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Local Poet Wins Place In Important Volume

Mr. John Lee Galloway, Wolf Mountain, North Carolina, is one of the authors whose poems are included in POETS OF AMERICA, 1940, Democracy Speaks, a 700-page volume just published. More than 12,000 poets living in every part of the United States and Canada competed for a place in this important volume; only a small percentage of these were found to write poetry of sufficient merit to be accorded a place in the book. The volume contains the work of little-known authors as well as that of writers who have been published in many magazines and books. A similar volume is now being compiled and poets who are interested in having their work considered for the new book should write to the publishers for information: Avon House, 1107 Broadway, New York, New York.



COMMENDS NORTH CAROLINA—National Commander Milo J. Warner (center) is shown in the above photograph extending congratulations to officials of the North Carolina department of the American Legion on the department's outstanding record in placing among the Legion's "Big Ten" departments. Department Commander Dave Hall of Belmont is shown shaking hands with Warner, while Department Adjutant Jim Caldwell smiles his approval. The North Carolina department enrolled its entire 1941 quota of 14,511 members by December 1 and placed fourth among the Legion's 58 departments.

Tax Listers Named By County Commissioners

Tax listers have been named for the fifteen townships of Jackson county, by the county commissioners. They will begin their work on January 1 and will serve through the month. All taxes must be listed during the month of January, as of January 1, under the law.

The list takers appointed are: Barker's Creek, Ben Jones; Canada, Fred Galloway; Caney Fork, J. C. Shular; Cashier's Valley, Lynch Dillard; Cullowhee, Victor Brown; Millsboro, N. C. Brown; Green's Creek, Lyndon Cade; Hamburg, J. Sam Bryson; Mountain, Mrs. Pearl Stewart; Qualla, Elbert Patton; River, Thomas Wike; Savannah, John W. Buchanan; Scott's Creek, Price Dillard; Sylva, J. W. Cope; Webster, A. D. Cowan.

Sylva Stores Have Good Season

Sylva shops experienced the greatest volume of holiday trading in the history of the town. This is the story told The Journal by the store-keepers all in and around the town. The great rush of shoppers, beginning days before Christmas, and continuing up through Christmas Eve, depleted the stores of their merchandise as never before.

Several reasons have been given for the Christmas rush in Sylva. One is that fewer people from this county went away to do their shopping than in former years. Another is the generally improved business conditions in the country. Still another is that the construction of the dam at Glenville had turned loose a lot of money in the county. And last, the merchants had the goods to sell.

Many Marry During Holidays

The office of the Register of Deeds of Jackson County was fairly busy during the holidays, issuing license to marry to young people.

Eight young white couples and one Indian couple married in the county. They were: Arthur Ogle, 22, of Bryson City, to Lillie Cunningham, 23, of Bryson City; Glenn H. Wyatt, 26, of Haywood, to Jessie Marie Nichols, 23, of Swain; T. J. Thomasson, 24, of Andrews, to Glenna Franklin, 21, of Bryson City; Frank C. Wilson, 25, of Glenville to Beulah-Mae Bradley, also of Glenville; Fred H. Bryson, 20, of Speedwell, to Hazel Green, also of Speedwell; John R. Haskett, 21, to Ollie Mae Watson, 18, both of Jackson county; Clinton McElroy, 30, of Haywood, to Belle Bradshaw, 30, of Haywood; Francis F. Jones, 33, to Kathleen Fullbright, 27, both of this county.

Indians
Owen Littlejohn, 35, to Agnes Bigwitch, 19.

It is believed that many couples from the county went to other counties or states to secure license to wed. Under the law, each of these is required to file health certificates and have the marriage recorded in this county within 60 days after they come home. Otherwise they are subject to fines of \$50.00.

Young Man Burned By Fire-Crackers

Logan Ensley, young Sylva township man, was severely burned, on Christmas Eve, when a number of fire-crackers exploded in his pocket. He is said to have lighted a large cracker, and when it failed to explode, he put it in his pocket with some other and smaller ones. The whole pocketful went off at once, causing severe burns on his leg.

Jackson Traffic Deaths Decrease

Only four of the 100 counties in North Carolina had not had a single traffic fatality charged against them when the Highway Safety Division released its eleven-months summary last week, and 40 counties showed increases.

Ronald Hocutt, director of the division, stated that 108 fatalities in November brought to 851 the total for the first eleven months of 1940. This represented a two per cent increase over the 834 persons killed on North Carolina streets and highways the first eleven months of last year.

The four counties with clean records at the close of November were Clay, Gates, Mitchell and Tyrrell, all small counties. Two of these, Tyrell and Gates, were among the six counties without a traffic fatality in 1939.

Jackson county had 4 persons killed in traffic accidents through November of this year, a 20 per cent decrease over the 5 killed in the county the first 11 months of 1939.

The largest increase was in Robeson County, where 38 were killed through November of this year, against 17 for the same period last year. Mecklenburg's 48 fatalities topped the state, followed in order by Robeson's 38, Guilford's 37, Forsyth's 34, Buncombe's 30, Cumberland's 28, Wake's 25, Gaston's 22, Harnett's 21 and Rowan's and Alamance's 19 each. These 11 counties accounted for 321 fatalities, or 40 per cent of the total.

For the state as a whole, fatalities by months were as follows: January, 69; February, 68; March, 55; April, 49; May, 63; June, 63; July, 66; August, 81; September, 111; October, 113; and November, 108.

A drink addict may be cured by getting on the wagon. The only hope for a speed addict is if he gets off.

Hocutt Gives Talk On Safety

"North Carolina needs a Marshal Foch to tell motorists that they shall not pass," Ronald Hocutt director of the Highway Safety Division, declared this week in commenting on the fact that several people were killed in the state last month as a result of improper passing on the highways.

Hocutt said close to 30 persons have been killed in North Carolina this year as a result of passing or attempting to pass on curves, on the crest of hills, at intersections and at other places where common sense should have told them it was dangerous to pass.

"Knowing where to pass is important, but it is just as important if not more so to know when to pass and how to pass," Hocutt said. "When you have overtaken another car and wish to pass it, be sure that there is sufficient space ahead. Give a left turn signal to notify the driver behind you that you are changing lanes. Then sound your horn so that the driver in front will know that you intend to pass. Look to the rear to see if any car is passing you. Always pass the other car on the left. A good way to judge when you are safely past a car is when you can see the left headlight in your mirror. Then you can return to the right hand side of the road."

Hocutt listed the following as places where passing is not only dangerous but is forbidden by law:

On hills, on curves, at intersections, at railroad crossings, within 100 feet of a bridge, and when another car is approaching.

"The use of good judgment and common sense in passing is one of the surest earmarks of a good driver," Hocutt stated.

Allison Chairman Of President's Birthday Party

Chapel Hill, Dec. 24—Dr. Julian Miller, of Charlotte, who is serving as State Chairman of the President's birthday parties on January 30 for the benefit of the infantile paralysis fund, announced today that 55 county chairmen had been appointed and that others would be named in the next few days.

He said that North Carolina is expected to raise about \$35,000 this year and that one-half of all raised will be retained in North Carolina for infantile paralysis cases. J. Claude Allison, of Sylva, was appointed as chairman for Jackson County.

Under a dictator, the informed public gets the kind of information the dictator wants them to have.

Appointed



Appointment of Blackburn W. Johnson of Asheville (above) as superintendent of the Credit Union Division of the State Department of Agriculture was announced today by Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott. He succeeds C. C. Booker of Hendersonville, who resigned to accept a position with a commercial firm. Johnson, former editor of the Farmers Federation News of Asheville, attended the University of North Carolina and has been identified with newspapers and has recently been prominent in the Credit Union movement in Western North Carolina. He is 38, married, and will assume his duties with the Department on January 2.

Twenty-two Families Get Christmas Cheer

Twenty-two Jackson county families, located mostly in and around Sylva, were recipients of Christmas cheer baskets, provided by the Rotary and Lions Clubs, through the medium of the dime board, which was placed on main street during the week preceding Christmas. Other amounts were subscribed privately, making the total sufficient to pay for the baskets. One family received a load of coal, in lieu of the basket.

The baskets, packed by Sylva grocers, contained meat, flour, meal, lard, coffee, sugar, and confectionaries and fruits. Each cost \$4.50. They were distributed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day by the local fire department.

STARS SET CLOCKS

Scientists have learned how to keep accurate time by the stars and it is a simple matter now for man to know the exact time, day or night. Our official clocks are set by the stars.

HIDES

Argentine hides now have their largest market in this country, the United States taking about 60 per cent of the total produced by the South American republic.

Teachers Retirement Looms As Assembly Approaches

By Dan Tompkins
Raleigh, December 26—With Christmas past, the New Year coming close on its heels, brings North Carolina minds to the opening of the biennial session of the General Assembly, on January 7, and the inauguration of a new governor, the same day.

Political leaders from this part of the State, at least those who are leaders in the majority party, are expecting to be present in Raleigh for the inauguration of Governor James Melville Broughton, Lieutenant Governor Reginald L. Harris, and other State officials.

The inauguration of a governor in North Carolina is always accompanied by considerable pageantry, the booming of cannons, the marching of National Guardsmen, and the blaring of brass bands from high schools and colleges.

This year, the style and amount of pageantry may be somewhat cramped because of the fact that the National Guard has been called into federal service by the President, and is now in training at Camp Jackson. The absence of the guardsmen will, however, be compensated by the cadets from the R. O. T. C. at State College, and a number of high school and college bands from various parts of North Carolina.

The beginning of the maneuvers will be when the caucuses of the majority party in the Senate and in the House of Representatives on the night of January 6, at eight o'clock, when the nominations will be made for President-protem of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Principal Clerk, Reading Clerk, and other officers of the two Houses of the General Assembly. The election of these officials will be held the following morning; but they will really be chosen at the caucuses, for every member of the majority party, who attends the caucus is bound by its action, and the election on the following day is nothing except a necessary formality.

It is being freely predicted throughout the State that Odus M. Mull of Cleveland county will be the next Speaker of the House. He is close to the present administration, and a former Chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, as well as a former and present member of the House of Representatives.

The position of Principal Clerk, while elective by the members of each of the two houses, is so technical in its nature, that there is little doubt that Ray Byerly, and Bill Baker, veterans in the work, will be drafted again for those positions by the Senate and the House, respectively.

After the election and installation of the legislature officials, the two houses will meet in joint session and proceed to the municipal auditorium, at

the other end of Fayetteville Street from the Capitol, and witness the administration of the oaths of office to the constitutional executive officers, and to the address by the Governor, as soon as he is qualified by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

There seems to be little general legislation that needs to be taken care of, except the routine of the appropriations, except that it is anticipated that Governor Broughton will recommend retirement for school teachers and other State employees; and then the matter of reapportionment of the House of Representatives will again come up, and it is said that the east is now reconciled to allowing the mandate of the Constitution to be carried out, after a decade of procastionary flouting of the Constitution. By this, the east will lose some members of the House of Representatives, and they will be transferred to the western counties of Buncombe, Guilford, Macklenburg, Gaston, Forsyth, and others. The loss will come in New Hanover, Nash, Rockingham, Johnston, Pitt, and other eastern counties. This will take the balance of power in the State from the East and vest it in the West, for the first time in history. That balance was held in the olden days by creating a new, shoe-string county, down in the swamps, every time the draft of population westward made necessary the creation of a new western county. For the past ten years it has been held in the east by just firmly refusing to obey the Constitution.

Then, another matter that will call for attention, will be the redistricting the State as to State Senatorial and Congressional Districts. It has been suggested that the General Assembly provide for a Congressman-at-large, under the 1940 census, and allow the Congressional Districts to remain as they are. This, however, will not meet with the approval of the west, for the new district, brought into being by reason of the population increase, would fall in the west, where the greatest increase was found to be. So, it is expected that the entire State will be redistricted, and that more in keeping with geography, and less of gerrymander, as is the present status.

The teachers and State employees are expected to have their inning. It is generally believed that the commission, authorized by the General Assembly of 1939 to employ act-uaries and work out a plan for social security retirement of teachers and State employees, will have a report to make that can and will be adopted by the General Assembly of 1941, and that North Carolina's servants will be given retirement benefits such as are now enjoyed by employees of private corporations.

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