

The Jackson County Journal

\$1.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

SYLVA, NORTH CAROLINA, MAY 9, 1940

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

County's WPA Projects Observe 'This Pays Your Community Week'

As one phase of the celebration of "This Pays Your Community Week," the heads of the various WPA Projects in the county have summarized the work done by their departments during the year and have brought them to The Journal for publication:

Sewing Rooms

W. P. A. Sewing Rooms operating in Jackson county employ 75 women.

This project is sponsored by the County Commissioners with Mrs. Edith Franklin of Asheville, as District Supervisor, and Mrs. Jessie Crawford as county supervisor.

During this fiscal year, July 1, 1939 to May 1, 1940, 14,805 garments for men, women and children have been produced and turned over to Welfare agencies, to be distributed to the needy in the county.

Women who work on Sewing projects are taught every step in sewing. Many have never had experience in this kind of work, and have learned to be expert seamstresses, some qualified to supervise groups making overalls, which is one of the most difficult types of garment made. We think this project "Pays Your Community."

County Library Project

The W. P. A. Library Project is under the Supervision of Mrs. Verayle C. Franks, district supervisor library project; Mrs. Mae P. Stallcup, assistant district supervisor; and Miss Ruth Parks, district training supervisor. Sponsored by the Jackson County Board of Education. During the period of operation in this county it has given library service to ten schools, including the Western Carolina Teachers College. With the exception of the College the libraries have been completely organized to meet the state standard requirements.

Hundreds of books which would otherwise have been discarded have been mended, for the schools and college at a cost to the sponsor of 8 to 10 cents each. However the mending unit has been centralized and we now have one mending unit serving six counties, located in Bryson City.

A number of principals have asked that plans be made to serve other schools next year.

The project makes it possible for schools to have their libraries organized and a person in charge of circulation of books the entire day.

The W. P. A. persons at the desk in the college are trained by Mrs. Buchanan, College Librarian, who reports commendable service. The Public Library has been organized and operated entirely by W. P. A. service, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, and the Jackson county Board of Commissioners.

In order to acquaint the public with the service available by this project everyone is urged to visit the units operating during the week of May 20-25. Open house is being held for this express purpose. Any questions regarding this project will be gladly answered.

Adult Education

Figures taken from the 1930 census showed 1,054 white people and 68 colored people in Jackson county, who could not read and write. Adult Education was begun here in 1932 with 6 teachers approved for the work. In the spring of 1933 other teachers were added and Mrs. Selma Middleton was appointed supervisor. Since that time it has been estimated that all but 200 of these folks have been taught to sign their names and many of them completed several of the elementary grades. Others, who had not had an opportunity to attend school but a few years, have been carried through the seventh grade and have entered high school. During the Literacy

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SYLVA TO WAGE WAR ON RATS

Beginning next Monday, the town of Sylva, in co-operation with the Chamber of Commerce and the State Board of Health, will begin a campaign to rid the community of rats.

Mr. Wilson, of the local public health unit, and Mr. A. J. Dills are today soliciting funds with which to purchase the poison for the rats. This is the only cost of the campaign. The State Board of Health will furnish men, free of charge to the community, to put out the poison and administer the details of the plan to exterminate the pests. The project may be extended to include the whole county, depending upon the amount subscribed to buy the poison.

TUCKASEEGEE AND HAYWOOD BAPTISTS TO MEET AT BALSAM

The Haywood and Tuckasegee Baptist associations will hold a joint meeting, on Thursday, May 16. The meeting will be held at the Balsam Baptist church. The following program has been arranged:

9:30 a. m., Praise and prayer, H. M. Hocutt.

9:45 a. m., Roll call and one-minute reports from the churches by pastors or representatives, led by W. N. Cook, W. M. Gerald, clerks.

10:30 a. m., Summaries of Association work, T. F. Darr, H. Leatherwood, moderators.

10:50 a. m., Biblical Recorder, Orphanage, Hospital, J. S. Hopkins, Fred Forester.

11:35 a. m., Praise and Announcements.

11:40 a. m., Missionary Address or sermon, M. A. Huggins or alternate.

12:20, lunch.

1:30 p. m., Ministers' Retirement Plan, J. C. Pipes

2:00 p. m., Open discussion of work in the churches and denomination, Dr. H. K. Masteller.

2:40 p. m., "The Revival We Need in the Churches," Nane Starnes.

3:20 p. m., Miscellaneous and adjournment.

Father Of J. F. Freeze Passes At Kannapolis

Mr. A. M. Freeze, aged 89, passed away, at his home in Kannapolis, Sunday night and the funeral service and burial was at St. Enoch's cemetery in Kannapolis. He is survived by three sons, J. F. Freeze, of Sylva; A. L. Freeze, of Cherokee, and E. W. Freeze, of High Point; and by two daughters, Mrs. F. U. Rogers and Mrs. W. F. Taylor, both of Kannapolis, and by fifteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Debate Club Elects Humphries President

Cullowhee, May 8 (Special)—At a brief business meeting of the Debate Club at Western Carolina Teachers College this evening the members elected "Ky" Virgil Humphries, of Lexington, Ky., president for next year. John Wike of Bryson City, was chosen vice-president; and June Marion of Pilot Mountain, was named secretary and treasurer. These officers succeed Helen Greenlee of Spruce Pine, president; Charles McCall, of Rosman, vice-president; and Genevieve Summers of Moore Haven, Fla., secretary and treasurer.

This club is sponsored by Miss Cordella Camp and Dr. A. L. Bramlett of the faculty.

GRAVELY MOVING CAMPAIGN WEST



L. LEE GRAVELY

L. Lee Gravely, Rocky Mount candidate for governor, will carry his campaign into the state's mountain counties next week, according to word received by local adherents.

Mr. Gravely, who in the 1937 legislature introduced the measure which provides for advertising North Carolina's resources and advantages, will confer with civic leaders in this section relative to properly "telling the world" about the vacation wonderland which has been opened up by the Scenic Highway connecting the Shenandoah and Smoky Mountains parks.

12 STUDENTS RECEIVE HONORS AT EXERCISES

The graduation exercises marked the closing of the commencement of Sylva High School last night, at which time Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, president of Mars Hill College delivered the address. The salutatory was by John W. Crawford and Miss Pansy Dillard was the valedictorian. A piano solo by R. L. Glenn, a member of the graduating class, and music by the Glee Club, directed by Mr. Dan B. Cook, of the High School faculty, were features of the program. Mr. Hair, principal of the high school, presented Dr. Blackwell. Certificates were presented to seventh grade students who had finished the grammar grades, by Mr. Frank Crawford, principal of the elementary school, and Mr. A. C. Moses, county superintendent of schools presented diplomas to the graduates.

Medals were awarded for excellence in various capacities to Miss Joyce Fisher and Burl Henson, athletics; Miss Grayce Lloyd, English; James Cunningham, agriculture; John Crawford, history; Miss Elizabeth Stillwell, mathematics; activities, R. L. Glenn; dramatics, Miss Agnes Wilson; science, Joe Deitz; commercial, Bobby Hall; citizenship, Miss Maxine Reagan; scholarship, Miss Pansy Dillard, Miss Elizabeth Stillwell and James Cunningham are students in the eighth grade this year.

MORE FIGURES FROM COUNTY RELEASED BY CENSUS BUREAU

Figures released from the Census Bureau, in Asheville, today, in a preliminary count and subject to correction, include: Sylva Township, (outside the corporation), 2368. In 1930 the population was 2029.

Dillsboro Township (outside the corporation), 789; in 1930 698.

Scott's Creek, 1439; in 1930, 1387.

River Township shows a decrease, because of the curtailment of the Blackwood Lumber Company's operations, at East La Porte. In 1930 the population was 1202, while the 1940 figures are 980.

CATHEY RITES HERE SUNDAY

Funeral services for Ben H. Cathey were conducted at the Sylva Methodist church, Sunday afternoon, by the pastor, Rev. A. P. Ratledge, assisted by Rev. H. M. Hocutt, and Rev. Mr. Kelley, pastor of the Canton Methodist church. Interment was in the Keener cemetery.

Mr. Cathey, who was 49 years of age, died at his home in Canton, Saturday afternoon, after having been ill for two days; though his health had not been good for several years.

A son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James H. Cathey, Mr. Cathey was born on Alarka, in Swain county. At a very early age he moved with his family to Sylva, and grew up here. For years he was identified with the business and social life of Sylva. He served as a member of the board of aldermen, and as town clerk, during the period when Sylva was engaged in its paving program. A member of one of Western North Carolina's foremost families, Mr. Cathey was a man of extraordinary ability, keen mind, and with a high sense of personal honor and integrity. To know him was to admire him for his sterling worth.

Twelve years ago he moved to Canton, where he was head bookkeeper for the Champion Employees Store; and in that city he made a host of friends. Mr. Cathey is survived by his widow, who before her marriage was Miss Anita Sanford, of Augusta, Ga.; by one brother, H. Posey Cathey, of Sylva; two sisters, Mrs. Helen Dillard of Sylva, and Mrs. Kate C. Miller, of Cleveland, Ohio; and by nine nieces and nephews.

Although he had resided in Canton for twelve years, Mr. Cathey had not broken his ties with Sylva. He still owned property here, and had a cottage in process of erection here, where he expected to spend his week-ends and vacations, and perhaps his declining years.

A large number of people from Haywood and Swain counties, came to Sylva for the funeral service. Pall bearers were young men who worked under him in the store at Canton.

Mrs. Monteith Dies In Cashiers Valley

Mrs. Mary E. Burrell Monteith died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elsie Hawkins, in Cashiers Valley, April 30. Mrs. Monteith was born July 9, 1852, in Spartanburg, S. C., and from there her parents moved to Haywood County. On March 10, 1869, she was married to the late Thomas S. Monteith, of Glenville.

Mrs. Monteith was always interested in the work of her church. She was one of the charter members of the Methodist church at Glenville. The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. Silvester Higgins, and assisted by Rev. Mr. Cook, the Baptist pastor at Glenville.

She is survived by three sons: J. C. Monteith, John W. Monteith, T. C. Monteith, and two daughters: Mrs. Otella Fowler and Mrs. Elsie Hawkins, all of Jackson County. One brother Bown Burrell, and two sisters, Mrs. Fannie Boyd, and Mrs. Wilma McLeroy, all of Haywood county; a niece, Mrs. Iola Paxton of Glenville, also 29 grandchildren, and 31 great grandchildren.

PHOSPHATE BRINGS RESULTS ON DILLARD'S PASTURE

Price Dillard, a farmer of Willets, told J. F. Giles, assistant farm agent in Jackson county, that the application of phosphate to part of his pasture in the spring of 1939 made it available for grazing this year two weeks earlier than other pasture.

COOPER VISITS SYLVA IN TRUCK



TOM COOPER

Tom Cooper, Mayor of Wilmington, and candidate for the nomination of governor was here Tuesday afternoon, and spoke to the people on the street from his sound truck. Mayor Cooper is conducting his campaign over the state from his sound truck.

JOHN B. WATSON PASSES AT 89

Mr. John B. Watson died at his home in Sylva, Sunday morning, after an illness of about two weeks.

Mr. Watson was born in Caney Fork township eighty-nine years ago. He was married to Miss Rhoda Parker, who passed away about a year ago. Mr. and Mrs. Watson celebrated their sixty-seventh wedding anniversary on December 30, 1938.

The funeral service, held at the home Monday morning at ten o'clock, was conducted by Rev. H. M. Hocutt, pastor of the Baptist church, assisted by Rev. Mr. Sprinkle, of Canton, and Rev. W. C. Reed, of Ball's Creek.

Mr. Watson is survived by two daughters: Mrs. R. A. Painter, of Sylva, and Mrs. John Phillips, of Canton; and by two sons, L. M. Watson, of Sylva, and E. T. Watson, of Washington, N. C. A number of grand children and great grandchildren also survive.

JUDGE ALLEY WILL SPEAK AT CULLOWHEE

Judge Felix E. Alley will be the speaker at the 11 o'clock service at the Cullowhee Baptist church, Sunday morning, according to announcement made by the pastor, Rev. Fred Forester. Judge Alley's subject will be "The Divinity of Christ."

Mr. Forester will begin a series of revival services at the Enderly Park Baptist church, in Charlotte, Sunday night. The deacons of the Cullowhee church will fill the pulpit of the church during the absence of the pastor.

SMILEY TO ADDRESS BAPTIST CONVENTION

Mr. A. L. Smiley, of Bryson City, will be the principal speaker at the Convention of the Baptist Sunday Schools of the Tuckasegee Association, Sunday afternoon.

The convention will be held at the Zion Hill church and the program, which begins at 2:30 is as follows:

Congregational singing. Devotional, Rev. Joe Bishop. Roll Call of Sunday Schools and secretary's report.

Special music, Zion Hill choir. "Our Baptist Hospital and Its Program," Tom H. Simpson.

Intermediate Sword Drill demonstration, Miss Pansy Dillard. Junior Sword Drill Demonstration, Miss Jean Monteith.

Special music, New Savannah choir.

"Our Mothers and Sunday School," A. L. Smiley.

School Boards Elect Teachers In Both Local And County Schools

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BEGINS HERE MONDAY

Registration and the parade for the Daily Vacation Bible School at the Baptist church will be Saturday afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock, and classes will begin on Monday afternoon, at 2:00.

Rev. H. M. Hocutt will be principal and Mrs. Claude Campbell has been chosen as pianist. The beginners' Department will be headed by Mrs. Willie Monteith, as superintendent. The teachers for this department are Mrs. Garland Jones and Miss Violet Womack. In the primary department, Miss Edna Allen is superintendent, with Miss Sadie Queen, Mrs. George Lee and Miss Mary Alma Wilkes as teachers. Mrs. H. M. Hocutt is superintendent of the junior department and Mrs. David Dills, Mrs. Jack Fitzgerald and Mrs. Harry Nicholson are her assistants. The superintendent of the intermediate department is Mrs. Herbert Bryson and the teachers in this department have not yet been chosen.

PLAYERS TO PRESENT MACBETH AT COLLEGE

The Black Mountain Players of Black Mountain College will present "Macbeth," by Shakespeare, in the college auditorium of Western Carolina Teachers College, Cullowhee, Saturday evening, May 11, at eight o'clock. The production is under the direction of W. R. Wunsch, dramatics director of Black Mountain College.

The Black Mountain Players are considered one of the outstanding little theatre groups of North Carolina. Mr. Wunsch says "Macbeth" is one of the most ambitious bits of staging his group has ever attempted.

The production is being sponsored by the Dramatics club of Western Carolina Teachers College, who will be hosts, to an informal reception immediately after the play, complimenting the visitors.

The public is cordially invited.

WPA Dinner Tickets On Sale at Commerce Office

The Jackson County Steering Committee announces that tickets for the WPA Project dinner will be on sale at the Chamber of Commerce building, on Main street, with Mr. M. D. Cowlin in charge of the sales.

The dinner will be served at 7:30 o'clock, on Monday evening, May 20, at the Community House, and will be in celebration of "This Pays Your Community Week." The tickets will be 25 cents each and every person who is interested is invited and urged to be present.

Miss Hunter Accepts Important Position

Cullowhee, May 7 (Special)—Miss Jane Hunter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Hunter of Cullowhee who, during the last year has been studying Journalism at Columbia University, has just been appointed to the position of director of social activities at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in New York City. In this new position, Miss Hunter arranges for social functions for various groups given at the hotel, interviews celebrities who are stopping there, and sends letters concerning these men and women to their home papers.

ADVERTISING

Nine states are spending money to advertise farm products, and thus help the farmers.

Meeting yesterday afternoon the local school board elected teachers for the year 1940-41, subject to the approval of the county board of education. The teachers for Sylva High and Elementary schools, as announced by Principal Louis Hair, are: high school: Miss Edith Buchanan, Mrs. Chester Scott, Mrs. Herbert Bryson, Mrs. Claude Campbell, Miss Elizabeth Ammon, Miss Osa Belle Middleton, Miss Louise Henson, Mr. L. O. Huff, Mr. Claude Henson, Mr. R. G. Watson, Mr. Dan B. Cook. A department of vocational training will be added to the school, if present plans mature, with W. A. Hatfield, who has taught agriculture in the high school for the past two years, as teacher.

Sylva elementary school: Mr. Frank Crawford, principal, Mrs. J. F. Freeze, Mrs. Herbert Gibson, Jr., Miss Bertha Cunningham, Miss Annie Louise Madison, Miss Louise Mason, Mrs. George Lee, Miss Rhoda Cope, Miss Belzora Holden, Miss Evelyn Parker, Mrs. Dan Tompkins.

A partial list of teachers for other schools in the county follows:

Qualla: Mr. Howard Crawford, principal; Miss Edith Alley, Miss Geneva Turpin, Mrs. Cora Cope, Miss Evelyn Sherrill.

Wilmot: Mr. Conrad Hooper, principal; Mrs. Miller Hall, Mrs. Harriett Hall Jenkins.

Barker's Creek: Mrs. Lois Martin, principal; Miss Jennie Cathey.

Dix Creek: Miss Kathleen Bryson.

Dillsboro: Mr. Alliney Bryson, principal; teachers to be elected.

Beta: W. V. Cope, principal; Mrs. Maude Ensey, Miss Annie L. Terrell, Mrs. W. G. Dillard.

Addie: Mr. John Crawford, principal; Mrs. Clem Hall Cogdill, Mrs. Louise Edwards.

Willets: Mr. S. J. Phillips, principal; Miss Hicks Wilson, Miss Kathlyn Sutton.

Balsam: Mr. Cornelius Dietz, principal; Mrs. Sara Crawford, Mrs. Alberta Monteith.

Cane Creek: Mrs. C. A. Bayne.

Glenville: Mr. F. S. Griffin, principal; Mr. M. B. Madison, Miss Ruby Stevens, Mr. Buren Terrell, Mrs. Kate P. Bryson, Mrs. Arline Evans, Miss Hattie Lou Long, Miss Dorothy B. Higdon, Miss Marie Moody, Miss Janie Moss, Miss Sara Belle Hooper, Mrs. Frank Bryson.

1984 GROWERS IN JACKSON COUNTY SIGN FARM PLANS

A total of 1984 growers of Jackson county will cooperate with the 1940 Agricultural Conservation Program, E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer of N. C. State College, announced following receipt of signed farm plans signifying such intention. The Triple-A lists 2000 farms in this county.

The "sign-up" for the 1940 program is an increase over the 1497 farmers who earned payments under the 1939 Agricultural Conservation program. Floyd expressed himself as highly pleased over the participation indicated in this county.

Every farmer in the county was given an opportunity to sign a Farm Plan, on which he listed the soil building practices he intends to carry out. He received a copy of the Farm Plan which showed the type of practices in the program, and how much he could earn from each. The plan also listed the individual grower's allotments for soil depleting crops, which he must plant within to earn payments.

Floyd said that in the state as a whole, Farm Plans were signed by 223,104 out of 236,546 eligible farmers. This is an approximate 94 per cent "sign-up" and is a decided contrast with the 113,598 farms on which payments were earned in 1939.