

All America Turns To W.N.C. As President Dedicates Park Monday

County Suffers Worst Flood In History As Tuckasee Rages

Highest Stage In Memory Of Living Men Is Reached

(Friday Morning) The worst flood disaster in the history of Jackson county struck along the Tuckasee river and its tributaries early this morning. The river rose to the highest flood stage in the memory of living men, and it is believed that it was at least six feet higher than has ever been known before.

The Journal Was First Paper To Support Move For Establishing Park

Journal Backed Campaign In Early Stage, Facing Much Opposition

Back in the days when converting the Great Smoky Mountains into a national park was a live issue; when immediate action was necessary if the original forests were to be preserved from the axe of the woodsmen; and many papers and people were hesitant about stepping out and leading the fight for the preservation of this national heritage for all the people of America, The Jackson County Journal was the first newspaper in this entire area, on either side of the Great Smoky Mountains to give wholehearted support to the movement.

In substantiation of that claim the following excerpt from a letter from Congressman Zebulon Weaver to Mr. Stephen Early, Secretary to President Roosevelt, is given:

"When the establishment of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park was first undertaken, his (Mr. Tompkins) was the only newspaper which ardently supported it".

Congressman Weaver, then as now the Representative of this District in Congress, was interested in the movement, and one of the strongest supporters of it. Mr. Weaver was personally acquainted with the Smoky Mountains as a few men were or are. He had the vision to see what the preservation of the primeval forests as a National Park would mean to the people, and to Western North Carolina. Regardless of the interests that were inimical to the ideal, Mr. Weaver stuck to his guns. He introduced the bill for the establishment of the Park, and he worked for it in season and out, until it was enacted into law.

Horace Kepnart, by his books had gotten the ear of a great many people of America. He kept the people of the Nation interested.

The Jackson County Journal kept presenting the idea to the people of Western North Carolina. At last it looked as if there really was a chance for the dream to come true.

Then certain big interests in Western North Carolina, from a selfish standpoint, which has long since been forgotten, began a campaign of counter-propaganda. Upon this they spent a large amount of money for newspaper advertising, and otherwise. Influential individuals bestirred themselves in opposition, but the seed had been too well sowed.

The people of the counties of the State responded to a call for voluntary contributions to pay for the land. Then the States of North Carolina and Tennessee voted money for the land purchase; and finally, the Rockefeller Foundation contributed

(Continued on Page Two)

Worst Property Damage Is Done Along River At Cullowhee

At Cullowhee the damage was terrific. Business buildings and homes along the river were demolished and washed away. The new, stone store building, belonging to Frank G. Brown, was entirely washed away with its large stock of merchandise. David H. Brown's garage and 18 new automobiles went down the river, as did the cafe adjoining. The homes of Miss Louise Henson, Mrs. Wade Galloway, Robert Davis, colored janitor at W. C. T. C., and a tenant house on the farm of W. D. Wilke were lost. Mr. Wilke lost his barn and live-stock, and his son-in-law, R. C. Sutton, manager of the college lost his automobile. Floyd Griffin, principal of the high school at Cullowhee lost his mill and machine shop.

It was impossible to obtain reports from further up the river than Cullowhee; but the destruction along the river is indescribable; and the loss will run into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The new tourist cabins, owned by Carter Williams suffered severely. Two of them washed away, and the other two were washed from their foundations.

The plant of the Sylva Paper-board Company was forced to close early this morning by high water; but Scott's Creek was rapidly receding. Officials of the company estimated that the mill will be running again within a week. At least two railway trestles on the creek were out of line, and a section of track below Hall's Station was washed out.

Word from across the Balsams is to the effect that all of Haywood and counties east suffered heavy damage, and that at Clyde and Canton the towns were flooded, and the damage almost incalculable.

At 10 o'clock this morning the water in the Tuckasee had fallen at least six feet below the flood crest; but was still several feet higher than during the flood earlier this month.

Offer \$150 Reward For Violators of Fish Law

The Jackson County Hunting and Fishing Club, meeting last Tuesday night, offered a reward of \$50 for the conviction of any person in the county for spearing or dynamiting fish and each member pledged himself to assist the wardens in every way in enforcing the laws.

The club will meet again on the night of the 10th of September, in the Woodmen Hall, and anyone interested is invited.

COLORED BASEBALL TEAM PLAYS KNOXVILLE MONDAY

The Sylva Smoky Mountain Cubs will play the Knoxville All-Stars at the Sylva Colored School Park in a double header Monday, starting at 2 a. m.

778 Enroll In Sylva Schools On Opening Day of New Term

Additional Increase Is Expected For First Several Days

The enrollment for the Sylva schools on the first day of the fall term, yesterday, totaled 778 pupils. Of this number 376 are in the high school, and 402 in the elementary and primary departments.

School officials point out that while this is a high enrollment, they expect an increase by reason of additional students entering the schools for the next several days.

The High School has been accredited for some time; and the elementary school is again on the accredited list in the state, with the highest possible rating for an elementary school, until the length of the term is increased.

M. Buchanan Presented Masonic Gold Medal

Mr. M. Buchanan, Sr., one of Sylva's oldest and most prominent citizens, was presented a gold medal for 50 years of membership and service to the Masonic order, at the regular meeting of the Lodge, on Monday night. The presentation was made by C. A. Hoyle, District Deputy Grand Master.

Mr. Buchanan was made a Mason at Unaka Lodge, at Webster. When the Lodge was organized at Sylva, he was a charter member; and, when Unaka Lodge was consolidated with Sylva Lodge, and moved to Sylva, Mr. Buchanan again became a member of the Lodge in which he was raised.

From the very infancy of the town, Mr. Buchanan has been one of Sylva's first citizens, and has been the moving spirit back of many of the movements for progress in the community, over a long period of years.

Miss Mason Is Made Q. E. S. Grand Officer

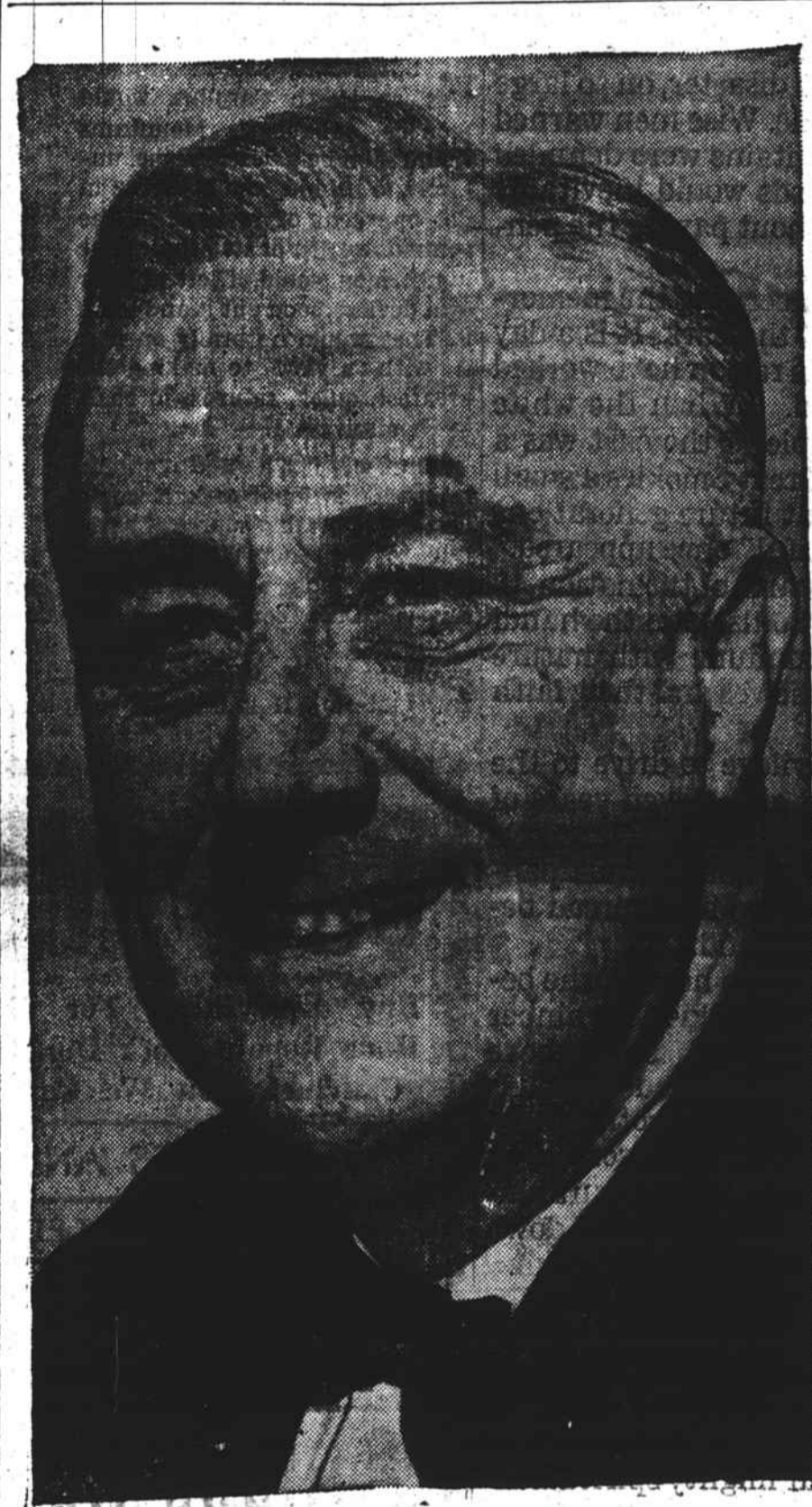
Miss Louise Mason, of Dillsboro and a teacher in the Sylva graded school has been made one of the officers of the Grand Lodge, Order of the Eastern Star of North Carolina. She was appointed Grand Adah, by the Worshipful Grand Matron.

Miss Mason, Mrs. Raymond Glenn, Mr. and Mrs. M. Y. Jarrett, Mrs. J. E. Barrett, Mrs. Ben Lessing, Mrs. C. C. Mason, and Mrs. Gibbons attended the district meeting of the order, in Bryson City, last week.

Lawson Allen To Speak At Baptist Church Here

Mr. Lawson Allen who is Educational Director of the First Baptist Church of Asheville will speak at both the morning and evening services at the Sylva Baptist Church next Sunday, September 1. Mr. Allen is well known at Sylva and was formerly a member of the Baptist church here, and his many friends will be happy to know of his coming to speak at these services. All members of the church are urged to be present and give Mr. Allen a good hearing, and all friends and visitors are cordially invited to the services.

Local Communities Also Welcome Roosevelt For Dedication Labor Day



PRESIDENT FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT

Unusual Exhibit To Be Presented At Webster

The ladies of the Webster Methodist church are planning an exhibit, to raise funds to help with the interior decorating of the church, much of the work having already been done. The exhibit will consist of handwork from different countries, including peasant embroideries, coverlets, tapestries, and wall hangings, and hand-made laces. There will also be dolls of various countries, and metal ware, Ukrainian and Caucasian costumes will be demonstrated by girls of the Webster school. The public is invited to attend. Admission is 25 cents for adults, and 10 cents for children. The date is Friday, September 13, at the Webster High School auditorium, and the time, 3:30. Tickets are available in Sylva at Cannon's and at Allison's Hardware.

OLD NEWSPAPER MAN VISITS SYLVA WITH PARTY

Monday, a party of four from Miami were in Sylva. In the party were Mr. and Mrs. Agnew Welsh and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Singleton. Mr. Welsh is an old newspaper man, who spent 33 years of his life as editor-owner of the Ada, Ohio, Record, and 20 years with the Miami Daily News, on the editorial staff.

WEBSTER BOY KILLED IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Wm. Ray Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will H. Morgan, was killed, when he was struck by a train, Sunday, at McIntosh, South Dakota. His body was returned to Sylva on the morning train, today, and interment will be at Locust Field, tomorrow afternoon, following a funeral service at the home.

The pall bearers will be Sam Franklin, Ray Sutton, Richard Sutton, Alvin Cabe, Lewis Morgan, and David Dills.

The young man, who was 25 years of age, is survived by his father and his mother, by four brothers, James, of Black Mountain, Fred, and Roy, of San Diego, California, and Richard, of Honolulu, and one sister, Mrs. Wm. Sealor, of Washington, D. C.

Methodist Young People Meet

Meeting at the home of Miss Louise Stein, last night, the council of the Young People's organization of the Sylva Methodist church elected Miss Polly Wilson as president, to succeed her cousin, Miss Agnes Wilson, who resigned because she is leaving to take training as a nurse, in the hospital of the University of Virginia, at Charlottesville.

President's Address To Be Broadcast Over All Major Networks

President Roosevelt will speak in dedication of the Smoky Mountains National Park, at Newfound Gap, Monday afternoon. It has been stated from the White House that the President's speech will be non-political.

The President of the United States and his party will arrive at the Gap at 1:55 in the afternoon, and the exercises will begin immediately. The entrances to the Park, at Smokemont and on the Tennessee side of the mountains will be closed one hour before the arrival of President Roosevelt or at 12:55. No one will be allowed to enter, after that time.

All persons who wish to see the President at the Gap, No one will be allowed to park at the Gap; but parking spaces will be provided on the road from the Gap to Clingman's Dome. All operators will discharge their passengers at the Gap, and drive on to the parking spaces. Shuttle cars will transport the drivers from their vehicles to the Gap, and return them to their automobiles at the conclusion of the speaking.

No one will be allowed a seat in the stands, except holders of complimentary tickets, and invitations from the Secretary of the Interior and the National Park Service.

Secretary of the Interior, Harold L. Ickes will preside at the ceremonies, and the speakers, other than the President, will be Governor Clyde R. Hoey, of North Carolina, and Governor Prentice Cooper, of Tennessee. A matter of pride for Jackson county people is that the invocation will be spoken by Rev. Dr. Fred F. Brown, now of Knoxville, but a native of Jackson county.

The benediction will be pronounced by Bishop Clare Purcell, presiding bishop of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference.

The following is the official program as announced by the Secretary of the Interior:

- PROGRAM
1:55 P. M. Arrival of the President of the United States and party
Music—Knoxville High School Band
2:00 P. M. Hon. Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, presiding
Invocation—Rev. Fred F. Brown
Introduction of Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, Governor of North Carolina, by Secretary Ickes
Address—Governor Hoey
Introduction of Hon. Prentice Cooper, Governor of Tennessee, by Secretary Ickes.
Address—Governor Cooper
Introduction of the President of the United States, by Secretary Ickes
Address—The President of the United States
Benediction—Bishop Clare.
Purcell
Music—North Carolina State Band.