

The Jackson County Journal

ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

SYLVA NORTH CAROLINA, AUGUST 15, 1940

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

Work Under Way On \$45,000 Greens Creek Elementary School

Will Serve Both Green's Creek and Savannah Townships

Work began this week on the new \$45,000 school building, at Greens Creek. The building, which is being erected by the WPA, and sponsored by the Jackson County Board of Education, will be of native stone, and will be the largest and costliest stone building to house an elementary school, yet erected in Western North Carolina.

Although the building will be in Green's Creek township it will serve the two townships of Savannah and Green's Creek. Four schools will be consolidated and moved to the new building, when it is completed. The schools will be Gay, East Fork, Zion Hill, and View Point. The children from all these schools will be transported to the new school, beginning next year.

The building will contain eight classrooms, a library, office and auditorium. There will be a concrete walk entirely around the building, and rest rooms and cloak rooms will be built inside the building.

The estimated cost of the structure is set at \$45,000, and it is also estimated that sixty men will be employed for approximately nine months.

Cullowhee Township Asks Road To Cullowhee Gap

Will Bryson, Lee Hooper, Ed Bryson, T. C. Ledbetter, Prof. Robert L. Madison, Henry Taylor and other citizens of Cullowhee township appeared before Highway Commissioner McKee Monday, seeking construction of a road from Speedwell to the Macon county line, connecting with the road on the Macon side of the Coveses, that comes up from Ellijay. Dan Tompkins, representing the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, stated that a committee from the Chamber has recommended the construction of the road, and that the Chamber is officially behind the project.

Mr. McKee stated that the present plans call for the immediate surfacing of a loop up Presley Creek and down Tilley Creek, so that the school bus can transport the children from that locality, to school at Cullowhee. It was pointed out that this will leave a link of possibly not more than a mile and a half to be completed to the gap of the mountain, and engineers were instructed to go over this link and make estimates and recommendations.

Legumes Have Place In State's Pastures

Corn is the only crop grown more extensively than pastures in North Carolina. But pastures do not receive near the attention of corn, cotton, tobacco, small grains and other crops.

R. L. Lovorn, State College agronomist, says that "the expanded livestock program in the South that everybody is talking about depends on cheap feed, and pasture is the answer to that problem." With few exceptions, no livestock industry has ever permanently survived that did not depend to a large extent on grazing and hay crops, he says.

"We have more than a million acres of cleared pasture land in North Carolina," the agronomist continued, "but a great deal of it is not worthy of the name. Successful pastures must include legumes in the sod. Experimental results bear this out.

The agronomist advises the use of lespedeza unless the soil is in a good state of fertility, in which case white clover will do good.

BUCHANAN RITES HELD THURSDAY

Rev. Oscar Nix and Rev. Carlyle Morgan conducted the funeral service, last Thursday, for Burt Buchanan, 81 year old citizen, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles Moses, at East LaPorte. Interment was in the cemetery at Yellow Mountain.

Mr. Buchanan, known as "Uncle Burt," is survived by his widow; six children, Will of Yellow Mountain, Mrs. Moses of East LaPorte, Mrs. Druilla Henderson, of Lake Toxaway, Mrs. Bertha Evtit of Yellow Mountain, Mrs. Laura Stewart of Cashiers, and Mrs. Emma Coggin of Erastus; three brothers, Ross of Norton, Jack and Manual, both of Hazelwood; a sister, Mrs. Elbert Houston of Salem, Ore.; 58 grandchildren and 49 great grandchildren.

DALLAS GRAY SHOT; JOHN SMITH IN JAIL

Dallas Gray, aged and well-known Dillsboro Negro, was taken to the hospital, suffering shot-gun wounds in the back and neck Tuesday afternoon, following an altercation engaged in at Dillsboro. John Smith, another Negro, was arrested and placed in jail by Highway Patrolman Ray Ervin, pending the outcome of Gray's wounds.

It is not known what the dispute between the two Negroes arose about.

Overflow Crowd Attends Baptist S. S. Convention

An overflow crowd attended the Tuckasee Baptist Sunday School Convention held at Cashiers Baptist Church last Sunday afternoon.

Clarence Vance, presided at the meeting. The devotional was conducted by Rev. Mr. Cloer of Cashiers. Special music was rendered by the Cashiers choir.

A feature of the program was a program put on by the Young People of Scott's Creek Church under the direction of Mrs. W. G. Dillard.

Reports were made by the churches that have held Vacation Bible Schools this summer, more having been held this summer than any year previously and it is planned to have an even larger number of these schools in the association next year.

Ellis Beasley of East Sylva brought a stirring message on the subject, "The Challenge of Reaching Adults in the Sunday School."

Rev. E. F. Baker, pastor of the First Baptist church of Andrews was present and spoke briefly.

F. I. Watson of Jarrett Memorial Church, Dillsboro was elected as vice-president, of the convention to fill out the unexpired term of C. R. Browning, Jr., who has moved to Asheville.

The next meeting will be held with the Speedwell church, the second Sunday afternoon in September, at 2:30 o'clock.

Davis Infant Dies Month After Birth

William Cabot Davis, the month old child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis, of Charlotte, died Monday morning, at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sherrill.

Rev. T. F. Deitz conducted a short service at the Sherrill home, Tuesday morning, and interment was in the Keener Cemetery.

Mrs. Davis is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherrill, and was visiting her parents here at the time of the birth of the baby.

Baptist Church Elects Officers For New Year In Annual Conference

J. V. Hall Re-elected As Superintendent Of Sunday School

At the annual church conference, held Sunday morning, the Sylva Baptist church elected three new deacons, L. C. Moore, G. H. Cope, and J. B. Owen. The other deacons are Chester Scott, H. E. Monteith, Frank Crawford, J. V. Hall, J. D. Moore, and George Womack.

Other officers elected were: Sunday School Superintendent, J. V. Hall; Church Treasurer, Claud Jones; Training Union Director, Hattie Hilda Sutton; Clerk, Leonard Allen; Pianist, Mrs. John R. Jones; Assistant Pianist, Lucile Reed.

The ushers are Leonard Allen, Britton Moore, Edwin Allison, and J. B. Owen. Assistant ushers are Frank Crawford, and Paul Messer.

John R. Jones, S. H. Monteith, L. P. Allen, Reed Queen, and Mrs. H. E. Monteith compose the Property Committee.

The Finance Committee is composed of J. T. Gribble, J. B. Ensley, A. J. Dills, Raymond Deitz, F. M. Crawford, George Womack, Mrs. Herbert Bryson, Mrs. H. E. Monteith, and Mrs. E. L. Wilson.

Members of the Fellowship Committee are: L. C. Moore, J. V. Hall, Mrs. R. C. Allison, Mrs. L. L. Allen, and Mrs. H. M. Hocutt.

The Social Service Committee is composed of J. T. Gribble, H. E. Monteith, Mrs. A. J. Dills, and F. M. Crawford.

The church appointed J. B. Ensley, G. H. Cope, J. K. Allen, J. V. Hall and Mrs. L. L. Allen, as messengers to represent it at the association, meeting at Moses Creek, this week.

The following disclosures were made by the yearly reports to the church conference:

The membership shows a gain of fourteen over last year making the total membership at the end of the year 349.

The Sunday School has averaged 131 in attendance, a slight decrease but the Sunday School offering reached the total of \$1382.87, a gain of over 10 percent over the previous year.

Total receipts of the church amounted to \$3462.94 which was a gain of about one hundred dollars over the year before.

The training Union, Brotherhood, and Woman's Missionary Union all showed evidences of good work and steady growth.

Jackson County Has Distinguished Visitors

There have been at least two groups of distinguished North Carolina visitors here within the past few days. The first, composed of Tom Bost, dean of the State Capital's newspaper writers, Mrs. Bost, Director of the State Department of Public Welfare Commission, was piloted to Clingman's Dome and through the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, by Cary Henson, Jackson County's Superintendent of Welfare.

The second group, composed of Senator W. B. Rodman, Representative John Caffey, Senator Clark and other members of the Advisory Budget Commission, went to Cullowhee, for a discussion of the budgetary needs of the college. They stopped at The Journal office on the way to Cullowhee, and made arrangements for Dan Tompkins to accompany them on a trip through the park. This was the first trip any of these distinguished North Carolinians had ever made to Jackson county, or to the park.

Cullowhee Church To Clean Up Cemetery

The annual cleaning up of the Baptist church cemetery, at Cullowhee, will be next Monday, and all persons who have relatives buried there are urged to be present and assist in a general clean-up.

Jackson County To Get 3 Additional Buses This Term

Will Bring Total Number For County To Twenty-One

Jackson County is to have three additional school buses this year, according to a statement by County Superintendent Moses. This will bring the total of the transportation buses in use in this county to twenty-one.

Twelve additional miles of road have recently been added to the transportation system, Mr. Moses stated. This additional mileage will be on Fisher Creek, Monteith Branch, and various places in the county.

Tuckasee Baptist Association Begins At Moses Creek Today

Meeting at 10 o'clock this morning, the Tuckasee Baptist Association, in its one hundred and eleventh session, heard Dr. Fred F. Brown, pastor of the First Baptist church of Knoxville, Tenn., and a native of this county, in the introductory sermon. The session was begun with a devotional service, led by the moderator, Rev. T. F. Deitz, who will preside over the two-day session.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MRS. SUTTON

A large concourse of friends gathered at the Jarrett Memorial Baptist Church in Dillsboro, Saturday afternoon, to pay their last respects to Mrs. N. L. Sutton, relict of the late Nelson L. Sutton, former sheriff of this county, and for years one of its most prominent citizens.

Mrs. Sutton passed on Thursday, after having been ill for a few days. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Thad F. Deitz, pastor of the church, and Rev. H. M. Hocutt, pastor of Sylva Baptist Church. Mrs. Sutton, a splendid woman of retiring disposition, had been a member of the Baptist church in Dillsboro for many years, and was known as a force for good in the community, in her quiet way.

Interment was in the Parris Cemetery, and Highway workers opened the main highway between Sylva and Dillsboro, which had been closed for several weeks, due to the fill approaches to the overhead bridge having sunk, after the paving was laid. These workmen, through respect to the memory of Sheriff and Mrs. Sutton, did a hurry-up job, working overtime to get the highway open for her funeral.

Surviving are two sons, Deck, of Sylva, and N. L. Jr., of Virginia; three daughters, Mrs. Herbert Whitner, of Marcus Hook, Pa., Mrs. P. G. Ensley, of Newport News, Va., and Miss Frances Sutton, of Sylva; one sister, Mrs. Sue Grumbless, of China Grove; two half-brothers, J. J. Mason, of Dillsboro, and D. T. Mason, of Beta; and one half-sister, Mrs. Lena Luther, of Andrews.

Baptist Training Union Plans Rally Tuesday

A special Baptist Training Union Rally will be held at Bryson City next Tuesday afternoon and night, August 20. The Rally is for all the Training Unions in this 10th Region. The meeting will begin at three in the afternoon and close at nine that night. All those who go are requested to take their own supper. The group will eat together in picnic style. It is hoped that a group will go from every union.

A total of 28,467 drivers' licenses had been revoked by the North Carolina Highway Safety Division through June 30, 1940.

Flood Damage Is Less Severe In Jackson Area Than Nearby Counties

Growing Crops Damaged Along Tuckasee River

Great damage was done to growing crops along the river. The steam shovel with which Morrison-Knudsen Company was getting gravel for construction work at their camp, was overturned. A log jam below the dam site, near Glenville, was dynamited, to release the backing flood waters.

Some families were forced to abandon their homes at Cullowhee and Dillsboro.

Electric Plants Flooded

The hydro-electric plants of Western Carolina Teachers College and of the Dillsboro and Sylva Electric Light Company were flooded, but service was uninterrupted.

Flood waters reached above the windows of the home of Guy Leatherwood, and the cabins at the Leatherwood camp, above Dillsboro. The furniture was removed from these buildings, and it is reported that there was no permanent damage done to the buildings. Workmen began clearing out the mud and trash at the camp Tuesday night, as soon as the waters had subsided sufficiently.

All the new cabins at Carter Williams' Old Mill Inn and Camp were flooded. The water came up above the windows, and the new cabins had the appearance of boat houses.

The county roads up both sides of the Tuckasee from Webster Bridge were flooded.

Highway officials reported the fill beside the Cedar Creek Bridge was washed away. It was impossible to determine how many structures on the county roads were washed away. Slides on the highway between Franklin and Highlands stopped traffic in that direction.

Telephone communication between Sylva and East LaPorte, Cashier's Valley and Highlands was interrupted. Temporary communication was made with East LaPorte in the afternoon, but the lines were not repaired to Highlands until 9:30, Wednesday morning. This telephone line is the only means of wire communication with Cashier's, Highlands, and the important resort region of Southern Jackson and Macon counties. All telegrams out of that region are telephoned to Sylva and sent from the Western Union office here.

No estimate has been made of the damage caused by the flood in Jackson county; but it is certain that it lacks a great deal of being as heavy as that in the counties to the east of us. Henderson, Transylvania, Haywood, Buncombe, McDowell, and upper Rutherford were hard hit.

At no time was it impossible to reach Tuckasee from Sylva. In fact a reporter from this paper made the trip in an automobile, early in the afternoon. Water was across the highway at the golf course, at the old John T. Wike place, and just west of Dr. Brinkley's home. At no place was the water deeper than three to three and a half feet on this highway.

It was also possible to travel west from Sylva, though the water was about three feet deep on the highway just east of Barker's creek. Highway workers were stationed at all these points and warned motorists that they traveled at their own risk.

The only highway in the county that was completely blocked by flood waters, was between Dillsboro and Franklin. The reporter made the trip over this road about noon, but by one o'clock, the water had risen near the electric plant at Dillsboro, and near the Leatherwood

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C. I. O. APPEARS IN JACKSON COUNTY

The C. I. O. has come to Jackson county. How long it will remain, what it will do, how great a foothold it may get in this country, remain to be disclosed by the unfolding of events.

The other day we made a short trip up the river from Sylva to Cashier's Valley. To our utter astonishment, we saw a large sign by the road, in front of the Baptist church at Tuckasee, which read: "C. I. O. Meeting."

Really, that is about all we know about the C. I. O. coming here, though we had heard rumors, that the C. I. O. was trying to muscle in on the construction of the dam at Glenville, and thus obtain its first real foothold in the mountains of Western North Carolina.

We might as well have an understanding here and now, just in the beginning. When this dam is being constructed, when the nation is bending every effort to prepare for the national defense, the cards hereabouts might as well be laid upon the table.

Western North Carolina has an opportunity to secure some of the industrial plants that are to grow out of the defense program. A few weeks ago, we suggested that decentralization of industry was one of the vital links in the national defense, and that

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Qualla Citizens Ask For Bridge Across Tuckasee

Citizens of Qualla township, and members of the county board of education, Chairman Charles Smith, of the board, Superintendent Adam Moses, and Chairman T. Walter Ashe, of the County Board of Commissioners appeared before Highway Commissioner E. L. McKee, Monday, asking that a bridge be constructed across the Tuckasee River, at the Thomas Farm.

It was pointed out that there are forty school children living on that side of the river, who should be able to go to the elementary school at Shoal Creek, and, that by reason of the lack of means of crossing the Tuckasee, people of that community are cut off from the highway, from the school and the churches of their township.

Commissioner McKee and District Engineer John C. Walker spoke of the necessity of surfacing the present road with gravel or crushed stone, so that the school bus can transport the children to school, either via Wilmot or Whittier; but it was stated that there are seven grade crossings on the road, and that at least three of them are extremely dangerous. The Rural Delivery route for the United States mails goes over this road at present, and it was stated that the carrier has frequently to leave his car, and carry the mail on his back, using the railroad as a footpath. The construction of the bridge, it was pointed out, would not relieve the situation, so far as the mails are concerned.

The engineer was instructed to look into the matter immediately, and it was estimated that a footbridge might be strung across the river, so that the children could reach the bus on the highway, and that the present road may be somewhat altered and surfaced.

However, the present bridge across the river, at the foot of the hill from Dick's Gap, is soon to be replaced with a two-way concrete bridge, and Commissioner McKee intimated that this bridge might be moved to Qualla and placed where the delegation stated the need is urgent.

Steady Rain First Of Week Swells County Streams

The tropical hurricane, which lashed the coasts of South Carolina and Georgia with great fury broke against the mountain ranges of North and South Carolina, bringing torrential rains, which turned, the mountain streams into raging torrents, Tuesday.

A steady rain through most of Sunday night, Monday, and Tuesday, swelled the streams; and the center of the storm broke upon the Blue Ridge and the points where the Balsams, Cowees, and Black Mountains join the Ridge.

Although that portion of Jackson county north and west of the Blue Ridge was less hard hit than most portions of Western North Carolina, the

WEBSTER ROAD ONLY ROUTE OUT OF SYLVA TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Temporary 116, the road through Webster, old county seat of Jackson county, was the only road open over which people could travel out of Sylva, Waynesville, and Lake Junaluska, Tuesday afternoon and Tuesday night. When the flood waters of the Tuckasee river covered the highway near the Dillsboro Bridge, and above Barker's Creek, all traffic was routed through Webster. The Webster bridge is the highest structure across the Tuckasee River. At the same time traffic was blocked between Waynesville and Canton by flood conditions on the Pigeon River and its tributaries. It was possible for people to leave the mountain area via Webster, Franklin, and Clayton, and hundreds of them traveled this route, all of which is paved except about four miles, through Webster township.

Tuckasee River reached the highest stage since 1928. Flood waters from both the Canada and Hamburg prongs of the river, which come down the Blue Ridge, were augmented by raging Caney Fork Creek. The other two main tributaries of the Tuckasee in this county, Scott's Creek and Savannah Creek, neither reached flood stage. Scott's Creek, coming down from the Balsams, was considerably above normal water level, but at no time reached the flood stage. Savannah was not unusually high at any time during the day.

Trestles Wash Away

The first structure across the river to go was the Wayhuta Bridge. It went out early in the morning, and when it struck the south end of the Ashe bridge, near the golf course, that span of the Ashe Bridge crumpled with the impact and floated away down stream.

Both trestles of the Tuckasee and Southeastern Railway Company across the Tuckasee washed away during the morning. The one at East LaPorte went out first, and a few minutes later the trestle near the old clay factory caved under and went down the river.

Still the waters continued to rise. The crest of the flood at East LaPorte was reached by one o'clock in the afternoon but it did not pass Webster and Dillsboro until mid-afternoon.