

The Jackson County Journal

\$1.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

SYLVA, NORTH CAROLINA, MAY 23, 1940

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

Lightning Bolt Strikes W. R. Sherrill Home Here Tuesday Night

A bolt of lightning struck the end of the home of Attorney W. R. Sherrill, shortly after eleven o'clock, Tuesday night knocking Mrs. Sherrill and Miss Evelyn Sherrill unconscious for some time. One end of the house, where the living room is situated, was practically demolished, the furniture wrecked, and parts of the radio driven through the walls into adjoining rooms. A blaze was started by the bolt, but it was soon extinguished. The stroke came during a short thunder shower.

WASHINGTON WEEK

JOHN B. WEATHERMAN

Washington—When newsmen gathered in President Roosevelt's office for his first press conference following Nazi Germany's most recent thrust, invasion of the Low Countries, Holland and Belgium, the usual presidential custom of not allowing direct quotes in the press was dispensed with. The reporters were given permission to quote the President directly in the matter of his statement regarding this nation's position now that a new phase of the second World War is under way.

President Roosevelt stated emphatically that Germany's lightning thrust into Europe's lowland countries had in no way altered America's firm determination to have no part in the conflict.

"I see no change in the situation in that respect since the peace blackout," Mr. Roosevelt told the newsmen who jammed his office.

It was learned just after the German invasion of Holland that the Netherlands government had addressed an inquiry to the State Department here asking just what steps would be taken on the part of this government in case the Dutch East Indies were invaded.

The United States fleet is on maneuvers in Pacific waters at this time. Although the Navy high command here denied that Pacific fleet from Hawaii to the Philippines for the "protection" of Dutch insular possessions it was admitted that some of the fleet's vessels may have moved further west to "work out fleet problems."

Mr. Roosevelt expressed himself as being personally in full sympathy with the views expressed in the proclamation issued by Queen Wilhelmina, of Holland, to her people at the outset of the Nazi invasion of her country, rallying them to resist the onslaughts of the German war machine.

"I think I can say personally I am in full sympathy with the very excellent statement that was given out—the proclamation by the Queen of the Netherlands—and let it go at that. It is worth reading," said the President.

The President told reporters that for the present no change was contemplated on the part of this country as to sea areas insofar as application of American neutrality laws is concerned.

One of the things now under his careful study, the President pointed out, are reports that the Germans are bombing open towns in violation of a pledge made to him early in the war. The President added that at the request of Belgium just after her invasion, the United States had asked Germany to refrain from bombing open cities.

At the outset of the Nazi invasion of the Low Countries, Stephen T. Early, White House secretary, met members of the press in an unprecedented conference at 1:35 in the morning. In his discussion with the reporters at that time Mr. Early pointed out that from press and radio reports of the hour there was every

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DECLINE IN PRISONERS UNDER 25 YEARS AGE

An increased public interest and more concerted action in the general welfare field were given this week as the probable causes for a decline in the number of juveniles in North Carolina county jails and a change in the number of persons under 25 in state prison systems.

W. Curtis Ezell, director of the division of institutions and corrections of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, ascribed much of the change as due to new programs of social welfare operated by the state or federal governments.

"The National Youth Administration, Civilian Conservation Corps, the employment services, Child Welfare Services, and aid to dependent children all have played a part in the remaking of many of our youthful citizens," the welfare official said.

Organization of county welfare departments in all 100 counties of North Carolina helped lower the number of children incarcerated in county jails from 1231 in 1936 to 1070 in 1937, with a further reduction through 878 in 1938 down to the 1939 low of 784, or a total reduction of 38 per cent, Ezell said.

"These reductions have been made without the addition of new or substitute institutions or facilities and without a corresponding rise in the population of institutions already existing.

"The training schools for delinquents show no increase in admissions in 1939 over 1936. Each year there were a total of 488 admissions to the four training schools," he stated.

Commitments of persons under 16 years of age to the state prison system have taken another turn with a rise from 64 in 1936 to 101 in 1939 although the younger prisoners are making up an ever increasingly smaller percentage of the total prison population. In fiscal 1933 persons under 25 years made up half the total commitments while in 1938 the prisoners under 25 years of age accounted for only 40 per cent of the total number.

Students of Mrs Fisher In Recital Yesterday

A recital was held by the violin and piano students from the class of Mrs. Virginia G. Fisher in the auditorium of Western Carolina Teachers College Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The following numbers were played: "A Merry Chase," by Dunn, Peggy Griffin; "My Birthday Party," by White, Dorothy Dodson; "At the Ice Carnival," by Qualla and Hart, Sara Jean Sutton; "The Shoemaker," by Maxim, Clinton Dodson; "Tumbling Down the Haystack," by Endres, Doris Long; "Birds in the Branches," by Rogers, Ruth Sutton; "La Barente," by Severn, Helen Bird; "Eflin Dance," by Jenson, Dorothy Sue Sutton; "Soldiers' March," by Streabog, Lora Alice Long; "Concerto No. 23—Allegro," by Viatte, Jane Elliott.

C. Wayland Spruill Finishes Campaign

C. Wayland Spruill, candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture, finished campaigning every county in the state this week and announced his confidence in his election in the primary Saturday.

Spruill is a life long farmer and merchant who has served in the General Assembly since 1933. He is a Mason, a Shriner, member of the Junior Order and Baptist.

P. T.-A. EARNED \$13.15 PER DAY

The Sylva Parent-Teacher Association, during the 160 days in which the school was in session, took in an average of a little more than \$13.15 a day, according to a check just completed by R. U. Sutton, R. L. Airlair, and W. R. Enloe.

The audit was made at the request of the officers of the association, and the certificate of the auditors shows that through the month of April the Association had taken in \$2,104.59, and had disbursed \$2,000.83, leaving a cash balance of \$103.76, and that the details of these total figures are on file with the treasurer.

Mrs. R. U. Sutton is president of the Association, and Mrs. Dan Tompkins, treasurer. Herbert Gibson, Jr., gave his services as bookkeeper, kept the accounts and drew all checks, which were signed by the treasurer, after each expenditure had been authorized by the association.

REVIVAL IN PROGRESS AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. L. H. Dawson arrived yesterday to assist Rev. H. M. Hocutt in a series of revival services, at the Baptist church.

Mr. Dawson, who is from Tye River, Va., will preach each night this week at 8:00 o'clock. Beginning last night the meeting is expected to last for ten days or two weeks.

QUALLA

(By Mrs. J. K. Terrell)

Funeral services for Mrs. C. Y. Dunlap, 64 years of age, who died in Angel hospital, Raleigh, Wednesday, were held Friday afternoon at the Whittier Methodist church, with the Rev. C. L. Fisher and Rev. J. L. Hyatt officiating. Interment was in the new cemetery. Her former home was at Olivet but she has lived near Whittier for several years. She is survived by 10 children with many other relatives and friends from Akron, Ohio, Qualla, Olivet and other points, who attended her funeral.

On Saturday afternoon a buffet supper was given at Mr. H. G. Bird's in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Myres of Murphy. About 30 guests were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Battle of Charlotte spent the week-end at Mr. J. E. Battle's.

Mrs. York Howell went to Rutherford hospital for treatment.

Mrs. P. H. Ferguson spent Sunday with relatives at Canton.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Clayton spent the week-end at Addie.

Mrs. William Caldwell and Mrs. Wayne Caldwell visited Mrs. Richard Crisp.

The Smoky Mountains Quartet sang at Mr. G. A. Kinslands Friday evening.

The pastor, Rev. Oscar Beck of Balsam is conducting revival services at Hyatts Chapel.

Mrs. Berry Ward and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ensley of Akron, Ohio, called at Mr. J. R. Messer's.

Mrs. Winnie Lee Brooks and son, Ralph, of Candler, visited Mrs. L. W. Cooper.

Mrs. Rome Cooper and Miss Nora Maggie Worley called on Miss Annie Lizzie Terrell.

Mr. S. P. Hyatt and family are visiting at Rev. J. L. Hyatt's since finishing his school at Rutherford College.

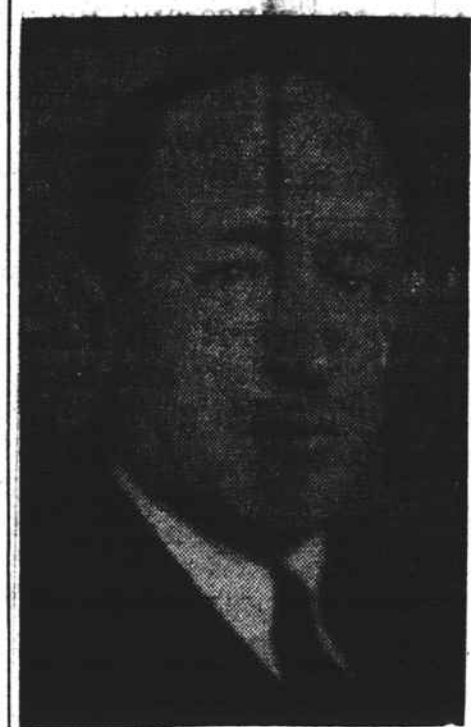
Mr. J. M. Bird of Bryson City, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Caldwell and Mr. and Mrs. T. W. McLaughlin of Whittier, Mr. D. C. Hughes and Mr. G. H. Martin called at Mr. J. K. Terrell's on Sunday afternoon.

Miss Willie Jean Davis of Beta, spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Helen Cooper.

Mr. Horace Howell and family visited at Mr. J. M. Hughes'.

Mrs. P. V. McLaughlin returned to Canton, after a visit with relatives.

TOMPKINS TO SPEAK OVER RADIO TONIGHT



DAN TOMPKINS

Dan Tompkins, candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, will speak over the radio, from station WWNC, in Asheville, tonight (Thursday), from 9:15 to 9:45 o'clock.

Twentieth Century Club To Have Library Benefit

The Morris Brothers who broadcast over WWNC will give a concert on Friday evening, May 31, at the Sylva Graded School Auditorium.

The concert is being sponsored by the Twentieth Century Club for the benefit of the Jackson county Public Library.

BALSAM

(By Mrs. D. T. Knight)

Barbara Elizabeth, fifteen months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ensley, found some concentrated lye that had been mixed and left in a glass, and drank some of it, Friday. She was taken immediately to Waynesville hospital, but medical aid could not save her, and she passed away Saturday. She was laid to rest in the C. R. Jones family cemetery Sunday afternoon. Service was conducted by Rev. Nando Stephens of Saurinook.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruskin left Tuesday for a short visit in New York.

(Last Week's Items)

There was an interesting Mother's Day service at the Methodist church Sunday.

The Balsam - Willets Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. Norman Christy on May 10th. Demonstrations were, Garden accessories, cooking out of doors, and window curtaining.

Everyone enjoyed the afternoon. At the social hour delicious refreshments consisting of lemonade and seafood cake were served. Those present were: Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Lorenzo Crawford, Mrs. Paralee Henry, Mrs. George McCall, Mrs. Sarah Crawford and Mrs. George Knight.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Parson of Miami have purchased Balsam Lodge and are here getting it ready for guests. Mr. Parson's mother is with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruskin of Atlanta are occupying their pretty home, "Rus-Haven."

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Braren, and Mrs. Melton and friends are also here.

Mr. and Mrs. Noyes of St. Petersburg arrived Saturday.

Mr. Tom Bryson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Foster and Louis Ensley attended the singing at Tuckaseegee the first Sunday in May.

Miss Christy Bryson is visiting her sister, Miss Dorothy Bryson at Mrs. Glenn Clayton's at Qualla.

Mr. Earl Ramey and family spent Sunday in Asheville.

IMPROVEMENT

To improve their soils, farmers of Macon county have already ordered and had delivered this year 6,000 tons of lime, 50 tons of triple superphosphate, and 290 tons of superphosphate.

PAUL SUTTON IS KILLED IN PANAMA

Paul Sutton, son of Coleman D. Sutton, of Savannah, was accidentally killed while working on a construction job at Balboa, Panama Canal Zone, according to a message received by his father. Young Mr. Sutton, who was a foreman of construction, was born and reared in Jackson county, and while he had held positions in various parts of the country, he still considered Jackson county as his home. He was here only a few weeks ago, and left here for the Canal Zone.

His body will be brought home for interment.

The young man, the third son of Mr. Sutton to meet accidental death on a construction job, in the past several years, is survived by his widow, his father, three brothers, C. H., and Robert Sutton of this county; and J. V. Sutton, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and one sister, Mrs. O. J. Lessley, of Gay.

156 ENROLL IN SPECIAL SESSION AT W. C. T. C.

Cullowhee, May 21 (Special)—Now enrolled for the special six weeks' term in session at Western Carolina Teachers College are one hundred and fifty-six students. With the four hundred and ninety-six regular spring quarter students, the total enrollment at the college is now six hundred and fifty-two.

Instructors engaged for this special term are: Dr. W. A. Parker, history; Edith Buchanan, English; J. M. Plemmons, geography; Dr. A. B. Hoskins, psychology and geography; Porter Garland, education and history.

The regular college instructors who are teaching courses for the term are: Miss Lenora Smith, Miss Margaret Reid, Miss Alice Benton, Miss Maude Ketchum, Miss Virginia Hitchcock, Mrs. J. W. Fisher, Miss Kathleen Davis, and Ralph J. Andrews.

This special six weeks' term is held each spring for the benefit of teachers who wish to renew their certificates or obtain extra credit, but who are unable to attend the regular summer school session because their teaching duties begin soon after mid-summer.

College Group Names Officers For Next Year

Cullowhee, May 20 (Special)—The Association of Childhood Education at Western Carolina Teachers College recently elected its new officers to serve next year. They are as follows: John Henry Gesser of Hendersonville, president; Alwayne DeLozier of Enka, vice-president; Frances Allison of Sylva, secretary; Frankie Collins of Canton, treasurer; and Lois Pryor of Bear Wallow, reporter. Miss Lou Belle Boyd of Waynesville is the retiring president.

Miss Leonora Smith was named sponsor by the club.

Candidate For Auditor Here First Of Week

Charles W. Miller of Asheville, who is opposing the incumbent, George Ross Pou, for the nomination of State Auditor, was here, the first of the week.

Mr. Miller says he has visited the eastern counties of the state and is winding up his campaign in the west, in the few days remaining, before the primary, Saturday.

Cullowhee Church of God Plans Homecoming

Church of God at Cullowhee has set Sunday, May 26th, for home coming day. There will be an all-day service beginning at 9:00 a. m. You are invited to bring your lunch and spend the day.

Visiting preachers, musicians and singers are expected to be present.

Journal's "Sloganame" Contest Offers \$17.50 In Three Cash Prizes

MARKERS IN PRIMARY LIMITED BY NEW LAW

The 1939 General Assembly made a very drastic change in the use of markers in primaries.

The only voters who may be assisted in the marking of their ballots are those who cannot read and those who by reason of physical handicap, such as blindness, paralysis or other disabling defect, are unable to mark their ballot.

In an official opinion, the Attorney General ruled that only those illiterates registered under the Grandfather Clause of the Constitution were entitled to assistance by reason of their inability to read.

When a voter is entitled to assistance in the marking of the ballot, he must obtain the assistance from a near relative (husband and wife; parent and child; brother and sister; or grandparent and grandchild), but if no such near relative is present, he may then ask any other voter of the precinct who has not assisted any other voter, to give him assistance. If however, there is present no near relative, or other voter who has not marked another ballot, the voter may then, but only then, call upon the registrar or a judge of elections for assistance.

The registrar is required to keep a record of all voters who receive assistance and the means of the persons giving assistance.

It is not only unlawful for any person to give assistance, but also unlawful for any person to receive or permit assistance except under the terms of the Act.

The Act does not prevent members of the same family (husband and wife; parent and child; brother and sister; grandparent and grandchild), from assisting one another, and no record is required of such.

Dramatics Club to Present "Icebound" At W. C. T. C.

The Dramatics Club of Western Carolina Teachers College will present its second play of the year when it produces Owen Davis' Pulitzer prize play, "Icebound," Friday evening, May 24 in the college auditorium, at Cullowhee at eight o'clock.

This play was considered a landmark in American drama when it was first produced in a New York theatre a few years ago. In April the Texaco Star Theatre produced the play on one of its regular radio programs with Helen Hayes in the leading role.

It is a play of characterization. Stern tight-lipped, morose New England characters play their parts against a drab background of a New England farmhouse isolated in its snowbound loneliness.

John Jordan, stage manager, has built an entirely new set for the play with the general atmosphere.

The leading role is played by Mary Delle Davis, Andrews, who recently was crowned May Queen of the campus. Playing opposite Miss Davis is Joe Lance, Hot Springs, a graduate of the Asheville Farm School. Other members of the cast include John Winkle, Bryson City; Mary Katherine Gardener, Asheville; Grace Leatherwood, Waynesville; Josephine Morgan, Mount Olive; Evelyn Carpenter Bowman, Robbinsville; Buck Hunt, Hayesville; Conley Hampton, Detroit, Mich.; Pauline Wright, King's Mountain; and Marion Arnold, Sevil, Fla.

The play is being directed by Miss Mabel Tyree, instructor of English and German in the college, and club sponsor.

The public is invited to attend.

Readers of The Journal now have an opportunity to participate in a very interesting contest known as "Sloganame." This feature has appeared in more than 250 weekly and daily papers throughout the South and comes to The Journal well recommended as having popular interest and of great value to Journal advertisers and readers.

A grand total of \$17.50 in cash prizes will be awarded successful contestants, \$10.00 first, \$5.00 second, and \$2.50 third. Many contestants will submit several pages for competition.

This unique plan being sponsored by various leading business and professional people of Sylva and The Jackson County Journal, is attracting wide attention. Anyone from School age up may participate, and in some localities ladies clubs and organizations form "Sloganame" parties, offering prizes themselves for the most completed pages, with the express understanding that these completed pages shall be submitted in the name of the club or hostess.

Letters of the firm name, product, or service will be printed in vertical positions. Contestants will use these letters as the first letter in each word forming a sentence or "Sloganame." But remember before a contestant may win either prize he, or she, must first fill in every space on each page submitted, with his or her name and address written plainly, or printed on the margin, or piece of attached paper, and mailed or brought to The Journal office before expiration date (see rules accompanying feature).

The Journal feels in publishing this interesting plan for its readers it is in keeping with its known policy of presenting only those plans of proven value to both reader and advertiser.

"Sloganame" will be found on page four of this issue of The Journal.

1940 Catamount To Be Distributed This Week

Cullowhee, May 21 (Special)—The 1940 issue of the Catamount, student yearbook published by the seniors of Western Carolina Teachers College, will be ready for distribution among members of the student body some time this week, according to an announcement made today by Jane Greenlee of Spruce Pine, who is editor-in-chief.

The motif used throughout this year's annual is the lovely white Cullowhee lily, which grows abundantly near the college. The lily was chosen because of the fact that the name of the place where the college is located, Cullowhee, means vale of lilies in the language of the Cherokee Indians, who formerly had their town house, or meeting place, in the heart of the campus at Western Carolina Teachers College.

Since the colors of the college are purple and gold, the cover of the annual is purple and carries on the front a large lily in gold.

This issue of the Catamount is dedicated to Mrs. Ruth Oliver Hinds, bursar of the college, who has been connected with the institution for a number of years.

Among the special features of this annual is a poem Cullowhee, A Center of Culture by president emeritus Robert Lee Madison, printed in his own graceful handwriting. A number of pen-and-ink sketches of building entrances and places of unusual interest on the campus drawn by Earl Irby, art editor of the yearbook, also are included.

Assisting Miss Greenlee in the publication of this issue have been the business manager, Joe Wallin of Marshall, and two faculty sponsors, Miss Helen Patton and Mr. Newton Turner.