

Weaver Seeking Aid For Caney Fork Flood Conditions

Congressman Zebulon Weaver is attempting to work out a plan for the rehabilitation of the land in Caney Fork township, and other regions along the Tuckaseegee river and its tributaries, that were severely damaged by the floods of last August.

Immediately following the flood, the Journal took the matter up with the Congressman, and he assured this paper at that time that he would do everything possible to secure the relief that was needed and to bring federal agencies to work on the rehabilitation of the land. Last week, while in Washington, the editor of this paper and the Congressman went into the matter thoroughly, and the Congressman wrote to the head of the Tennessee Valley Authority, seeking aid from that source for rehabilitation and flood control.

Since returning from Washington, we are in receipt of the following letters from the Congressman, which explains the situation as it now is.

Letter from Weaver

Dear Dan: I enjoyed seeing you here yesterday, and enjoyed talking with you. As you suggested, I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Mr. Lillenthal, and trust very much that something can be worked out in the Caney Fork section. I am very much interested and will continue to be interested in trying to work out something for them.

Sincerely yours,
Zebulon Weaver.

Letter to Lillenthal

Mr. David E. Lillenthal,
Tennessee Valley Authority,
Knoxville, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Lillenthal:

Since the terrible distress wrought by the floods in Western North Carolina last summer, I have had so many urgent requests for relief that I thought I would write to you in regard to the whole subject.

Of course, in the first place they are extremely desirous of devising some method of controlling these disastrous floods. This is, I know, a very broad and difficult subject. The next is as to any relief which might be brought to remedy the situation caused by these floods, especially in the Swannanoa and Ivy sections of Buncombe County and on the Tuckaseegee River in Jackson County. On the Caney Fork tributary of the Tuckaseegee the damage is especially distressing.

I have tried to secure aid from various sources. Among others I have undertaken to secure help from the WPA, but as much of the work would not be on public property, it is difficult to reach from that angle.

I have thought, and in fact it has been suggested to me, that if the Tennessee Valley Authority could make some survey for the purpose of investing this damage with the public interest we might be able to get something done.

However, I do not doubt that the matter has been called to your attention and I would appreciate exceedingly your views on the matter, as to what might be done for these distressed people.

With every kind personal regard, I am

Sincerely yours,
Zebulon Weaver.

Enoch Watkins Dies

Enoch Watkins, 73, died at his home near Tuckaseegee on February 26. Moving here from Transylvania county forty years ago, Mr. Watkins was a good citizen of Jackson, and was well known at Tuckaseegee and Big Ridge. He was unmarried.

Mr. Watkins is survived by one sister, Mrs. Janie Mills, of Balsam. Funeral and interment were at the Tuckaseegee Baptist church.

Counties West Of Ridge Make Up 12th District

The General Assembly has established a Congressional District in North Carolina, with all the counties lying west of the Blue Ridge, for the first time in the history of the State. This district, now represented by Congressman Zebulon Weaver, becomes the 12th Congressional District, composed of Buncombe, Henderson, Transylvania, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain, Clay, Cherokee and Graham counties. The old district, which was the 11th, included those counties, plus Polk, Rutherford and McDowell.

The census of 1940 showed North Carolina to have sufficient population to be given an additional Congressman. Several plans were advanced for the re-districting, and it was at one time suggested that the districts be allowed to remain as they were and to elect a Congressman-at-large to represent the whole State. This, however, would have defeated the right of the western part of the State to have an additional Congressman, which the population figures disclosed by the census entitled it.

Many democratic leaders were fearful of the result of establishing the new district, pointing out that in the event of a Republican landslide, the district would probably be lost to the democratic party. It hasn't been so many years since every county in the new district, including Buncombe with its tremendous vote, and with only the exception of Haywood, has found itself in the Republican column.

Rutherford, with its big democratic vote, has more than once been the deciding factor in the district. But Rutherford has grown in population and prestige until it has become a serious threat to the dominance of the Buncombe machine in the district, should it at any time refuse to follow that leadership. It has been pointed out that Congressman Weaver, never the real choice of the Buncombe machine, could continue to obtain the nomination for the post he has held so long, regardless of how the district was arranged, and so long as his strength and health continue. But, it is also generally believed that the machine has been grooming a candidate to take his place at any time when he shows signs of weakening.

In the new district, Buncombe will have nearly fifty percent of the votes in the primary.

International Relations Club Discusses World Events Friday Night

Cullowhee, March 10—The International Relations Club of Western Carolina Teachers College met Friday night in the Student Union Building, with Bill Ferguson presiding in the absence of the regular president, Charles McCall. The subject was British-Japanese situation in the Far East. Three talks were given: What the War Has Done to Japan, by Evelyn Hill of Swiss, North Carolina, Free China and Occupied China by Catherine Walker of Mills River, North Carolina, Japan's Place in a War Crisis by Betty Jean Best of Clyde, North Carolina. A panel discussion on the specific talks and the general theme followed.

Face of the tower clock at Stout Institute, Menomonie, Wis. is 11½ feet high.

Board of Education Named For County

The General Assembly has elected Charlie Smith, of Sylva, John Hooper, of Sylva, John Deitz, of Savannah, Mt. Middleton, of River, and D. H. Stevens of Caney Fork, to be the Board of Education of Jackson County for the next four years. They were elected by the Assembly in the Omnibus Board of Education Bill, upon nomination by Representative Dan K. Moore.

All the members were nominated in the Democratic primary last June, with the exception of Mr. Stevens, they had no opposition in the primary. Mr. Stevens was named by Representative Moore to take the place of the late T. B. Cowan, who was the regular nominee of the party and who has died since the primary.

The entire present board will serve for the next two years, and Mr. Stevens will become the fifth member when he takes the oath of office early in April.

County Wide Kite Tournament Will Be Held Here

A county-wide kite tournament will be held at the Sylva golf course on Saturday, March 29, at two o'clock, sponsored by the Jackson County Recreation Unit.

Girls and boys 16 years of age and under are eligible. If weather conditions prevent holding tournament on date set, it will be held the first suitable day. All kites must be hand made. All contestants must be registered by the 25th of March.

Prizes will be given to the boy and girl flying the highest kite and for the most artistic kite.

For rules regarding the contest contact Mrs. Ollie Banks, crafts leader at the Recreation Center in Sylva.

POST OFFICE BOX RENTS RAISED

Notice has been given by Postmaster Charles N. Price that the quarterly rental on post office boxes in Sylva has been increased by the post office department, effective April 1.

Boxes that now rent for 45 cents will be 60 cents; those renting at 60 cents will be increased to 75 cents; and the boxes that now rent for 75 cents will be increased to \$1.00.

Mr. Price stated that the cost of post office box rentals has been made because of the increase in postal receipts at the Sylva post office.

Cullowhee Methodist Women Hold Meeting

The Cullowhee Woman's Society for Christian Service met Wednesday afternoon in the parlors of Robertson Hall at Western Carolina Teachers College with Mrs. Frank H. Brown presiding. The program for the meeting included: Worship by Mrs. W. T. Hunt and Mrs. S. E. Engman, a talk by Mrs. George Tracy, and special violin music by Jan Elliott and Helen Bird, accompanied at the piano by Anne Bird. Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. N. H. Gurley, Miss Anne Hammond, and Mrs. George Tracy.

Sechrist To Head Audio-Visual Workshop

Dr. Earl E. Sechrist, principal of Ensley High School, Birmingham, Alabama, nationally recognized audio-visual educator, has been employed by Western Carolina Teachers College to direct a workshop in audio-visual education for the Guidance Clinic at the college from June 14 to 27. Mr. Sechrist has conducted audio-visual summer programs at Louisiana State University, the University of Pittsburg, and other colleges and universities.

Assembly Adds Two Counties To Senatorial District

The General Assembly, in the Senatorial reapportionment bill, which originated in the Senate, and has now passed both houses, has added two counties to this senatorial district, and has given the district two senators.

The district, which remains the Thirty-Second Senatorial District, is now composed of Polk, Henderson, Transylvania, and Jackson, with two senators. Previously the district was composed of Jackson, Haywood, and Transylvania, with one senator.

The matter of rotation of the two senators, or of nominating them from the district as a whole, was left with the Senatorial Convention of the district. Rotation becomes a serious problem for the reason that Haywood has sufficient population to justify that county having a senator at least once every four years, in case a rotation agreement is ratified by the convention. There will be no controversy about that, because the other counties will recognize that this is due Haywood. But, Henderson, the next most populous county in the district, is expected to insist that one of the senators be rotated between Haywood and Henderson. That would leave the additional senator to be rotated between Jackson, Transylvania and Polk; and Jackson is the third most populous county in the district, having as many people as Polk and Transylvania combined, and being only a few thousand short of the population of Henderson.

Then, too, under the present rotation system, Jackson and Polk are entitled to a senator each, in the next General Assembly. One of these counties will have to lose out next time, unless one senator is rotated between Haywood and Jackson, and the other between Polk, Henderson and Transylvania; which is expected to meet with strong opposition from Henderson.

The effect upon the complexion of the next Senate will be to take one senator from the far eastern counties, and give that senator to this district in the far west.

Fourteen Men Called For Army Service

Unless volunteers come forward within the next few days, the machinery of the Selective Service Board will be set in motion to draft men for army service for the first time during the present emergency. Heretofore every call from Jackson County has been filled by volunteers; but there is a call now for fourteen men to leave for camp on March 26, and the local board has but seven volunteers on the waiting list.

Presbyterians To Have Visitors Sunday

At the Presbyterian Worship Service, Sunday, March 16, 4:30 P. M., at the Community House the congregation will hear Mr. James B. McLeod, a senior of Presbyterian College of South Carolina, Clinton, S. C. Mr. McLeod will be visiting here in view of considering work here for the summer serving as assistant to Rev. Paul P. Tharow, pastor of the Bryson City—Robbinsville Presbyterian Churches, who has charge of the Presbyterian work in Sylva and who conducts regular services here each first and third Sunday of the month. Mr. McLeod has had several summers' experience in religious work. He expects to enter the theological seminary this fall.

Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D. D., Superintendent of Home Missions in Asheville Presbytery, will also be here from Asheville and will assist in a special installation service of the officers of the Woman's Auxiliary.

All Presbyterians of Jackson county are especially urged to be present. Other visitors will receive a most cordial welcome.

Aldermen Call Town Election For May 6th

The municipal election for Sylva was called by the Board of Aldermen at a meeting held on Tuesday, to be held May 6, under the State laws governing municipal elections.

Mayor H. Gibson filed for reelection; as did W. T. Wise, W. J. Fisher, and Walter L. Jones. W. E. Grindstaff and S. A. Carden also filed for aldermen. Carden and Grindstaff are not members of the present board. Wise and Fisher are now serving their second terms, and Jones is serving his first. The other two members of the present board who have not filed for reelection are Harry L. Evans and W. H. Conley.

Under the law, town clerk Charles M. Reed will serve as chairman of the board of elections, and the aldermen compose the board. They appointed Ben N. Queen as registrar and Dan Tompkins and Walter Warren as judges to hold the election.

All the men who filed for office on Tuesday are democrats.

Webster P. T. A. Will Meet Next Thursday In School Auditorium

The Webster Parent-Teacher Association will hold its regular meeting Thursday afternoon, March 27, at 3:00 o'clock in the school auditorium. Mrs. Ernest Lewis, President, will preside.

Plans will be made at this meeting as to further work on the beautification project for the school grounds. The nominating committee will be appointed at this time. A special program is being planned. The association this year has the largest number of paid members since its beginning.

Home Economics Two Years Course Is Established At W. C. T. C.

Cullowhee — The curriculum committee of Western Carolina Teachers College recently voted unanimously to set up in the college a two years' home-economics course, the credit from which will be accepted by the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina since the work to be introduced at Cullowhee will meet in every detail the requirements for the first two years' of home economics work at Woman's College. By making only a few adjustments in the home economics courses already given at Western Carolina Teachers College, Dean of Instruction W. E. Bird and the curriculum committee of the college were able to meet the requirements which will standardize this special two years' course of work.

The home economics course for the first year will include classes in art, chemistry, English, French, foods and nutrition, physical education, textiles and clothing; the second year home economics students will have classes in biology, art, English literature, French, European history, housing, and physical education.

Arrangements in regard to transferring credits from the home economics department of Western Carolina Teachers College to Woman's College have been made with Miss Margaret Edwards, head of the Woman's College home economics department and with Miss Mary Taylor Moore, registrar of Woman's College, both of whom have given their full approval to the plan.

The home economics department at Western Carolina Teachers College is now housed on the second floor of the new training school building, which has special rooms for cooking, serving, and sewing, all of which have been recently equipped with most modern facilities.

Fire Ruins Jarrett Memorial Church At Dillsboro Sunday Night

County Meeting Of W. M. U. To Be Held At Beta

The meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Tuckaseegee Baptist Association will be held at Scott's Creek church, Beta, on March 20.

The general theme of the meeting will be: "Our Father's Business"; and the following tentative program has been arranged.

Song: "Lead On Oh King Eternal".
Prayer: Mrs. W. N. Cook Webster.

Devotional: "Our Father's Business"—Mrs. H. T. Hunter, Cullowhee.
Song: "The Kingdom Is Coming".

Talk: "Our Father's Business In This Association"—Mrs. Chas. Allison, Sylva.

Talk: "New Plans For Our Father's Business"—Mrs. Jan Allen, Cullowhee; Conventional Echoes.

Song: "The King's Business"—R. A. Hymn.

Talk: "Scaling the Heights in our Father's Business"—Mrs. Fred Forester, Cullowhee. (Conventional Echoes)

Special Music: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"—Holder Y. W. A. Trio, Cullowhee.

Prayer: Rev. T. F. Deitz, Beta. Announcements. Committees appointed.

Lunch.
Group Meetings: Associational Chairmen discuss "Our Father's Business" with their local chairmen.

General Assembly: Song: "My Jesus I Love Thee"—Cullowhee Trio.

Prayer: Rev. Ernest Jamison, East Sylva.

Minutes and Business—Mrs. Chas. Allison, Sylva.

Report of Committees.
Our Father's Business in our local Churches—Report of Presidents.

Talks: "Forward look in our Association".

Personal Service—Mrs. Kate Bryson, Greenville.

Mission Study—Mrs. Lucy Crawford, Cullowhee.

Stewardship—Mrs. Dan Bryson, Beta.

Young People—Miss Margaret Wilson, Sylva.

Talk: "Youth Marches On In Our Father's Business"; (Conventional Echoes)—Mrs. H. M. Hocutt, Sylva.

Special Music: Scott's Creek Y. W. A.

Prayer

Song: "Onward Christian Soldiers."

JOHNNY PARRIS GOES TO LONDON AS PRESS WRITER

John Parris, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Parris of Sylva, will leave on Saturday for London, as a correspondent for the United Press. Mr. Parris has been with the United Press in New York for the past two years. He is spending a day or so at his home here before leaving for London.

Johnny began his newspaper career by writing for the Jackson County Journal, when he was a youngster in high school in Sylva. Later he was local correspondent for the Asheville Citizen from Sylva. From that position he was with the United Press in Raleigh, then he went to New York, and after serving there for a short time, held positions on the Winston-Salem Journal and the Memphis Commercial Appeal. He returned to New York with the United Press, and has just been given the assignment to go to London.

Damage estimated at \$2,000 was sustained by the new Jarrett Memorial Baptist church early Sunday night, and only the prompt and efficient work of the Sylva Volunteer Fire Department, coupled with the new equipment, saved the structure from total loss, and prevented a fire that might have wiped out most of the town of Dillsboro.

Ceiling, framing and roof of the building were greatly damaged by the fire, and the interior of the church was flooded when three streams of water, one from the Dillsboro water supply and the other two from Sylva's new fire pump, coming from Scott's creek, were poured into the structure to check the flames.

There had been a Sunday School Convention in the church in the afternoon, necessitating keeping the fire in the furnace going all day, and it is believed that the flue became overheated and ignited the woodwork.

The church, one of the newest and most beautiful in the county, was completed three years ago, and was valued at \$15,000. It was built of stone, brick and woodwork. There was no insurance carried on the building.

When the Sylva fire department arrived in record time, and cast the pump into the creek, two streams of water with pressure of 120 pounds each were immediately available. A freight train was held up for two hours by reason of the two lines of hose crossing the railway tracks.

Officials of the church, including Mr. R. F. Jarrett, who contributed a great deal of time and large amounts of money for the erection of the building, state that plans are on foot to repair the damage as rapidly as possible. Services cannot be held in the building until a new roof is provided.

Rotary Club Reviews Events of Nineteen Forty

A moving picture of important events which took place in 1940 was the feature of the program at the Sylva Rotary club meeting Tuesday night. The picture was shown under the auspices of the Coca Cola Bottling Company of Asheville.

Besides the news picture a short subject depicting the history of bottled drinks was also shown.

The club heard a short talk by Louis Hair on "The Value of Vocational Training in Our Public Schools." Mr. Hair discussed the need of vocational training generally and in Jackson county in particular. He pointed out that Jackson county has only one trained vocational instructor in its entire school system. He stated that under the direction of the NYA students at the Sylva high school are now being trained to become skilled workmen which are sorely needed in the National Defense program.

Garland Lackey reported on two meetings which have been held recently in the interest of National Defense. The purpose of the meetings was to discuss the best way in which Jackson county could help in the defense program, Mr. Lackey said. Leading organizations were represented, he added, and it was decided a healthy population and the conservation of soil would be of great benefit to the program.

President Raymond Sutton, who presided, read a letter from H. T. Hunter, who was unable to be present at the meeting, inviting the board of directors and committee chairmen to his home on March 26 for a meeting, March 26 being Dr. Hunter's birthday.

Besides Bill Henry, Coca Cola representative who showed the moving pictures, the club had one other guest, Mr. Otto, of New York, who was the guest of Arthur Weidlich.