

The Jackson County Journal

\$1.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

SYLVA NORTH CAROLINA

THURSDAY, OCT. 17, 1940

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

Sentence Carl Crawford To Serve Six Years On Manslaughter Charge

Pleading the unwritten law as his defense, after the jury had brought in a verdict of guilty of manslaughter against Carl Crawford, charged with the murder of Asbury Ammons, in Candler township, Judge Wilson Warlick sentenced Crawford to serve not less than six nor more than eight years in the state prison. Notice of appeal to the supreme court was filed, but it is doubtful whether Crawford will perfect his appeal.

Intimations of indiscretions between Asbury Ammons and Mrs. Crawford the mother of five children, all of whom are also the children of Carl, were brought into the trial through argument to the jury, though the plea by which Crawford and his attorneys hoped to obtain an acquittal was self-defense.

In arguing the case before Judge Warlick, after the verdict of the jury, and in mitigation of the offense, Mr. E. P. Stillwell, senior counsel for the defendant, brought out the unwritten law angle, and stated that Mrs. Crawford had stated to the attorneys that there had been intimacies between her and Ammons, and that she confessed this to her husband on the morning of the slaying.

Judge Warlick stated that he understood that both Crawford and Ammons were good citizens, and that he wished he could release Crawford, but that such an act on his part would not meet the ends of justice.

Other Cases

Other cases disposed of are: John Smith, colored, assault with a deadly weapon, 15 months on the roads.

Bedford Bradley and Grady Nations, manufacturing, 4 months on the roads.

Charles Allen, colored assault with a deadly weapon, 3 months. Statesville Bryson, colored, abandonment of his wife and children, 2 years.

Columbus T. Butler, operating an automobile while intoxicated, 4 months, suspended upon payment of the costs, pending good behavior. License to drive revoked.

Levi Gibson, prohibition violation, 4 months.

Hubert Sutton, assault with a deadly weapon, 4 months, suspended. He was ordered to pay \$30 for the benefit of Jack Hall and to pay costs.

Jack Hall, prohibition violation, prayer for judgment continued for 2 years.

GRAND JURY REPORTS TO JUDGE WARLICK

The grand jury made the following report to Judge Warlick, at the conclusion of its investigations and deliberations:

To His Honor, Wilson Warlick, Judge Presiding at the October term Superior Court:

We, the Grand Jury, wish to submit the following report:

We visited the County Home. Found the inmates well cared for and plenty of provisions on hand. The building in good shape. We recommend a screened kitchen porch, also heating system in building. Barn needs a coat of paint, and a new hay rake purchased for farm and enclosed tool house built. We find all offices in court house in good shape. We recommend that suitable light fixtures be installed in Register of Deeds and Clerk's offices. That leaks in building be fixed and court room refurnished.

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

We find the jail in good shape as possible. Family bathroom should be painted. Also heating system in building put in better working condition.

This 9th day of October, 1940.
T. C. BRYSON, JR.,
Foreman of Grand Jury.

3,000 Register For Draft In County

Approximately 3,000 young men registered in Jackson county, on Wednesday, for selective service, according to estimates made by the draft board of the county. All day long, and until nine o'clock at night the registrars and their assistants were busy filling out the cards for the young men. In both Sylva wards, at Cullowhee, and at Glenville the task was especially heavy, and the workers put in full time, as a patriotic service, without pay. At Glenville, and in Sylva, East LaPorte, and Cullowhee, many young men whose citizenship is not in Jackson county, presented themselves for registration and certification to their homes. Most of these are workmen from the Glenville Dam project, though a few were tourists who happened to be passing through.

A. J. Dills, chairman of the draft board stated to The Journal today that any person who failed to get registered on Wednesday can rectify this by presenting himself to the office of Mr. Dills, and he will be duly registered. However, he pointed out, this is an important matter, and must be attended to at once.

DR. CHAPMAN HEADS DENTAL SOCIETY

Dr. W. Kermit Chapman of Sylva was installed as president of the First District Dental Society at the annual District meeting, held in Hickory on October 7. Dr. Chapman has served as president-elect since last October.

Baptist Young People's Department Meets

The Young People's Department of the Sunday School of the Sylva Baptist Church had a business and social meeting at the church on Tuesday night, October 15. Plans were made for special effort to enlarge the attendance in the classes of the department. A cordial invitation is extended to all young people who should be in these classes to be present next Sunday.

STEALS AUTO TAGS TO GO PREACHING

Conley Dorsey, colored preacher of Sylva, entered a plea of guilty of the larceny of automobile license tag from the Allison Motor Company. In explaining the affair to Judge Warlick, he stated that he didn't have the money to buy his license tag, and that Elsie Lay, who worked for Mr. Allison, took the tags from an automobile, and placed them where Dorsey could get them. He stated that he wanted to go to a church to preach, the following Sunday, and couldn't borrow an automobile and that he and Lay thought that he could use the tags and return them before Mr. Allison discovered their absence.

Subsequently he did buy tags for his car, and told the Judge that his sermon sounded rather hollow when he preached at the church, which he had reached by the use of the stolen tags.

Judge Warlick released Lay, and let Dorsey pay the costs of the action. He ordered a verdict of guilty of trespass, so that the preacher would not have a felony conviction against him.

Gordon Dillard Dies In Auto Accident

Gordon Dillard, 29, well known young man of Sylva was fatally injured early Sunday afternoon when the automobile he was driving left the highway, side-swiped two trees, and landed upright, but headed in the opposite direction, at the foot of a ten foot embankment, inside the city limits of Sylva.

Ralph Worley and Alfred Worley, two friends of Dillard, who were riding in the car with him, were only slightly injured. Ralph Worley was treated at the hospital for cuts on the head and knee, and discharged.

Funeral services were held at Mr. Dillard's home Tuesday morning, and interment was in the Dillard family cemetery. Active pall bearers were Jackson Henson, Floyd Wike, Dan Frady, Mark Weston, C. Rhodes and Charles McMahan. Young Dillard, an employee of the Armour Leather Company, is survived by his widow, a year old child, his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Bryson Dillard, one brother, Harold Dillard, and three sisters, Misses Ruth, Lizelle, and Elizabeth Ann Dillard, all of Sylva.

Mr. Dillard had taken his wife and child to the Worley home in Qualla township, for Sunday dinner, and while dinner was being prepared, he and Ralph and Alfred Worley decided to drive up to Sylva and back.

It is stated that he had just passed another automobile and cut back to his side of the highway, when his car went onto the shoulder of the road, and then over the embankment, striking the two trees as it went.

Dan Tompkins, who lives nearby, rushed to the scene, observed Dillard's condition and summoned an ambulance. Young Dillard died within a few minutes after he reached the hospital.

Sylva Women Head Of District P.-T. A.

Sylva was signally honored on yesterday at the meeting of the district Parent-Teachers conference, in Brevard, when Mrs. Raymond U. Sutton was elected district director, and Mrs. Harry E. Ferguson, secretary. Both Mrs. Sutton and Mrs. Ferguson have been active in P. T. A. work in Sylva for some time; and Mrs. Sutton is at present president of the Sylva P. T. A. Mrs. C. E. Buckner of Brevard was elected assistant director; and Mrs. Hubert Young, Candler, treasurer.

The conference was attended by approximately 200 delegates and visitors from the eleven counties of the district; and Mrs. E. N. Howell, of Swannanoa, retiring district director, presided.

Mrs. Doyle, D. Alley was the principal speaker.

Dr. Ralph McDonald and Dr. Roy Morrison spoke on the panel discussion during the state leader's hour.

MASONS TO MEET AT CULLOWHEE OCT. 24

The masons of the 42nd district will hold their district meeting, Oct. 24, 1940, at Cullowhee in the college auditorium.

Masons from the following lodges will be present: Sylva (Unaka), Dillsboro, Junaluska, East LaPorte, Ocona, Blue Ridge, and Glenville.

There will be shown a motion picture of Oxford Orphanage and the activities carried on there.

At this time Grand Master, Thomas J. Harkins will present John A. Hooper of East LaPorte Lodge No. 358 a fifty-year membership medal.

All persons are invited to attend. Friday, October 24, at 8 p. m.

During the first eight months of this year, the national income was \$2,400,000,000 more than in the same period a year ago.

CLAIMED BY DEATH



WILLIAM O. ALLEN

Services for Former Sylva Police Chief

Funeral services for William O. Allen, Sylva's Chief of Police, until January of this year, were held yesterday afternoon at two o'clock, at Scott's Creek Baptist church, with Rev. H. M. Hocutt, Rev. Thad F. Deitz, and Rev. W. N. Cooke, conducting the obsequies.

Chief Allen died at his home in Sylva at midnight, Monday, following an illness of several months duration. He had resigned as Chief of Police of Sylva in January of this year because of ill health. A man of pleasing personality and a good officer, Mr. Allen had a large number of friends in Sylva and Jackson County. He was a member of one of the county's oldest and most prominent families. Born in Sylva township in 1885, a son of the late Wilburn Allen and Amanda Robinson Allen, he lived in this county all his life, with the exception of three years service in the United States Army in the Philippine islands and in China.

After serving his term in the army, from which he was discharged with honors, Mr. Allen returned to Sylva and was manager of the grocery department of the Sylva Supply Company for several years. In 1937 he was elected a patrolman on the Sylva police force, and in 1938 was promoted to the position of Chief of Police, in which capacity he served the city until ill health forced him to resign, last January.

Active pall bearers were his nephews, Clyde, Clifton, Lloyd, Roy and Harvey Fisher, and Weaver Allen.

Surviving are his widow; three sons, Willard, William and Charles; one daughter, Mrs. Bill Clark, of Sylva; and four brothers, Theodore, of Trenton, N. J., Joseph of Memphis, Tenn., and Arthur and Thurman, of Sylva.

Baptist Training Union To Have Rally Sunday

There will be a special Baptist Training Union Rally at the Sylva Baptist Church next Sunday afternoon, October 20, at 2 o'clock. The Rally will be for the Tuckasee Association, and it is hoped that groups will come from all the churches in the Association. Mrs. Nathan C. Brooks, Jr., and Miss Josephine Turner, both of the State Training Union Department, will be present. Every director, pastor, and every officer and every member are urged to be present. The program will be as follows:

2:00, Devotion, Rev. Fred For-ester.

2:15, Conferences as follows: Associational and regional officers, H. M. Hocutt.

Directors, Officers, and pastors, Miss Josephine Turner.

Leaders for Intermediates, Juniors, and Story Hour, Mrs. Nathan C. Brooks, Jr.

Members not in above groups, Mrs. H. M. Hocutt.

3:00, Panel Discussion, Miss Josephine Turner.

3:20, A Vision of an Adequate Training Program, Lyle Ensley.

Rites Held For Mrs. J. R. Hooper

Funeral services for Mrs. John R. Hooper of Speedwell, who died at her home on Wednesday, were held in the Speedwell Methodist Church at 2 o'clock on Friday Oct. 11th with the pastor, Rev. G. A. Hovis officiating. Burial was in the private Rogers family cemetery.

Flower girls were nieces of the deceased and nephews served as active pall bearers. Honorary pall-bearers were Drs. Roy Kirchberg, S. L. Crow, Huffines, D. D. Hooper, A. S. and A. A. Nichols, Kermit Chapman and Messrs H. T. Hunter, W. E. Bird, T. B. Bumgarner, G. C. Hooper, R. L. Holden, S. E. Wilson, Edward Bryson, R. L. Knight, A. C. Moses, F. S. Griffin, G. C. Cooper, F. G. Brown, Elliott Pressley.

Mrs. Hooper was the daughter of the late Robert and Rebecca Smith Rogers. Her father was a pioneer nurseryman and school teacher.

Mrs. Hooper had been a semi-invalid for two and one half years but bore her illness with great christian patience and fortitude. She was of very modest and unassuming nature, was a kind and loved neighbor a devoted homemaker, wife and mother, a talented artist. Despite her illness she created many beautiful pictures and objects of handwork and inspired all who came in contact with her to love beauty in nature, and God.

Surviving Mrs. Hooper are her husband John R. Hooper and three daughters, Janie and Sara Belle Hooper of Speedwell and Mrs. Clifton W. Crispe of Speedwell and Canton, N. C. Also four sisters survive: Mrs. Ida Cotter of Cullowhee, Mrs. W. R. Messer of Asheville, Mrs. J. J. Noland of Skyland, and Miss Bertie Rogers of Cullowhee.

Rites Tuesday For Mrs. H. B. Wood

Funeral services for Mr. H. P. Wood, 80, who died at her home at Wolf Mountain Mound, were held Tuesday at the home. The Rev. Lawrence Crawford, of Addie officiated. Burial was in the family cemetery.

Surviving are six sons, Tolvin F., of Corbin, Ky., Houston, of Hendersonville, Grover W., of Greenville, S. C., Andrew, of Sylva, C. B., of Forest City, and three daughters, Mrs. J. C. Brown, of Sylva, Mrs. Louis Owen of Balsam Grove, and Mrs. Mary Melton, of Webster.

CAST SELECTED FOR PLAY "OUR TOWN"

The Western Carolina Players, under the direction of Miss Mabel Tyree, will present Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer prize winning play, "Our Town" in the college auditorium, December 5.

Try-outs were held Wednesday evening, October 1, and the following cast was selected: Buck Hunt, Stage Manager; Leo Cowan, Dr. Gibbs; Lynwood McElroy, Joe Crowell; James Moore, Harvie Newsome; Alice Stafford, Mrs. Gibbs; Louise Bryson, Mrs. Webb; Howard McDevitt, George Gibbs; Gertrude Carter, Rebecca Gibbs; George Walker, Wally Webb; Ruth Coggins, Emily Webb; Ray Cowan, Mr. Webb; John Wike, Professor Willard; B. C. Moss, Simon Stimson; Marjorie Honeycutt, Mrs. Soames; T. A. Jackson, Constable Warren; Andrew Carter, Sam Craig; Buck Love, Joe Stoddard. Other characters are Jean Bennett, Mary Delle Davis, and Tom Allison.

The production staff is as follows: John Jordan, President of Players and Production Manager; T. A. Jackson, Stage Manager; Mary Katherine Gardner, Make-Up; Marjorie Honeycutt, and Marion Arnold, publicity.

Sylva Supply Company Suffers Heavy Damage From Fire Tuesday

Ariall Promoted To Bank Vice President

R. L. Ariall was promoted to executive vice-president of The Jackson County Bank, and W. J. Fisher was promoted from assistant cashier to cashier, at a meeting of the board of directors held on October 8. Mr. Ariall became cashier of the bank in 1933, and since that time the deposits have increased to over one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars. In 1933 the deposits amounted to two hundred twenty five thousand dollars. The total resources of the bank at the present time are approximately one million four hundred thousand dollars.

The change in the official staff of the bank was made necessary by this large increase in the volume of business.

Mr. Fisher has been assistant cashier of the bank for a number of years, and has been connected with it all during the increase in the business. The Jackson County Bank has grown during the seven years, from a small country bank to a bank with resources up toward a million and a half dollars.

Methodist Women of District Name Officers

At the first meeting of the District Women's Society of Christian Service, of the Waynesville District, Methodist church, held in Bryson City, yesterday afternoon, officers for the year were elected as nominated by the Nominating Committee, of which Mrs. J. Hardin Howell, of Waynesville was chairman. Mrs. J. Dale Stentz was elected president; Mrs. John Ashe, Bryson City, recording secretary; Mrs. F. E. Branson, corresponding secretary; Mrs. R. C. Long, Junaluska, chairman, of Christian Social Relations; Mrs. George Hampton, chairman, Spiritual Life; Mrs. T. A. Case, Murphy, chairman of Supplies; Mrs. Dan Tompkins, president Wesleyan Service Guild.

The meeting was opened with a devotional, conducted by Mrs. Newell, Jonathan. Mrs. F. E. Branson presided and led the discussion of the plans for the organization as laid down in the new discipline. Mrs. Branson has served for six years as district secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society.

Rev. Dr. Kelly, of Canton, conducted the impressive installation service for the new officers.

Three women from this district are officers in the Conference Society, Mrs. Branson reported. They are Mrs. Walter Lanier, of Cullowhee, Mrs. Newell, of Jonathan, and Mrs. Branson, of Canton.

Mrs. Harry Hastings, Mrs. A. P. Ratledge, Mrs. Annie Tompkins, Mrs. E. J. Duckett, Miss Louise Mason, and Mrs. Dan Tompkins, members of the Sylva society, attended the meeting. Present from Cullowhee were Mrs. Carrie Bryson, Mrs. Walter Lanier, and Mrs. Frank H. Brown.

HALF HOLIDAY AT TEACHERS COLLEGE

Because the instructors on the campus will attend the convention of the Western District Teachers Association in Asheville Saturday, October 18 and 19, there will be no classes Saturday morning.

This is the 18th annual convention of the Western District Teachers Association. The President of the Association, W. L. Lathan of Swain County, will preside over the meeting.

The Sylva Supply Company, Sylva's oldest and largest mercantile establishment, suffered heavy loss in an early morning fire, Tuesday. The flames, believed to have started from a fue in the offices of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, burst through to the first floor of the building, and fire and water caused thousands of dollars in damages to the building, furniture and merchandise stock.

Sylva's volunteer fire department responded to the call, and by quick and efficient work, saved the offices above the store from serious loss. The Masonic Hall, the offices of the Highway Commission, of E. L. McKee, and John H. Morris, are located in the second floor of the building.

The fire did no damage to the grocery stock of the Supply Company, but there was considerable damage there from smoke and water. The grocery department, the wholesale department, in the basement of the building, and the hardware department, located in another building, were all open for business and operating as usual, Wednesday morning. Chester Scott, manager of the Supply Company stated that repairs will be made to the building as soon as possible, and the dry goods department reopened.

The Sylva Supply Company is one of the oldest businesses in Western North Carolina, and carries a huge stock of merchandise at all times.

This concern opened for business in 1898, and there is no other business here now that is as old as this one. The Jackson County Journal is the second oldest business in Sylva.

The Sylva Supply Company was organized by the late James W. McKee, E. L. McKee and Col. Charles J. Harris. James W. McKee was manager until his death in 1913. David M. Hall succeeded him in that capacity and was manager of the store until his death in October, 1938. At his death Chester Scott, the present manager assumed charge of the business. Although the loss in building and merchandise will run into the thousands of dollars, it was partly covered by insurance.

GOVERNOR-ELECT IS HEARD BY 1000 AT HOMECOMING

Democratic gubernatorial nominee, J. M. Broughton in his speech before 1,000 persons at Western Carolina Teachers College Homecoming gave his assurance that if the Democratic party continues in power that improvements in our state will continue.

The speaker emphasized the great wealth of natural resources in Western North Carolina by declaring; "We have enough to supply the whole world."

Mr. Broughton praised not only the beauties of the scenery and the wonderful system of roads in North Carolina but stressed our educational system. He said this college was a "live wire" in education. He said, "Education costs above 26 million dollars a year in North Carolina, but it is worth it. I believe above other things we are going to have to readjust education to suit our needs. We need men with training in arts and craftsmanship." Mr. Broughton mentioned the large number of opportunities that had been opened up for boys and girls because of the N. Y. A.

Mr. Broughton predicted that North Carolina would cast an overwhelming vote for F. D. Roosevelt in November. He ended his speech by saying that not only North Carolina but the nation had always been democratic and true to the interests of the masses and would remain so.