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\$1.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

2 Homicide Cases Face Trial As Court Convenes Monday

Two homicide cases for trial face the Jackson County Superior Court, when it convenes, Monday morning, with Judge Felix E. Alley presiding, and Solicitor John M. Queen prosecuting the docket for the State.

Grover King, young man from Barker's Creek, is charged with murder, for the fatal shooting of John Harley McDowell, Sylva Negro, in Sylva on the morning of November 17, last. The shooting occurred in the east section of Sylva.

C. C. Cole and Clyde H. Ledford, are charged with murder in connection with the death by an automobile of Garland Mahan, 25-year-old WPA truck driver, who was struck and instantly killed, on the highway between Sylva and Dillsboro, on the night of December 5. Cole and Ledford are also charged with fleeing from the scene of an accident, or, in common parlance, "hit and run driving." It is alleged that McMahan was struck by the car driven by Cole, and that the two men left him lying on the roadway and fled, later to be arrested by Chief of Police Griffin Middleton, and Patrolman John O'Kelley, on highway 107, just inside the city limits of Sylva. Cole is still in jail, and Ledford has been released on \$2,000 bond.

There is one kidnapping case, that in which Cecil Buchanan is charged with this grave offense. It was continued from the June term.

A case in which Fred Ashe is charged with assault with intent to rape, is on the docket, and there are two seduction cases, one against Wilburn Norman, and one against Willard Antony.

Barney Van Eachern, is charged with larceny, in connection with a shop-lifting expedition in a Sylva store, last week.

Drunken driving is the chief offense that has been most frequently committed in this county, judging by the docket for trial at the Superior Court, next week. There are fifty-seven cases on the docket, in which the defendants are charged with operating automobiles while intoxicated. There are 11 cases of violating the prohibition laws. If traced to the fundamental causes, it is probable that liquor or intoxicants is at the bottom of ninety per cent of the cases on the docket.

The men who will serve as jurors and grand jurors are:

First Week
E. G. Lombard, Cashiers Valley; Lloyd Hooper, River; Frank Green, Savannah, Lyndon Cabe, Green's Creek, Roy Monteith, Cullowhee; Thomas A. Cox, Cullowhee, Early Deitz, Green's Creek; C. W. Ashe, Sylva; Lloyd Coggins, Mountain; E. L. Bryson, Sylva; John C. Morris, Sylva; T. F. Buchanan, Green's Creek; O. J. Lessley, Savannah; David Bishop Savannah; Jim H. Bryson, Hamburg; Ed Fisher, Sylva; D. D. Cogdill, Sylva; J. P. Stovall, Sylva; W. T. Collins, Savannah; T. N. Massie, Sylva; Nelson Buchanan, Greens Creek; J. P. Davis, Qualla; Frank Bumgarner, Sylva; W. C. Hennessee, Sylva; Oscar Wike, River; Lee Cook, Barker's Creek; John Broom, Canada; Luther Stephens, Caney Fork; Willie C. Crisp, Dillsboro; Sam F. Buchanan, Green's Creek; Allen Adams, Cullowhee; John Wood, River; J. T. Revis, Qualla; Ralph Bryson, Hamburg; J. L. Jones, Sylva; Garland Ashe, Sylva; B. R. Leopold, Hamburg; Charles Barnes, Sylva; C. W. Monteith, Hamburg; Harry E. Henry, Sylva; M. M. Galloway, Canada.

Second Week
A. D. Parker, Sylva; Harley Powell, River; Jim Rice, Cashier's Valley; Will C. Crawford, Cullowhee; D. A. Phillips, Caney Fork; Gurney Webb, Savannah; Alden Bryson, Sylva; Sexton Lusk, Cashier's Valley; Elliott

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Thomas Chapman Dies Suddenly

William Thomas Chapman, retired Southern Railway engineer, died suddenly at his home at Addie, Sunday afternoon.

Funeral services were conducted at Buff Creek Baptist church, Wednesday afternoon, with Rev. Nando Stevens officiating. Interment was in the Clayton cemetery.

Mr. Chapman, who was 64 years of age, is survived by his widow, one son, Jack Chapman, of Detroit, Mich., and one daughter, Mrs. Robert Shular.

MISS CAMP WRITES NORTH CAROLINA HISTORY TEXT

Cullowhee (Special) — Miss Cordelia Camp, a member of Western Carolina Teachers College, is the author of a new North Carolina History text for use in the fifth grade. While the State Board of Education did not adopt this book for the fifth grade, it was very highly recommended to the board by the elementary text book commission. After a thorough study of the various texts offered, the commission stated that Miss Camp's book was well organized, scholarly, and accurate. It was recommended as the most pedagogically sound and teachable of all the books presented. The commission stated that Miss Camp's treatment of the racial elements in North Carolina was the best in its opinion, so far written.

John R. Jones Named Local Representative Of Jefferson Standard

John R. Jones, has accepted the position as local representative of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company of Greensboro.

Mr. Jones has for years been one of Jackson County's prominent citizens. He served the county as Register of Deeds, and has since held various business positions in the community. Since 1917, until a few months ago, Mr. Jones was a member of the firm of the Jackson Hardware Company. In his various capacities in the business and church, and civic life of the county, Mr. Jones has made many friends, and is known to practically everybody in the county.

Fred R. Bryson, another native and former citizen of the county, is district supervisor for the company, with headquarters in Asheville. Mr. Bryson has been working with Mr. Jones here this week.

CHURCHES OBSERVE BOY SCOUT WEEK

Rev. H. M. Hocutt, pastor of the Sylva Baptist Church, preached to the members of the Boy Scout Troop, at a union meeting held in the Methodist Church Sunday night, ushering in Boy Scout Week.

The members of the troop, troop committee, scout master and assistant scout masters attended the service and sat in a body.

Presbyterians To Have Services Sunday

Rev. Paul P. Thrower, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Bryson City, will preach at the Community House here, next Sunday afternoon, at 4:30 o'clock.

Services are held regularly on the first and third Sunday afternoons of every month, by Rev. Mr. Thrower, to which the people of the community are invited.

Memorial Service Held Sunday By Methodist Society

A memorial service for Mrs. M. D. Cowan and Mrs. W. H. Rhodes was held by the Woman's Society of Christian Service, at the Methodist Church, Sunday afternoon, at which time memorial certificates, showing that fifty dollars had been invested in the missionary work as a memorial to these two ladies by the society, were presented to the members of their families.

Mrs. John H. Wilson presided at the meeting, and tributes were paid to Mrs. Rhodes and Mrs. Cowan by Mrs. J. F. Freezes and Mrs. Dan Tompkins. Mrs. Dora Lee Collins read a speech made by Mrs. Rhodes, several years ago, when the society held a birthday meeting honoring Mrs. Cowan and Mrs. Sadie J. Long.

Mrs. Ratledge sang "This Is My Task." A large crowd of the friends of Mrs. Cowan and Mrs. Rhodes was present at the meeting. The church was decorated with vases of gladiola and snapdragon, placed in the church by the Cowan and Rhodes families. After the service, the flowers were taken to members of the society who are ill.

Mrs. Cowan was president of the Missionary Society at Sylva for twenty-five years, and was active in the work of the church and Sunday School during the whole of the long years of her residence here. Mrs. Rhodes was active in the work of the society, the church, and the Sunday School. Some years ago, because of her service, Mrs. Cowan was presented a life membership by the society.

ROTARIANS LEARN INTERESTING FACTS ON LIFE OF LINCOLN

A discussion on the life of Abraham Lincoln was the feature of the program at the Sylva Rotary club meeting Tuesday night. The discussion was led by President R. U. Sutton.

Many interesting facts and stories in connection with the life of Lincoln were brought out. President Sutton pointed out two items of note about Lincoln that none of the club members had ever heard. One of these was the fact that Lincoln helped his father make his mother's casket; and the other: Lincoln, after going bankrupt in the general store business, finally paid off all his creditors after 20 years.

Dr. H. T. Hunter gave a short resume of the Book, "Why Was Lincoln Murdered." Dr. Hunter said that the author of this book gave evidence that those who called themselves his friends were connected with the assassination of Lincoln, reason being that they wanted control of the government.

Many other members took part in the interesting discussion, considerable time being given to discussing the stories of Lincoln being a North Carolinian.

President Sutton read a letter from the Hartsville, S. C., club stating that Dr. Sylvester Green, whom that club had planned to run for district governor of Rotary International this year, had withdrawn from the race. President Sutton said that this practically assures Dr. H. T. Hunter of the district governorship.

C. F. Dodson and Ralph Sutton, who had birthdays recently, were toasted by Jack Walters.

The club had one guest, Dr. Frederick Neuman, who is an instructor at Western Carolina Teachers College.

ROY HALL PROMOTED

Roy Hall has been promoted by the Southern Railway to a position as clerk in the office of the company at North Wilkesboro. Frank Deitz has accepted the position to take Mr. Hall's place in the station at Sylva.

12 Volunteers Leave Wednesday For Fort Bragg

Twelve volunteers from Jackson county will leave here at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, February 19, for Fort Bragg, to begin serving their one year's training as selectees, according to an order issued today by the local Selective Service Board.

The men who have been selected from among the list of volunteers are Harold James Bowman, Claude James Morris, James Burton Connor, Ervin Claude Buchanan, Britt Jefferson Dillard, Clyde Keener, Jesse Leroy Shelton, Wayne Parrie, William Marshall Keever, Lloyd Jackson Cogdill, Bedford Johnson Nations, and Glen Eugene Holden.

Thomas Reeves Wykle was selected as replacement, should sudden illness prevent any one of the above named young men from leaving.

Every time a call has been made from this county, there have been enough volunteers to fill the county's quota.

Mrs. Hunter Will Address Sylva P-T A

Mrs. H. T. Hunter will be the principal speaker at Founder's Day celebration at the Sylva Parent-Teacher Association, next Tuesday afternoon. The National founders and the presidents of the local P-T. A. will be honored at the meeting.

Mrs. A. P. Ratledge will sing, "Mother's Hymn," a song composed especially for Parent-Teachers Associations.

On Founders' Day, an offering is always taken for the purpose of extending the P-T. A. work in the state and nation.

HUNTERS, FISHERS TO MEET FEBRUARY 25

The Jackson County Hunters and Fishers Association will meet on February 25 at 8 o'clock in the evening, and every member is urged to be present, as the matter of advocating the appointment of a Jackson County man as a member of the Conservation and Development Board will be taken up, and the placing of 16,000 trout from the rearing pools for the county will be discussed.

Everett Harris, treasurer of the association stated the association now has 108 members, from which has been collected \$242.21. Of this \$99 has been sent to the State Association, \$8.47 paid for printing and postage, and \$78.84 for fish food and pools. This leaves a balance of \$55.26 in the treasury.

Mr. Harris asserted that there is a good chance for Jackson county to be represented on the Board of Conservation and Development, and is asking that the members be present to discuss this matter of importance, and to make plans.

Work Is Under Way On "Stephen Foster" At W. C. T. C.

Cullowhee (Special) — Work is under way at Western Carolina Teachers College on what will probably be the most attractive musical and dramatic production ever given on the campus when the choral groups and the Western Carolina Players present "Stephen Foster" by Earl Holson Smith Thursday evening, March 6, in the college auditorium.

The play dramatizes the life of the famous composer, whose name was the only one of several great Americans submitted this year to the committee on adding names to the Hall of Fame, to receive the requisite number of votes for this honor.

It features most of the best known Foster songs such as "Old Black Joe," "O, Susannah," "My Old Kentucky Home," "Jeanie With the Light Brown Hair," and "Beautiful Dreamer," as well as many others.

158 City License Plates Are Sold By Fire Department

One hundred and fifty eight city license tags for the year 1941 have been sold by the Sylva Fire Department, and there are 22 tags left for sale to anyone wishing to have a city tag. The money from these sales goes to the support of the efficient fire department of the town, made up entirely of volunteer firemen, serving without pay.

Those who have bought city tags are:

Phil Stovall, J. D. Cowan, James Kindley, Bart Cope, Fred Hooper, Jane Coward, Tilgman Bass (2), Leon Picklesimer, C. C. Cagle, Sylva Paperboard, Roger Monteith, Dan Moore, Jimmie Morris, Mrs. H. R. Hastings, O. J. Lessley, R. L. Arlail, A. H. Bryson, J. R. Elkins (2), D. D. Hooper, J. C. Cannon, Frank Cowan, Harry Ferguson, A. C. Moses, Dr. R. F. Keenum, Lawrence Reed, Velt Wilson, A. B. Queen, J. A. Allman, Joe Clyde Fisher, T. N. Massie, A. P. Ratledge, Mark Watson, H. O. Curtis, C. Z. Candler, A. G. Huff Jr., Frank Fricks, E. L. McKee, Dan Allison, R. C. Allison, Emerson Phillips, Chas. Reed, J. C. Allison, Woody Hampton, Chas. Bumgarner, Fred Allison, Grayson Cope, D. M. Hall, Dr. A. A. Nichols, E. O. Mashburn, Paul Warren, Oscar Dillard, Raymond Glenn, Lewis Cannon, Claude Stanford, Sylva Tire Co., C. B. Thompson, Wade Baker.

Horrace Bradshaw, Roy Reed, A. D. Parker, Dr. W. P. McGuire, Pet Dairy, Dr. Kirchberg, Norcella McGuire, W. E. Grindstaff, G. W. Jones, S. A. Carden, E. J. Duckett, W. G. Womack, Dan Tompkins, Jim Wells, H. B. Morgan, Ed. Curry, Paul Kirk, Radio Shop, John Morris, H. P. Cathey, Lucy Belle Tatham, Dr. Wilkes, Mrs. Wilkes, Ben Lessing, T. W. Ashe, Jennings Bryson, Anna Lou Moore, J. F. Giles, Reg Enlow, Chester Scott, Harry Nicholson, Howard Allison, J. M. Hyatt, Ralph Dills, J. L. Monteith, O. E. Monteith, (2), A. J. Dills, F. L. McNeely, Walter Hartman, W. H. Moody, Theo Dills, Carl Corbin, Ashe (salesman), James Kindley, J. D. Moore, B. E. Harris, Joe Deitz.

Fred Russell, Moody Funeral Home, Ernest Lewis, H. M. Hocutt, Ed Carnes, T. E. Reed, Mrs. J. W. Crawford, O. E. Brookhyser, W. T. Wise, Garland Lackey, Cogdill Motor Co., A. H. Ginn, Davis Hooper, Woody Hampton, Charles Evans, Henry Watson, Farmer's Federation, Vearl Ensley, Jeff Hedden and D. Coward, W. J. Fisher, W. W. Bryson, Joe Smith, R. O. Wilson, Ben Queen, Glenn Hughes, Rass Barrett, Mrs. Pierce Allen, Sol Schulman, John Shepherd, Vernon McHan, W. H. Greenarch, P. W. Claude Campbell, A. F. Arrington, Leonard Holden, Karl Wallace, John O'Kelly, G. C. Middleton, Louis Hare, F. D. Dillard Robinson, Frank Massie, C. L. Allison, Roscoe Dills, Paul Ellis, George Cunningham, Dr. W. K. Chapman, R. U. Sutton, M. B. Cannon, C. E. Smith, Fred Sutton, Reals Sutton, Claude Queen, Roscoe Poteet, G. K. Bess, F. K. Picklesimer, F. M. Williams, Hooper Motor Co., Wayne Terrell, J. R. Long, W. G. Davis, A. W. Wilson, W. H. Conley, Don Fisher, E. M. Lloyd.

Retirement Bill Passes Assembly Without Dissent

Sylva Boy Scouts Have Banquet

The banquet of the Sylva Boy Scouts, their parents and friends of Scouting was held last night at the Community House, with Hugh E. Monteith acting as toastmaster. Mr. Monteith and Mr. Ed Duckett explained the Scout set up, and the work of the Scout Committee, and Mr. George Lee, Scoutmaster, called upon different members of the troop to give demonstrations of things that they have learned in Scout work after Herman Bailey, Eagle Scout, had explained the several ranks in Scouting and the steps necessary for advancement. The dinner was prepared by a committee of the mothers of scouts.

EAST LAPORTE P-TA HEARS SPEECH BY SUPERINTENDENT

East LaPorte (Special) — The East LaPorte Parent-Teacher Association met Friday, February 7 and elected Mrs. Thomas Wike as President to succeed Mrs. Roy Cole, who recently resigned. With Mrs. Wike presiding Miss Ruby Phillips gave the devotional and Superintendent Moses, the speaker, was introduced for the meeting. His talk was "Bottleneck in Education," in which he stressed the importance of home training and school training for children. He pointed out the fact that the Parent-Teacher Association is in an important link connecting the home and school and urged the parents and members of the Parent-Teacher Association to make their school a place for training better and more useful citizens of the future and urged hearty cooperation of home, school and Parent-Teacher Association.

Mrs. Robert Fisher, Secretary-Treasurer, outlined some of the improvements made in the school this year by the help of the Parent Teacher Association, NYA of Sylva, County Superintendent, and County Board of Education. The school lunch room was the outstanding improvement for the Parent-Teacher Association project for last year while the library has been their main project for this year. The NYA shop in Sylva made the furniture and chairs for the auditorium. Dr. and Mrs. John R. Brinkley of Del Rio, Texas, donated \$25.00 to start the fund for purchasing books. With the help of the Parent-Teacher Association and the principal, D. M. Hooper, the library work has been a success. It now has over 250 books, a hundred of which are standard books, and a full time librarian.

The County Board of Education furnished paint, and the Parent Teacher Association paid for the labor to paint the library, hall, and lunch room. The Parent-Teacher Association purchased a stove and some new cooking utensils for the lunch room. With the help of the Federal Government and our efficient lunch room supervisor, Mrs. Clyde Hamilton, approximately sixty children are given lunch service each day.

Refreshments were served by the lunch room workers and Mrs. John Hamilton at the close of the meeting.

CORN PRODUCTION UNDER 1940 CROP

Raleigh — North Carolina's 1940 crop of corn, grown in all the State's 100 counties, totaled 44,733,000 bushels or six per cent under 1939. W. T. Wesson, junior statistician of the State Department of Agriculture reported today.

The state's corn crop ranked 16th in the United States in total production. The yield of 18.5 bushels per acre was one bushel under 1939.

Forest land in the United States so heavily cut over that it is practically idle represents an area equal in size to Italy, says the U. S. Forest Service.

May Free Some Foods of Tax

Not only that, but, with pressure being exerted by the Governor to put his private platform pledge, when he was running in the primary last spring, into effect, it seems altogether probable that the sales tax on nearly all foods will be eliminated, cutting some millions of dollars out of the revenue of the State.

Bill Forbids Wine in Dry Areas

The Jarvis Bill, to eliminate the sale of fortified wines in the 74 dry counties of the state has won approval of the subcommittee, and will soon be on the floor of the House for action. Under it the sale of wine with more than 14 percent alcohol is forbidden in the 74 dry counties and its sale restricted to the ABC stores in those counties that have adopted the liquor control stores as a policy for dealing with the liquor question.

This is admittedly a compromise measure, designed to relieve the situation in the dry counties. It has strong support from the administration and from independent groups. It

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