Sidney Cagle, Vernon V. Hooper, Phil Stovall, W. J. Fisher, W. T. Wise, R. L. Ariail, Dan K. Moore, R. U. Sutton, Ralph C. Sutton, T. Walter Ashe, Chas. M. Reed, J. Robert Long, T. N. Massie, Woody Hampton, Earl Padgett, E. L. McKee, Mont Cannon, Frank Fricks, Leon Picklesimer, Dr. W. P. McGuire, Ed Bumgarner, Harry Ferguson, M. D. Cowan, Louis Hair, G. K. Bess, Chas. Browning, A. J. Dills, Sol Schulman, J. V. Hall, Paul Ellis, E. J. Duckett, H. C. Lawrence.

The nine men receiving the largest number of votes will form the Board of Directors, from which the officers will be chosen.

New Disease Attacks Irish Potato Tubers

Here's a warning to North Carolina Irish potato growers from Howard R. Garriss, assistant Extension plant pathologist of State College:

A new bacterial wilt disease, called "Bacterial Ring Rot," has attacked Irish potatoes in 26 states, and disastrous losses have been suffered in several areas. The disease is spread through seed potatoes; therefore, Tar Heel growers should be careful where they buy seed potatoes, and should take definite steps to control the disease when it is found.

The disease attacks the tubers, causing a grayish to brownish discoloration of the vascular ring, which is quite often followed by soft rot with a final loss of the whole tuber. Symptoms in the field are best detected 80 to 90 days after planting, or just before the tops begin to die. A rather sudden wilting of the tops takes place with final browning and drying.

To prevent spread of the disease, Garriss recommends that the knife being used to cut the potatoes be sterilized frequently by dipping for a few seconds in a germicide disinfectant solution, or be dropped into boiling water for a short time. Experiments have shown that if you cut through a potato with ring rot, the next ten and sometimes more healthy potatoes cut with the same knife will become infected.

"If possible, get seed from a locality that is free from the rot," the Extension specialist advised.

"We, here at State College, will be glad to furnish the latest available information on disease-free sources. It is wise to buy from a State with a good certification system, and to buy with a flat money-back guarantee that the seed potatoes are not infected with ring rot. If you think the disease is present, treat the seed pieces by dipping them into a solution of Semesan-Bel or Mercuro (prepared according to manufacturer's directions), and dry before planting."

CALVES

Robert Morgan and Leonard McKinney of Lillington, Route 1, and Willis Temple, Bunnlevel, Route 1, are three of the Harnett County 4-H Club boys conducting baby beef calf projects this year.

TOBACCO

Delayed by snow and cold weather, farmers have rushed work on their tobacco plant beds with the coming of recent favorable weather, report farm agents of the State College Extension Service.