

The Jackson County Journal

\$1.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

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\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

Stillwell Urges A Revival Of Ideals

Urging a revival of Democracy and of the Christian religion for the salvation of America and the American ideals, Prof. E. H. Stillwell, of Western Carolina Teachers College, speaking before the Sylva Parent-Teachers Association, Tuesday evening, stated that he fears that we are about to lose these things. Therefore, he asked that the two great American institutions, the home and the school, join in an effort to bring a deeper appreciation of these things, in the minds of the children.

Discipline, education, love of liberty, and faith in God, Mr. Stillwell told his listeners, can prove the bulwark against which no attack can be successful. But, he stated, the way may be hard, and we must prepare ourselves to accept the hard way, in faith and service.

Prior to Mr. Stillwell's speech, two first grade boys, Tommy Ferguson and Carter Williams, waving American flags, sang "God Bless America," and then invited the audience to join with them in the singing.

Mrs. R. U. Sutton, president, presided at the meeting. Following the business session and Mr. Stillwell's address, refreshments were served in the school cafeteria.

Mountain Picture Objected To By Folk Of Macon County

"Mountain Folk," a two-reel educational picture, produced during the past year in Macon County by WPA and University of North Carolina jointly and photographed in Macon County was objected to so strenuously following a showing in Franklin that it was necessary to have the sheriff guard the reels to protect them from a crowd of 400 to 500 local people who protested the showing.

Descriptions of the picture were alleged to be typical mountain folk, uncultured, and untouched by civilization, living primitive lives such as most people lived a century or two ago. The picture selected the absurd and unusual conditions of the community, the crowd declared, and presented them as the typical condition of the culture of Macon County.

Narratives accompanying the picture described the characters as sturdy, thrifty, independent people, but a people who had been literally untouched by progress. Primitive chairmaking from native materials, done by hand, apples being washed in a spring, wool being carded and spun into cloth, churning by means of an old-fashioned dash churn, a one-roomed school, a street preacher exhorting the people in front of the courthouse in a true "John the Baptist" style.

The crowd took exceptions to a scene showing the feet of a group of women, one with bare feet, others with toes protruding from shoes and with ragged stockings and tattered calico dresses.

The pictured bore proof of artistic and expensive work on the primitive and dramatic but labeled the production the usual and typical life of Macon County.

The film was the work of Erwin Hartley, photographer working under Miss Elda Keithly, state supervisor of WPA visual aid projects. Both were present for the showing of the picture to residents of Franklin for the first time. Both expressed surprise that there was objections to the picture.

Deputy Sheriff John Dill felt obliged to take the picture in custody to protect it from injury by the crowd that collected near the theatre last Saturday night.

Strike Is Settled At Andrews Dam

More than 500 workers striking against the Utah Construction company at the Nantahala river dam project of the Nantahala Power and Light company near here returned to work this morning at 8 o'clock.

The action was taken after the employees had been assured Tuesday by labor leaders of a closed shop agreement and other requested labor provisions following conferences here and at Washington.

Principal features of the settlement have already been decided upon and the agreement is expected to be consummated in a Washington conference Tuesday, department of labor conciliation commissioner and labor representatives told workers in a meeting at Topton late Monday.

Detailed information on the agreement, yet to be signed, was not disclosed, but from speeches made to workers at Topton it appeared certain:

1. That there will be a "closed shop" provision and that this already has been assured by Utah Construction company representatives and labor leaders.

2. That "advances in wages" are assured. It was understood that tentative wage provisions are accepted to labor leaders, with exception. The workers were assured by John S. Turner, representative for this group, that a satisfactory agreement would have to contain a proper wage advance for these workers.

3. The workers were assured that the Utah Construction company would take steps to have released from jails men who were arrested due to picketing activities. Project superintendent George R. Putnam announced to workers that any employees fired because of the strike could come back to work at their same places.

Strike leaders declared that pickets were being removed late Monday from the Beachertown, Aquone and Dicks Creek entrances. At Beachertown a tent and eating table had been set up for pickets and they took the task in shifts. This picketing had continued since the strike was called against the construction company nearly a week ago.

The workers were informed of the assurance of a closed shop agreement and other provisions described as being acceptable in the meeting Monday, held at home of John (Big Fist) Nelson. The workers crowded about the front porch, which was used as speaking platform, as they learned of developments.

Workers were told they had been victorious and had scored a victory which makes history. The agreement is described as being when consummated, the first building and construction agreement resulting from a strike in this state.

Labor officials here agreed to workers returning to their tasks and withdrawal of pickets after a conference held about noon Monday and following assurances from L. S. Corey, president of Utah Construction company, and labor officials in Washington that an agreement acceptable to workers could be worked out in Tuesday's conference, they said.

Participants in the Washington conference will be Commissioner Brice P. Holcombe, who has been on the scene at strike here, and several of the labor officials who negotiated in Andrews conferences leading to settlement.

Also present will be Mr. Corey, Utah firm president; John P. Copen, building and trades president of the construction workers union and others, Mr. Holcombe and labor officials J. P. Shields, John F. Turner and C. McMillian left Monday for Washington to engage in the conference.

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PROMOTED



R. L. ARIAL
Has been made Executive Vice President of The Jackson County Bank.

Orders For Forest Trees Should Be Placed Early

Last year 244 farmers were disappointed when they were unable to obtain 544,000 forest tree seedlings ordered through their county agents. The State Forest Nurseries, where the seedlings are grown, were unable to supply more than a million trees requested by farmers and others.

With this in view, R. W. Graeber, Extension forester at N. C. State College, urges that farmers place their forest tree orders for the 1940-41 planting season at an early date. Already applications for more than 1,400,000 trees have been received by the State Department of Conservation and Development which operates the two State nurseries at Clayton near Raleigh and in Henderson County. The nurseries will have 5,400,000 trees available this year.

County farm agents of the Extension Service have order blanks for the trees and they will be in a position to advise with farmers as to the correct species for climatic and soil conditions.

The following species are available this year: Loblolly, longleaf, shortleaf, slash, and white pine; black locust, cypress, white ash, yellow poplar, red cedar, and black walnut. No order will be filled for less than 500 of any one species, except black walnut for which the minimum order will be 100 trees.

Stock may be used only for forest-planting, erosion control and windbreaks. It cannot be used for ornamental planting, and may not be resold.

The prices: for black walnut seedlings, \$10 per thousand delivered and \$8.50 per thousand F. O. B.; for white pines, \$3 delivered and \$2.75 F. O. B.; for white pine transplants, \$4 delivered and \$3.50 F. O. B.; and for all other species, \$2 per thousand delivered and \$1.80 per thousand F. O. B. the nursery.

Western P. T. A. Has Patriotic Meeting

Webster, Oct. 23.—The Honorable Dan Tompkins, of Sylva, was the principal speaker at the second regular meeting of the Webster P. T. A., on Wednesday, October 16. His appropriate topic on this historic date of the first peacetime conscription registration, was phases of the national defense program of America. The program, which was under the leadership of Mrs. C. C. Buchanan, included, in addition to Mr. Tompkins' speech, choral numbers by a group of students from Western Carolina Teachers College, led by Mrs. Charles Guley; the playing of the national anthem, as a trumpet solo, by Sammie Beck; and the salute to the flag of the United States of America.

At the conclusion of this presentation, a short business session was held, with Mrs. Ernest Lewis presiding. The next meeting of the organization will be November 21.

Mrs. Chapman Is Roll Call Chairman

Mrs. W. Kermit Chapman has accepted the appointment as Roll Call Chairman for the American Red Cross for this county. The work preparatory to the annual roll call has already been begun, and Mrs. Chapman expects a great response from the people in this county this year.

The people of the county have already raised \$1084.54 this year for the local Red Cross work, and \$1000 of this has been sent in to the National Red Cross.

Mr. M. D. Cowan, treasurer of the county chapter is in receipt of the following letter from Nat C. Wilson, assistant manager of the Eastern Area: "I wish to acknowledge the copy of your letter to Mr. P. K. Betts. It is splendid that the people of Jackson County raised \$1,000 to help rehabilitate victims of the August floods. As you may know, over 20 counties in North Carolina were affected, 6 of them in the eastern part of the State, with over 2,000 families receiving Red Cross assistance. The Red Cross spent \$90,000 exclusive of any administrative expense, in restoring these families to their normal way of life.

"Your letter indicates that the people in your county realize more than ever the value of a well organized Red Cross, and I hope they will all work closely with the Roll Call Chairman, Mrs. W. K. Chapman, in an effort to re-enroll all the previous members and get a number of new enrollments.

"The reason the Red Cross can respond instantly following a disaster is because of our annual renewal membership.

Rotary Club Hears Tompkins

(By Herbert Gibson, Jr)
Dan Tompkins, editor and publisher of The Jackson County Journal, was guest speaker at the Sylva Rotary Club, Tuesday night.

Speaking on "Community Service," Mr. Tompkins told the Rotarians that, "If we cannot make the world a better place through our living in it, it would be better if we had never been born." Mr. Tompkins then listed several ways in which to be of service to the community. "No man liveth unto himself," he said, "and we must forget ourselves and live for others".

David Brown, a member of the club, reviewed an article in the current issue of "The Rotarian," "The Way Rotary Works", by Wesley R. Perry.

President R. U. Sutton, whose birthday was last week, was toasted by several members of the club. Mr. Sutton read a toast which he had prepared, which included the name of every member of the club, in alphabetical order.

Jack Walters, whose duty it is to recognize members who have had birthdays, had a birthday, himself, last week, and was toasted by Clyde Blair.

Tom Seawell, R. C. McBride and J. C. Brown, of Waynesville, and Joe Jennings, superintendent of Indian work in the southeastern part of the United States, were guests at this meeting.

Young Democrats Will Hear Alley

Jennings A. Bryson, president of the Jackson County Young Democrats Club, states that a rousing meeting of the clubs is being planned for Friday night of this week, October 25, at the Court House.

Judge Felix E. Alley, one of the best speakers in North Carolina, and a native of Jackson County, will make the principal address.

Mr. Bryson states that everybody in the county is invited to be present and hear Judge Alley.

2,285 Jackson Men Register For Service

IS MADE CASHIER



W. J. FISHER
Just promoted from Assistant Cashier to Cashier of the Jackson County Bank.

Dillsboro Youth Killed By Train

Funeral services for Ralph Jones, young Dillsboro man, whose body was found on the tracks of the Southern Railway, near the home of E. B. Monteith, last Friday morning, were held Saturday, at the Dillsboro Baptist church, and interment was in the Parris cemetery.

A coroner's jury decided that the young man was killed by a freight train travelling west. A west-bound freight had passed through Dillsboro about half past eight on the night before the body was found, Friday morning.

Young Jones, who was thirty-two years of age, was a son of Fidell Jones, and was well known in this part of the county.

He is survived by five brothers, Johnny, Franklin, Richard, Scoop and Tom, and by two sisters, Misses Sallie and Margaret Jones.

It is believed that the young man was walking on the railroad tracks, in the direction of Dillsboro, when the train came upon him in the deep cut, near Mr. Monteith's home.

Death Claims Mrs. Mary Cope

Mrs. Mary Cope, 68, died suddenly, of a heart attack, at the home of her daughter Mrs. Frank Russell, on Cope Creek, Saturday morning.

Mrs. Cope was born in Swain County, on August 18, 1872. She was dearly loved by all who knew her. She was unusually devoted to her children, her husband having died more than thirty years ago, and she had to fight the battle of life alone. She was always optimistic, and always upholding the good.

Survivors include six children: Clingman Cope, of Charlotte; Mrs. Frank Russell, Mrs. Hershel Ashe and Dillard Cope, of Sylva; Pearl Cope, of Alta Vista, Va.; and Mrs. Eugene Romizer, of Canton, Ohio; one brother, Thomas Bradshaw, of Hemp, Ga.; and three sisters: Mrs. Rebecca Davis, of Dillsboro; Mrs. Julia Carver and Mrs. Nancy Brendle, of Hayesville.

Funeral services were held at Scott's Creek Baptist Church, of which she was a loyal member, at 2:30 o'clock Monday, with Rev. T. F. Deitz officiating and assisted by Rev. W. N. Cook.

Pallbearers were nephews of Mrs. Cope: Fred Cope, Vernon Cope, Verlon Lee Cope, Barton Cope, Grayson Cope and Clinton Bryant. The flower bearers were: Willa Mae Ashe, Arbie Parker, Mildred Ensley, Mammie Ensley, Dorothy Dalton, Faye Bryant, Ozelle Crispe, Kathryn Moore, and Bonnie Brown.

Interment was in Old Field Cemetery.

Former Legislator And Prominent Citizen Passes

William Dallas Wike, former representative in the General Assembly from Jackson County, and one of the county's best known citizens, died in the hospital at Six Mile, South Carolina, at three o'clock this morning, according to advices received here. The body will be returned to Cullowhee, his home, and funeral services will be conducted from the Cullowhee Methodist church at 3 o'clock, Friday afternoon, by Rev. Walter L. Lanier, the pastor of the church. Mr. Wike was one of the foremost citizens of the county. He was born near East LaPorte, and won wide recognition among the people of his native county as a teacher, lumberman, merchant, farmer, churchman, and legislator.

While a member of the General Assembly of 1913, Mr. Wike introduced the necessary legislation to provide for construction of a highway from Sylva to Cullowhee, and in Dillsboro township, which was the beginning of the good roads movement in the county. At the same session, he secured the appropriation for the construction of the Joyner Building at Western Carolina Teachers College. It was this session of the General Assembly that called the election on the removal of the county seat from Webster to Sylva.

Mr. Wike had been in poor health for some three years. He had been in the hospital, operated by his son-in-law, Dr. Erastus Peak, for several days.

He had been one of the staunchest supporters of Western Teachers college. After having taught six years in the high school department of Cullowhee school and having served as principal of the normal department, he was a member of the school's board of trustee as long as the membership was made up locally.

Mr. Wike was one of the Cullowhee school's first eight students who heard the teaching of Robert Madison on the first day of the first session in 1889. He graduated in 1894 and was a member of the school's second graduating class. At that time, the institution was known as Cullowhee High School.

Born 72 Years Ago

He was born 72 years ago at East LaPorte, but was reared in the Fairfield section of Jackson county. His parents were the late David M. Wike and Alice Norton Wike. All eight of his great-grandparents were among the first settlers of Jackson county. Mr. Wike was the great-great-grandson of Absalom Hooper, who was a Revolutionary War Soldier and is buried in the cemetery at East LaPorte.

His first school training was received in a log cabin at Fairfield. Among his early teachers were: Mrs. Ida Cotter, of Cullowhee, Ralph Zachary, W. W. Zachary and the late Henry Cannon.

After completing the course at what was then Cullowhee, Mr. Wike took a teacher training course at Howard Payne college in Texas. He then taught for one year in Texas and served for a year as a member of the board of education of McCulloch county, Texas. Then he came back to Cullowhee for a period of service to the school as a teacher, trustee and in other capacities. After teaching six years in Cullowhee, he served as principal of the first graded school in Jackson county. That school was at Webster and was the first to be graded under a new educational system and

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Jackson county young men registered 2,285 strong for selective service with the military forces of our country, now preparing for National Defense, and in getting ready to preserve and enforce the peace in the Western Hemisphere, and the local draft began its labors of classifying the registrants and certifying them to Washington, preparatory to the great National Lottery.

Hamburg led the county in the number of registrants. This was caused by the large number of young men who are non-residents, now working on the Glenville Dam project. South Sylva, Cullowhee, and North Sylva came next, in the order named.

The proper forms for making up the lists of the registrants have been received and each registrant has been assigned a number, to be forwarded to Washington.

The local board, composed of A. J. Dills, Ed Bryson and Lewis Bumgarner, has elected Raymond R. Nicholson as clerk to the board John H. Morris is special agent, and Dr. D. D. Hooper is medical examiner. All will serve without compensation, except the clerk, who will have to give his full time to the job.

An interesting thing is that both candidates for Representative in the General Assembly from this county are within the age limits for registration and both have registered, of course. Mr. Moore's number is 39. He is a Sylva attorney. Mr. Ferguson who is a student at Western Carolina Teachers College, has been assigned number 1630.

Improvement Made In Farm Program

An important improvement in the Agricultural Conservation Program, effective in 1941, has been announced by G. T. Scott, Johnston County farmer and chairman of the State AAA Committee. It provides for more emphasis on the conservation phases of the program, makes the AAA program more adaptable to all farms in the State, encourages the production of food and feed crops, and should greatly reduce the cost of compliance.

"General soil-depleting allotments will be discontinued with the 1941 program and payments will be based upon the amount of soil-building accomplished," Scott stated. "The farmer who earns all soil-building units will earn his maximum payments for planting within special allotments, such as tobacco, cotton, peanuts, and commercial wheat, potatoes, and vegetables in designated counties."

As an example of how the new plan works, Scott said: "Suppose Farmer Jones had set up for his farm a total farm payment of \$100, made up of \$50 for planting within special crop allotments and \$50 to be earned for carrying out practices, such as seeding legumes and grasses, winter cover crops and green manure crops; terracing, contour strip-cropping, forestry practices, home gardening, application of liming materials, and the like.

"If Farmer Jones only carries out enough soil-building practices to earn \$40 of his soil-building allowance, then he would only get \$40 of his special allotments payments, giving Farmer Jones a final total payment of \$80 instead of \$100. That's because he earned only 80 percent of his soil-building goal. Of course, if he carried out enough practices to earn his entire \$50 in soil-building allowance, he would receive his full \$50 for planting within special crop allotments."

UNCHANGED

While the prices of some "luxury" foods have risen because of the war, the prices of butter, eggs, bread, milk, potatoes, and other staples are either the same as a year ago or slightly less.