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\$1.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

Paperboard Company Planning Expansion

Jackson Hardware Sells Stock To Sylva Supply And Eagle Companies

Roy C. Allison, owner of the Jackson Hardware Company, has sold his business to the Eagle Stores Company and the Sylva Supply Company, thus bringing to an end one of the oldest businesses in Sylva.

Mr. Allison stated that the Sylva Supply Company has bought his heavy hardware, and the Eagle Stores, the light hardware. The Sylva Supply Company will remove its part of the stock to its present Hardware department; and the Eagle Stores will move its business to the building now occupied by the Jackson Hardware Company. Mr. Allison has leased the building to the Eagle Stores Company for a period of ten years.

The transaction will be completed next week, it is understood. An inventory of the stock will be made, beginning Monday morning, it is understood.

Mr. Allison stated that his plans for the future have not been made; but that he will continue to be a citizen of Sylva. Mr. Allison came to Sylva from Clay county in 1917, when he, his brother, A. O. Allison, and John R. Jones organized the Jackson Hardware Company, and bought the older hardware firm of B. H. Cathey and Company.

Roy C. Allison Elected New President Of Local Chamber Of Commerce

Roy C. Allison was elected president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, at the organization meeting of the new board of directors, held at the city hall, last night. J. Cole Cannon was elected vice-president; T. N. Massie, secretary; and T. E. Reed, treasurer.

It is planned to have a meeting of the directors each Tuesday evening at 7:30, until the work of the chamber for the year is well under way. The annual banquet will be held within a short time, and the annual drive for money and members will be held shortly thereafter.

Gratification was expressed by members of the board at the excellent report made by the manager.

Treasurer W. J. Fisher made an itemized report of receipts and expenditures during the year, and reported \$90.51 balance left in the bank.

ROTARIANS HEAR NEW MEMBER

The Sylva Rotary Club at its meeting Tuesday night heard a talk by one of its newest members, Raymond Glenn. Mr. Glenn discussed the history of the Rotary movement and its great value as a service organization. He pointed out that the Rotary movement was started only 36 years ago and today its rapid growth indicates its greatness.

Mr. Glenn said that although he had been a member only a short time, he had found that being a Rotarian is a source of great enjoyment.

Following Mr. Glenn's talk, Sam Gilliam read a portion of the speeches delivered by Frank Kingdom and Norman Thomas on the National Broadcasting Company's Town Meeting of the Air on January 16. The speeches were on the Lend-Lease bill now pending in Congress, and after Mr. Gilliam finished, a discussion was held on the bill with most of the members taking part.

Louis Hair gave a report on the amount which has been raised in the Infantile Paralysis Prevention Drive. Mr. Hair stated that all of the funds are not yet in, but so far the amounts received look very encouraging.

Program Director Sam Gilliam announced that the program next week will be on Abraham Lincoln and for each member to be thinking of something in connection with the life of Lincoln.

The Club had three guests: Dr. H. T. Smith, director of the training school at Western Carolina Teachers College, who was the guest of A. K. Hinds; Olin Williams, of Lynchburg, Va., who was the guest of Dr. D. D. Hooper; and C. R. Oberfell, who is in charge of the Tamm Extract division of the Mead Corporation, who was President R. U. Sutton's guest.

WOODMEN DRIVE FOR MEMBERS STARTED

The annual drive for membership of the Woodmen of the World is now in progress, according to Felix Potts, correspondent. Mr. Potts said today: "We would like every member who is in good standing to be present for the next meeting to find out just what his obligations are, in order that we may make this the largest drive in the history of our camp. Our membership has passed the 150 mark; but there is still room for new members. Members are requested to be present and on time, next Monday night."

MRS. BUCHANAN COMPLETING PLANS FOR HOLIDAY TRIP

Mrs. Lillian Buchanan, librarian of Western Carolina Teachers College, is completing plans to take a group of students to Washington, D. C., and New York City during the spring holidays. Many interesting things are being planned for the trip.

Fire Destroys County's Garages Here Yesterday

Fire, of undetermined origin, destroyed the garages of the Jackson County Board of Education and the North Carolina Highways and Public Works Works Commission, early yesterday afternoon. The buildings were a total loss. One school bus, of little value, was burned, and a number of small tools, belonging to the Works Progress Administration, were destroyed, and about 100 bales of cotton, property of the Surplus Commodities Division of the United States Department of Agriculture, was greatly damaged.

The cotton, stored for the manufacture of mattresses for farm families, was the greatest loss. The fire started in the fluff basket while two Negroes, who had been operating the fluffing machine were eating their lunch nearby. They noticed the flames and gave the alarm. In an almost incredibly short time, the entire building was in flames. The fire was extinguished by the Sylva Volunteer Fire Department, and two tanks of gasoline were saved from ignition or explosion.

The cotton was still burning, or rather smoldering, at a late hour.

Plan Series Of Radio Broadcasts

Tentative plans have been made for a series of broadcasts by Western Carolina Teachers from WWCN in Asheville. These transcriptions will be made through the recording facilities of the Guidance Clinic, headed by Dr. Killian. So far the plans have not been discussed with President Hunter, but it is believed that he will approve them when he understands the outline of plans.

This series of broadcasts will be known as "Western North Carolina Schools in Review." Each week some school or school club in Western North Carolina will be featured in a thirty-minute transcribed program. The school or club may prepare its own script or it may use standard radio script such as those distributed free of charge by the Federal Radio Educational Committee.

UNION PREACHING SERVICE SUNDAY AT METHODIST CHURCH

There will be a union preaching service at the Methodist church in Sylva, Sunday evening, at 7:30 o'clock, with the Boy Scouts as special guests of honor. Rev. H. M. Hocutt, pastor of the First Baptist church will conduct the service.

This service, to which the entire community is invited, is a part of the celebration of Boy Scout Week, in America.

A TALL TRUE STORY OF BIRDHUNTING

The other day, Highway Patrolman Ray Ervin, J. P. Stovall, and Cary Dean were birdhunting. Mr. Ervin and Mr. Stovall were standing side by side. The dog pointed a single bird, and when the bird flushed, the two men fired simultaneously. To their surprise two birds fell instead of one. Another dog had pointed a single bird, on a ridge, some distance away, and as the two flew at right angles to each other, and they came in direct line of fire at the same time, and both fell, some forty feet apart.

All local sportsmen say that they never saw nor heard of such a coincidence.

County's Draft Quota Again Filled With Volunteers

The Jackson County Selective Service Board has received a call for twelve selectees to be sent to Fort Bragg on February 19.

The twelve men will be selected from the list of volunteers in the hands of the board, and will leave Sylva on the nine o'clock bus on the morning of Wednesday, February 19.

Once again, it will be unnecessary for the Board to draft anybody from this county, since there are sufficient volunteers to fill the county's quota. Not a man from this county has yet been drafted.

Big Increase Shown In Business During Tourist Season

Reporting to the retiring board of the Chamber of Commerce, on Wednesday night, Mr. M. D. Cowan, manager of the chamber during the last tourist season, reported a great increase in business throughout the county during the tourist season, and that the amount of money received by hotels, tourist homes, and tourist cabins, in the county last year amounted to nearly \$200,000. This is on the basis of the number of these tourist places that reported to the Chamber. Five hotels, 5 tourist homes, and 9 tourist cabins failed to report to the chamber, and from the ones reporting, receipts aggregating \$130,355 was received.

Number of persons registering and requesting information during the tourist season 1940 numbers 4,300.

I mailed out the first week in November questionnaires to all the hotels, lodges, tourist homes and tourist cabins, amounting to forty-five, and out of that number twenty-six responded and nineteen failed.

Out of the number responding I have compiled the following information:

(The first column indicates the number-registering and in the second amount received.)

Hotels, lodges...	24,822	\$103,443
Tourist homes...	12,363	12,640
Tourist cabins...	14,200	14,272

Total 51,385 \$130,355

In the list failing to respond to questionnaire were the following:

Hotels and lodges	5
Tourist Homes	9
Tourist cabins	5
Total	19

At the end of each questionnaire I requested any remarks from any one relative to the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and received something like the following:

The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce is, according to all information we have, a very fine organization, and is doing splendid work.

I received from tourists from all sections of the country very nice remarks as to the very fine service rendered by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

I also made a personal survey of the Town of Sylva as to the increase in business during the tourist season and secured figures as follows:

Grocery Stores	50
Filling Stations	59
General Stores	45
Furniture and Hardware	33
Cafes	40

The average increase in business during the tourist season is 46 per cent.

Grade Crossing Accident Fatal To Walter R. Sherrill

Walter B. Sherrill, employee of the Dillsboro and Sylva Electric Light Company for many years, died at the C. J. Harris Community hospital, Sunday afternoon, from injuries received Friday morning, when the service truck of the company was struck by a Southern Railway freight train on a grade crossing in Dillsboro.

Lenore Wilson and Charles Messer, employees of the power company, who were riding on the truck, were injured, but their injuries were not serious and they are recovering.

Mr. Sherrill, a native of this county and a life long resident here, was 57 years of age. He is survived by one son, two daughters and other relatives. His wife died several years ago. Funeral services were conducted at Jarrett Memorial Baptist church in Dillsboro, Tuesday afternoon, by Rev. C. H. Green, and interment was in Locust Field Cemetery.

President Hunter Appeals For More Funds For College

President Hunter went before the State Appropriations Committee at Raleigh January 30 asking for an increase in the biennial budget for Western Carolina Teachers College for the years '41 to '43. D. Hiden Ramsey of Asheville, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and H. E. Buchanan, of Hendersonville, a member of the board of trustees assisted Mr. Hunter. Also accompanying him was R. C. Sutton, College Business Manager, and John Worth McDevitt, alumni secretary.

In the first year of the biennial budget, \$7,500 is needed for laboratory improvements such as putting water in the lavatories, rewiring the classroom building, and painting the inside of the classroom building, which has not been done for seventeen years.

Each of the two years a special allotment is needed for books, about \$3,000 more is needed each year for the maintenance of grounds and buildings. This would include repair on class rooms, roofs, sewer lines, water lines, and pay for janitors.

For the second year, \$2,000 is needed for new kitchen equipment and \$2,000 for repairing the dormitories.

Mr. Hunter reports that a strong plea was made at Raleigh, and there is some hope of getting an addition to the school budget.

S. S. CONVENTION TO MEET AT WEBSTER

The Tuckasee Baptist Sunday School Convention will meet at the Webster Baptist Church, Sunday afternoon, the session to begin at 2:00 o'clock, with congregational singing. Miss Mildred Cowan will lead the devotional. The roll call of the Sunday Schools will follow, and a quartet from the Buff Creek church will sing. At 2:30 Rev. H. M. Hocutt will speak on the subject "The Hundred Thousand Club; What is it?" J. H. Harwood, of Bryson will make an address and the meeting will close with congregational singing and prayer.

JOINS NAVY

Jack Allison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Allison, has enlisted in the United States Navy, and has gone to Norfolk for permanent assignment.

Reliable Source States Additions To Be Made In Next Few Weeks

Baptist S. S. Convention Favors Referendum On Beer And Wine Sales

The Sunday School Convention of the Tuckasee Baptist Association, meeting on January 12 at New Savannah church, adopted a resolution strongly favoring a referendum upon the question of wine and beer and ABC stores in North Carolina, and memorializing the General Assembly to provide for the referendum.

The resolution follows: Whereas it is evident on every hand that the sale of wine and beer has caused more drinking and has encouraged the illegal handling of liquor and has had such a large part in the crime of the past few years, and

Whereas there is a growing sentiment in our County and in other counties about us against the handling, selling, and drinking of wine, beer, and liquor, and

Whereas there is a strong effort put forth all over the State of North Carolina to rid our State of all alcoholic drinks:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tuckasee Baptist Sunday School Convention now in its regular session at the New Savannah Baptist Church, Sunday afternoon, January 12, 1941, with 100 present from 16 Baptist Sunday Schools in Jackson County, do hereby petition the 1941 General Assembly of North Carolina, now in session at Raleigh, to fix a date and to make provision for a state-wide referendum on all beer, wine, hard liquor, and any and all alcoholic drinks in order that the citizens of North Carolina may have their right to express themselves on this most important moral issue; and

Be it further resolved that we send a copy of this resolution to Honorable Dan K. Moore, our Representative in the General Assembly, and to His Honor J. M. Broughton, Governor of North Carolina, with the urgent request that they do all in their power to turn this matter back to the people of North Carolina for them to settle by vote.

ALL COUNTY CATTLE TO BE EXAMINED FOR BANG'S DISEASE

A cooperative program has been worked out with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, State Department of Agriculture and Jackson County whereby all of the cattle will be tested for Bang's disease.

Dr. Cecil E. Byrd of the U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry arrived in Sylva today and will start testing the cattle in Jackson County for Bang's disease immediately. Dr. Byrd will visit all of the farmers who own cattle to take blood samples for this test. All male and female cattle six months and over will be given this test.

It will be greatly appreciated if all cattle owners will have their cattle in barns at the time Dr. Byrd visits their farm.

Lieut. Arial Visits Here

Lieutenant Robert L. Arial Jr., who is stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., spent the week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Arial.

It is estimated that over \$2,000,000 worth of commercial legume inoculants are sold annually in the United States now as compared with only \$1,000,000 worth in 1930.

The Journal has learned from a reliable source that expansion will be made in the mill of the Sylva Paperboard Company within the next few weeks.

Just the extent of the additions to the plant have not been revealed; but it is understood that the capacity of the mill will be considerably increased.

JOURNAL RECEIVES NEW AND RENEWAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

New subscribers and recent renewals include:

Mrs. Geo. Sams, Marietta, Ga., Don Fisher, Allen Sutton, R. T. Ashe, R. U. Garrett, Mrs. Lon Jones, W. B. Morris, L. W. Crawford, Joe Ensley, Sylva; J. K. Anderson, Tryon; E. A. Wolff, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Glen Davis, Darrington, Wash.; Mrs. H. M. Hooper, Mogadore, Ohio; Rev. D. M. Pressley, Washington, Pa.; L. C. Hall, Hattiesburg, Miss.; Zebulon Weaver, Washington, D. C.; Tom Moore, Lookout Mt., Tenn.; W. M. Wormser, New York City; G. C. Crawford, Balsam; Mrs. Florence Frizell, Bob Cowan, R. L. Madison, Webster; F. L. Tilley, Speedwell; J. M. Cunningham, Carl Jamison, Glenville; Mrs. Evelyn Coward, L. A. Ammon, R. V. Brown, Cullowhee; J. T. Bryson, John B. Deitz, Greens Creek, W. H. Hoyle, Claude Hawkins, L. C. Cagle, J. B. Farmer, Jack Peyton, Whittier, A. L. Petty, (colored), Dillsboro; Rev. Paul P. Throver, Bryson City, Mrs. D. C. Picklesimer, Highlands; Mrs. Joe Stewart, Erastus; Early Prince, Lyman, Wash.; Mrs. Lora Savoie, Redlands, Calif.; John B. Deitz, Gay.

BAPTISTS ACCEPT REV. H. M. HOCUTT'S RESIGNATION

The Sylva Baptist church accepted the resignation of Rev. H. M. Hocutt, on Sunday morning, to become effective on April 1. Mr. Hocutt resigned to accept a call to the pastorate of Reed Memorial church in Asheville. A pulpit committee composed of J. T. Gribble, A. J. Dills, Edwin Allison, S. H. Monteith, Mrs. J. V. Hall, Mrs. John B. Ensley, and Mrs. Herbert Bryson, was appointed to make recommendations for filling the vacancy.

FUNERAL TUESDAY FOR MRS. CREASMAN

Funeral services for Mrs. M. L. Creasman, who died at her home Sunday night following a long illness, were held Tuesday morning at the Wesley Chapel Methodist Church. The Rev. E. Jamison of Sylva, officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are her husband; four daughters, Mrs. N. M. Jones, Mrs. J. D. Gibbs, Mrs. Clyde Giggis and Miss Minnie Creasman, all of Sylva, and one brother, John Marlor of Tacoma, Wash.

EXTENSION EXPERT TO CONDUCT SCHOOL

Miss Pauline Gordon, Extension Specialist in Home Management and House Furnishings will conduct a leader's school at the court house in Sylva Wednesday, February 12.

The subject of the leaders' school will be slip covers. The meeting will begin at ten o'clock and close at three. All Home Demonstration Club women who are interested in making slip covers for their furniture are urged to attend this meeting. Miss Gordon will show two film strips on the construction of slip covers in connection with her demonstration.