

# The Jackson County Journal

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## Governor Hoey Will Make Address At Sylva High Commencement

Former Governor Clyde R. Hoey, one of the greatest living orators, will deliver the commencement address at Sylva High School, at the graduation exercises, to be held on May 20, according to a statement released by Mr. Louis Hair, the principal.

The exercises will begin at 8 o'clock in the evening. Miss Margaret Bird will deliver the salutatory. Miss Maxine Reagan, the valedictory, and Mrs. E. L. McKee will introduce Governor Hoey. The diplomas will be delivered by Superintendent Moses, and the medals will be awarded by Principal Hair.

The commencement exercises will begin at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, May 18, when the valedictory sermon will be delivered by Rev. George B. Clement, one of the most popular preachers who ever served in Sylva.

The Commencement play, "Little Clodhoppers", will be given on May 19, with a cast consisting of John Robert Dills, Geneva Frady, Maxine Reagan, David Thomas, Hilliard Revis, Kate Harris, and Dorothy Mae Ledford.

Class Day Exercises, in the form of a pageant, "The Gateway", will be given on May 20, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The characters in the pageant will be John Hyatt, Maxine Reagan, Nannie Sue Hedden, Helen Jones, Robert Ferguson, Walter Warren, Roy Ensley, Dorothy Dalton, Catherine Cogdill, Ibez Howell, Betty Stafford, Agnes Wilson, Kathleen McGinniss, Margaret Bird, Bertie Moore, Mary Catherine Monteith, Cordelia Allen, Annie Nell Brown, and Hadley Kilpatrick. Gail Martin and Charles Kilpatrick are the class mascots.

### Opportunities Are Found In Camps Of The CCC

The opportunities for boys to learn trades and prepare themselves for good jobs that are being offered by the Civilian Conservation Corps, were pointed out by Captain Miller, Mr. Rosser and their associates at Camp 411, to a group of Jackson County citizens, today. Training is given the boys in forestry, stone-cutting, automobile mechanics, carpentry and wood-working, bee culture, poultry raising, cooking, baking, and a number of other trades and avocations. Many boys who have completed their period of enrollment have gone into private employment at handsome wages.

Schools are maintained, beginning with the rudiments of reading, writing, and arithmetic, for those boys who have little or no education, and they go on up to the higher branches of the educational field.

Recreational facilities are varied and ample. The foods is excellent. Medical care is at hand, and good quarters are provided for the enrollees.

At the present time almost any boy within the 17 to 24 age limit who desires to do so can enroll in the C. C. C., for the enrollments have been falling off, due to the increase in employment, and the enlistment or induction of many young men into the armed forces.

Young men of those ages who have been turned down by the army because of minor physical defects or because of illiteracy, can enroll in the Civilian Conservation Corps. There the handicaps that kept them out of the army can be removed, in many cases.

There is room at the C. C. C. camp for many Jackson county boys, if they wish to enroll, it was pointed out.

Twenty-five chaperones and 666 co-eds from Stephens college, Columbia, Mo., recently made a tour of the west.

## Paper Mill Increases Output 60 Per Cent Through Expansion

As announced in The Journal of February 6, in which it was stated that "Expansion in the mill of the Sylva Paperboard Company will be made within the next few weeks", the capacity of the mill is expected to be stepped up approximately sixty per cent, at the completion of the expansion program now under way. The installation of machinery and certain alterations in the mill is now in progress. The cost of the expansion will reach about a quarter of a million dollars, it is stated, and the contracts for all the work have been awarded, and the personnel, some sixty men have already been employed.

It is believed that the alterations and installation of machinery will be completed by August 1.

There has been a steady increase in the volume of paperboard demanded from the mill for the past several months, and the quarter million dollar expansion was deemed necessary to care for the demands for the products of Sylva's paper mill.

## QUALLA

(By Mrs. J. K. Terrell)

A birthday dinner reception was given at the home of Rev. J. L. Hyatt, Sunday, in honor of Mr. C. P. Shelton and Mrs. J. L. Hyatt after services, Sunday, Rev. W. E. Andrews was a dinner guest at Mr. H. G. Ferguson's. He left for Concord in the afternoon, where he will spend the week, returning Saturday.

Married, on April 19, in Columbus, Ga., Miss Janey Reagan, of Qualla to Mr. James Giles, of Fort Benning, Ga.

Miss Maxine Reagan of Qualla is valedictorian and Miss Margaret Bird, of Qualla, salutatorian, of the graduating class of Sylva High School, this year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hughes spent the week end with relatives in Murphy.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hoyle visited relatives in Hayesville, Sunday.

Mrs. D. C. Hughes and children spent Tuesday with Mrs. Burton Bumgarner.

Mrs. Ottmer Rhoem, of Hayesville is visiting Qualla relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kinsland spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Hubert Blanton.

It was announced Sunday that Dr. Godsey of Asheville will preach at Olivet next Sunday afternoon.

It was also announced that there will be a Mother's Day programme at the Baptist church, next Sunday morning.

Mrs. J. H. Hughes wishes to express, through The Journal, her heartfelt thanks to her many friends for their kindness, help, and sympathy to herself and family, during her recent serious illness, from which she is slowly recovering, at this writing.

## Students Will Enter Contest Next Wednesday

Three girls and three boys will enter the declamation and recitation contest, next Wednesday evening, May 14, for the Gertrude Dills McKee Medal.

The medal is supplied by Mrs. McKee and is presented each year at commencement time, by the B. H. Cathey Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The exercises will be held at the elementary school auditorium, beginning at eight o'clock, and the public is invited. Several numbers will be sung by the High School Glee Club, and the minuet will be danced by a group of high school students.

## John Wilson Heads Student Body At Western Carolina

Cullowhee, April 7, (Special)—Johnny Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Wilson of Sylva, was elected, Wednesday, by a large majority of the student body to be president of next year's student government at Western Carolina Teachers College. Mr. Wilson, an incoming senior, has attended Western Carolina for the last three years, and is a major in business education. During the last two years he has been an active member of the student senate and has served this year as vice-president of the student government. Last week, in another election, he was chosen by the student body to be business manager of the college year book, "The Catamount".

Charles Guy Reed of Sylva was elected editor-in-chief of The Catamount, the college annual.

Senators chosen to serve next year with President Wilson from the incoming senior class are: Frankie Collins, Canton; Carlton Wells, Murphy; and John Jordan, Murphy; from the junior class, Charles Frazier, Canton; Jack Roberts, Jupiter; and Bill Hardy, Sylva; and from the sophomore class, Nell Scott, Cherokee, and Paul Sutton, Sylva.

Catherine Creasman of Oteen, was elected editor-in-chief of "The Western Carolinian", college newspaper; and Marion Arnold, of Seville, Florida, its business manager.

## Ten Draftees To Be Called May 28

A call has been received by the Jackson County Selective Service Board for ten men, to go to Fort Bragg on May 28, A. J. Dills, chairman of the Board reported today.

The men will report of the Board in Sylva and transportation by bus will be furnished to Fort Bragg.

It was reliably reported in Army circles today that July 1 will be set as the date for the registration of the approximately one million young men who have become of age since October, when the youth of the nation was enrolled for selective service. It is stated that the men who register at that time will be called into active service within a few months after registration.

## GIBSON REELECTED MAYOR OF SYLVA

H. Gibson, Sr., was reelected mayor of Sylva, for a third term, and W. J. Fisher, W. T. Wise, S. A. Carden, Walter L. Jones, and W. E. Grindstaff were elected aldermen, at the municipal election held Tuesday. They were the democratic nominees. There were no opposition candidates. Eighty-six citizens of the town cast their ballots.

Two new members of the board of aldermen were elected. They are Mr. Grindstaff and Mr. Carden. Mr. Fisher, Mr. Wise, and Mr. Jones are member of the present board.

Charles M. Reed is expected to be reelected as town clerk, and it is believed that Chief of Police Middleton and Patrolman John O'Kelly will hold their posts on the police force.

## Three Negroes Will Go To Fort Bragg May 22

Hilliard Norman, Andy Coward Jr., and Ellard Eugene Riley, three Negro volunteers, will leave Sylva on May 22 at 7:30 in the morning, to begin their one year's training as selectees in the United States Army.

This county's quota of Negro selectees has been filled by volunteers, and there are other Negroes on the waiting list, according to A. J. Dills, chairman of the Selective Service Board.

## Western Union Office Becomes Relay Station

Sylva's Western Union Telegraph office, of which Mrs. J. D. Moore is the manager, is being enlarged, so as to become the relay station for all Western Union Offices west of Sylva. It is stated that four operators will be employed through the year, and additional ones will be utilized during the tourist season.

A duplex machine, through which messages can be sent and received at the same time, and three straight printers, are being installed, to care for the business originating in the Sylva office, and coming through from Murphy, Andrews, Bryson City, Utah, and Highlands.

Telephone lines have been leased, over which the Utah and Highlands messages will come, it is stated.

## Lackey Tells Rotarians Of Plans Of Council

The Sylva Rotary Club at its meeting Tuesday night, heard Garland Lackey in a talk on "Jackson County's Part in National Defense". Mr. Lackey explained the purpose and aims of the recently-organized Jackson County Worker's Council. He said that the Worker's Council is composed of those connected with the various governmental agencies in Jackson county, such as the WPA, NYA, FCA, etc., and that it is the aim of the council to do everything possible to aid National Defense.

Mr. Lackey stated that it has been agreed that one of the best ways in which Jackson county can aid in the National Defense program is to increase its crops, and that 2,200 cards have been sent out to farm families in the county, asking that they raise at least 75 per cent of their food and feed. More than 400 have already responded affirmatively, Mr. Lackey said.

The only guest at the meeting, Edgar A. Poynton, of Washington D. C., who is the director of construction in the Indian Service, was called on for a short talk. Mr. Poynton said that, due to the Defense Program, Washington is working at fever heat, and that government employees are answering the call of their country 100 per cent.

Mr. Poynton spoke very highly of the people and of the scenic beauty of this section.

Bill Ensor, secretary of the club, who had a birthday last week, was toasted by Jack Walters.

## Will Give Mother's Day Program At Cullowhee

A program committee, composed of L. A. Buchanan, Glen Hughes, Lyda Caldwell, and R. D. Phillips, has arranged a Mother's Day program for Cullowhee Baptist church.

Rev. P. L. Elliott will preside at the meeting; and the following program will be carried out: Song, congregation. Offering and announcements. Golden Key Quartette. Scripture Reading, P. L. Elliott. Golden Key Quartette. Address, by the pastor Rev. Fred Forester. Song, congregation. Prayer.

## Former Sylva Boy Is Mayor Of Bryson City

E. H. (Bill) Moody was elected mayor of Bryson City, over a field of four candidates, in the municipal election, on Tuesday. The runner-up was Kelly E. Bennett, druggist and former state senator.

Mr. Moody is a son of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Moody of Sylva, and operates Moody's Funeral Home in Bryson City. He moved from Sylva to Bryson City a few years ago.

Sophomores at Stratford college recently staged a fashion show to bolster class funds.

## Mrs. Evans Goes To Buncombe After 14 Years Here

It was learned today that Mrs. Harry Evans has been chosen as Home Demonstration Agent for Buncombe County, and that she expects to leave Sylva about May 31, to assume her duties there.

Mrs. Evans has lived in Jackson county for the past 19 years, and has served as home demonstration agent here during 14 years of that time. She is popular throughout the county, and is known by the Extension Service as one of the best, if not the very best home agent in North Carolina. Her wide acquaintance in the county and her intimate knowledge of its possibilities, its problems, and its needs, coupled with her unusual ability in her field, will make her place difficult to fill. However, it is stated that the extension service and the county are in communication with a young woman who is adequately prepared to take up the work.

During the past few years, more than one attempt has been made by Buncombe authorities to secure Jackson county's home agent; but Mrs. Evans has heretofore turned down all offers. But, at this time, Mrs. Evans accepted, at the insistence of the State College Extension Service and because of the fact that her husband, an employee of the Southern Railway System, is stationed at Asheville.

The county authorities and the people of the county will regret exceedingly to lose Mrs. Evans as the County Home Agent, it was stated in Sylva today.

## D. D. Wall Dies After Short Illness

D. D. Wall, a resident of Jackson County for several years, died, April 14, in the Angel hospital, at Franklin, following a short illness.

Funeral services were conducted in the Speedwell Methodist church, of which he was a member, with Rev. J. C. Gentry officiating. He was well known and held in high esteem by his many friends.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Cora Wall, five children, Edley, Fate, Kenneth and Dorothy, all of Speedwell; Mrs. Robert Lemming, of Franklin; one grand-daughter, and four brothers, Will John and Charlie, of Trenton, Georgia; and Daufus Wall, of Andrews.

Honorary pallbearers were: Dr. Edgar Angel, Messrs. J. R. Hooper, W. A. Hooper, Sam Buchanan, Z. V. Watson, Mac Pressley, Robert Shelton, Gola Ferguson, Edward Bryson, R. M. Bryson, Shirley Wilson and Dr. D. D. Hooper. Glenn Funeral Home was in charge of the funeral arrangements and interment was in the family cemetery.

## Former Sylva Pastor Passes In Asheville

Rev. J. W. Kesterson, former pastor of the Sylva Baptist church, died in an Asheville hospital, Tuesday night, at the age of 66. Funeral services were conducted from the First Baptist church of Hendersonville, Thursday afternoon at 3:30.

Mr. Kesterson had a large circle of friends in Sylva and Jackson county. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Looney Cowan Kesterson; two sons, Jeter and Napoleon Kesterson, and two granddaughters.

Relatives from here who attended the funeral were, Mrs. F. M. Crawford, Mr. L. D. Cowan, Miss Mildred Cowan, and Miss Helen Cowan.

## SATURDAY IS BANK HOLIDAY

Saturday, May 10, being Confederate Memorial Day, and a legal holiday in North Carolina, The Jackson County Bank will be closed all day, officials announce.

## Caney Fork Plans Rural Electrification; Survey Being Made This Week

### Preparedness Day Patriotic Meeting To Be Tuesday

With the general theme of, "The Battle For Freedom", a preparedness day program for Jackson county has been planned by the Committee for the Defense of America. In the afternoon, at 4 o'clock, the college Glee club, and the college band, under direction of Mr. Tracy and Mrs. Gully, will give an open air concert in Sylva.

Following that a great mass meeting will be held at the auditorium at Cullowhee. Mrs. E. L. McKee will speak on, "The Battle of the American Home"; B. C. Moss, on "The Battle of Youth", and Dr. Parker, on "The Battle of Christianity".

A number of selections will be presented by the glee club and the band.

### Farm Families Must Produce More Food

It was pointed out at the meeting of the Jackson County Defense Committee, Monday afternoon, that there is great need for the families in this county to produce more of their own foods and feeds than has been done for the past few years. The County Agent's Office has sent out letters to many families asking their co-operation in the defense effort by producing at least seventy-five per cent of the food consumed by the family. The committee is anxious to have the cards returned at once, enrolling as many families as possible in the defense campaign.

Those families that have been receiving foods from the surplus commodities stores are being encouraged to plant gardens, raise poultry and hogs, and in every way possible relieve the necessity for continuing to apply to the commodities rooms for any articles of food that they can produce at home on the farms or gardens. It is deemed imperative that families become self-contained, or as nearly so as possible as soon as they can, not only for their own security and health, but from patriotic motives.

All farm families are being urged to produce a large per cent of their foods and to store up the foods and feeds.

Great Britain is already calling upon the United States for pork, poultry products, and other foods, and it is planned to increase the production of poultry and eggs by at least fifteen per cent in the United States during the current year.

That by producing more foods and feeds the rural population can make a great contribution to National Defense, it is pointed out by the Department of Agriculture.

Charts showing the normal food requirements for a family of five, and how to produce those foods and conserve them, in the interest of the family health, are available at the office of the county agent.

The committee in Jackson county is composed of representatives from the Board of Commissioners, the Board of Education, the County Agent's Office, the Home Demonstration Agent, the Health Department, the Welfare Department, Farm Security Administration, The Jackson County Journal, The American Legion, and the civic clubs.

### THANKS AND APPRECIATION

We wish to thank our many friends for their great sympathy and kindness shown us in our recent bereavement of our loved one, who is gone, and for the beautiful floral offering.

Mrs. W. E. Reed and Edwin.

Citizens of Caney Fork township have been making plans and are working toward electrification of the farms of the township, under the Rural Electrification Authority, it was learned, this week. The plans have reached the point where, it is stated, it is assured that they will go through.

Mr. J. C. Moore, of the R. E. A. is in the county making a survey of the situation, and it is thought that the plans include hooking up at the top of the Balsam mountains, with the North Pigeon project, which has been in successful operation for several months, and with the Glouster project, over in Transylvania, through Canada township. If the plan matures as it is being mapped out, it is probable that Canada will also be included in the project, it is stated.

The Upper Pigeon people obtain their power through connection with the Carolina Power Company, it is understood. If the Caney Fork and Canada projects mature, and if the power comes through the same source as that in Pigeon and Glouster, there will be three power companies furnishing electricity in Jackson County.

The Dillsboro and Sylva Electric Light Company was the pioneer in this county, beginning operations in Sylva, Dillsboro, and the surrounding communities many years ago. That company still serves the territory in which it began operating, and has extended its lines to serve other communities in this part of the county.

The Nantahala Power Company, owner of the Glenville project, serves most of the central and southern parts of the county.

It is understood that the plans for Caney Fork and Canada are for the power to come from the Carolina Power Company, whose lines now come to Balsam, in this county, and are the source of the power distributed in upper Pigeon, in Haywood, and Glouster, in Transylvania.

## W. N. C. Fruit Crop Expected To Be Large

That Jackson county and Western North Carolina will have one of the best fruit years in all our history, is being freely predicted by farmers and experts.

The bloom on all trees and bushes, berry vines and the like is more profuse this year than it has been in many; and the bloom on most fruits is so far along in this county that a heavy frost would do little damage. It would take a freeze to do material damage.

The need for more foods and feeds to be produced and canned, is being stressed by the governments of State and nation, and the people of this county are making preparations to can unusually large amounts of the fruit and berry crops that are promised in such profusion.

Perhaps there are few places where the women on the farms and in the homes do more canning than in Western North Carolina, in normal years, and the people of the county are expected to largely increase their usual output of canned fruits, berries, and vegetables this year.

### SONG SERVICE TO BE HELD AT METHODIST CHURCH

The evening service at the Sylva Methodist church, at 8 o'clock Sunday, will consist of a song service, led by Mr. Felix A. Luck. The public is invited.

### TOURING THE WEST

Mr. and Mrs. Grayson Cope, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Giles, Miss Kathryn Sutton, and Miss Edith Alley left Sunday for a tour of the west, carrying them as far west as California.