

The Jackson County Journal

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\$1.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

Mull Dooms Dry Bill By Re-Referral

Raleigh, March 5—After two afternoons of hearing the opponents and proponents of the bill that would submit the whole matter of liquor sales to the people of North Carolina, the committee on Propositions and Grievances reported the bill favorably to the House of Representatives; but the wets won the victory anyway, for Speaker O. M. Mull promptly sent the bill scurrying back to the Committee on Finance, on the theory that, if the people voted the liquor stores out of the State they would also vote five million dollars out of the revenue of the State.

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances went into executive session to vote, after it had heard the proponents of the bill one day and the opponents another. The vote stood eleven to eleven on the bill and Chairman E. C. Quinn voted for a favorable report, and thus the bill went to the floor of the House, where it remained as long as Paddy remained in the army, before it went back to committee.

It is generally believed that should the matter actually come to a vote in the House it would pass that body; and would also have a slight chance of passing the Senate. But, the days of the present General Assembly are drawing to a close, and the bill would have to pass through another committee in the House, be debated in that body, and if passed there, go over to the Senate, where it would again go to committee, and public hearing would probably again be staged. Then, if a favorable report or a minority report brought it to the floor of the Senate, another debate would begin. Therefore, there is little likelihood of the bill passing at this session of the General Assembly despite the fact that practically everybody on both sides of the argument is agreed that if the people of North Carolina were given a vote on the question, they would banish legal intoxicating drinks from the State.

There was once a commodity in general use about the Capitol, known as parliamentary procedure; but, under the regime of Mr. Speaker Mull, it has taken its flight to realms unknown. Sensing this, the North Carolina Gridiron Dinner, put on by newspaper men, razed Mull unmercifully, depicting him as "ramrod" Mull, who crammed anything through that the Governor wanted, Rules of procedure were established to bring about order and decorum, and to protect minority thinkers in their rights as members of the Assembly, and to give them an opportunity to convince others of their way of thinking. If things continue in the General Assembly as they now are, it might save the people some money if the members would write postal cards and authorize the application of a rubber stamp.

A bill of unusual importance has passed the Senate and has been sent to the House. It would amend the Constitution so as to do away with the State School Commission and the Text Book Commission, and consolidate the whole of the school activities under a State Department of Education. This would be composed of the Lieutenant Governor, the State Superintendent, and a member to be appointed from each of the twelve Congressional Districts. This, if it passed the House, will be submitted to the people at the next General Election.

The Mothers Club for the training school of Western Carolina Teachers College will meet Thursday afternoon at 3:15 in the training school building with Mrs. W. A. Ashbrook presiding. An interesting program on school problems has been planned by Mrs. Ed Bryson, program chairman.

Prominent Citizen Dies at Qualla Home Feb. 27

Mrs. Andy Martin, 75 years of age, died suddenly at his home on February 27th and was buried in the cemetery at Qualla near his home on Saturday, March 1st.

The services were held in the Methodist Church, of which he had been a member for 60 years. He expressed himself as "being ready for the change, that his mind was clear."

Rev. W. E. Andrews, Rev. J. L. Hyatt and Rev. H. E. Jones officiated.

A tribute was paid by Mr. James Henderson of Canton, who was intimately acquainted with Mr. Martin while he was employed at Cherokee for several years while Mr. Henderson was Supt. of the Cherokee Indian Reservation.

The Smoky Mountains Quartet furnished special music for the service.

His home has always been at Qualla, except the years he spent at Cherokee.

He is the last member of a large and prominent family.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. America Edwards Martin, by two sons and daughters, Mr. Gomey Martin of Bryson City, and the present Sheriff of Swain County, Mr. Calloway Martin of Bryson City, who is employed at Cherokee, and Mrs. Jessie Cordell, and two grandchildren, Miss Minnie Lee Martin of Bryson City and Melba Cordell of Qualla.

The esteem in which the family is held by the people of Qualla and the surrounding country was attested by the profuse floral offering and the large crowd that attended the funeral.

His nephews were the pall bearers.

Mr. Moody of Bryson City was in charge of funeral arrangements.

(Other Qualla News)

Married Saturday, March 1st, Miss Edith Turpin to Mr. Carl Ray.

Rev. W. E. Andrews was a dinner guest at Mr. P. H. Ferguson's home Sunday.

Mrs. A. J. Franklin of Bryson City visited her mother, Mrs. E. S. Keener, Sunday.

Rev. J. L. Hyatt preached at Wilmot Sunday. He was a guest at Mr. J. K. Terrell's home Monday.

Mr. Jack Battle of Charlotte spent a while with homefolks.

Mrs. J. M. Hughes called on friends at Cherokee.

Mrs. Kern Noland and daughter, Mary Jean, are visiting at Mr. D. L. Oxner's.

Mrs. J. L. Hyatt was a guest at Mr. P. H. Ferguson's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Johnson of Cherokee visited Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hoyle Sunday.

Billy Young of Cherokee and Haynes Hajl visited D. C. Hughes Jr.

Mrs. Ottmer Rhoem has returned to Hayesville after a visit with relatives.

CHEROKEES GIVE PROGRAM AT WESTERN CAROLINA

Cullowhee, Mar. 5 (Special)—A group of school children from the Cherokee Indian Reservation came to the training school at Western Carolina Teachers College on Wednesday for a visit and an exchange of programs which have grown out of school projects. The members of the local chapter of the Association of Childhood Education, sponsored by Miss Lenora Smith, acted as hosts for the visiting students.

Special Sunday School Conference

On Tuesday, March 11, there will be a special Sunday School conference held at the Sylva Baptist Church.

According to Rev. H. M. Hocutt, pastor of the Sylva Church, this is one of seventy such meetings in North Carolina and one of 910 scheduled for the Southern Baptist Convention. This meeting is being promoted by the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Nashville, Tennessee, Executive Secretary, and the Sunday School Department of the North Carolina Baptist Convention Board, Mr. L. L. Morgan, Raleigh, North Carolina, Secretary, and the associational Sunday School Convention of the Tuckaseegee Association, Mr. Clarence Vance of Webster, superintendent.

The purpose of this meeting is to map out plans for the expansion of Sunday School work in all of the Baptist Churches in this association for 1941. The program will begin at 4:00 P. M., and during the program plans will be presented for adding from 10 to 15 per cent to the present Sunday School enrollment. Visiting speakers on the program will be Mr. A. V. Washburn, Jr., of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Mrs. A. V. Washburn, Sr., from the State Mission Board at Raleigh, and Rev. Nane Starnes, Pastor of the West Asheville Baptist Church of Asheville. Included in those taking part on the program from this association will be Rev. T. F. Deitz, Moderator, and Mr. Clarence Vance, Associational Sunday School Superintendent.

All of the Baptist Churches in this association are urged to see that the Sunday School officers and teachers attend this meeting. More than 8,000 Sunday School officers and teachers are expected to attend one of the special associational meetings scheduled for this week in North Carolina. Those coming are requested to bring something for supper.

SPANISH CLASS GIVES PLAY AT COLLEGE

Cullowhee, Mar. 5 (Special)—The Spanish class at Western Carolina Teachers College is presenting an original play, "The Bull Fight" in the college auditorium on Thursday afternoon. The purpose of this play is to promote international friendship. Characters in the play who will watch the fight represent people of many nationalities. Dr. Neuman, professor of German at the college, will represent a spectator from Austria; Miss Laura Jean McAdams, head of the modern language department, will be a guest from Paris; and President H. T. Hunter and Dean W. E. Bird will be onlookers from America.

The International Students' Society, made up of students from the modern language classes met Monday night in the Student Union Building. For the program Miss Katherine Shufford rendered a piano solo, and Dean Bird talked on "The Passion Play."

MRS. GEORGE BURCH PASSES WEDNESDAY

Mrs. George Burch, 88 died here at the home of her son, Luther Burch, following a long illness.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at Wesley's chapel. The Rev. Ernest Jamison officiated.

She is survived by the following children: Mrs. Elkie Jones, of Asheville, Mrs. Lou Jones, of Lyman, S. C., Mrs. Lizzie Knight, of Whitmire, Nelce Burch, of Bremerton, Washington, Luther and Barnett Burch, of Sylva, Melvin and Adam Burch, of Union, S. C., 38 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Flood Victims To Get Loans

Jackson county farmers who suffered from the flood last summer, along with others, can now arrange Emergency Crop Loans at the office of the Receiving agent of this county.

Mr. S. R. Griffin, Jr. who is in charge of this district, announces that the Farm Credit Administration is in a position to make loans up to \$400, for seed, feed and fertilizer, and the rate of interest is only four per cent. The only extra fee charged is \$1.50 to take care of notary fee, acknowledgment by the clerk and registration of the papers. The Loan is not due until October 31.

Mr. Griffin says that the loan program has been liberalized to take care of farmers suffering from the flood, and that more money is being loaned per acre in this section than last year. He states that a lien is taken on the growing crop, and that there is absolutely no mortgage executed on land, livestock or equipment. Those desiring loans should file their applications at once, he stated.

Science Leader Speaks to Rotary Club

Clinton F. Dodson, science instructor at Western Carolina Teachers college, addressed the Sylva Rotary club at its meeting Tuesday night on "Science and National Defense."

Mr. Dodson told his fellow clubmembers that, "The hand is the master tool and we need a skilled hand for every skilled brain." He discussed the great need for skilled workers in the National Defense program and the great need for skilled workers in the National Defense program and the connection between the teaching of science in schools and the development of skilled workers not only for defense, but for peacetime as well.

Mr. Dodson said that, "We have been teaching science merely for the sake of teaching science and have not taught enough science which is applicable in the field of industry." He added that the science of war today is the bringing about of mass production of war materials.

Mr. Dodson outlined a program for schools whereby the students could learn to be skilled laborers which are so needed today. He pointed out that too many high school and college graduates have been trained for "white collar" jobs.

Scoop Enloe discussed plans for attending the annual meeting of the 190th district of Rotary International which will be held in Camden, S. C. in April. President Raymond Sutton appointed a committee composed of A. K. Hinds, Louis Hair and Sam Gilliam as an "On To Camden" committee.

Jack Walters toasted Lewis Cannon and Roscoe Poteet who had birthdays last week.

The club had two guests, N. H. Gurley and J. W. McDevitt, both of Cullowhee.

COLLEGE SPONSORS ART EXHIBIT

Cullowhee, Mar. 5 (Special)—The Guidance Clinic and the art department at Western Carolina Teachers College have been sponsoring for the last week a traveling art exhibit in college library. This exhibit, illustrating various methods of reproducing prints, is sent out by the division of graphic art of the Smithsonian Institution. The exhibit will be carried to all the schools in Western North Carolina that are enrolled in the visual-aids program, which is being sponsored by the Guidance Clinic under the direction of Dr. C. D. Killian.

Baptists Honor Rev. T. F. Deitz

(By Mrs. W. G. Dillard)

About 300 people of Jackson and surrounding counties met together March 5th at Scott's Creek Church to honor Rev. T. F. Deitz and Mrs. Deitz, Estimation and appreciation of his work at different places was given by the following people:

Mr. J. H. Harwood, Bryson City, Rev. P. L. Elliot, Cullowhee, Mr. D. G. Bryson, Scott's Creek Church, Mr. John B. Ensley, Sylva Church; Mr. Richmond Dietz, East Fork Church; Mr. Frank Jarrett, Dillsboro Church; Pastor Joe Smith of the colored Baptist Church of Sylva.

The following spoke their appreciation from the Missionary Baptist organizations:

Mr. G. W. Womack, Sunday School Convention; Mr. Lyle Ensley, Baptist Training Union; Mrs. W. N. Cook, Woman's Missionary Union; Rev. H. M. Hocutt, Pastor's Conference; Rev. W. N. Cook, Tuckaseegee Association.

The opening prayer was offered by Rev. Fred Forrester of Cullowhee and special music was rendered by the Smoky Mountains Quartet, of Cherokee. The closing and principal address was delivered by M. A. Huggins, Secretary of the State Baptist Convention.

Each speaker was allowed three minutes. Mr. Deitz's life and the things he has stood for were commended. He began his work in the East Fork section of the county when he was eighteen years old and has labored unceasingly for 50 years. At the beginning of this year he retired from active pastorate work. He has held many places of honor, the last being Vice-President of the State Baptist Convention, which office he now holds. He has been elected pastor emeritus of the church which he has served. A love offering was taken for Mr. Deitz and a pot of flowers was presented to Mrs. Deitz.

DRIVING ON WRONG SIDE OF ROAD CAUSES 1,589 WRECKS

Failure to obey what is probably the most elementary of all traffic rules—driving on the right hand side of the road—accounted for 1,589 accidents on North Carolina streets and highways last year, the Highway Safety Division reported this week.

Despite the fact that every driver in the state is presumed to know that it is unlawful to drive on the wrong side of the road, this one violation was noted last year in 886 property damage accidents, 550 personal injury accidents, and 123 fatal accidents, Safety Director Ronald Hocutt pointed out.

And this driving on the wrong side was exclusive of driving on the wrong side while engaged in passing other vehicles, a variety of wrong-side driving which accounted for a good many other traffic fatalities.

"It is a shameful commentary on the driving habits of North Carolinians that more than a hundred fatal accidents occurred on our streets and highways during 1940 as a result of driving on the wrong side of the road," Director Hocutt said. "Practically every schoolboy knows that in this country, at least, one is required to drive on the right hand side of the highway, and every driver most certainly should know this. Furthermore every driver should obey this rule at all times, not only because it is the lawful thing to do but also because it is the safe and sensible thing to do."

"Think of it," Hocutt said, "more than one hundred North Carolinians who were killed last year might be living today but for the fact that some North Carolina drivers would not stay on their side of the road! "Don't straddle the center line. Stay on your side. Be a safe driver!"

Comittee Slashes Western Carolina By \$12,000

Bill To Pay Court Clerk Salary Introduced

Raleigh, March 4—Representative Dan K. Moore introduced a bill last night in the House of Representatives to authorize the commissioners of Jackson county to pay the Clerk of the Superior Court of Jackson County \$50 a month for his services as Judge of the Juvenile Court. Mr. Moore stated that this is the last local bill he will introduce at the present session of the General Assembly, and that it was presented because the present Clerk of the Court is scarcely making expenses from the fees of his office. This condition arose because the last General Assembly made certain changes in the collection of delinquent taxes that had the effect of leaving the office of the Clerk of the Court in a position that does not provide sufficient fees to pay the clerk for the time that he has to devote to the work of his office.

The bill provides: That the Board of County Commissioners of Jackson County is authorized and empowered to fix the salary of the Judge of the Juvenile Court of Jackson County at fifty dollars (\$50.00) per month, payable monthly. That said salary when so fixed by the Board of County Commissioners shall be independent of and in addition to any compensation received by said Judge of the Juvenile Court as Clerk of the Superior Court of Jackson County.

The bill, introduced by Mr. Moore last week, designed to place the Log Cabin Association back on the tax books, has passed the House of Representatives, and is under consideration of a Senate Committee.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION TO MEET

The Tuckaseegee Baptist Training Union will meet at the Scott's Creek Baptist Church March 14 at 7:30 for the purpose of choosing the winners in the 4 contests to be held in the Training Union work this month. The winners will represent this association in the Regional Meeting that is to be held in Franklin March 28-29. In this elimination contest one winner and one alternate will be chosen for the following contest: Junior Memory Work Contest, Intermediate Sword Drill, Young People's Better Speakers Contest, and the Adult Bible Reading Contest. It is hoped that every church that has a Training Union will send contestants. The program is as follows:

Song
Devotional—Scott's Creek B. T. U.

Report and announcements.
Special Music—Intermediate girls of Scott's Creek church.
Junior Memory Work Contest—Mrs. H. M. Hocutt in charge.
Intermediate Sword Drill—Mrs. Myrtle Hogien in charge.
Better Speakers Contest—Miss Hattie Hilda Sutton in charge.
Adult Reading Contest.
Speech—Rev. H. M. Hocutt.

MISS PATTON ATTENDS MEETING

Cullowhee, Mar. 5 (Special)—Miss Helen Patton, head of the art department at Western Carolina Teachers College, went to Knoxville Wednesday to attend a southeastern arts convention which was made up of a large number of teachers from southeastern states. The theme of the meeting was "Crafts—American made."

Raleigh, Mar. 5—A subcommittee of the appropriations Committee, in its endeavor to bring the appropriations already agreed upon into balance with the anticipated revenue contemplated in the Finance Bill, slashed \$12,000 from the appropriation increase for Western Carolina Teachers College, along with other agencies and institutions. This leaves the total appropriation for the school \$15,000 above the amount suggested by the Advisory Budget Commission.

Jackson's representative, Dan K. Moore, advised The Journal that he and other western members of the assembly will send up a separate bill, in an attempt to recover the \$12,000 that has been lost to the school by the committee action.

The friends of the school on the committee tried vainly to induce the full joint Appropriations Committee to reject that part of the subcommittee's report dealing with the Jackson county school; but the economy block, backed by a recent conference with Governor Broughton, held the whip hand, and the recommendations of the subcommittee were held intact.

When the Finance Bill was reported, it was apparent that the amount of money anticipated to be raised and the amount that the Appropriations Committee had agreed to spend were considerably out of balance. Then the subcommittee was appointed to consider the difficulties thus raised. Straight to the office of the Governor went the subcommittee, where it is understood a report was awaiting only its signature on the dotted line. The appropriation for the teachers' sick leave, for the twelfth grade, for the University of North Carolina, and some other agencies and institutions came under axe along with Western Carolina.

SUPERLATIVES ARE NAMED BY JUNIOR CLASS

The junior class at Sylva high school has elected the following superlatives:

Prettiest girl, Dorothy Keener; most handsome boy, Kenneth Terrell; best all around girl, Mildred Bennett, boy, Joe Bumgarner; best sport, girl, Mildred Bennett, boy, J. C. Aiken; most studious, girl, Phyllis Dillard, boy, Robert Hennessee; quietest, girl, Etta Beasley, boy, Robert Hennessee; most religious, girl, Thelma Plemons, boy, Lloyd Owen; best dressed, girl, June Bess, boy, J. R. Womack; best personality, girl, Mildred Bennett, boy, Carrol Bryson; most dignified, girl, Mary Alma Wilkes, boy, Kenneth Terrell; most talented, girl, Mary Alma Wilkes, boy, Kenneth Terrell; most polite, girl, Mary Alma Wilkes, boy, Robert Hennessee; artist, girl, Kate Harris, boy, J. C. Aiken; most athletic, girl, Arbie Parker, boy, J. C. Aiken; girl most likely to succeed, Phyllis Dillard, boy, Robert Hennessee.

SINGERS MEET AT WEBSTER

The Jackson County Central Singing Convention was held at the Webster Baptist church Sunday afternoon. The church was filled to its capacity. Dr. Killian, of W. C. T. C., sent a recording machine and records were made of the music. The following quartets participated: The Golden Key quartet from Waynesville, the Pressley quartet from Speedwell. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Blanton sang a duet. Everyone seemed to enjoy the singing.

A much larger crowd and more visiting singers are expected at the next convention, to be held on the first Sunday afternoon in April at the Scott's Creek Baptist Church, Beta.