

# The Jackson County Journal

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## Tuckasegee Baptist Women's Union To Hold Meeting Here Thursday

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Tuckasegee Baptist Association will meet in the annual session, at the Baptist church, on next Thursday.

The general theme for the meeting will be "Our Continuing Task" and the program will begin at 10:00 o'clock, with a devotional service, led by Mrs. Leonard Allen, who will use the sixty-seventh Psalm for the basis of the service.

Greetings from the Sylva women will be extended by Mrs. Hugh E. Monteith, with the response by Mrs. Kate Bryson, of the Glenville society.

The Superintendent's report will be given by Mrs. Charles L. Allison and this report will be followed by reports by the presidents of the various societies in the Tuckasegee Union.

Mrs. D. G. Bryson will bring the report on the Hundred Thousand Club, and Stewardship; Mrs. Lucy Crawford that on Mission Study; Mrs. Kate Bryson on Personal Service; Mrs. G. C. Teague, on the Louisville Training School and the Margaret Fund and students.

Special music, by Mrs. John R. Jones.

Missionary Address, Mrs. W. H. Tipton, of China.

Lunch will be served by Sylva ladies, in the basement of the church.

The afternoon program will open with devotional, by Mrs. W. N. Cook, of the Webster society. The devotional will be followed by an open conference, led by a worker from the Baptist State Convention.

The program which will follow the conference will be presented by the young people's organizations of the Union and will begin with a report on the Girls' Auxiliary House Party, at Ridgecrest; Kent Coward will give the report on the Royal Ambassadors' Camp, at Ridgecrest; and the report on the Young Woman's Auxiliary Camp at Ridgecrest will be given by Miss Edna Allen. This feature of the program will be followed by special music by the Young Woman's Auxiliary of the Cullowhee church, and the closing event will be a playlet, "We Learned About Anniversaries from Grandmother," presented by the Girls' Auxiliary of the Sylva church.

## MERIT EXAM DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED IN ABOUT A MONTH

Definite dates for the merit system examinations for welfare, unemployment compensation and health workers in North Carolina will be announced within the next 30 days, probably being set for sometime in August and September, Dr. Frank T. de Vyver, merit system supervisor said this week.

Examinations will be given for positions ranging from typist clerks and junior general clerks to the various professional positions in state and local offices operating under the N. C. Unemployment Compensation Commission, the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, the State Commission for the Blind, and the State Board of Health.

The tests will be given on a competitive basis and will be open to all North Carolina residents who meet the minimum qualifications of training and experience set up for each position.

Examinations for professional positions will be given separately for each agency, but clerical tests will be given all at one time.

Dr. de Vyver said it is still too early to specify exact dates for examinations and any rumors concerning dates should not be regarded seriously.

## Young Men Will Go To Fort Bragg On June Twenty-Sixth

Eighteen young men from this county have been ordered by the selective service board to report in Sylva at 9 o'clock on June 26, to proceed to Fort Bragg to begin their year's training in the United States Army. They are: Charles Glenn Painter, Samuel Charles Buchanan, James Lee Reed, Frank Watson, Lewis Cochran, Sam Clark Hollifield, T. C. Lee Clemmons, George Clyde Cope, William Grady Wilson, John Buchanan, Jesse Robert Brown, Bob Vernon Henry, William Clyde Haynie, Ernest Beauford Simpson, Billy Herbert Teague, Algine Lee Green, John Raymond Hennessee (Tennessee), Carl Harry Keener, (California).

## Mrs. Keener Is Dead At Ninety-One Years

Mrs. Mary Jane Keener, 91 year old widow of E. A. Keener, Confederate veteran and well known citizen of the county, died Tuesday afternoon at the home of her son, Pendleton Keener, in Qualla. Funeral services were held at three o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home with her pastor, Rev. William Andrews, officiating. Interment was in the Thomas cemetery.

Before her marriage, Mrs. Keener was Miss Mary Jane Battle. For many years, and as long as she was able to attend the services, she was an active member of the Methodist church.

Mrs. Keener is survived by three sons, Pendleton Keener and James Keener, of Qualla, and Sevier Keener, of Whittier; two daughters, Mrs. A. J. Franklin, of Bryson City, and Mrs. Charles Sweed, of Wallace, N. Y.; by 15 grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

## ROTARIANS HEAR REV. A. P. RATLEDGE

The Rev. A. P. Ratledge, pastor of the Sylva Methodist church, addressed the Sylva Rotary club, of which he is a member, at its meeting Tuesday night on "Syria".

The Rev. Mr. Ratledge made a trip through the Holy Land several years ago and besides discussing the geography and history of this country so much in the news today, he told of his journey in Syria. His descriptions of the various places in Syria were very vivid, especially that of Damascus, the details of which are not often available. He pointed out that Damascus has seen the rise and fall of every important nation in the world.

R. U. Sutton, president of the club, announced that ladies' night would be observed and the installation of recently elected officers will take place at High Hampton on Thursday night, June 26.

E. J. Duckett, a former member, was welcomed back into the club at this meeting.

In the absence of Jaek Walters, whose duty it is to bring to the attention of the club the birthdays of the various members, Thomas A. Cox read a toast to Arthur Weidlich, whose birthday occurred last week.

Guests at the meeting were J. L. Hair, Sr., father of Louis Hair; Dr. C. M. Hooper, son of Dr. Delos Hooper; Charlie Bird, son of W. E. Bird; and a Rotarian from Oilira, Ohio, Herman Dotter.

## Scout, 15, Does A Man-Size Job Handling Traffic In Night Storm

Taking up his post among sagging street-lighting poles and live wires which were being torn down by a night storm, Roger Martin, 15-year-old Sea Scout, of Coffeyville, Kansas, warned away pedestrians, took charge of traffic and carried on until police could relieve him of the job.

Young Martin had been attending a Scout meeting and was bound for home on his bicycle, bucking the violent wind and rain. Suddenly he saw ahead of him the dim outlines of light poles, leaning at sharp angles over the street. He pulled his flashlight out of his rain-soaked pocket, pressed the switch, and came to a sudden stop.

He stopped none too soon. Wires from one pole were at about the height of his head and only three feet away. Even as he stood surveying the situation, the water-soaked ground let the pole tip lower and lower. It settled down until the wires were only waist high.

Knowing that the men at a nearby refinery were about to change shifts, young Martin picked his way around the wreckage, raced for home, and there sent an S.O.S. to the electric lighting company and the police. Then he ran back and began warning away pedestrians and traffic. He was in constant danger from loosening



Roger Martin

poles and wires swinging in the wind. "The rain was coming down in sheets," Martin said, "and without a bright light I would not have seen the wires until I was right among them. Then, when I had to do the traffic job, I didn't know how long my light would hold out, it was so battered and old. It was getting well soaked, too, by the rain. But it had batteries in it that were fresh so it worked just as well as a brand-new one."

Two poles were overhanging the street before a car with police officers could get to the scene.

## Grand Jury Indicts Coggins And Son On Murder Charge

The grand jury brought in a bill of indictment, charging John Coggins and Wilbur Coggins with the murder of David Wall, who died in the Angel Hospital in Franklin, on April 14.

Wall, a saw mill operator, is survived by his widow and five children all of whom live at Speedwell. The State alleges that his death was due to injuries inflicted by the two men who are indicted.

John and Wilbur Coggins posted a \$3,000 cash appearance bond, and were released. It is believed that the case will not come up for trial at this term of the court, because of a crowded docket.

## Mrs. Allman Dies Following Operation

Mrs. Arthur Allman, 54, died early Saturday morning in the local hospital, following an appendectomy. Funeral services were conducted at the Webster Baptist church, Sunday afternoon, by Rev. W. N. Cook and Rev. J. C. Gentry. Interment was in the Stillwell cemetery.

Mrs. Allman, a native of this county, has made her home at Webster since her marriage. She is survived by her husband, one son, Polk Allman, one grandson, James Allman; three brothers, Judson, James and Nelson Buchanan, and three sisters, Mrs. L. C. Estes, Mrs. Herschel Hall, and Mrs. Clingman Green.

## Dramatics Fraternity Organized At W. C. T. C.

Cullowhee, N. C. (Special)—The Theta Iota chapter of the Alpha Psi Omega, national honorary dramatics fraternity, was installed Friday night at Western Carolina Teachers College. Miss Mabel Tyree, director of dramatics, faculty sponsor for the chapter, presided at the installation services at which eleven members were installed. Those becoming members were: Lee Miller, Cullowhee; Jean Bennett, Bryson City; John Winkle, Bryson City; Mary Kathryn Gardner, Asheville; Mary Delle Davis, Andrews; Marion Arnold, Seville, Florida; John Jordon, Murphy; Buck Hunt, Cullowhee; Ray Cowan, Green's Creek; Ruth Coggins, Swannanoa; and Joe Crowell, Hoquain, Washington.

Officers for next year are: John Jordon, cast director; Ray Cowan, stage manager; and Marion Arnold, business manager.

## Commerce Body Plans Billboard Advertising

John R. Jones, manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, states that there has been a liberal response to the call for funds with which to carry on the work of the chamber, by the people who have been called upon.

The chamber is planning to erect four boards directing people here, in the immediate future. One will be erected near Gatlinburg, one beyond Waynesville, one below Franklin, and one near Clemson College, according to a decision made by the board of directors. A committee composed of W. R. Enloe, Cole Cannon, and R. U. Sutton, has been appointed to have the bill boards painted and erected.

Mr. Jones states that large numbers of tourists are coming through Sylva, and that many of them are stopping at the information booth each day to inquire about Sylva and Jackson county.

## Walter Jackson Heads Grand Jury

Walter Jackson was appointed foreman of the grand jury serving at the June term of Jackson County Superior Court, by Judge A. Hall Johnston, Monday morning.

The members of the grand jury are: L. B. Nation, George Norman, Elbert Coward, Earl Sutton, N. C. Brown, Lewis Ashe, Lambert Melton, Alvin Fullbright, John H. Hooper, J. P. Bumgarner, Lyle Jones, K. Howell, Howard Wood, Wesley Harris, John W. Ashe B. E. Harris, and E. P. Wike.

## MACK HOOPER GETS DOCTOR'S DEGREE

Atlanta, Ga.—Charles McDowell Hooper, of Sylva, was one of the 400 seniors receiving degrees Saturday afternoon, June 7, in Emory University's streamlined commencement exercises. Hooper received the degree of doctor of medicine.

Emory's commencement program this year departed from tradition by compressing the entire exercises into two days, featuring no formal baccalaureate address, and holding the exercises outdoors in the new amphitheater on the campus. Attention was focused on the graduates instead of the speakers and a brief charge from Dr. Harvey W. Cox, president of the University, was the only address before degrees were conferred.

Dr. and Mrs. D. D. Hooper and Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Hooper went to Atlanta to be present for the graduation exercises.

## Mrs. Martin Dies At Qualla Home On Wednesday

Mrs. Eliza Gibbs Martin died yesterday morning at her home in Qualla, following a lingering illness, at the age of 86.

The funeral will be held this morning at Shoal Creek Methodist Church, with Rev. William Andrews, the pastor, and Rev. J. L. Hyatt officiating. Interment will be in the Camp Ground cemetery.

Mrs. Martin is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Selma Cathey, Whittier; Mrs. Clara Hampton and Mrs. Gracie Fox, Tacoma, Wash.; three sons, Grady H. Martin and Clarence Martin, of Qualla, and Claude Martin, of Washington state; by twenty-five grand children, 14 great-grand children; one sister, Mrs. Dona Green, Flat Rock; and one brother, Andy Gibbs, of Union, S. C.

## Old Webster School Condemned By Court

The grand jury recommended that the old Webster school building be locked and not used for school purposes because of its dangerous condition, in the report filed yesterday before Judge Johnston. The judge immediately ordered the building locked and forbade its use until it is repaired and placed in safe condition. Judge Johnston remarked that this is the second grand jury that has condemned the old building. There is one of the best school buildings in this part of the State at Webster, completed only a few years ago; but the old building is used for overflow, and for the teaching of some subjects.

The report directed to Judge Johnston, and signed by Walter Jackson, said: We, as a committee, visited the county home, found plenty of provisions on hand, inmates well cared for, everything clean and sanitary. We recommend that a new tool shed be built, and also a screened porch at the kitchen. We, as a committee, also visited the old Webster School house and recommended that it be locked from future use, and ask that the court order this to be done, if possible.

We find all offices in the court house in good condition, also records well kept. We find court room in good condition.

We visited the prison camp at Whittier and find it in good condition and prisoners well cared for.

We find the jail in good condition, except the back porch needs screen repaired.

## JOHN R. JONES

Says: "I am getting fine cooperative response in a financial way from the business and professional men of the town and county. We plan to get some real effective advertising done immediately. We have the roads, the climate, the scenery, the power, educational facilities, including one of the best colleges in the State; and dozens of other things to offer, which should make us proud that we live in Jackson county. A quitter never wins and a winner never quits. Let's Go!"

## WILL BEGIN REVIVAL

Revival services will begin at the Sylva Baptist church, with Rev. W. C. Reed doing the preaching. Mr. Reed, a native of Sylva township, has hundreds of friends in the county. He has been pastor of Baptist churches here and served as principal of Sylva High School for several years. He is now principal of Ball's Creek School, in Catawba county, one of the largest rural high schools in the State.

He will assist the pastor, Rev. G. C. Teague, in conducting the meeting.

Mr. Ed Powell of Gastonia will lead the singing.

## Grover King Enters Plea Of Guilty; Draws Twelve To Fourteen Year Term

## Grow American Ad Of The Journal Is Sent Over Nation

The "Grow American" advertisement, appearing in The Jackson County Journal of May 8 has been sent to all parts of the United States by the Defense Committee and the Department of Agriculture, according to a letter received by County Agent G. R. Lackey.

The advertisement was sponsored by The Jackson County Bank, The Sylva Supply Company, Allison Motor Company and Builders' Supply and Lumber Company. Photostatic copies of it were made by the authorities in Washington, and were sent to newspapers and farm and home agents in all parts of the United States.

One of the photostatic copies is posted in the window of the Radio Shop in Sylva.

## Funeral Held For George E. Ensley

Funeral services for George Edward Ensley, 19-year-old Sylva boy, who died in the Community Hospital, following an accident at the plant of the Sylva Paperboard Company, were conducted Sunday at Scott's Creek Baptist church with Rev. H. S. Hensley, the pastor, and Rev. Thad F. Deitz officiating.

The young man, a graduate of the Sylva High School this year, was crushed while working for the Chillicothe Realty Company, contractors for the expansion of the plant and installation of machinery. He was injured on Wednesday and died on Friday.

Active pall bearers were his cousins: Weaver Allen, Craig Campbell, J. T. Ensley, Carroll Bryson, Glenn Ward, Jr. Avery Ensley, Ralph Bumgarner, and Guy Ensley.

The young man is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bedford Ensley, of Beta, by one brother, Lloyd Ensley, and three sisters, Lucille, Ruby, and Audrey Ensley.

## TWENTY-SIX JACKSON PEOPLE GET DEGREES

Cullowhee, N. C. (Special)—Of the hundred and twenty-three graduates who received their bachelor of science degrees Monday, June 9, at the fifty-second commencement of Western Carolina Teachers College twenty-six of them were from Jackson County. Ten of this number were from Sylva; seven from Cullowhee, three from Whittier, two from Glenville, one from Webster, one from Speedwell, one from Dillsboro, and one from Green's Creek.

The ten graduates from Sylva are Frank M. Crawford, Miller Edwards, Maude Ensley, Edith Garrett, Nimmo Geisler, Mary Henson, Beatrice Stein, Hattie Hilda Sutton, Susie Belle Tatham, and Hicks Wilson.

Students from Cullowhee who received degrees were Denver Bryson, Muriel Bryson, Ella Mae Moss, Reva Painter, Geneva Ramsey, Ruth Smith, and Kathryn Brown Wells.

From Whittier, the three graduating were Grady Galloway, Charles McLaughlin, and Louise Varner.

The two graduates from Glenville were Viola B. Bryson, and Melba Fowler Simpson.

Iris Holden was the sole graduate from Speedwell; Gladys Winstead Watson was the one graduate from Dillsboro; Bernice Cowan was the only graduate of Green's Creek and Mary Bridgers Cowan the only one from Webster.

**BULLETIN**  
Grover King entered a plea of guilty of manslaughter, in superior court, this morning, and was sentenced to serve not less than 12 nor more than 15 years in the State's prison, after Judge Johnston heard the evidence.

The court ordered a special venire of 10 men to appear in court this morning for the trial of Grover King, young white man from Barker's Creek on the charge of the murder of John Harley McDowell, Sylva Negro. McDowell was shot to death in Sylva, on the morning of Sunday, November 17, last. A true bill was found against King at the February term of the superior court, and the case was continued to the present term. King has been under bond since that time.

Judge A. Hal Johnston, of Asheville is holding the term of court, and Solicitor John M. Queen is prosecuting for the State.

Fred McCoy, Jr. and Thomas Tolley, two Sylva young men drew the longest terms that have been handed out at the present term, so far. Judge Johnston sentenced each of them to the State Prison for terms of from seven to ten years, on charge of breaking and entering, and larceny.

Guy Seagle was sentenced to five months, on an assault charge.

Fred Stuart drew a 60 days sentence for operating an automobile while intoxicated.

Richard Howell, Lewis Parks, and Howard Turpin were fined \$50 each for prohibition violation.

Garland Green, carrying concealed weapons, \$50 and costs. James A. Conley, operating an automobile while intoxicated, \$50 and costs, and drivers license revoked.

James A. Calloway, breaking and entering, and larceny, was sentenced to serve from three to five years; but the capias is to issue at any time within ten years. This means banishment from North Carolina for the next decade.

Annual Wheeler, prohibition violation, must serve six months if he comes back to Jackson County at any time within two years.

Claude Bryson, operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated, \$50 and costs, and license revoked.

Glenn Williams, hindering and delaying an officer in the discharge of his duties, \$75 and costs.

Walter Slatton, operating an automobile while intoxicated, suspended upon payment of \$50 and costs, and license revoked.

Burt Hensley, Alton Parris, Reuben Nations, and Arthur Settlemeyer, affray, Hensley to pay one-half the costs, and the others drew 40 days each.

## Public Vehicle Drivers Must Renew Licenses By Thirteenth Of June

G. L. Allison, State Driver's License Examiner stationed in this territory, has announced that he is now accepting applications for renewal of 1940-41 chauffeur's licenses.

Chauffeur's licenses, which are renewable annually, expire June 30. Such licenses are required of all persons employed for the principal purpose of driving passenger-carrying motor vehicles, and of every person who drives a motor vehicle as a public or common carrier of the property of others.

The minimum age for chauffeurs driving property-carrying vehicles is 18 years, and that for drivers of passenger-carrying vehicles is 21 years.