

# The Jackson County Journal

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

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## Mrs. M. D. Cowan, Beloved Sylva Woman Passes

Mrs. M. D. Cowan, beloved woman of Sylva, died at her home on Jackson Street, Sunday night, November 17. Mrs. Cowan had been a sufferer with asthma for a number of years, and her health had been worse recently. However, she had been down town Saturday afternoon, and had paid a short visit to a neighbor Sunday afternoon. On her return from her neighbor's home, she had to be assisted into the house by Mr. Cowan, and was administered a dose of medicine. She recovered sufficiently to eat a rather hearty supper, and retired. Death came while she was asleep.

Mrs. Cowan, a native of Webster, and a life-long resident of Jackson county, was active in community and church affairs for a long number of years. For many years she was president of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church, and when the state of her health required her to relinquish that office, she continued to hold great interest in the society, and in the welfare of the church, generally. Her long life in Sylva, where she came as the bride of M. D. Cowan, was one of influence and usefulness in the up-building of the town and her church. She had a large circle of staunch friends, who relied upon her judgment and council in religious and civic matters.

A daughter of the late Capt. and Mrs. Felix H. Leatherwood, Mrs. Cowan was a charter member of B. H. Cathey Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Mrs. Cowan is survived by her husband, Mr. M. D. Cowan, one son, J. D. Cowan, of Raleigh, a daughter, Mrs. Will Jordan, of Suffolk, Va., two grand-children, Frank and Anne Cowan, of Sylva, one brother, Roy F. Leath erwood, Boston, Mass., five sisters, Mrs. J. E. Divelbiss, Asheville, Mrs. R. P. Potts, Mrs. M. Buchanan and Mrs. S. W. Bryson, Sylva, and Mrs. R. F. Hough, of Salem Va., and other relatives and a host of friends.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Methodist church in Sylva, Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock; and interment will be in the Keener cemetery.

## PLAN TREE PLANTING NOW ADVISES AGENT

Announcing that more than 391,500 trees from nurseries of the Tennessee Valley Authority have been planted for erosion control on Jackson county farms G. R. Lackey, Sylva, county agent, calls upon farmers to get in touch with his office concerning arrangements for the planting that begins this fall.

Plowing, mulching, building check dams or other preparation is nearly always necessary, Mr. Lackey points out. He says that this work should be done, and trees applied for, well in advance of planting.

"People are finding that tree planting on eroded lands, in addition to being a civic responsibility for the protection of their land and the reservoirs on the Tennessee river," the county agent declares, "pays dividends by returning to usefulness areas abandoned for agriculture."

Quoting figures released by R. W. Graeber, forester for the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service, Mr. Lackey says that more than 255,700 trees from TVA sources were set out on farms in Jackson county during the last fall, winter, and spring planting season.

The local planting is a part of the program for water control on the land of the Tennessee Valley that has resulted in the planting of more than 110,000,000 trees. During the past season almost 25,000,000 trees were set out. Of this number, more than 3,129,300 were in the 15 counties of the Valley area in North Carolina.

## Avon Players To Be Here Soon

Joseph Selman will present his well-known Avon Players in person at Western Carolina Teachers College, Friday evening November 22, in Shakespeare's most popular comedy, "The Taming of the Shrew."

The nationally famous Avon Players are a professional Shakespearean company, carefully selected from the theatrical centers of New York and Los Angeles. This will be one of the best staged and most splendidly costumed production that has ever come to Cullowhee.

The "shrew" is, of course, a woman—a man's wife. Her husband loves her completely, yet more or less humely, making her one of the most desirable of wives. Furthermore, he makes her like it.

Both students and faculty are eagerly awaiting the advent of this side-splitting comedy, for psychology is psychology, whether it be in Shakespeare's day or in 1940—especially if it is applied psychology.

And how Petruchio can apply it! He married the "shrew" because he needed the money her indulgent papa was willing to pay. But to his great surprise and sorrow, he found that he had bought himself something. Out of this situation come the most delightful humor and merriment. It has lost none of its freshness in three centuries. That is why it is one of the favorite comedies of all time.

## Black Mountain Players To Present Play Here

The Western Carolina players have announced that they will present the Black Mountain players of Black Mountain College, in "Outward Bound", by Sutton Vane, Saturday evening, January 25, 1941.

This play was first produced in London and New York in 1923. Revived at the Playhouse in New York City, December 22, 1938, it became an overnight success, and was withdrawn for production by amateur groups for some time, only recently being released again.

The Black Mountain Players are considered one of the outstanding college dramatic groups in the State. In 1939 they presented Ibsen's "Doll House, on the campus, and in the spring of last year they gave "Macbeth"

W. R. Wunsch is dramatics director at Black Mountain.

## BAPTIST PASTORS PROTEST BREAKING OF THE SABBATH

The Baptist Pastors of the county protested vigorously the breaking of the Sabbath, in a resolution, adopted this week.

The resolution follows: We, the Pastors of the Churches of the Tuckasee Baptist Association, meeting in regular session at the Sylva Baptist Church on Monday, November 11, 1940, wish to go on record as disapproving Sabbath desecration.

Therefore be it resolved: First: That we express our earnest desire that all Christians and members of our churches avoid manual labor on the Lord's Day and that our several churches and ministers throughout the County work and preach against the ungodly practice.

Second that we advise our deacons, Sunday School Superintendents and Teachers, Baptist Training Union officers and members, W. M. U. workers, and Brotherhood members to work to the end that God's Name may be glorified and that the Holy Sabbath be not so abused.

W. N. Cook, Chairman.

## Mrs. Morris Heads Legion Auxiliary

With the election of Mrs. John H. Morris as president; Mrs. Ed Bryson, vice president; and Mrs. Joe Davis secretary and treasurer, the American Legion Auxiliary was organized, Monday night, at the Community House, and application for a charter will be made, so that the Auxiliary may begin functioning in the immediate future.

All women in the county who are wives, mothers, sisters or daughters of men who served in the armed forces of the United States during the Great War, are invited to join the Auxiliary.

Mrs. R. U. Sutton, as chairman of the nominating committee, presented the name of the officers, who were unanimously elected.

## Legion Post Names Officers For Year

The William E. Dillard Post, American Legion, meeting at the Court House, elected Dan Tompkins as commander; John H. Morris, vice-commander; T. Walter Ashe, adjutant; Fred Sutton, finance officer; Burke Painter, service officer; and George Womack, chaplain.

The regular meeting of the Legion will be held at the Court House, Friday night, November 22, at 7:30.

## Important Music Meeting To Be Held On The Campus

The Federated Music Clubs of the Western District of North Carolina will hold their regular fall meeting at Western Carolina Teachers College, November 23, with the Choral Groups on the campus as hosts.

Mrs. Grover Wilkes of Sylva is chairman of the district, which includes clubs from Sylva, Bryson City, Morganton, Asheville, Waynesville, Marion, and Cullowhee.

The business meeting, interspersed with some beautiful music, will be held in the Hoy Auditorium. Luncheon will be served by the ladies of the Methodist church, in the basement of the church.

Mrs. W. H. Davis, of Asheville, State President, will deliver the main address at 10:30 Saturday morning. A number of state and district officers will be present. All college students, friends, and faculty members are cordially invited to be present at any and all of the meetings.

Betty Hodgins is president of the Schubert Glee Club; Howard McDevitt is president of the Halcyon Chorus; and Mrs. Charles G. Gulley is sponsor of both groups.

## MISSIONARY SPEAKS BEFORE BAPTISTS HERE SUNDAY

The Sunday School Convention of the Tuckasee Baptist Association met with the Sylva Baptist church, Sunday afternoon, November 10. The devotion was led by Mrs. W. G. Dillard of Scotts Creek. The report of the churches for the past month was secured by the Secretary, Mr. J. V. Hall. The Young People's Department of the Sylva Baptist Sunday School presented a playlet presenting the needs of our Young People. Mr. Edwin Allington of Sylva directed the playlet. The Address of the afternoon was brought by Rev. J. C. Powell who has been a Missionary to Africa for the past twenty years. In his message he brought out some problems faced by workers in Nigeria. The next meeting will be at the Scotts Creek Church the second Sunday afternoon in December.

## Pansy Dillard Is 4-H State Winner

Miss Pansy Dillard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Garland Dillard, of Beta, has been chosen as State winner in Achievement in the 4-H Club work; and her records have been sent to Chicago, where they are being judged, this week in competition with the State winner from each of the 47 other states, for first place as National Winner in achievement. Should Miss Dillard be judged the National Winner, she will receive high honors, and also a paid trip to Chicago.

## Western Carolina Teachers College to Broadcast Over Radio

Western Carolina Teachers College will broadcast over station W. N. O. X., Knoxville, on November 21. The hour will be decided by President Hunter.

The program will be a discussion on the subject: "What is the place of the teachers college in American defense?" A special committee met with Mrs. C. D. Killian, Monday evening, November 4, for the purpose of discussing the pros and cons concerning the question of the teachers college in the defense program.

The people who will take part in this program have not been selected yet, but they will soon be. Practice will begin about November 8 over the audio-visual apparatus in the training school.

The committee working on this program consists of Mrs. C. D. Killian, Dean W. E. Bird, Professor E. H. Stillwell, Mr. John S. Seymour, and Mrs. J. W. Fisher.

Mrs. Gulley was not originally appointed on the committee; but she has been asked to plan some patriotic musical selections. The double male quartet will sing.

## PRESBYTERIANS TO HOLD SERVICES IN AFTERNOON

The regular Presbyterian worship service will be conducted at the Community House Sunday at 4:00 P. M. rather than at the regular 7:30 hour. Rev. Paul P. Thrower, pastor of the Bryson City Presbyterian Church will speak on the subject: "God's Invitation and what To Do About It."

## JARRETT'S BOOK IS IN MAYFLOWER CONTEST

Dr. Crittenden, of the North Carolina Library Commission has announced that the book by Marcus Young Jarrett, of Dillsboro, Smoky Mountain Lyrics and Legends, is eligible for consideration for the Mayflower Cup award.

The cup is presented to a North Carolina book, published each year, and Mr. Jarrett's book, recently published, has attracted such attention, that it has been included in the list to be considered for the Mayflower Cup, this year. The award will be made on December 6.

## Dean Bird And Dr. Killian Go To College Conference

Dean W. E. Bird and Dr. C. D. Killian left Tuesday, November 5, for the Annual North Carolina Conference, held this year in Durham. The meeting opened Wednesday afternoon and continued through Thursday morning. All North Carolina colleges, both state-owned and private, were represented, and many important matters were discussed. Dr. Killian was appointed representative of Western Carolina Teachers College to report all research work done within next year.

Dean Bird and Dr. Killian returned Thursday evening.

## City Tax Rate Is Cut 10c On \$100

The tax rate of the town of Sylva was cut by 10c on the one hundred dollars valuation of property, from \$1.70 to \$1.60, by the Board of Aldermen, at a recent meeting.

Charles M. Reed, Town Clerk, explained that the reduction was effected by reason of the lower interest rate on the bonded indebtedness, made possible by the refinancing plan, and because certain bonds of the town have been retired.

In other words, the budget for the Town remains the same, except for the debt service, where the tax reduction was effected.

Mr. Reed stated that an additional reduction is expected next year, because of the increased valuation of the property within the town.

## Blackwood Head Dies Monday

Funeral services for Joseph Keys, 70, prominent figure in the lumber industry for years, were held at the residence Wednesday. Mr. Keys died Monday after an illness of about a year.

Burial was in the Green Hill cemetery at Waynesville. Pallbearers:

Active — R. B. Milkels, T. D. L. Waters, J. W. Farley, B. T. Ingles, Darrell Mitchell, Guy Wachob, Dr. Fred Hooper and Claude Parker.

Honorary — T. H. Claggett, W. J. Jenks, Louis Carr, W. W. Croushorn, H. W. Shields, E. L. McKee, Dr. W. H. Woody, Dr. C. Z. Candler, Nat W. Gennett and C. W. Pierce.

Mr. Keys at the time of his death, was president of the Blackwood Lumber company, vice-president of the Carr Lumber company at Pisgah Forest, vice-president of the Southwest Lumber company at Alamogordo, N. M. He has been well known in banking circles of North Carolina, Virginia, and, at his death, held large interests in banks. He is survived by his widow, the former Elizabeth Davison; and a daughter, Mrs. Joseph Shimon, of Arlington, Va.

## SYLVA HIGH HONOR ROLL ANNOUNCED

The Principal Honor Roll was made by forty students in the Sylva High School for the first quarter of the 1940 - 41 school term. This number represents 10.7 per cent of the membership of the High School. Before a student can get on the Honor Roll he must average above 88 per cent in at least four subjects and be out standing in other activities of the school.

Ray Ashe, Joseph Bumgarner, Billie Bird, Norma Jean Barrett, Mary Cecil Bryson, Margaret Bird, Joe Ann Barrett, Patsy Bailey, Peggy Bivins, Bessie Cagle, Mary Hall Crawford, Kathryn Corgill, Milas Crawford, Billy Cope, Barbara Dillard, Phyllis Dillard, Willa Jean Davis, Glenn Freeman, Louise Gibson, Dorothy Gragg, Edgar House, Nannie Sue Hedden, Ruth Keever, Dorothy Gragg, Edgar House, Kate House, Nannie Ste Hedden, Ruth Keever, Dorothy Mae Ledford, Roy McClure, Jack McClure, Mary Katherine Monteith, Gazella Messer, Pauline Plemons, Thelma Plemons, Arbie Parker, Lucille Reagan, Maxine Reagan, George Seals, Betty Stallcup, Elizabeth Stillwell, Joy Stillwell, J. R. Womack, Mary Alma Wilkes.

## Floor Of Student Union Building Is Repaired

The floor of the basement of the Student Union Building which had bucked because of seepage, is being replaced with a new floor. The work, under the supervision of John Misner, assisted by Bill Bryson, is almost completed and the floor will be ready for use again about November 15.

## Jim Hooper Burns To Death Thursday Near Glenville

## Allen Rites Held At Beta Sunday

Funeral Services for Harry Willard Allen, 26, of Sylva, who died in a hospital here Tuesday following an operation, were held Wednesday at Scott's Creek Baptist church, at Beta, where Mr. Allen was a member. Burial was in Keener cemetery, Sylva.

Active pallbearers were: Clyde Clifton, Lloyd Roy, Harvey and Joe Clyde Fisher.

Mr. Allen was the son of the late W. O. Allen, former Sylva police chief, who died here one month ago. Surviving are his step-mother; two brothers William and Charles; and one sister, Mrs. Bill Clark, all of Sylva.

## BAPTIST PASTOR RESIGNS CHARGE

The Reverend Fred Forester, pastor of the Cullowhee Baptist church since March, 1935, tendered his resignation of that post to his congregation at the regular church service, Sunday morning, October 20.

Mr. Forester came to Cullowhee five years ago from Texas.

Mr. Forester received his education at Piedmont College; at Mercer University, from which he holds the A. B. degree; and at Southwestern Baptist Seminary of Texas, from which he holds the T. H. M. and the M. R. E. degrees.

Mr. Forester is a graduate of Baylor University and has done graduate work at the Southwestern Seminary of Texas.

During Mr. Forester's pastorate the Cullowhee Baptist church has enjoyed marked prosperity and growth. During his first year the old church debt was paid and work was begun toward completing the present church building. He has organized four new Sunday school classes; three new B.T.U. societies, and established a "Lord's Acre" from which the church receives an annual income of \$150.00. The R. A. and B. S. U. Councils have also been revived.

Mr. Forester takes an active part in the community life. Besides his regular pastoral duties, he teaches a course in the Bible in the College; conducts religious services one Sunday each month at the State prison camp; serves as chairman of the Rehabilitation Board for this section—a committee under State supervision, whose duties are to aid ex-convicts in rehabilitating themselves after prison terms; serves as an officer in the Sunday School Association and B. T. U.; and acts as chairman of the Executive Committee on Daily Vacation Bible Schools and Evangelism in the district. Last year the Western District ranked high among the districts in the state in the work of the D. V. B. S. Mr. Forester is also recognized as a state missionary and his salary is supplemented by the Home Mission Board.

Under Mr. Forester's leadership the church has purchased a mimeograph machine and prints regularly a church bulletin.

Every year since 1936 he has taken, largely at his own expense, students to the State B. S. U. Conventions. In 1938 he took six students to the All-Southern Baptist Convention at Memphis, Tennessee, where Western Carolina Teachers College was represented with thousands of students from all sections of the United States and tries.

In order to come to Cullowhee as pastor, Mr. Forester refused a position at Shreveport, Louisiana, and a position as Student Secretary at the University of Alabama.

Mr. Forester's plans, as yet, are indefinite, but he is considering four positions in North Carolina and one in Texas.

Jim Hooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Hooper, of Tuckasee, was burned to death early Thursday night, near Glenville, when a highly inflammable liquid, supposed to have been gasoline, exploded and threw the flaming substance over his entire body.

Young Mr. Hooper, who was employed on the Glenville Dam project, entered the house and started to either start a fire or replenish one with what he supposed to be engine oil. His friends, however, believe that in some way he must have gotten hold of a can of gasoline by mistake. He was alone at the time, and ran from the burning building, and either jumped or fell over a high cliff. When his body was found, all his clothing, with the exception of his boots, was burned from his body, and the young man was burned almost beyond recognition.

A coronor's jury was summoned, and found that his death was from accidental burning.

Young Mr. Hooper, a member of an old, prominent Jackson county family, is survived by his father and mother, seven brothers and sisters, and a large number of other relatives.

He was a nephew of Dr. D. D. Hooper and Dr. Fred L. Hooper of Sylva.

## SERVICE OFFICER OF LEGION FOR STATE TO BE HERE DEC. 3

Frank M. Sasser, State Service Officer, will be in Sylva on Tuesday, December 3, for the purpose of meeting with veterans, or members of the family of deceased veterans, who have claims against the government, and who have received no favorable action on these claims, he has notified Dan Tompkins, commander of the local post of the American Legion.

Mr. Sasser represents the State of North Carolina and the American Legion in presenting claims before the Veterans' Administration. He will be at the Court House all day, on December 3; and all interested persons are urged to bring what papers they have, bearing upon their claims, and present them to Mr. Sasser for inspection. The papers he will need will be discharged, any correspondence with the Veterans' Administration, and other evidence that will have a bearing upon their claims.

## QUALLA P. T. A. MET MONDAY AT SCHOOL

(By Evelyn Sherrill)  
The Qualla P. T. A. met Monday night, November 11, at the Qualla school building. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Hayes Reagan and "America The Beautiful" was sung. The following reports were given:

Secretaries Report—  
by—Mrs. Kate Hughes.  
Treasurer's Report—  
by—Mrs. Goldman Kinsland.  
Lunch Room Report—  
by—Mrs. W. H. Crawford.

The P. T. A. voted to buy a set of dictionaries for the school and dinoleum for the lunch room floor. This ended the business session.

This meeting was in the form of a tacky party. All parents and teachers were in costume. The judges for the occasion were Mr. Carl Hoyle, Mr. Kelly Hyatt, and Irene Parker. The ladies walked across the stage one at a time and the men followed. The winner of the prize for the women was Mrs. Lona Cooper. The winner for the men was Mr. Jim Hughes.

The P. T. A. had refreshments and a d j o u r n e d until the next meeting December 9, 1940.