

The Jackson County Journal

\$1.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

SILVA NORTH CAROLINA, JUNE 20, 1940

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

Maples Is Acquitted; Continue Crawford Case Until October

Cecil (Dock) Maples, young man from Gatlinburg, Tennessee, was acquitted by the jury, last week, of robbery with firearms, in connection with the hold-up of Weaver's Filling Station, at Dillsboro, in 1936. Mr. A. H. Weaver, owner and operator of the station, failed to identify Maples as one of the men who staged the hold-up.

The case of Carl Crawford, charged with the murder of Asbury Ammons, was continued until the October term of the court.

James A. McDowell drew a 4 months sentence for an assault with a deadly weapon.

John D. Norman, reckless driving, 60 days suspended for 18 months, upon payment of \$25.00 and the costs and good behavior.

Leslie Lay, violation of the prohibition laws, \$25.

Homer Green was sentenced to serve 6 months for operating an automobile while intoxicated, at the October term of the court, 1939. He failed to comply with the terms of the suspended sentence, and it was ordered put into effect.

At the February term, 1939, Walter Deitz was sentenced to 30 days, for an assault with a deadly weapon, and the sentence was suspended. He failed to comply with the terms of the suspended sentence, and it was ordered put into effect.

HOME GARDENS SHOW SIZEABLE EXPANSION

Judging from the appearance and size of home gardens this year pantries in rural North Carolina homes this fall and winter will be stocked with an abundance of canned fruits and vegetables, according to John W. Goodman, assistant director of the N. C. State College Extension Service.

Evidently realizing that they face the prospect of slim profits from cotton and tobacco this year, farm families have given serious consideration to the suggestions of Extension workers and have redoubled their efforts to produce good gardens.

Not only have these families devoted more area to gardens, Goodman said, but they have planted a wider assortment of vegetables. This will assure a greater variety in the diet. That part of the garden not used for current needs is being preserved for fall and winter use.

In most home demonstration clubs at the present time, canning has come to the fore as a major project. Home agents of the Extension Service are instructing farm women in the latest and most scientific methods of canning and preserving surplus foods.

Likewise, Goodman said, these same agents are giving instruction to 4-H Club girls in saving fruits and vegetables. Many of the club girls have taken food conservation as their major project for the year.

Greater than usual interest in home gardens was stimulated this year by a new AAA provision which provides a small payment for planting and cultivating a garden. The provision specifies a minimum of ten vegetables on at least one-tenth of an acre during the year.

The latest available figures from the U. S. Department of Agriculture showed North Carolina well in front of other states in the value of vegetables produced in home gardens.

BRITISH

In response to the British government's campaign for increased home food production, more than 2,000,000 acres of grassland have been plowed up and are now being planted to food crops.

Tuckasee Baptist W. M. U. To Hold Its Annual Meeting Tuesday

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Tuckasee Baptist Association will be held on next Tuesday, June 25, beginning at 10 o'clock. The sessions will be held in the Hamburg church, at Glenville.

The program, as announced by Mrs. Charles L. Allison, association superintendent, follows: Devotional, Mrs. W. N. Cook, of Webster.

Greetings, Mrs. Arlin Fowler, Glenville.

Response, Mrs. Paul Buchanan of Webster.

Report on Mission Study and Literature, Mrs. Fred Forester, Cullowhee.

Report on Stewardship, Scott's Creek Church.

Report on Personal Service, Mrs. Kate Bryson, Hamburg.

Training School and Margaret Fund, Miss Louella Brown.

Report of Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. J. V. Hall, Sylva.

Superintendent's Report.

Roll Call of societies; recognition of pastors and visitors; appointment of committees.

Convention echoes, Miss Martha Lou Stillwell.

Address.

Lunch.

Young People's Hour: Song, "More Like the Master," Devotional, Miss Edna Allen.

"Shining Along the Way," Sunbeams from Beta.

"Gladly Learning the Way," Girls' Auxiliary House Party, Peggy Ramsey.

"Royally Following the Way," Royal Ambassador Camp, Cullowhee Royal Ambassador.

"Earnestly Proclaiming the Way," Miss Hattie Hilda Sutton.

"That Youth Continue Steadfast"—Report of Young People's Work, Mrs. H. M. Hocutt.

Reports of committees.

Closing devotional.

BALSAM

(By Mrs. D. T. Knight)

Fathers' Day was observed in the Sunday Schools here Sunday.

Mrs. A. D. Lewis arrived Friday from Louisville, Ky., to spend the summer in her cottage.

Mr. J. L. Ellis is here, from Atlanta.

Dr. J. A. Klock and family arrived Monday, from Daytona Beach, and will spend the summer in their cottage.

Mrs. Harry Rotha and Miss Tillie Rotha, of Waynesville, were guests of Mrs. D. T. Knight, Friday.

The Stiles are here, which means that Balsam Mountain Springs Hotel is ready for the tourist season.

Both hotels are looking forward to a great season for Balsam. Cottages are very much in demand, also.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Smith, of West Asheville, visited Mrs. D. T. Knight, Wednesday.

Lower Limits Vital To Cut Road Deaths

The short-cut to greater street and highway safety is enforcement of sane speed limits, according to Julien H. Harvey, nationally prominent safety authority and managing director of the National Conservation Bureau, accident prevention division of the Association of Casualty and Surety Executives.

"If every citizen would study the statistics of America's unfortunate accident record for 1939," Mr. Harvey declares, "they would recognize instantly that keep Congress in session indefinitely is speed. It requires no expert to see that at the first glance."

Federation Plans Formal Opening of New Department

The Farmers' Federation will have a formal opening of its new grocery, vegetable and meat market, at an early date, it was announced by Federal officials, today.

The meat market will be in charge of Mr. R. E. Dills, who has been in the meat market business in Sylva for a great many years.

The date of the opening, together with prices, will be made in an advertisement in the next issue of The Journal.

PREACHER GETS 8 MONTHS FOR CHICKEN STEALING

Rev. George Clark, Negro preacher, of Webster was sentenced to serve a term of eight months on the roads, for the larceny of chickens, by Judge A. Hall Johnston, in superior court, here, last Friday.

Chicken owners around Webster, Sylva and Beta believe that their fowls will be more secure during that period.

WASHINGTON WEEK

JOHN B. WEATHERMAN

Washington—In the face of unprecedented developments in events within this country as well as abroad the movement to keep Congress in session indefinitely in order to deal more quickly with the ever-mounting problems of national defense and to revise tax legislation is gaining momentum in all Congressional quarters. The White House has expressed the wish to have Congress complete its task for this session and adjourn by June 22. However, with the growing seriousness of the situation in Europe and the intense interest in this country being manifested by Americans in all walks of life the bloc favoring the retention of Congress here in Washington is steadily growing. The demand for such a course is now being voiced by leaders of both major parties and it now appears highly probable that Congress will stay in session throughout the summer, taking recesses for the periods of the Republican and Democratic national conventions.

It is a combination of vital circumstances which is adding impetus to the growing conviction, on the part of leaders; that Congress, in the interest of national welfare, must remain on the job. Most important among these circumstances was the disclosure that President Roosevelt is contemplating the possible sending of American armed forces to points beyond the confines of the United States. The rumors of the possible destination of such troops are varied.

General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff of the Army, declined to be specific with regard to definite places, in his explanation that the President had requested of congress the authority to call to active service the National Guard, the Army and the Navy reserves is in order to employ the use of such armed forces in other countries of the western Hemisphere.

Latin-America Alarmed

From diplomatic quarters, however, the information was available that several Latin-American republics are becoming increasingly alarmed at the intense activities of Nazi fifth column agents inside these countries. These countries are disposed to view with such alarm these fifth column threats that they are appealing to the United States to send warships and troops to help them cope with this growing menace. According to this information, it was in response to such an appeal that the President has just dispatched the United States cruiser

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Republicans Meet In Philadelphia For Convention Monday

The speculation on the political front is now centered upon the Republican National Convention, which is to meet in Philadelphia, on Monday. Due to the unsettled and ominous international situation, more than usual importance is attached to the utterances of the party platform, especially as they may deal with foreign relations and with the tariff policy. A party platform is regarded as the mature thought of a political party, put into words, and the pledge of the party along these lines, will have its effect both in this country and throughout the world. It is assumed that the Convention will go into session and draft its platform on the assumption that President Roosevelt will be the Democratic nominee.

It is generally believed that the nominee of the convention for the presidency will be one of five men: Thomas E. Dewey, Robert A. Taft, Herbert Hoover, Arthur Vandenberg, or Wendell Willkie; though there are other aspirants, who are making bids for the nomination.

Dewey Given Edge

The Gallup polls still give Dewey, the New York prosecuting attorney the edge over the field as the most probable choice, though the war developments are generally believed to have weakened his chances. Robert A. Taft, Senator from Ohio, and a son of William Howard Taft, the only man who has ever held the offices of both President and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, is believed to have an excellent chance to be the choice of the convention. Former President Hoover is beyond doubt the best informed man in the Republican party on international matters. He had first hand contacts with Europe before and during the World War; was head of the huge Belgian Relief; and has kept his contacts ever since. Were it not for his disastrous defeat for a second term in the White House, he would probably be the nominee at this time. He may be anyway. Senator Arthur Vandenberg, the Republican leader in the Senate, has a wide reputation throughout the country; and it is considered in informed circles that both he and Wendell Willkie have good chances at the nomination. If the convention should adopt a platform based upon the complete isolation of this country from affairs in Europe and Asia, Vandenberg would be the logical choice to lead the ticket that would run on such a platform.

Platform Important

Perhaps, at no time in the history of this country has so much depended upon the language of the political platforms and the type of men that are nominated for the office of President of the United States.

Thus, all eyes turn, for the time being, toward Philadelphia, to see who is to be the Republican candidate for President, and all ears are tuned to the floor of the Philadelphia convention, to hear what the Republican party has to say officially upon the subjects that affect the foreign relations of this country, both diplomatic and commercial.

Cliffside Lake Will Open June 22, 23, 24

Cliffside Lake will again be open on June 22, 23, and 24 to fishing. The fishing continues to attract numerous enthusiasts. Brook trout caught to date average well over ten inches. Both lake fishing and stream fishing can be had, there being two streams well stocked with brook trout, entering the lake with the main Skittles Creek just below the dam, having some excellent pools.

Daily permits for \$1.00 can be secured from the bathhouse on the lake.

Sylva Legion Post Plans Big Parade Here On July 4th

The William E. Dillard Post, American Legion, is planning a huge parade of World War Veterans and Boy Scouts, for 11 o'clock, on the morning of the Fourth of July in Sylva.

It is planned for the two Boy Scout troops in Jackson county to lead the parade, and they will be followed by the Legionnaires. Every Veteran of the World War, or of any other war in which the United States has engaged, is requested and urged to join in the parade, and patriotic celebration. It is probable that other patriotic organizations will be invited to join the procession.

FRANKLIN OBSERVES 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF DE SOTO'S COMING

Next week on Wednesday, June 26, the 400th anniversary of the coming of De Soto to North Carolina will be celebrated at Franklin. At high noon on that day the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames will unveil a marker with appropriate ceremony to commemorate this colorful opening chapter on the history of North Carolina and our section.

John Temple Graves II, noted editor and columnist, will be the speaker. Other distinguished guests from many parts of the state will be present at the invitation of the Colonial Dames. The public is cordially invited to come to Franklin on that day and share in the entertainment arranged by the citizens of Franklin who are cooperating with the Colonial Dames to make this a memorial occasion.

A pageant-drama, "Saga of De Soto," will be presented in the Macon Theatre immediately following the unveiling ceremony which will take place on Highway 23 near the Little Tennessee river bridge. This pageant, which has been specially written by Miss Edith Russell of the Russell-Harrington Festivals, will be produced under the direction of Miss Russell herself, by a cast of 40, with authentic Spanish costumes.

In the afternoon the chamber of commerce will guide two motorcades, one on U. S. Highway 64 to Chunky Gap mountain (Continued on Page Four)

Births, Deaths of Infants Increasing During 1940

Raleigh—There were 32,471 babies born in North Carolina during the first five months of 1940, which was 712 more than were born during the corresponding period in 1939 and 18,049 in excess of the 14,422 deaths reported so far during the present year.

These figures have been compiled by the State Board of Health's Division of Vital Statistics, of which Dr. R. T. Stimpson is the Director.

The report goes on to show that deaths through May, this year, numbered 812 more than the 13,610 reported for the corresponding period of 1939. So there are increases reported in the number of births and deaths for the current year.

Through May, 1940, there were 2,075 deaths in North Carolina among children under a year old, compared with 1,926 the first five months of 1939, while the total number of maternal deaths was 188, just 19 more than occurred during the corresponding period in 1939.

Deaths from preventable accidents—543—numbered just 29 more than the 523 through May, 1939, while the 1940 homicide total is five more than the 1939 total, so far.

Suicides are up in 1940, with 141 as compared with 115 the corresponding period in 1939.

There have been no phenomenal rises or slumps in deaths from any of the diseases listed, the report shows.

Building Of New Jail For Jackson County Urged By Grand Jury

Cullowhee Methodists Begin Daily Vacation Bible School Monday

Cullowhee (Special) A Daily Vacation Bible School began at the Cullowhee Methodist Church on Monday with Miss Hannah Lou Brown in charge as director. Teachers who will assist with class work and music are Miss Gay Battle, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Crawford, Miss Dorothy Williams, and Miss Melba Nanny. According to an announcement by the Rev. Walter Lee Lanier, pastor of the Cullowhee Methodist church, the church school will continue until June 30 when it will be concluded with a Church School Day Program.

COMMODORE MAURY SUBJECT OF SPEECH

(Winnie Alice Murphy)

Cullowhee (Special) — Robert Lee Madison, president-emeritus of Western Carolina Teachers College, talked today to the students attending the summer school now in session on the Life and Achievements of Commodore Matthew Fontaine Maury. Three states, Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina, according to Professor Madison, are responsible for the development of this great American; Virginia, because he was born in Fredericksburg; Tennessee, since he received his early education there; and North Carolina, because his great teacher, Bishop Otey, was from that state.

When Maury was nineteen, Mr. Madison said, Sam Houston, congressman at the time, gave the boy an appointment as midshipman to the navy. In spite of the opposition of his father, whose older son had narrowly escaped death at sea, young Maury borrowed a horse from a neighbor and set out on the seven hundred mile trip to Washington. Stopping for a few days in Lexington, he met a young girl, Anne Hernald, who (Continued on Page Four)

Peace Officers Begin Retirement Fund

State Auditor Geo. Ross Poul announced today that approximately 600 law enforcement officers in all parts of the State have made applications to participate in the retirement benefits of The Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund.

Each officer who participates in the retirement features of the Fund is required to contribute three per cent of his monthly salary of \$200.00 or less, beginning with salaries earned after July 1. Officers on a fee basis contribute \$3.00 per month, the equivalent of a \$100.00 monthly salary. Contributions are payable by the tenth of month following the month in which the salary is earned. The first contributions are due on or before August 10. The Board of Commissioners of the fund have adopted regulations providing for retirement benefits payments to begin July 1, 1945, to all officers who have served twenty years. In order to receive credit for service prior to July 1, 1940, officers must make applications before January 1, 1941, and must make contributions equal to three per cent of salaries earned beginning July 1, 1940. Applications may be had from State Auditor Poul, Chairman of the Fund, Raleigh.

The Retirement Fund is open to Sheriffs, Deputy Sheriffs, Constables, Police Officers, Prison Wardens and Deputy Wardens, Prison Camp Superintendents, Prison Stewards, Prison Foremen and Guards, Highway Patrolmen and all other officers of the State and its political subdivisions, who are clothed with the power of arrest.

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The second reason, and perhaps almost as great as the over-production factor, was the seriously curtailed foreign markets as a result of the present European conflict. Coming together, the two dragged prices down to an average of 14.8 cents a pound for the season. The previous five-year average was 22.9 cents.

The Jackson County Grand Jury, headed by Thomas L. Wike, of East La Porte, recommended the building of a new jail, in the immediate future, in its report to Judge A. Hall Johnston, in superior court, last week. A bond issue for the purpose of erecting the new jail was recommended; and the jury asserted that the "jail is in almost too bad a shape to be repaired," and added, "the sanitary conditions are a reproach to Jackson county."

The text of the full report follows:

"To His Honor, A. Hall Johnston, Judge Presiding at the June term of Superior Court, 1940:

"We, the Grand Jury at this term of Court, wish to submit the following report: We visited the County Home and find the inmates well cared for, with plenty of provisions on hand. The building is in good shape, except the roof needs a coat of paint, and the gutter pipes are in need of repair. Also, a screened-in porch to be built to the kitchen.

We find all the offices in the Court House to be kept in fair shape, except the Register of Deeds' office should be equipped with a soft light of some type, as it is impossible to improve it otherwise.

"We visited school buildings and find that they are being repaired as fast as finances will permit.

"We visited the prison camp at Whittier, and found it in good condition, and well cared for.

"We find the jail in almost too bad a shape to be repaired, the sanitary conditions are a reproach to Jackson county, and we hereby recommend that steps be taken to vote bonds for a new jail."

The report is signed by Mr. Wike, as foreman.

GROWERS TO BALLOT ON TOBACCO QUOTAS

Faced with a market situation more serious than that of 1930-32, flue-cured tobacco growers of North Carolina and other Southern States will go to the polls July 20 to vote on a three-year control plan.

Recent amendments to the quota provisions of the AAA program have authorized this referendum, which, if voted on favorably by a two-thirds or more majority, would set up quotas on the 1941, 1942, and 1943 crops. Heretofore, growers have voted on only their next crop.

E. Y. Lloyd, AAA executive officer of N. C. State College, said any loan arrangements to support the market will depend upon a decision by growers to regulate marketings. A majority vote against quotas would automatically eliminate any government loans.

If quotas are voted for three years, the AAA executive officer explained, domestic manufacturers can pay fair prices for their tobacco without fear of excessive production during the period. Then, too, the export trade will be more likely to make purchases at reasonable prices, and the government can give maximum support to prices for the export grades.

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