

The Jackson County Journal

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

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\$1.50 A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN JACKSON COUNTY

Two Murder Cases On Court Docket Beginning In Sylva Next Monday

Elijah Owen, held in Jackson county jail without bond since last July, will face a charge of murder in the death of his brother Wiley Owen, when superior court of Jackson county convenes at Sylva, next week. It has been intimated at the office of the prosecuting attorney that Owen will be tried for his life.

John Coggins and Wilburn Coggins are charged with the murder of D. D. Wall at a saw mill on Pine Creek, last April. They were released on a \$3,000 cash bond, pending trial.

There are twenty-nine cases of operating an automobile while intoxicated on the docket; seven larceny cases; 1 bigamy case; nine charges of violating the prohibition laws; two seduction cases; two cases of disturbing public worship, 2 affray cases. Two abandonment cases, no charges of forgery, one charge of public nuisance, two resist cases, six cases of simple assault, seven cases of assault, cases of assault with a deadly weapon, four charges of reckless driving, five for non-support, three of carrying concealed weapons, three of assault on a female, and two for f and a.

Judge Bobbett is scheduled to preside over the court, which is for the trial of both civil and criminal cases, and John M. Queen will prosecute the docket.

HOME AGENT GIVES SCHEDULE FOR WEEK

Miss Margaret Martin, Home Demonstration Agent for Jackson County, has announced her schedule for the week beginning next Monday, as follows:

Monday, in office; Tuesday, Cullowhee - Speedwell Home Demonstration Club, meeting at the home of Mrs. Frank H. Brown, at 2:00 P. M.; Wednesday, Addie Home Demonstration Club, at the home of Mrs. Dorcas Parris, at 2:00 P. M.; Thursday, Lovelade Home Demonstration Club, at the home of Mrs. Hester Henson, at 2:00 P. M.; Friday, Willets-Balsam Home Demonstration Club, at the home of Mrs. George Coward, at 2:00 P. M.; and Saturday, in office in Sylva.

C. ED ROBINSON DIES MONDAY IN CALIFORNIA

G. J. Robinson and other relatives here have been notified of the death, Tuesday, in Bakersfield, California, of Cecil Edward Robinson. Mr. Robinson, a native of this county, has been in California for some time. He was a veteran of the World War.

Relatives here have issued instructions for his body to be returned to Sylva for interment.

PRESIDENT HUNTER VISITS ROTARIANS

Cullowhee, (Special) H. T. Hunter, president of Western Carolina Teachers and governor of the ninety-first district of Rotarians this week visited Rotarians in Gaffney, S. C. Granite Falls and Hickory. At Hickory where Senator Pepper of Florida and Mr. Hunter were guests at a reception, Mr. Hunter spoke on the subject, "My Privilege as a Rotarian," and Senator Pepper talked on the world crisis. During his visit to Hickory Mr. Hunter also enjoyed a party at the lake and golfing with fellow Rotarians.

NEGRO ATTACKS WHITE CHILD IN BARN NEAR HERE

Charley Bryson, 18 year old Negro, of near Webster, is being held in the Jackson county jail, charged with an attempted assault upon a four year old white girl of a prominent Jackson county family.

The attempted attack occurred at a barn upon a farm belonging to the little girl's family, last week. It is stated that the cries of the child brought a white boy to the scene, and he drove the Negro away.

The little girl told her mother about the affair and the Negro was promptly arrested and placed in jail to await trial at the term of superior court, which begins next week.

Few people in the county knew of the affair, or that the Negro had been arrested upon such a charge.

TWENTY ONE TO GO TO FT. BRAGG OCTOBER TENTH

Twenty one young Jackson men will leave on October 10 for Fort Bragg to begin their training in the United States army, according to information released today from the Jackson County Selective Service Board.

The twenty-one men are, Claud R. L. Callahan, George B. Sloan, Jr., Frederick Eugene Deitz, Joe Columbus Higdon, James Paul Davis, Hayes Ray Connor, Riddell Jasper Breedlove, Virgil M. Humphrey, Edgar Dale Norton, Carl Winford Mashburn, Alvin Elwood Smith, Frank William Sherrill, James Pink Cagle, Ransie Lambert Mathis, Carl McDonald Brooks, Fred Homer Sims, Frank Hayes Bumgarner, John Mitchell Cabe, Ira Wood, Harvey Earl Higgins, Paul Roscoe Painter. Of these Sloan, Breedlove, Bumgarner, Cabe, Wood, Higgins and Painter are volunteers.

They will leave by bus at 7 o'clock next Friday morning.

QUALLA INVENTORY

All the nation's state motor vehicle registration agencies are conducting an inventory of trucks and buses for possible emergency use.

Dellwood Park Route To Be Built Before No. 19

That the cut off from Lake Junaluska to Dellwood, providing a short route to the Great Smoky Mountains from Asheville will be constructed, and the plan for widening Highway 19 through Waynesville and Sylva will be carried out as soon as funds and material can be made available, was about the gist of what Highway Commissioner Percy B. Ferree told a group of citizens representing chambers of Commerce from Waynesville, Bryson City, and Sylva, at a conference in his office, on Monday morning.

Mr. Ferree stated that a survey had been ordered from Canton to Dellwood so that the cut off road that is to be constructed in the near future will be properly and permanently located. The whole plan calls for a road from Canton through Dellwood to Soco Gap and thence to Cherokee, which will leave Waynesville and Sylva, and intervening points, as well as that part of Jackson county from Sylva to Cherokee, off the short route east and west from and to the park. Mr. Ferree expressed himself as being tremendously interested in the development of the whole park area, and stated that the money for all this work should not properly be charged to the division, but to the State funds as a whole. Included in the plan, he stated, is the widening of the present Highway 19; but he also stated that defense work will probably delay that construction for some time. Only such stretches as can be done will have to be taken care of he stated, and in the meantime the engineering work will be completed so that the work can go ahead when the proper time comes for the expenditure of money on large scale construction.

AS WORLD EVENTS UNFOLD

By DAN TOMPKINS

MASS MURDER of patriots in the occupied countries, especially Czechoslovakia, and waves of seething unrest throughout the continent, show just how the New Order is being received with jubilation by the populace of the countries upon whom it has been forced. Of course, the Germans say the executions are for the crime of treason, treason being opposition to the grand New Order.

WINTER WAR in Russia is admitted as the probability in Berlin. The Germans will drive as far toward the Caucasus as possible before the hard winter comes, and then consolidate their positions for a defensive warfare until spring comes again. Thus Germany would hold the vast and rich territory she has conquered during the present Russian campaign and be ready to drive further, if Hitler deems it expedient when the weather opens up again. In the meantime, he could release vast armies for blows, simultaneously, at Suez, Gibraltar, and

MR. CHURCHILL, speaking to the British Parliament, has stated that Hitler has sufficient man power and munitions with which to drive at all three of these points at once, if he wishes, and warns that the danger to Britain of an invasion has by no means passed. He, however, apparently believes that the greatest danger, when Hitler digs in for the winter in Russia, will be to the Mediterranean area, as he anticipates that this vital route of supply for the democracies will be attacked at Suez and through Spain at Gibraltar.

At the same time, he apparently believes that the African coast country will be the scene of major battles, as the Axis tries to take charge of both sides of the Mediterranean. The only weakness Mr. Churchill sees in the German armaments is in the air, not that there is any shortage of airplanes in the Axis, but rather that there is a scarcity of trained fliers to man them. Otherwise, Mr. Churchill sees the German strength as powerful as ever, and ready and able to strike in three directions at once.

THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC may be expected to flare up larger than ever when the winter calls an armistice on the Russian front. Then the Germans will renew their attacks upon shipping to the British, and America will be again drawn close to the scene of (Continued on page 2)

GLENVILLE DAM DEDICATION SET FOR THIS MONTH

Congressman Zebulon Weaver will be the principal speaker at the dedication of the Glenville dam, which will occur sometime the early part of this month, according to information from Mr. J. E. S. Thorpe, president of the Nantahala Power and Light Company.

The inauguration of the Glenville hydro-electric project will be held at the power house, and the program will include lunch at High Hampton Inn, a brief dedication ceremony, and a tour through the mountains to the Nantahala development, followed by dinner at High Hampton.

Other prominent speakers will be on the program, and men well-known in the State and Nation will be here for the ceremonies, it is understood.

STATE NEEDS MORE MILK AND EGGS

The North Carolina "order" under the nation's 1942 plan for record expansion of food output will be for less wheat but more milk and eggs, E. Y. Floyd, state AAA executive officer at State College, reports.

"Despite some recent, inconsistent reports about Britain having 'plenty' of food," Mr. Floyd says, "the British have left absolutely no doubt but that they need enormous supplies of all foods except wheat, and American agriculture has agreed to tackle the job of furnishing those supplies. Our own state job, with first emphasis on increasing egg and milk production, will be to boost the output of just about all foods by approximately 15 per cent."

North Carolina representatives of every U. S. Department of Agriculture agency, led by State College Extension and AAA men, started this week a campaign which will include visits to every farm in the state. The purpose of the farm visits will be to outline production needs to every farmer, analyze each farm's land and equipment and then to give the farmer a concrete 1942 plan under which the farm's food production can be expanded without excessive expense to the farmer.

Other "basic" food commodities which Tar Heel producers will be asked to "bear down on," Mr. Floyd adds, are beef and pork. North Carolina farmers have never produced sufficient supplies of milk, eggs, poultry, beef or pork to feed their own state's population. "That makes the need for increases doubly important," says the AAA leader.

"The 1942 food drive is strictly a voluntary proposition," Mr. Floyd declares, "and farmers will be asked to cooperate with the plan only after they have been shown why increases are needed and how their prices will be protected through the Summer of 1943 by government buying."

HOWELLS ENTERTAIN ENGLISH SEMINAR ON FRIDAY EVENING

Cullowhee, (Special) - Mr. and Mrs. James Howell entertained on Friday evening the members of the English Seminar at their apartment in Davies Hall. Mr. Howell, who had the paper for the evening, reviewed for the group Percy Van Dyke Shelly's book, "The Living Chaucer". Following the program a social hour was enjoyed and Mrs. Howell served refreshments.

Present for the meeting were Professor P. L. Elliott Dean W. E. Bird, Miss Mabel Tyree, Miss Anne Rabe, and Elbert C. Duckett, new teacher of freshman English.

Washington Confirms Power Shortage Holds Big Development Here

SINGING CONVENTION AT QUALLA WILL BE HELD NOVEMBER 2nd

Because of a conflict with the meeting of the annual Singing Convention to be held at Qualla on next Sunday, October 5, the Jackson County Central Singing Convention will not hold a meeting on that date, as has been previously announced.

Mr. R. G. Phillips, president of the Jackson County Central Singing Convention, says, in his announcement: "Due to the annual Singing Convention held at Qualla on the first Sunday in October, the Jackson County Central Singing Convention will not hold its monthly Singing Convention on this date, as announced heretofore, but will give way to the Qualla Convention, and will be glad to aid it in any way we can. But on the first Sunday in November we will hold our monthly convention with the Scott's Creek Baptist church, at 2 o'clock. All persons who can sing are invited, and those who would like to hear some good singing are asked to attend, and to tell others who, they think, would like to attend."

MRS. AMMON MADE DIETITIAN AT WCTC

Cullowhee, (Special) Mrs. L. A. Ammon of Cullowhee has just accepted at Western Carolina Teachers College, the position of dietitian, a vacancy made at the college recently by the resignation of Mrs. Daniel C. Tate, the former Miss Mary Elizabeth Maddux, who had for twelve years, held this position and had as well taught various courses in home economics.

Mrs. Ammon, for fourteen years a resident on the campus at the college, where her husband is manager of the college farm, is a native of Detroit, Michigan. She received her home economics training at Thomas Normal Training School in Detroit. For four years she was dietitian in the Tucson Indian Training School in Tucson, Arizona. Mr. and Mrs. Ammon are now occupying an apartment in Moore Dormitory.

MRS. D. M. HALL WILL PRESIDE AT MURPHY MEET

Mrs. David M. Hall, district president of the North Carolina Federated Clubs will preside at the annual district meetings, to be held in Murphy on October 14, beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning, eastern standard time.

The meeting will be held at the Methodist church in Murphy, and will close with a luncheon.

A number of Sylva women are planning to attend the meeting. On the program will be Mrs. P. R. Rankin, State president, Mrs. Clarence Beasley, second vice-president, and other prominent club women of the State.

RAISES 32 STACKS HAY

James T. Bryson of Green's Creek, has put up 32 stacks of fine hay this year, he reported to The Journal today. Mr. Bryson says that he believes the treatment of his land with lime and phosphate increased the hay production by thirty per cent.

PASTEURIZED

J. R. Powell, Fayetteville dairy farmer, has installed pasteurizing equipment to take care of milk from his 50 cows.

With the receipt of further information from Washington, it becomes more and more apparent that the lack of sufficient power to operate on a large scale is the principal thing that is holding up the immediate allocation of sufficient defense funds to erect a large mill near Sylva for the production of magnesium from olivine ores.

It is admitted that there is sufficient quantities of the mineral here to justify the expenditure. In fact it is believed by those informed upon such matters that the magnesium in this county that goes with the olivine ores constitutes the largest known deposit in the United States, if not in the world. We have mountains of magnesium in Jackson county.

It is also admitted that magnesium is one of the vital war materials, as vital as any. But, the difficulty appears to now be the reallocation of some 40,000 horse power of electric energy from the aluminum industry from plants already in operation to a new plant. A large part of the electric energy that is now being used in the aluminum industry in Tennessee is produced from the rivers in Western North Carolina. Soon other power will begin to flow to Tennessee from North Carolina, notably from the Glenville development and the Nantahala development, in Macon county. It is understood that the power from these projects, one of which is located in Jackson county will, to a large extent, go to Tennessee under the present allotment.

The problem of the magnesium plant near Sylva therefore appears to be either to find new sources of power, to the extent of 40,000 horse power, or the reallocation of that amount of power, to be ready for consumption here within approximately nine months.

In the meantime, Senator Bailey, Congressman Weaver and others in Washington, working along with the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, are trying to iron out all the difficulties that present themselves, in an effort to secure the magnesium plant for Jackson county. Dispatches from Raleigh state that Governor Broughton has asked for the reallocation of North Carolina power to the development of magnesium plants in Western North Carolina.

The Olivine Products Corporation has just been granted papers of incorporation by Secretary of State Thad Eure, for the purpose of going ahead with the development at Webster, Julius H. Gillis, Berte H. Gillis and M. Louise Buchanan are the incorporators.

Mr. Gillis and Mr. Pawel have been working at the plant at Webster for many months, and various experiments have been made and laboratory tests taken to prove the feasibility of the process they invented for extracting magnesium from the olivine ore. In fact magnesium sulphate is at present being produced commercially at the test plant at Webster. The Olivine Products Corporation has demonstrated to the OPM that they can produce magnesium sulphate, that the magnesium sulphate can be carried on through the process of magnesium chloride to metal magnesium, which is the essential war material, and that it can be produced in large quantities here cheaper than can be done elsewhere for the reason that the nickel by-product will reduce the cost of production of metal magnesium.

So, upon the power situation seems to hang the possibility of the erection of a \$16,000,000 magnesium plant near Sylva, which would permanently employ 3,000 men.