

# The Jackson County Journal

SYLVA, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1941

\$1.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

## McKee's Reappointment Object Of Meeting Called By Commerce Directors

The Board of Directors of the Sylva Chamber of Commerce, meeting Tuesday evening, voted to call a county-wide mass meeting of all the citizens, for the purpose of presenting recommendations to the Governor regarding the appointment of a Highway Commissioner for this highway division.

A few weeks ago, the entire North Carolina Highway and Public Works Commission resigned, leaving the matter of appointment of a new commission entirely in the hands of the incoming governor.

There has been some criticism by Senator Howell of Buncombe and others, regarding the administration, or rather distribution of the Highway Funds in this Division. The people of Jackson county, who have been watching the situation throughout the division for the past twenty years, are conversant with all the facts, and the Chamber of Commerce is calling them together for a general discussion of highway matters. Members of the directors of the Chamber have been watching the controversy with considerable interest, and have feared that the statements that have been made may mislead the people of the State, and the personnel of the new Highway Commission into believing that Jackson and some of the other counties in the Southwestern part of the State have received more than their share of the highway work and funds, and thus prejudice the case of those counties.

It was with this in view that the directors of the Jackson Chamber of Commerce have called the citizenship of the county to meet at the court house in Sylva, at 2:30 on the afternoon of Tuesday, March 25, in order that the case of Jackson and the other smaller counties in this division may be placed squarely before the Governor by the citizenship of this county.

All citizens of the county are invited and urged to be present at the meeting. Directors of the Chamber of Commerce consider this one of the most important meetings that has ever been called in the county, and are anxious that the court room be filled with citizens from every part of Jackson.

## Mrs. Gulley To Preside At State Music Meet

Cullowhee, Mar. 12 (Special)—Mrs. Charles G. Gulley, instructor in voice and public school music at Western Carolina Teachers College, will preside over the public school music forum at the state teachers' meeting to be held in Asheville during April. She will also speak on the subject "Primary Activities as a Basis for Thoughtful Music Study."

Thirty children from the college will be used in the demonstration and will make the trip in the bus. Miss Anne Rabe will be in charge of dramatizing Mother Goose Rhymes. Mrs. Evelyn Coward will assist with the children's choir, and Mrs. J. W. Whatley will direct the Symphonette Band. Miss Edith Cherry will act as pianist for the children's songs.

## Glee Club To Sing

Cullowhee, Mar. 12 (Special)—The Schubert Glee Club of Western Carolina Teachers College will sing two numbers at the Methodist Church for the 11 o'clock service on Easter Sunday. The selections are taken from the Cantata "Light of the World" by Ira Wilson and will be directed by Howard McDevitt.

Mrs. Charles G. Gulley will sing "Hosanna" by Granier. Miss Dorothy Thompson will accompany.

## George C. Hooper Passes Saturday Night At Speedwell

Funeral services for George Coleman Hooper, 62 year old prominent citizen of the Speedwell community, were conducted Monday at the Speedwell Methodist church, by Rev. J. C. Gentry, preacher in charge of the Webster Circuit.

Mr. Hooper, a member of a prominent Jackson county family, a native of the county, and a life-long resident here, died at his Speedwell home, Saturday night.

He is survived by his widow, seven children, Mrs. David Suttle of Asheville, Mrs. David Bryson, Hazelwood, Mrs. Nora Hall, of Snow Hill, Maryland, Mrs. Robert Wilkes, Speedwell, Cicero Hooper, Hazelwood, and Carr Hooper, Speedwell; by two sisters, Mrs. Sam Buchanan, Green's Creek, and Mrs. James Parker, Cowarts; by one brother, Ben Hooper, of Speedwell, and other relatives.

## Sylva To Have Feldspar Market

The recently appointed chamber of commerce committee to work out ways and means of establishing the Western North Carolina feldspar market at Sylva has held several meetings and a number of conferences with representatives of outside feldspar buyers.

The idea of the feldspar market is to have one day each week designated as market day at which time buyers will be present, and producers of feldspar in any quantities can sell their product for cash. Heretofore only larger producers have been able to find a market for their feldspar.

The committee, which is composed of A. F. Clouse, chairman, J. Cole Cannon and H. E. Ferguson, has made definite arrangements with representatives of feldspar buying concerns to be present. Mr. Charles Price, has donated the temporary use of a siding at Beta, to get the market started and the Armour Leather Company has tendered the use of its weighing scales at no cost.

The exact opening date has not yet been determined, and the committee has requested that interested parties communicate with Mr. A. F. Clouse, chairman, at Sylva for information.

## LOCAL SPORTSMEN WILL HEAR FURR

Dan Furr, President of the North Carolina Hunters and Fishers Association will address the Jackson County Hunters and Fishers Association at the Woodmen of the World hall, next Tuesday evening at 7:30, and will show one of the best pictures on trout fishing ever filmed.

The public is invited, and there will be no charge. Every member of the club and every person interested in the propagation of wild life in the county is invited to be present.

## Negro Baptists Express Appreciation

The members of Liberty Baptist church, colored, through Joe Smith, pastor, and the board of deacons, has issued a statement, thanking the people of Sylva and Jackson for their support in raising funds for the erection of a new church building. A total of \$538.65 has been raised.

## Last Rites Held For Mrs. Ellis Painter Traffic Victim

Funeral services for Mrs. Ellis Painter, 60 year old member of a pioneer Jackson County family, were held Saturday at Lovedale Baptist church, and interment was in Old Field cemetery at Beta.

Mrs. Painter was instantly killed when she was struck by a West Transportation Company truck, on the highway at Beta, Thursday morning. She had just stepped from an automobile when the truck loaded with dynamite struck her.

Mrs. Painter, a daughter of the late T. J. Fisher, had been twice married. Her first husband was Brown Pilgrim Sherrill. She is survived by her husband, Ellis Painter, one son, Stokes Sherrill, Arlington, Wash., four daughters, Mrs. Dillard Cope, and Mrs. Vernon Cope, of Sylva, Mrs. Naomi Aiken, Darlington, Wash., and Mrs. Lewis Buchanan, Mt. Pleasant, Maryland, by one brother, Guy Fisher, Sylva, eight sisters, Mrs. Howard Fisher, Blackfoot, Idaho, Mrs. Nannie Cunningham, King's Mountain, Mrs. Cole Ridley, Waynesville, and Mrs. S. H. Monteith, Mrs. Florence Aiken, Mrs. J. A. Reed, Mrs. Jesse Jones, and Mrs. Thad Reed, all of Sylva, and by a number of grandchildren and other relatives.

## Sheriff Takes Two Boys To Training School

Sheriff Leonard Holden returned Tuesday from Concord, where he took two Sylva boys, Henry Barnes and Hilton Hornsby, to the Jackson Training School.

The two boys, both under 16 years of age, were tried before Roy M. Cowan, Judge of the Jackson County Juvenile Court, on charges of breaking and entering a store, larceny and receiving, and were sentenced to the school for a term of two years, or as long as the authorities of the school think is necessary for the good of the boys.

## Cogdill Building Business Building

The Cogdill Motor Company is beginning the erection of a home of its own, on Mill Street, at the eastern intersection with Main Street. The new building is designed to house the business of the company, which includes the sales and service of Dodge and Plymouth automobiles and trucks, and the garage service of all makes of motor vehicles.

S. C. Cogdill and Ray Cogdill, his son, are the owners of the business and of the new building.

## CULLOWHEE CHURCH TO HONOR BACH

Cullowhee, Mar. 12 (Special)—On March 30 the Cullowhee Methodist Church will honor the memory of Johann Sebastian Bach at the 11 o'clock service. The Reverend Walter Lee Lanier will speak on the life of Bach, who has made a contribution to religious music which has never been surpassed by any other composer and rarely equaled.

Mrs. Virginia G. Fisher of the music faculty at Western Carolina Teachers College will play on the violin "Air for the G String," The Halcyon Chorus of the college will sing "Sleepers Wake!" and another old chorale will be played by the college orchestra with Mrs. Fisher directing. Mrs. Charles G. Gulley, voice teacher for the college, is director of the chorus. Misses Anne Bird and Dorothy Thompson are pianists.

## Baptists Call New Pastor

The Sylva Baptist church issued a call to Rev. G. C. Teague to the pastorate of the church to succeed Rev. H. M. Hocutt. Mr. Teague has been pastor of the Baptist church at Granite Falls for the past nine years. He is a graduate of Wake Forest College, and has a wife and two small children. Mr. Teague is expected to assume the pastorate of the Sylva church on April 1.

At that time Mr. Hocutt will go to Asheville, where he has accepted a call to the pastorate of Reed Memorial Baptist church. When Mr. Hocutt resigned, a few weeks ago, the church appointed J. T. Gribble, A. J. Dills, Edwin Allison, Mrs. Herbert Bryson, S. H. Monteith, Mrs. John B. Ensley, and Miss Margaret Wilson as a pulpits committee, and the committee recommended the election of Mr. Teague.

## Baptists To Meet At Addie On March 28th, 29th

The Fifth Sunday, or Union meeting of the churches of the Tuckasee Baptist Association will be held at Buff Creek church on March 28th and 29th.

The general theme of the meeting will be: "Our Covenant" and the following program has been arranged:

10 A. M.—Call to Order; Organization; Devotional, G. M. Parker.

10:30—A review of Associational work and needs: Mrs. Allison, of W. M. U.; Clarence Vance of Sunday School week; Lyle Ensley of B.T. U. (Ten minutes each)

11:30—Sermon by Reverend Dillard Wood.

12:15—Lunch; Give Brother Hocutt Farewell Handshake.

1:15—Devotional Leader appointed on the grounds.

1:30—Church Discipline; The Bible is the Guide, Troy Rogers. 2:00 "Our Church Covenant", T. F. Deitz.

2:30—Some instructions for all new members—H. M. Hocutt. 3:00 If Members Break the Sabbath Day, What?—O. J. Beck.

Saturday Program

10:00—Devotional — D. C. Hooper.

Reports of committees; business.

10:30—"The duty of the church if a member strays"—John Hyatt.

For open discussion after Brother Hyatt speaks.

11:30—Sermon: "The Best Method of Church Discipline" W. N. Cook.

12:15—Lunch.

1:15—Song by Buff Creek Choir; Devotional; Leader appointed on the grounds.

1:30—"Salvation is from God", E. W. Jamison.

2:00—"The Blood of Jesus"—J. E. Brown.

2:30—Our Associational Revivals—Fred Forester.

## Baptist Training Union Convention March 28-29

Several car loads of Baptist Training Union Workers are expected to attend the Baptist Training Union Convention of this region at the Franklin Baptist Church next Friday and Saturday, March 28-29. The program will begin at three o'clock on Friday afternoon.

Talks will be made by a number from the Training Unions in the churches of the Tuckasee Association. Miss Maxine Slaughter of Raleigh, the State Intermediate Leader for Training Union Work, will appear on the program several times. Rev. J. A. Herring of China will speak on Friday night.

## To Build New Home

Dr. and Mrs. Harold McGuire have razed the old house on the point of the hill overlooking Jackson Street, preparatory to the erection of a new home.

## Fourteen Jackson Men Will Go To Fort Bragg 26th

Fourteen Jackson County men, eight volunteers and six draftees will leave here on March 26 for Fort Bragg to begin their year's training in the United States Army, according to A. J. Dills, chairman of the Jackson County Selective Service Board. Seven men were drafted, but another volunteer, Eugene Tilley, of Speedwell, asked to be sent after the order drafting the seven had been issued.

The volunteers who will leave on next Wednesday are: Daniel McMahan, James Watzel Bradley, Earle Ashe, John Luther Taylor, Howard Paul Fugate, Lewis Camaden Fugate, Homer Ray Fullbright, and Eugene Tilley. The seven men who were selected from their order numbers were: Charlie T. Woodring, Robert Hall, Willard John Wheatley, R. O. Watson, Clinton Jones, Robert William Queen, and John Robert Nations. The two alternates selected are Charlie Briton Nations, and Joseph Rudolph Sharpston.

This is the first time since the Selective Service Act was passed that it has been necessary to draft anyone from this county, because the quotas have heretofore been filled by volunteers.

Another call for eight men from this county to leave on April 5, has been issued.

## P. T. A. Will Plan Beautification At Webster School

The Webster Parent-Teacher Association will make plans for further work in beautification of the school grounds, at its meeting to be held on Thursday, March 27. The meeting will be at three o'clock in the afternoon, with Mrs. Ernest Lewis, the president, presiding.

A special program is being planned, and a nominating committee to select officers next year will be appointed.

It is stated that the association now has the largest number of paid members that it has had at any time since its organization.

## Singing Convention At Sylva School Sunday

The Jackson County Sunday Singing Convention will meet next Sunday, March 23, at the Sylva Elementary School building, with singing beginning at 10 o'clock.

Special groups that are expected are: Hendersonville Quartet, Drake Sisters, Oak Grove Quartet, Williams Quartet, Pigeon Valley Ladies' Quartet, Smoky Mountains Quartet, Harmony Quartet, and many other singers.

All persons interested in more and better singing are invited to come.

## Friday Is Parent's Day At Sylva High School

Parent's Day will be observed tomorrow, Friday, at the Sylva High School. All parents who have children in the high school are invited to visit the school and the class rooms, and to have lunch at the school cafeteria. Following luncheon, an audio-visual education film will be shown.

Parents' day at the elementary school, last Friday, is reported to have been most successful and enjoyable, with a large attendance on the part of the parents and patrons of the school.

## ANIMALS

During 1940 cattle and sheep showed substantial increases, hogs a rather sharp decrease, and both horses and mules small decreases, reports the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

## Legislature Adjourns; Three Bills Introduced By Local Representative

### J. T. Gribble Jr. Graduates At Flying School

J. T. Gribble, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gribble, of Sylva, was among the 310 fliers who graduated last week from the advanced flying school at Kelly Field, Texas. Mr. Gribble received silver flying wings and a commission in the United States Army Air Corps.

The new officers, spent ten weeks at primary flying schools and then were transferred to Randolph Field where they received 65 hours of basic flying training. This training also included ground instruction in meteorology, aerodynamics, theory of flight, maps and map reading, navigation, communication and military drill. They were then promoted to Kelly field where they received advanced training on modern basic combat ships, including 70 hours of formation, instrument and navigation flying day and night.

### Schoolmasters Are Guests Of Qualla P. T. A. Friday

The Qualla P. T. A. entertained the School Masters Club of Jackson county at the Qualla school on Friday evening. Fourteen members of the club were present, and Superintendent A. C. Moses and two members of the local school committee, J. Jode Holcombe and Mr. J. C. Hayes, were guests.

The table was beautifully decorated with green and white, the colors of St. Patrick's Day. The meal was served by candle light.

After the delicious meal, a short business session was held. The principal topics for discussion were the retirement of teachers, and the hiring of teachers without certificates for the coming year.

### LION'S CLUB MEET WEDNESDAY EVENING

All members of the Lion's Club, living east of the city limits presented the program at the regular meeting, at Jarrett Springs Hotel, Wednesday evening, with A. W. Wilson presiding. Everett Harris gave the statistics on the blind in the county. The Club quartet sang two selections; J. P. Stovall told of what the club has done for the community; Lawrence Reed gave his impressions of personal benefit from membership in the club; Don Fisher read a poem; and Annings Bryson read two original poems.

To impress the members with the need of blind persons, each member ate his dessert with his eyes blindfolded with his napkin. Fifteen members of the Bryson City club were present.

The Lion's Club is the sponsor of "Amateur Night", to be held at the Sylva school auditorium next Friday evening, March 28, at 8 o'clock. Any persons desiring to enter can see any member of the committee, which is composed of A. W. Wilson, Phil Stovall, and G. C. Cope. The proceeds will go to the work with the blind in the county.

### Food Sale Saturday

The Woman's Society of Christian Service will hold a food sale, Saturday, beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning. Dressing chickens, eggs, pies, cakes, home-made candies and other articles of food will be on sale by these ladies.

Dan K. Moore, Jackson County's representative in the General Assembly, has returned to his home and office here, following the adjournment of the Assembly, on Saturday night.

Mr. Moore introduced three bills. One was State-wide in its effect, and provided that farmer owners of trucks can haul farm and wood products for themselves and their neighbors without obtaining a hire license. The two local bills affect the Log Cabin Association, and the emoluments of the Clerk of the Superior Court. The Log Cabin bill repeals the statute of 1937 which exempted the real estate of the Association from taxation in the county. The other empowered the Board of Commissioners to pay the Clerk of the Superior Court a salary of \$50 a month for his services as Judge of the Juvenile Court. All three of these bills passed both houses and were ratified.

Mr. Moore served as a member of the following committees: Corporations, Courts and Judicial Districts, Education, Engrossed Bill, Federal Relations, Finance, Judiciary No. 2, Manufactures and Labor, Propositions and Grievances, and Salaries and Fees.

### Deitz To Inspect U. S. Navy Planes

Charles S. Deitz, who is the son of Rev. and Mrs. T. F. Deitz, one of the Jackson county boys in the Navy, is flying to New York from San Diego, California, this week to inspect new planes for the Navy. Charles has been in the Navy for fourteen years and has been stationed on the U. S. S. Enterprise for the past year. Before that he was at ground school for pilots in Pensacola, Fla. He has been promoted several times since he finished at Pensacola, and is beginning to learn that all these years of struggle and study have not been in vain.

### Methodist Services Sunday Evening

The young men and young women of the Sylva Methodist church will be in charge of the services, Sunday evening, with Dr. Harold McGuire as chairman of the arrangements.

Good music, good speaking, and a spiritual service are promised. The pastor preaches two Sunday nights during the month, and lay members of the congregation have been arranging the evening services for the other Sundays.

### P. T. A. WILL SEE A ONE-ACT PLAY

Members of the Sylva Parent-Teachers Association will witness a one act play, produced by the dramatics club of the high school, under the direction of Mrs. Chester Scott, at the meeting of the association, to be held next Tuesday evening, March 25, in the auditorium of the graded school. These young people recently won the honor of reaching the semi-finals in the Western Carolina Dramatics Tournament. It is hoped by the officials of the association that the attendance will be large. The meeting will be called to order at 7:30.

### EASTERN STAR OFFICERS ELECTED

Oce Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, at a recent meeting elected Mrs. Ruby Bumgarner as worthy matron; M. Y. Jarrett, worthy patron; Mrs. Ben Lessing, associate matron; Mrs. Cole Cannon, associate patron; Mrs. F. I. Watson, secretary; Mrs. M. Y. Jarrett, treasurer; Mrs. Doris Barrett, conductress; and Mrs. Lena Parks, associate conductress.