

The Jackson County Journal

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

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Glenville Dam Begins Making Electric Power For Alcoa Aluminum

Before a huge crowd of people from Jackson and adjoining counties, and notables from other states and from Australia, Governor J. M. Broughton pushed the button that started the machinery of the power house below Glenville turning, Monday afternoon.

A speakers stand was erected on the new lawn, and below the newly landscaped hillside. Bedecked with bunting, and with the flag of the United States at one end and that of North Carolina at the other, the speaker's stand rose above the crowd seated on the lawn. J. E. S. Thorpe, president of Nantahala Power and Light Company, was master of ceremonies. The principal address was by Governor Broughton, who was introduced by D. Hiden Ramsey. Other speakers were D. J. Bleifuss, engineer; S. K. Colby, vice-president of the Aluminum Company of America, and Sir Herbert Gepp, of Australia. Other notable visitors were Col. W. J. Tompkins and Mrs. Tompkins, of Washington, representing the United States Army Engineers, A. P. Hall, J. D. Van Deventer, S. A. Lauer, W. G. Bowman, H. W. Hunt, J. K. Keeg, R. O. Self, and L. V. Sutton. Each of these people represented power and light companies, the Aluminum Company, Allis-Chalmers, trade publications, or Utilities Commissions.

Preceding the ceremonies, a luncheon was served at High Hampton Inn, and following there was a reception at Pine Tops, the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. S. Thorpe, in Cashier's. Later a dinner was served at High Hampton, at which S. K. Colby, vice-president of the Aluminum Company was toastmaster. The new power house, using the waters from the Glenville dam, carried by penstock through the mountains, will generate 120,000,000 kilowatt hours of current per year, which goes to Alcoa, Tennessee, for the production of 12,000,000 pounds of aluminum each year.

SYLVA WILL TACKLE CANDLER HIGH HERE ON FRIDAY EVENING

(By Orville Coward)

Coach Huff will send his charges against the Candler high team, on the local field, Friday night. Candler is supposed to have a hard-hitting team, although Waynesville defeated Sylva last week, 34-6, our spirit is still alive. Coaches Huff and Watson have been stressing line work for this week's game. The Hurricane line is plenty heavy and hard-hitting. There wasn't an outstanding lineman from Sylva in last Friday's game. Sylva's backfield is a clicking machine, when it gets started rolling. Their practice has been concentrated mainly on line drives, this week.

The Sylva fans certainly followed the team last Friday. There were 100-150 Sylva fans in Waynesville, Friday night. The cheering section was very good.

Sylva has played four games this season, winning two and losing two. They still have five games to play.

Sylva did not take on Candler last season, but Coach Clyde Peek probably has a particular reason to beat Sylva, because of his four years' schooling in Jackson County.

When Candler comes over why not be on hand to see our boys try to avenge their recent defeat? The admission will be 15 cents and 35 cents, Friday 17th, at 7:30 p. m.

German invasion of Russia has cut Belgium's food supplies to a point which leaves a calorie deficit of 60 per cent among youths and adults in urban communities.

U. S. Building World's Finest Fighting Planes

The American aircraft industry is now turning out the finest fighting planes in the world, according to Robert A. Lovett, Assistant Secretary of War for Air.

This statement was borne out by Walter Leckrone, a writer for the Scripps-Howard newspapers, who made a lengthy survey of military aircraft production. He said America is building the "four fastest and deadliest fighting planes the world has ever seen."

Two of these new ships are the Bell Aircobra (the Army's P-39) and the Lockheed P-38.

The P-38 has been tested at speeds above 400 miles an hour and at an altitude of 15,000 feet. It mounts the heaviest armory of weapons ever carried by a light plane—eight machine guns and one 37 mm. cannon. A single shell from the cannon is powerful enough to blow an enemy aircraft out of the sky.

The P-38 was described by Air Secretary Lovett as "the fastest military plane in the world today." The Republic and the Curtiss plants are also building new interceptors and fighting ships.

The Army has four new types of bombing planes coming off the production lines. One of these is the Douglas A-20, which has a speed in excess of 300 miles and is said to be the best of its class in the world.

The two medium bombers are the North American B-25 and the Martin B-26. In describing these ships, Air Secretary Lovett said:

"Each carries a crew of five. With a top speed only slightly less than certain famous fighter types currently used abroad, the B-25 has range, speed and load abilities superior to any foreign medium bomber. The Martin B-26 has a slightly higher top speed than the B-25 and its high cruising speed makes it the fastest bomber of its class in the world."

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MAN DROPS DEAD WEDNESDAY ON STREET IN SYLVA

James Denton, 69, of Kennebeck, S. D., fell on Allen Street, yesterday morning, stricken with a heart attack as he was on his way to the office of a local physician, and died before he could be gotten into the doctor's office.

Mr. Denton was visiting his brother, D. Denton, at Tuckasee, and the two men had come to Sylva yesterday morning. Mr. Denton stated to his brother that he was feeling unwell and thought he should call on a physician while in Sylva. His brother accompanied him and was with him when the attack came. The body was taken to the Moody Funeral Home.

The funeral service and interment will be at Tuckasee. Mr. Denton was a native of Towns county, Georgia, but had been making his home in South Dakota for a number of years. He is survived by two children, both of whom live in Iowa.

MOTHER OF 11 MAKES FIRST VISIT TO SYLVA

Mrs. Walter Mathis, resident of Canada township, who is the mother of eleven children, made the first visit of her life to Sylva, the county seat of her county, on yesterday.

CAT CAME BACK AFTER YEAR OF WILD LIVING

The cat came back. Yes, a cat that lived at the Sylva Supply Company was sent to Macon county, more than a year ago and turned loose in the mountains. For better than a year kitty remained away; but, Saturday morning when employees of the Sylva Supply opened up, there sat the old cat atop her accustomed place on a counter. She had entered by the small cat hole at the rear of the building, where she had been accustomed to find ingress and egress to the building.

She was poor, skinny and emaciated, but otherwise the clerks saw only their old feline friend. Now she has a good home for the rest of her life. She can stay at the Sylva Supply as long as she wishes, if she could find her way back home after a year's absence. Some of the employees think that she tried one winter in the woods, and when the frost began to make the air somewhat sharp, she began to compare the winter in the Macon county woods with her former winters in comfort of the Sylva Supply building, and started for home. Furman Dillard, manager of the meat market department states that it shows the superiority of the meat he sells, and that the cat began to pine for his meats, and hit the trail for home as fast as four cat legs could carry her.

However that may be, the Sylva Supply cat is back home again after a year's absence.

CULLOWHEE CLUB OF JUNIOR WOMEN MEET

The Cullowhee Junior Woman's Club held its October meeting last Monday night with Misses Lillian and Virginia Messer. The girls received the new year books, which Miss Messer and Miss Anne Bird had made. Some of the girls planned to attend the District Club meeting in Murphy, on Tuesday.

Miss Anne Bird was chairman of the program. She presented Miss Elizabeth Anne Hunter, who talked on the subject, "How to Give a Good Party."

Those present were, Misses Anne Bird, Carolyn Stillwell, Lillian Green, Jojuan Galloway, Irene Gern, Lojuan Galloway, Betty Henson, Elizabeth Painter, Betty Price, Thelma Smith, and Mrs. George Tracy.

The next meeting will be held on November 3, with Misses Helen Painter and Virginia Mickels as hostesses.

12 CHILDREN GIVEN GLASSES AT CLINIC

At an eye clinic, held yesterday at the Sylva school, the eyes of fourteen children were examined by Dr. J. R. McCracken, of Waynesville, and twelve of them were fitted with glasses. Mrs. Padgett, the county health nurse, selected the cases for the clinic, which was sponsored by the North Carolina Commission for the Blind and the Sylva Lion's Club. There are twenty additional children on the waiting list for examination. Mrs. Padgett stated, and Dr. McCracken will examine three of these each week.

BUMGARNER HURT IN CAR WRECK FRIDAY

Lewis Bumgarner suffered broken ribs and lacerations, and is in the hospital here recovering from his injuries, and Ray Cogdill, Oscar Gates, and Miss Etta Lee Carnes were given first aid and returned to their homes following an accident involving two automobiles, one driven by Mr. Cogdill and the other by Mr. Gates, two miles east of Sylva, Friday night, at about 11 o'clock.

Club Meeting At Murphy Is Success

The meeting of the Federated Women's Clubs of this district, in Murphy on Tuesday, is reported as being a most successful one. The meeting was held in the Methodist church. The day opened with an enjoyable coffee hour held in the parlor of the church, where coffee was poured from a beautifully appointed table.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. David M. Hall, district president. The principal addresses of the day were delivered by Mrs. P. R. Rankin, State president, and Mrs. Clarence Beasley. Mrs. Rankin was introduced by Mrs. E. L. McKee, former State president.

An enjoyable feature of the day was the singing by the Bryson City High School Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Phillips. Mrs. Dan Moore, president of the Twentieth Century Club of Sylva, acted as chairman of the courtesy committee, and very graciously thanked the ladies of Murphy for their many courtesies and their hospitality.

The attendance prize, a leather secretary's book, was won by the Junior Club at Cullowhee, of which Miss Anne Bird is president.

Among the Sylva ladies who went to Murphy for the event were, Mrs. Phil Stovall, Mrs. Harry Ferguson, Mrs. Walter Jones, Mrs. Roscoe Poteet, Mrs. David M. Hall, Mrs. Dan K. Moore, and Mrs. Dan Allison.

MOSES IS NAMED VICE HEAD OF WEST DISTRICT

A. C. Moses, superintendent of public instruction for Jackson county was unanimously elected vice president of the Western division of the North Carolina Education Association, at its meeting in Asheville, last Friday.

A large number of teachers from Sylva and Jackson county attended the meeting.

MISS CURRIN IS HERE CONFERRING WITH CULLOWHEE Y. M. A.

Cullowhee, October 14 (Special)—Miss Mary Currin, state young people's leader of the Baptist Church has been at Western Carolina Teachers College for several days conferring with the council members of the Young Woman's Auxiliary at the college and helping them plan their activities for the school year.

Accompanying Miss Currin, was Miss Pearl Johnson, Baptist Missionary to Peking, China, who after spending seventeen years on the foreign field of service is home for a furlough until December 7, at which time she plans to return to China.

Miss Johnson has spoken on several different occasions during her visit to Cullowhee on the Culture of China and that country's changing customs as well as various aspects of the Sino-Japanese war.

RITE HELD HERE FOR ENSLEY BABY

Sybil, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Verlea Ensley died in a local hospital, Sunday morning, after a short illness.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at the home of the child's parents; and interment was in the Shoal Creek cemetery, with Rev. G. C. Teague, pastor of the Sylva Baptist church, officiating. The little girl is survived by her parents, and three sisters, Patsy, Nancy, and Sue. Mr. Ensley is manager of the Farmers Federation in Sylva.

SYLVA P. T. A. MEETS TUESDAY P. M. AT SCHOOL

The Sylva Parent-Teachers Association will meet at the high school, Tuesday at 7:30. The meeting is being held in the evening so that the fathers can be present. A most interesting program has been planned. The speaker will be Mrs. Allen Luther of Asheville. Mrs. Luther is State Chairman of Education for Home and Family Life, for the P. T. A., and is also publicity chairman for this district. She is a most interesting and forceful speaker. Her speeches are characterized by sparkling wit. There will be several stringed instrumental selections under direction of Mrs. Grover Wilkes. After the program, refreshments will be served by the hospitality committee.

PAUL BUCHANAN DIED LAST WEDNESDAY FROM HEAT STROKE

Paul Buchanan, 19 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Omer Buchanan, died last Wednesday afternoon, from a heat stroke. Funeral services were conducted Friday by Rev. E. W. Jamison. Interment was in the Stillwell cemetery.

The young man had just recovered from an attack of meningitis, and had been squirrel hunting in the morning and had done some work at home. In the morning, and had done some work about the place. In the afternoon he engaged in a game of horse shoe pitching with some friends, and while the game was in progress he was suddenly stricken with the heat. He died a few hours later.

Survey of Transportation On Highways To Be Made

All farmers and others who own trucks are to be asked to help the War Department in its transportation planning for national defense, reports John W. Goodman, assistant director of the State College Extension Service. M. L. Wilson, director of Extension work for the U. S. Department of Agriculture, has asked the cooperation of all State Extension Services in the survey to be made.

Each truck owner will receive in the next few days a special National Defense inventory card, Goodman explained. He will be requested to return the card (potage free) with information regarding the make of his truck, kind of body, capacity, time of year the vehicle is most urgently needed in the owner's business, and whether in an emergency he would be willing to hire or lease it to a Government agency.

The purpose in collecting these records, Goodman said, is more effective planning of highway transportation in the assembly of defense-industry materials, delivery of military and civilian supplies, relief of dock and terminal congestion, and movement of passenger traffic in emergencies.

"England was forced, in the midst of the war, to make an inventory similar to the one the United States is now about to begin," the Extension leader declared, and he added: "I am sure the farmers of North Carolina will cooperate in this survey since it seems vital to the preparedness of our country for any wartime emergency that might arise."

The North Carolina Highway Traffic Advisory Committee of the War Department will send out the inventory cards. A similar survey will be made of buses.

C. H. Gosien, who saved three acres of crimson clover for seed year, heads a long list of Forsyth County farmers who are saving legume and hay seed for future use.

Governor Enthusiastic Over Magnesium Plant Prospect In This County

S. E. VARNER TO HAVE PART TIME IN SYLVA

S. E. Varner, deputy collector of internal revenue will hold an office open in the post office building in Sylva on the second Thursday in each month, for the purpose of assisting employers in making out the returns on their social security taxes, he has announced. Mr. Varner may be in Sylva on other dates, by special appointment he stated. Mr. Varner said, in an interview with The Journal:

It has recently been brought to my attention that a great number of employers of one or more persons are not making Social Security Tax Returns and paying the tax as required by law. I have contacted a number of employers who stated that they were under the impression that unless they had in their employ five or more persons they did not have to pay this tax. Those employers evidently have this confused with the Workmen's Compensation Act which is a North Carolina State Law. There is absolutely no connection between the two.

All employers who employ anyone or have employed anyone since January 1, 1937 (other than labor on a farm or domestic help in a private home) are required to make the quarterly returns and pay the Social Security Tax on their payrolls. This applies to salaries, wages, commissions, bonuses, meals and lodging and anything paid for personal services. It includes all kinds of work, such as Boarding Houses, Rooming Houses, Repair work, etc.

I am requested to see that these matters are all brought up to date at the earliest possible date. The fact that the returns have not been filed and the tax paid does not in any way release the employer from the tax obligation. The longer this is put off the greater will be the penalties and interest.

I am in my office, Room 9, Post Office Building, Brevard, on Monday of each week from 8:30 A. M. to 12:00 and from 1:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M. and on (Continued on page 2)

NEGRO 19, GETS PRISON TERM FOR ASSAULT

Charlie Bryson, 19-year old Webster Negro, was sentenced to serve not less than 12 nor more than 15 years in the State Prison, by Judge Bobbett, after a jury had convicted him of an attempted criminal assault upon a four year old white girl.

The attack occurred in a barn on a farm near Sylva, and the appearance upon the scene of a young white man caused the Negro to flee. He was arrested shortly thereafter by the sheriff's department and placed in jail, following a preliminary hearing. After a short hearing in Superior Court, the jury promptly returned a verdict of guilty and the young Negro was sentenced for the long term by Judge Bobbett.

The child who was the intended victim of the brutal attempt was one of the prominent Jackson county families. While the people of the county were outraged and greatly incensed by the attempted attack upon the girl baby, there was no evidence of any disposition to take the law in their own hands.

The tropical bamboo tree is the most versatile of all world plants.

The weight of the office of the Governor of North Carolina will be placed behind the proposed olivine development in this county, and to secure adequate power for its operation, Governor Broughton told a group of Jackson County citizens representing the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, at High Hampton Inn, Monday night.

The Governor stated that the machinery of the State would be immediately put to investigating the possibilities, by reports from the State Geologist, and that if those reports are favorable, he will move rapidly toward the exploitation of the olivine deposits, by approaching agencies of the federal government to induce them to send competent men here to investigate the process and the possibilities of producing metallic magnesium for defense purposes from the Jackson County olivine deposits.

At a meeting with the State Department of Conservation and Development it was shown that there is no question of the fact that olivine occurs in Jackson county in very large quantities. After the matter had been discussed to the board by Mr. J. H. Gillis, Dan Tompkins, and the State Geologist the board adopted a resolution requesting the proper federal authorities immediately make an investigation and report on the feasibility of producing magnesium from the olivine ore here.

The committee that appeared before the Governor at High Hampton was composed of S. W. Enloe, as chairman, T. N. Massie, Dr. W. P. McGuire, Dan Tompkins, M. D. Cowan, M. B. Cannon, Thomas A. Cox, John R. Jones, J. H. Gillis, Dr. H. T. Hunter, E. L. McKee, T. Walter Ashe, and Douglas D. Davis. R. O. Self, clerk to the North Carolina Utilities Commission, who was born and reared at Webster, was also present at the conference with the Governor. The committee that conferred with the Board of Conservation and Development in Asheville was composed of T. Walter Ashe, M. B. Cannon, Dan Tompkins, T. N. Massie, and J. H. Gillis.

Mr. Gillis and his associates who recently incorporated the Olivine Products Corporation, have spent the past four years evolving a process of extracting magnesium sulphate from the olivine ores, and of changing that to magnesium chloride, from which metallic magnesium is produced. Magnesium is admitted to be one of the most vital metals for the national defense, since it is used in the manufacture of airplanes and explosive bombs. Mr. Gillis has submitted plans to the Office of Production Management for the erection of a plant for the production of 30,000 tons of metal magnesium annually. Such a plant would cost approximately seventeen million dollars and would give employment to from 2,000 to 3,000 men permanently. Mr. Gillis and others interested have been trying to induce the O. P. M. to send competent engineers and chemists to Webster, to be present at a demonstration of his process of converting magnesium sulphate to magnesium nitrate, from which the metal magnesium is produced. At present the pilot plant at Webster is producing approximately a ton a day of magnesium sulphate. Hitherto it has been stated that unless some 40,000 horse power of electric energy can be found for the operation of the plant, that it would be useless to send chemists to see a demonstration of the process.

Local people who have been interesting themselves in the project through the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, (Continued on page 2)