

The Jackson County Journal

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Local Wildlife Club Hears Meadows On Game Propagation

State Man Discusses Work Done Elsewhere In Conservation

The Jackson County Wildlife Club, meeting at the Court House Tuesday night, heard a discussion by Mr. Meadows of the Department of Conservation and Development, and saw slides presented by him, showing the effective work that has been elsewhere replenishing the game and fish in forests and streams.

Hon. Thomas A. Cox, T. N. Massie, and Chic Young also addressed the club, during the general discussion following Mr. Meadows' talk.

The purpose of the club, which was organized a few weeks ago, along the same lines as similar clubs have been organized in practically every county in North Carolina, is to secure the cooperation of sportsmen and land-owners in the county, to the end that fish and game may be protected and replenished, through the cooperation of the Department of Conservation and Development, the landowners in the county, and the public generally.

A plan is on foot and was discussed by the club, to place wild deer and wild turkeys at several places in this county. To this end a committee, composed of R. C. Hunter, Thomas A. Cox, W. R. Enloe, A. J. Dills, and J. C. Allison, was appointed. The next meeting of the club will be held Tuesday night, August 13, and every interested person in the county is invited to be present.

J. Phil Stovall is president of the club, R. E. Erwin is vice-president, and Everett Harris is Secretary-Treasurer.

Baptist Young People Camping In Hamburg

A party, chaperoned by Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Hocutt, left here this afternoon, to spend tonight at the Allison camp, in Hamburg. The party was composed of Misses Nell Ginn, Mary Henson, Hattie Hilda Sutton, Edna Allen, Lucile Reed, Irene Bryson, Frances Calhoun, Hilda Tallent, Mrs. Emerson Phillips, Mrs. Grady Styles and Messrs. Charles Ginn, J. B. Owen, Venoy Reed, Edwin Keener, Briton Moore, Roy Hall, Paul Messer, and Ernest Penland, Jr.

LEGION TO MEET AT COURT HOUSE FRIDAY

The William E. Dillard Post, American Legion will meet at 8 o'clock Friday night, August 2, in the court house, according to an announcement made by Dan Tompkins, post commander.

Every member of the post, and every person in the county who is eligible to become a member is invited to be present at the meeting.

INCREASE

Increases in wage rates paid per month and per day to hired farm labor, both with and without board, were reported in all sections of the country except the East South Central States.

SMALLER

Slaughter supplies of hogs substantially smaller than in the current marketing year are indicated for the 1940-41 marketing year beginning October 1, reports the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

NORTHWARD

The harvest of commercial and market garden vegetable crops continues to move northward, and heavier supplies of fresh vegetables are coming into the large consuming centers from nearby areas.

Services For Veteran Journal Correspondent Held At Balsam Church

Mrs. D. T. Knight Passes At Her Home Thursday

Mrs. D. T. Knight, the Journal's veteran correspondent at Balsam, and one of the best known and best loved women in the county, passed away at her home at Balsam, last Thursday. Funeral services were conducted at the Balsam Methodist church, of which she was a long-time member and active worker. The service was conducted by Presiding Elder W. L. Hutchins, Rev. Mr. Newel, and Rev. Mr. Roten. Interment was in Green Hill Cemetery, at Waynesville, Saturday afternoon.

A native of Virginia, Mrs. Knight moved with her husband, the late D. Thompson Knight, to Willets, about 45 years ago, and has resided at Willets and Balsam since that time.

Pall bearers were neighbors, John Jones, Fred Conner, George Bryson, Elbert Reece, Glen Robinson and George Coward.

Mrs. Knight is survived by one sister, Mrs. W. B. Farwell, of Balsam, two sons, John Knight, of Orlando, Fla., and George T. Knight, of Balsam, by one daughter, Miss Nannie Knight, and by four grandsons and four granddaughters.

Mrs. Knight has been a correspondent for the Journal since it was established in 1906, and her letter each week has been enjoyed by the readers of the Journal over that long period. Her last letter, published last week, was written from her sick bed, and in it she told of her critical illness.

Mr. Knight operated a popular general store at Willets, back in the old days, when that place was known as Hall's Station, and was the meeting place of the two mixed daily trains. Later he and Mrs. Knight moved to Balsam, where he also was engaged in the mercantile business. Mrs. Knight was postmaster at Willets for five years, and at Balsam for five years. During recent years she has operated her own store at Balsam.

Mrs. Knight made all her funeral arrangements and left explicit directions concerning them, even to writing, with her own hand the card of thanks for her children, which appears in this issue of The Journal.

Strip-Cropping Aids In Fighting Erosion

Strip-cropping, virtually unknown in North Carolina until within the past decade, has now become a common sight in areas subject to soil erosion, according to W. D. Lee, soil conservationist of the State College Extension Service.

He explained that the Soil Conservation Service has developed two types of strip cropping, one known as annual and the other as perennial. Each of these types plays a definite role in a sound conservation program.

In this section, kudu and lespedeza sericea generally are grown in perennial strips. Hay produced in these strips enables farmers to turn under for soil improvement a larger proportion of the vegetation grown in annual strips instead of harvesting these annual crops for hay.

Lee pointed out that the turning under of these crops makes it possible to produce clean-tilled crops more economically and on less land. This in turn permits the growing of perennial strips on steeper portions of the land.

Another reason for growing both annual and perennial strips is that sometimes heavy rains occur when the vegetation in the annual strips is not large enough to provide ample protection for the land. This makes perennial strips necessary as a second line of defense.

Havana Conference Ends In Agreement Among Republics

Journal's Own Weekly Review Of The News

Ending Tuesday night in complete harmony and agreement, the conference of the American republics in Havana, may go down in history as the most significant and important step in human liberty, affecting the Americas, since the Continental Congress in Philadelphia declared that "these united colonies are and of right ought to be free and independent states." At any rate it is destined to rank in importance with the Monroe Doctrine, which has kept the hands of European nations from aggressive action in either North or South America for more than 100 years, excepting, of course, the time during the War Between the States, when a foreign monarch was set upon the throne of Mexico. Coming as a complete triumph for Secretary of State Cordell Hull and his ideas of Pan-American freedom, and Pan-American solidarity, the conference signed agreements designed and intended to seal the Americas against totalitarian aggression, in any form; and to provide for the economic independence of the Americas as well. The 21 republics of North, Central, and South America agreed that not one inch of territory belonging to France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Britain, or any other country that has been or may be.

Fire Truck Delivery Delayed In Cooperation With Defense Program

The town of Sylva officially made a direct contribution to the national defense program, last week, when the Board of Aldermen agreed to forego its contract with the American-LaFrance Foamite Corporation for a new fire truck and equipment, in order that orders for the United States government might be filled first.

The members of Sylva's volunteer fire department have been working diligently to raise the money to acquire the new equipment, and citizens have made donations and contributions in various ways. The truck fully equipped was to have been delivered by August 1. Then came a telegram from the manufacturer saying: "Our government urgently in need of fire apparatus for emergency camps in defense program and in order to assist government would it be satisfactory to let them have your apparatus and we will deliver you another within 45 working days. Would appreciate your advising us promptly."

The Board of Aldermen and the Fire Department, through Town Clerk Charles M. Reed, immediately wired the manufacturer that the town and the fire department, as well as the people of Sylva, are interested in the efforts of the government to prepare this country to meet any emergency, and that the Town is glad to cooperate by allowing the government to have the equipment built especially for the town; and will make out with the present equipment for another 45 days.

County Officials Receive Practical Guidebooks

County officials and officials of the cities and towns in Jackson county have just received several guidebooks and brochures of immediate and practical import to them in their capacities as local governing officials, announced Albert Coats, Director of the Institute of Government, today.

FORT BRAGG UNIT PASSES THROUGH

The first troop movement through Sylva since World War days was observed yesterday when 25 army trucks, loaded with soldiers from Fort Bragg passed through the town enroute to maneuvers in Mississippi and Louisiana.

The soldiers were 53 enlisted men and one officer, composing the Fifteenth Ordnance Company from America's largest artillery post.

2,000 Attend Annual Farmers Federation Picnic Here Saturday

Record Crowd Enjoys Day At Sylva High School Saturday

More than 2,000 persons attended the annual Farmers Federation Jackson County picnic at Sylva High School Saturday. It was the largest crowd ever to assemble for a Federation picnic in Jackson County. One truck brought 120 to the gathering.

First prize in the singing convention went to the Speedwell choir, led by Sam Fox. The Cowee choir, under Robert Jones' direction, took second. The Pressley group was chosen as the best quartet, while the Woods-Shelton quartet captured the runner-up position. Doris and Irma Lee Woods were honored for the best duet performance, and Will Bramlett and his daughters won the award for the outstanding trio.

A large group of Jackson county musicians and singers crowded the platform during the day. Uncle Jim Corbin played his fiddle, and Aunt Samantha Bumgarner gave several selections on the banjo. John Hensley told a story about the youth of Daniel Webster. Among others who performed were: Wilma and Della Mae Settlemyre, Wiley Collins, Edna May McCall, Homer Stepp, Wallace Woods, the McClure Brothers String Band, Nina, Rick and Jarvie Brady, the Pisgah Mountaineers, Raymond Hoyle and James Rogers, H. D. and Clarence Corbin, Herman and Eleanor Jones, Roy Elam, the Shelton brothers, George Kitchin and Hills Carver, Gay Nell Cabanan and Fay Hudson, and Roy Hensley.

Seven choirs—Rock Hill, Addie, Macedonia, Cowee, Speedwell, Soco Valley and Rock Spring—participated in the singing convention. Five quartets also took part in the competition.

James G. K. McClure, president of Farmers Federation, S. C. Clapp, head of the cooperative's seed department, the Rev. Dumont Clarke, director of the Lord's Acre movement, Vearle Ensey, manager of the Federation's Sylva warehouse, and Charles R. Browning, former Federation manager at Sylva, made brief speeches at the picnic. The Rev. W. N. Cook offered prayer in the morning, and the Rev. C. G. George gave the invocation in the afternoon.

Sixty-three years of married life won Mr. and Mrs. Raby the prize for the longest married couple. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bradburn were the most recently married pair. With eight children on the grounds, Mr. and Mrs. John Dietz had the largest family present. By unanimous choice Sam Fox won the contest for the baldest man, and Robert Jones' load of 120 swept the competition for the largest truck load.

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Any official in Jackson county who has not received his copy of either of these guidebooks is invited to write to the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank friends, neighbors, tourists, children, and everybody, for their kindness shown our mother during her illness. Flowers also.

Nannie E. Knight
John P. Knight
George T. Knight

Jetter Snyder, Sylva Business Man, Dies From Heart Attack

YOUNG PEOPLE OF ASSOCIATION TO HOLD RALLY HERE

The young people of the Tuckasee Baptist Association will hold a rally, here, next Monday, at the Baptist church. The meeting will begin at 10:30 o'clock in the morning and will continue into the afternoon. Lunch will be served at 12:30.

The program follows:

Theme: "The More Excellent Way."

10:30, Hymn, "Higher Ground."
10:35, Devotional, Mrs. W. N. Cooke
10:45, Prayer, Rev. H. M. Hocutt.
10:50, Companions along the way.

11:00 "Learning the Way."
I. Through Our Missionary Magazines.

A. World Comrades, Sylva G. A.
B. The Window of Y. W. A., Cullowhee.

C. Biblical Recorder, The Commission and Southern Baptist Home Mission, Royal Service, Miss Perry.

II. At House Parties and Camps.

A. "My G. A. House Party Experience," Peggy Ramsey.
B. "I Liked R. A. Camp," Cullowhee.

C. "Y. W. A. Camp," Sylva.
11:20, Playlet, "The Hindering Load," Beta Y. W. A.

11:40, Special, "Foot Prints of Jesus."
11:45, Missionary Message.

Miss Mary Currin.
12:30, Lunch.
1:30, Hymn, "All the Way My Savior Leads Me."

1:35, Devotional, Rev. J. E. Brown.
1:45, Ways Open to All.

Prayer, "Three Seasons of Prayer and their gifts, Mrs. H. M. Hocutt.
Personal Service, Mrs. Kate Bryson.

2:10, Solo, Miss Mildred Cowan.
2:15, Playlet, "Youth at the Crossroads," Sylva Y. W. A.
2:45, Closing Prayer.

N. C. Drivers Attempt To "Straighten Curves"

With no intention of being facetious, Ronald Hocutt, director of the Highway Safety Division, commented this week that North Carolina drivers might just as well quit trying to straighten out curves in the State's primary road system.

Hocutt's admonition was prompted by a study of accident reports showing that 75 North Carolinians were killed the first six months of this year in accidents wherein drivers failed to make curves and left the roadway, overturning or smashing into some fixed object.

"There are literally thousands of curves on the highways of this state," said Hocutt, "and it is going to take the State Highway Commission considerable time and involve vast expenditures of money to straighten all the dangerous curves on our roads. Mean while, Tar Heel drivers might as well decide to make the best of matters and hold their speed down to a point where they can safely and successfully negotiate any curve in the highway."

"The State plainly marks all curves, and drivers who persist in holding to high rates of speed when entering curves are surely flirting with danger. There are many curves that you just can't make at 50 and 60 miles an hour, and the sooner every North Carolina driver learns this fact, the safer our highways will be."

"When you see a curve marker, decrease your speed and increase your caution," the safety director added.

Becomes Ill On Business Trip To Murphy Tuesday Night

The community was shocked yesterday morning to learn of the death, in a Murphy hospital, of Jetter Snyder, one of Sylva's prominent business men. Mr. Snyder left Sylva Tuesday for a business trip to Murphy. He became ill at a Murphy hotel during the night, and was taken to the hospital, about 10 o'clock. His death, attributed to a heart attack, came about 11 o'clock yesterday morning.

Mr. Snyder, who was 40 years of age, had been associated with J. Robert Long, L. E. Reed, and others, in the furniture business in Sylva, Bryson City, Murphy, Franklin, and other places for several years. He and Mr. Long had been business associates for a number of years, first associating themselves together to cut the spruce on the Platt Balsam range, for pulp wood for the Champion Fibre Company. This venture was very successful, and they later launched into the furniture business.

Mr. Snyder was prominent politically, being an active leader in the Republican party in this State, and was, at the time of his death the Republican candidate for State Senator from this district.

A son of Robert J. Snyder, of Willets, Mr. Snyder was a native of Jackson county, and spent his entire life here. He is survived by his widow, who before her marriage was Miss Lois Hall, of Qualla; by his father, and by three sisters, Mrs. Allen Sutton, Willets; Mrs. Roscoe Parris, Raleigh; and Mrs. Von Smathers, Hendersonville.

Funeral services will be conducted from Mr. Snyder's home, at 3 o'clock this afternoon, by Rev. P. L. Elliott, and interment will be in Old Field cemetery, at Beta.

Ample Care Urged For Poultry Flock

Poultrymen caring for their pullet flock during the late summer and fall should keep in mind that a little neglect now may be costly later, says C. F. Parish, poultryman of the State College Extension Service.

The good poultryman will see that his birds are well fed on growing mash, whole corn, whole oats, and green feed. Here's why these items are so important in the pullet's diet:

The growing mash helps to build a good egg factory. Corn puts weight on the bird and lays on a reserve of fat for the heavy laying period. Oats furnish fiber, and help build resistance against disease, feather-picking, and prolapses. Green feed furnishes succulence, minerals and vitamins, and is rich in other essential food factors.

A liberal supply of green feed cuts feed bills and aids in growing a more healthy pullet. While green feed is more important during the growing stage, it does have a definite place in the bird's diet after laying starts.

For late summer grazing and green feed, sowed young green corn may be used to good advantage, along with Sudan grass, wheat, oats, barley, soybeans, and alfalfa. If ample grazing has not already been provided, a green crop should be planted now.

Because egg prices generally rise sharply in August, may poultry producers ruin their pullets by rushing them with laying mash, Parrish said. The best plan is to let the pullets mature normally on growing mash, corn, oats, and green feed. Before the birds are changed to laying mash, they should have reached at least 20 per cent of production.