

The Jackson County Journal

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Jackson County Citizens Urge Reappointment Of McKee At Mass Meeting

The reappointment of Highway Commissioner E. L. McKee was urged upon the Governor by the citizenship of the county, meeting in the Court House Tuesday afternoon. The meeting was called by the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, when it became apparent that the animadversions coming from one or two of the large counties of the division are endangering the chances that Jackson and some other counties of the mountain area may have of securing the completion of their highway systems, under the next administration of highway affairs.

A resolution setting forth the facts and requesting the Governor to reappoint Mr. McKee was adopted by the mass meeting and will be forwarded to the Governor.

Ten of the fifteen townships of the county were represented, and a large number of people of the county were present.

Whereas, the General Assembly of North Carolina has made it necessary for the Governor of North Carolina to appoint the entire personnel of the North Carolina Highway and Public Works Commission; and Whereas, when the present Commissioner of this Division entered upon his office, four years ago, there were a number of links in the State Highway System in the counties of this Division that were uncompleted, and other primary highways that were in need of modernization and widening, presenting a problem calling for ability, patriotism, and State-mindedness, and;

Whereas, the present Commissioner has served the entire State and Division in a capable, statesmanlike, and impartial manner, in the distribution and allocation of the highway funds as between the several counties of the division, keeping in mind the needs of the Division as a whole, and the completion of a highway system for the whole people of the State, and in carrying out the will of the General Assembly that a system of paved highways be constructed, connecting all the county seats and the State institutions; and;

Whereas, the term of office to which the present Commissioner was appointed would not have expired for another two years; now therefore,

Be it resolved, by the citizens of Jackson County in Mass meeting assembled, at the Court House in Sylva, on the 25th day of March, 1941:

1. That we recommend to and urge upon the Governor of North Carolina that he reappoint our present Commissioner, Hon. E. L. McKee, to the position that he now holds, believing that this action would be fair, just, and right, in keeping with the best interests of the State and the counties of this Division, and that such action would meet with the general approbation of the people who are conservant with the facts of the present administration of the highway affairs in the counties of this division.

The resolution urging the reappointment of Mr. McKee were unanimously adopted, after a number of citizens had expressed gratification over the work of the present highway administration, and had stated that Mr. McKee should be given the post again.

PLAN PRE-SCHOOL AT SYLVA SCHOOL

April 4 has been designated as pre-school day, by the Parent-Teachers Association, and all children who expect to enter the school at the fall term are expected to be present. Mrs. Harry Hasings is chairman of the committee in charge of the arrangements.

Fourteen Men Go To Fort Bragg Wednesday, 26th

Fourteen young men from Jackson county left Sylva, yesterday morning for Fort Bragg to begin one year's training in the United States Army. Ten of these were volunteers, and four were drafted, according to A. J. Dills, chairman of the local Selective Service Board. And, this is the first time since the enactment of the Selective Service act that men have been drafted in this county. Heretofore the entire quota of each call made has been filled with volunteers.

The ten volunteers this week were Earl Ashe, Daniel McManhan, Watzel James Bradley, John Luther Taylor, Howard Paul Fugate, Lewis Camden Fugate, Homer Ray Fullbright, Eugene Tilley, Donald Deaver Hensley, and Frank Rogers Bryson. The four who were selected under the Selective Service Act were Robert Richard Hall, Willard John Wheatley, Clinton Jones, and Volle F. Lanning.

Two other calls have been made made for men from this county to be sent to camp during April. On the eighth, 15 young men will leave by bus for Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Another call has been made for 12 white men and 2 negroes, to leave between the 20th and the 22nd, for Fort Bragg.

District U. D. C. To Meet Here

Plans are being made by the B. H. Cathey Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy, for the entertainment of the District Convention in Sylva on April 29.

Mrs. R. O. Everett, State President, Miss Anne Wilson, District Director, and other distinguished members of the organization are expected to be in Sylva for the meeting.

Luncheon will be served at the Community House, and a committee composed of Mrs. John A. Parris, Mrs. R. U. Sutton, Mrs. W. O. Soderquist, Mrs. John H. Wilson, Mrs. E. L. Wilson, and Mrs. Ellen Bryson have been appointed. The committee on decoration of the tables and the Community House is composed of Mrs. H. E. Monteith, Mrs. Harry E. Ferguson, Mrs. M. Buchanan, Jr., Mrs. Helen Dillard, Mrs. Walter L. Jones and Mrs. A. H. Weaver.

The business sessions will be held in the Methodist church, and Mrs. Mary Cowan and Mrs. J. Robert Long will be in charge of decorations at the church.

Sponsors Ritual Contest

Glenville, March 22 (Special)—The Smoky Mountain Federation of the Future Farmers of America sponsored a ritual contest at its regular meeting, held in Sylva, March 19. Seven chapters took part with first place going to the Glenville chapter.

The following participated: Tom McGuire, President, J. C. Robinson, Vice-President, Carter Reid, Secretary, Earl Bryson, Treasurer, Jasper Fisher, Reporter, and B. T. Maples, Adviser.

CARD OF THANKS

We, her children who are away, wish to express our sincere thanks to those showing sympathy and kindness at the death of our beloved, mother, Mrs. G. E. Painter. S. R. Sherrill Mrs. E. H. Aiken Darrington, Wash.

J. Claude Allison Named Chairman Of Easter Seal Sale

Claude Allison of Sylva has been named Chairman of the Easter Seal Sale for crippled children in this county.

Half of the proceeds of the sale will remain in the hands of the county committee for the aid of our own children, and half will be sent to the State office for assisting those whom a county committee cannot serve.

Some counties already have established clinics for their crippled children, and the State supported Orthopedic Hospital at Gastonia, to which the more serious cases are sent, also has a splendid record of service. But the Orthopedic Hospital has facilities for only 160 children, and there are now more than 300 on the hospital's waiting list.

A recent federal report says North Carolina has 62,000 physically maimed residents. Of these 17,000 are listed on the Social Security records at Raleigh, showing that many belong to the lower economic levels. There are more than 300,000 crippled children in the country as a whole, and it is estimated that approximately 10,000 of these are in North Carolina.

Mrs. J. Melville Broughton, North Carolina's First Lady, who is vice-president of the North Carolina League for Crippled Children, has issued an appeal in behalf of the Easter Seal Sale.

"The North Carolina League for Crippled Children is doing a great and useful work and deserves the support of all our people," Mrs. Broughton's statement says. "The humane and constructive program of this organization, its fine record of service and its plans for reaching out and helping an even larger number of crippled children will undoubtedly receive a generous and sympathetic response from the public.

"As vice-president of the League I wish to exert all the influence possible for the success of the Easter Sale of Seals; for this source of revenue is the League's sole reliance for funds which are tragically needed."

Mrs. Doyle D. Alley, president of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers; Dr. Clyde Erwin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction; Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina; Charles M. Johnson, head of the Local Government Tax Commission; Ben Roberts, president of the North Carolina Banker Association, and Haywood Duke, president of the Hotel Association, are among a number of the State's prominent citizens who have endorsed the campaign.

For the last several years the Easter Sale in this State has been conducted by Major Charles H. Warren of the Department of Public Instruction, but this spring finds Major Warren on Duty at Camp Forrest, Tenn., and Charles E. McIntosh of Chapel Hill, Executive Secretary of the League, has been placed in charge of the campaign to raise the tragically needed funds.

Beta Club Aids Britain

In its aid for Britain campaign, the Beta Club of Sylva High School has placed boxes at convenient places in the stores in Sylva for the reception of tin foil. Miss Mary Alma Wilkes states that all persons are requested to preserve the tin foil from cigarette packages, chewing gum and the like, and to deposit it in the boxes provided. The young people will gather it up and ship it to the proper places.

BUSY

If weather conditions are favorable, the Granville County terracing unit will turn out a record amount of work this spring, reports Assistant Farm Agent W. B. Jones.

DINNER SPEAKER



Senator Scott W. Lucas of Illinois, prominently mentioned for the Democratic nomination for vice-president last year, who will deliver the principal address at the annual Jackson Day Dinner in Raleigh on Friday night, April 4.

Lucas Will Be Principal Speaker At Annual Dinner

Raleigh, March 26—Several nationally known figures in the Democratic party will attend the annual Jackson Day Dinner to be held here in the Sir Walter Hotel on Friday night, April 4, according to Joe L. Blythe of Charlotte, Chairman of the State Jackson Day Committee.

Among those who have accepted invitations to attend the dinner which is being held to help raise funds with which to wipe out the deficit incurred last year in the successful efforts to re-elect President Roosevelt, are: National Democratic Chairman Edward J. Flynn, United States Senator Scott W. Lucas of Illinois, Richard J. Reynolds, Treasurer of the Democratic National Committee, Comptroller Lindsay W. Warren, Former Governor O. Max Gardner, A. D. Folger, National Committeeman, Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle and others.

Senator Lucas, who was prominently mentioned for the nomination for vice-president at the Democratic convention last year at Chicago, will deliver the principal address. A world war veteran, Senator Lucas helped put across President Roosevelt's farm program in the early years of the New Deal while the Senator was a member of the House of Representatives. As a member of the House's Agricultural Agricultural Committee, Lucas was made the spokesman of a bloc of fifty congressmen representing the corn and wheat farmers of the middle west.

After serving two terms in the House, Senator Lucas was nominated for the Senate in 1938 and beat his Republican opponent by a majority exceeding 100,000 despite unusual efforts to defeat him.

"Senator Lucas, a friend of labor as well as the farmer, is a good speaker, a man who has knowledge of what he talks about," said Chairman Blythe. "Also, he was a staunch supporter of the 'aid to Britain' bill that recently became law. We consider ourselves fortunate in having him, Chairman Flynn, Treasurer Reynolds and the rest with us on the night of April 4."

PRISON CHAPLAIN WILL SPEAK HERE

Reverend Mr. Watts, Chaplain of the North Carolina State Prison, at Raleigh, will speak on rehabilitation plans for prisoners who come out of camps and jails, at the Baptist church in Sylva, Monday night, March 31. The public is invited to the meeting.

Mr. Watts is a very forceful speaker. He spoke at a meeting of citizens at the Whittier Prison Camp, last fall. The prisoners served dinner to the group, and Mr. Watts was the speaker for the occasion.

County Welfare Board To Be Re-appointed

Re-appointments to the county welfare board will be necessary before the first of April under new legislation enacted by the 1941 General Assembly, although it is possible no change may be made in the present board set-up.

Chairman of the local board now is Mrs. E. L. McKee, and A. J. Dills and G. C. Turpin are the other two members.

One appointment is made by the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare and one appointment by the Jackson county commissioners with the two appointees selecting the third person with whom they will be associated in supervising the local welfare program.

Before this year the commissioners could not name one of their own number to sit on the welfare board, but the new law makes possible such an appointment if the county governing body so desires. Previously the commissioner's appointee had to be a person not connected with the board of commissioners in any way.

The appointment this month by the commissioners will be for a term of two years running from the first of April, while the State Board appointee's term will cover three years, and the third member selected by these two will serve for one year. Subsequent appointments will be for terms of two years in the case of each of the three members.

Prior service on a welfare board will not prevent the appointment of a member under the new set-up, but in the future members cannot serve more than three terms or six consecutive years.

Between now and the first of April the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare will meet in Raleigh to make 100 appointments, one for each county board.

The new welfare board will have the duty of selecting the superintendent of welfare who will take office July 1 for an indefinite term under the merit system soon to be installed and required by the Federal government if the State and counties continue to receive funds under the Social Security Act.

Before this year the superintendent was chosen for a two-year term by the commissioners and the welfare board in joint session. Under the new act a superintendent can be relieved of duties only upon presentation.

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Teachers Selected For WCTC Summer School

Cullowhee, Mar. 24 (Special)—Teachers on the regular staff at Western Carolina Teachers College who have been asked by Director W. E. Bird to teach academic courses, direct workshops, or supervise hobby shops in the college summer school from June 14 to July 24 are: Miss Alice Benton, Miss Nelle Bond, Dr. A. L. Bramlett, S. O. Brandon, Frank Brown, Mrs. C. C. Buchanan, Miss Cordelia Camp, Mrs. Evelyn Coward, Miss Kathleen Davis, E. V. Deans, Jr., C. F. Dodson, P. L. Elliott, Mrs. Charles G. Guley, A. K. Hinds, James Howell, C. A. Hoyle, Miss Trixie Jenkins, Miss Maude Ketchum, Miss Laura Jean McAdams, Dr. Frederick Neuman, Mrs. James Parker, Miss Anne Rabe, John Seymour, E. H. Stillwell, N. W. Turner, Miss Mabel Tyree, Mrs. James Whatley, and Dr. C. D. Killian.

P. T. A. Study Course To Be Held Friday

The Parent Teachers Association Study Course will be held tomorrow, Friday afternoon at 3:30 at the school building. Mrs. George Tracy and Miss Edith Buchanan will conduct the courses, according to Mrs. George Lee, who is chairman of the committee in charge of the work.

South Carolina Plans To Begin Improvement Of Highway 107 Soon

Kite Tournament To Be Sponsored By County Project

Rules for kite tournament to be held Saturday, March 29 at 2 o'clock on the Sylva Golf Course.

Girls and boys 16 years and under shall be eligible. Each contestant shall be allowed one assistant to help the flyer get the kite into the air. No contestants who have not been registered shall be permitted to participate. All contestants must be registered not later than Wednesday, March 28. No contestants shall be permitted to fly kites before the tournament begins. Time allowed for flying kites will be 20 minutes after kites are in the air. All kites must be handmade. Contestants must furnish own string in measured balls of 1,000 feet. Kites which are fouled and brought down unfairly may re-appear. All contestants must be at site of tournament by 1:00 o'clock. Prizes will be awarded to the girl and boy flying the highest kite. Prizes will also be given for the most artistic kite and to the youngest contestant. Immediately after this tournament there will be a father-son tournament. There will be no registration for this. The public is cordially invited.

Rotarians See Scenic Pictures

A moving picture of scenes in the Western United States was the feature of the program at the Sylva Rotary club meeting Tuesday night. Part of the film was in natural color and scenes of the Grand Canyon were very beautiful.

Another phase of the movie dealt with the Navajo Indian Reservation located in Arizona and New Mexico. It depicted life on the reservation and this part was educational as well as entertaining.

Program Chairman Sam Gilliam and Clyde Blair, both of whom are well acquainted with the section shown in the picture, made explanatory remarks in connection with the movie.

Wayne Terrell, one of the newer members, made a short talk on "Fellowship and Rotary."

K. U. Sutton, president of the club, announced that the next meeting will be held at 7 o'clock instead of 6:30 o'clock. New officers will be elected at this meeting. Mr. Sutton appointed Louis Hair, Mont Cannon and C. A. Hoyle as a nominating committee. This committee will nominate two persons each for the office of president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer, and ten for director, five of whom will be selected.

Scroop Enloe, chairman of the "Ty Hunter-For-Governor" committee, announced that letters have been mailed to all clubs in the district reminding them to support Mr. Hunter for district governor at Camden, S. C. in April.

Jack Walters toasted Ty Hunter and C. A. Hoyle whose birthdays occur before the next meeting.

John Ryan, of Cherokee, who operated the moving picture equipment, was the only guest at the meeting.

NOTICE OF SERVICE

There will be Communion Service at St. John's Episcopal Church next Sunday morning, March 30, at 11 o'clock. Rev. Raymond McBlane, rector, will conduct the services.

Highway 107 in South Carolina is on the program for immediate improvement, according to advice received from the Chief Highway Commissioner of that State. The plan is to improve and pave the highway from Oconee Park to the Jackson county line. It is already paved from Oconee Park to our adjoining county seat of Walhalla.

This will make 107 the through and nearest highway from Charleston, Savannah, Augusta, and Columbia to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, to Knoxville, Cincinnati, and Chicago. It is planned to give the road a federal number as soon as practicable. The number from the Tennessee line to Walhalla is now N. C. and S. C. 107.

Called a few years ago the 4-C highway, as it is the road to Cincinnati, Chicago, Charleston and Columbia, the highway looms larger as one of the main trunk highways of the United States. People in Sylva and in Walhalla envisioned the possibilities of this highway many years ago, and it was called the Wade Hampton Memorial Highway, since it follows the route of the old Sloan's Turnpike, the road over which Wade Hampton traveled from Cashier's Valley to Columbia to assume the leadership for the redemption of South Carolina, following the reconstruction period.

Sloan's turnpike was one of the oldest roads leading into the mountains of North Carolina from South Carolina. Over it came the Hampton's the Calhouns, and the others who established in Cashier's Valley one of the first summer resorts in the mountains of this state.

With the opening of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the construction of the highway to Newfound Gap and to Knoxville, it readily became apparent that this was the logical route of travel from much of the Southeastern United States to the Great Smokies and the middle west. A quarter of a century ago, the Journal began the agitation for the completion of this road from Walhalla to Sylva, and pointed out that the route through the Great Smokies to Tennessee and the middle west was the logical one for the establishment of a great trunk highway. Within the past few months the North Carolina part of the road was completed from Sylva to the South Carolina line, via Western Carolina Teachers College and Cashier's Valley. South Carolina authorities had repeatedly promised that they would meet North Carolina's highway at the State line, whenever this State builded the road to that point. Now the news comes from South Carolina that the promise is about to be carried out, and that Western North Carolina, South Carolina, and the nation are to have a great highway, through Jackson county, across the Smokies and connecting two important sections of the United States.

Mrs. Dan K. Moore has assumed the chairmanship of the Greek Relief Fund in Jackson county, and has called a meeting of the committee at the Carolina Hotel, next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Mr. C. A. George, of Waynesville, will be present and present the facts of the situation to the committee.

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