

Citizens Interested In Proposed Airport For Sylva

SOME DAMAGE DONE BY HEAVY RAINS IN JACKSON COUNTY

Citizens Become Apprehensive As Streams Climb To Near Dangerous Flood Stage

Slides On Highways And Railway Delays Traffic

Recalling the disastrous flood of August 30, 1940, citizens of Jackson county watched the rising streams Sunday morning with some apprehension as heavy rains over the week-end continued into the day. However, comparatively small damage was done and the waters began receding by mid-afternoon, only after flooding low sections along Scotts Creek in the city limits. Mead corporation was forced to shut down Sunday due to flooded basements. Some of the Southern railway track was flooded east of the depot and slides on Highways 19, 107 caused some damage.

Southern Railway trains 17 and 18 were forced to transfer passengers, mail and express Sunday and Monday at the 78 mile post near Almond in Swain county due to a slide on the new section of its line.

Farm lands along the Tuckaseegee river were under water in some sections, and citizens were marooned for a few hours due to water over the Webster roads.

Heavy rains over the past weeks has filled Glenville Lake to capacity.

R. L. Glenn At Home From Service With Navy

R. L. Glenn, after serving with the U. S. Navy for three years has received his discharge and it at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Glenn.

In December 1942 R. L. enlisted in the Naval Reserve. The following March he went into the regular navy and after training at Bainbridge, Md., Fort Pierce, Fla. and Norfolk, Va. he was sent to the European theater. He took part in the invasion of Normandy on D-Day and remained in that area for nine months.

Sixteen months ago he was sent into the Pacific theater and has served there until the time of his release. He had the rating of Pharmacist Mate 2-c.

R. L. graduated from Sylva High school, Mars Hill college and finished three years college work at Emory University prior to enlisting.

Highway Construction Projects Demand Large Number of Men

Raleigh, Feb. 11—The expanding road building program in the state is demanding large numbers of men for work in the various highway construction departments, Chairman A. H. Graham of the State Highway and Public Works Commission said today.

"Right now," he said, "there is an urgent need for immediate employment of levelmen, rodmen and chainmen to work in highway locating parties. Since this work can be regarded as employment of a permanent nature, this seems to me to be a good opportunity for veterans to get into a type of civilian employment with a future," he observed.

"If we had them, we could put a large number of men to work tomorrow as highway locating parties," the Chairman said.

Although some experience is necessary to qualify as a levelman or rodman, Graham pointed out that men who have not had any previous experience in highway work can qualify as chainmen. Also, it is entirely possible, he said, that a chainman can be promoted "through the ranks" to rodman, levelman or even higher through

SUPERIOR COURT TO CONVENE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

Jackson County Superior court will convene Monday, February 18, with Judge Wilson Warlick, presiding. While this is a regular two weeks term county officials only summoned jurors for one week as the docket for trial is very light, and the one week being enough time for hearing the cases. There are no very important criminal cases docketed, principally liquor violations, driving drunk, etc. A number of divorce cases will probably be heard.

Dr Candler Leaves For India

Dr. Chas. Z. Candler, Jr. who had practiced dentistry in Bryson City and Fontana Dam for the past several years, left Tuesday for New York where he will sail Friday for Bombay, India. He plans to remain in Bombay and practice his profession there. Mrs. Candler and the children will remain in Sylva for the present.

Dr. Candler is the son of Mrs. Annie Thomas Candler and the late Dr. C. Z. Candler. He has lived most of his life in Sylva. He is a graduate of Atlanta Southern Dental College.

Margaret Martin Released From Womans Army Corp

Miss Margaret Martin, who has served for two years with the Womans Army Corps, has received her discharge and was in Sylva last week visiting friends and arranging some business matters before leaving the latter part of the week for Seattle, Wash., to sail for Alaska where she will serve as supervisor in home demonstration work. She has been stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, and held the rating of sergeant when dismissed from service.

Prior to entering service Miss Martin was Home Demonstration agent in Jackson County for three years.

the experience gained under actual working conditions.

The pay? Taking the lowest bracket first, chainmen are started out within a salary range of \$80.00 to \$100.00 per month, plus board and lodging. Rodmen are paid \$100.00-\$135.00 per month, plus board and lodging, and levelmen \$125.00-\$160.00 per month, plus board and lodging.

"I am told," Graham commented, "that unemployment lists over the state are large and are growing larger. I hope our need will be an opportunity for many of these unemployed to find work, for we surely need them and need them now."

Interested persons were advised to contact their nearest highway office or write to the State Highway and Public Works Commission, Raleigh, N. C.

Upper District Singing Convention To Meet

The Upper District Singing Convention will meet with the Yellow Mountain church the third Sunday in the month, Feb. 17. The public is cordially invited.

KERR IS STATE HEAD OF CANCER CONTROL SOCIETY



John Kerr, Jr.

New York, Feb. 11.—John Kerr, Jr., of Warrenton, N. C., will serve as state campaign chairman for the 1946 campaign in which the North Carolina Division of the Field Army of the American Cancer Society will seek to raise \$167,880 for the fight on cancer. Mrs. George E. Marshall, of Mount Airy commander of the North Carolina Division, will be state co-chairman for the fund-raising, which is scheduled for the month of April.

Announcement of the appointments was made here today by Eric Johnston, national campaign chairman. Mrs. Lucy R. Milligan, who is national commander of the Field Army, is national co-chairman for 1946. The national goal

—Continued on Page 7

Last Rights Held For Crash Victims

Joint funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 5th, at 11 o'clock at Dix Creek Baptist church for Howard Stiles who was killed instantly in an automobile crash Saturday afternoon, and for Elsie King who died Sunday morning of injuries received in the accident. Rev. Ralph Bradley and Rev. Frank Gunter officiated at the services.

Elsie King, 34, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom King of Whittier and husband of the former Miss Ruby Sutton.

In addition to his wife and parents he is survived by a son, Robert, one brother, Grover of Whittier, four sisters, Mrs. Cornelius Ashe of Whittier, Mrs. Lonas Brown of Dillsboro, Mrs. John H. Bumgarner of Sylva and Mrs. Levi Gibson of Whittier.

Howard Stiles, 24, was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Mark Stiles and husband of the former Miss Birdie Sutton. He recently received a discharge from the army, having served three years, thirty months of this being overseas duty.

He is survived by the widow, two brothers, Grady of Dillsboro, Orville of Whittier and seven sisters, Mrs. Hester Robinson, Mrs. Bonnie Rogers of Dillsboro, Mrs. George Barnes of Sylva, Mrs. John H. Robinson of Fort Knox, Ky., Mrs. Maleta Wiggins of Ela, Misses Evelyn and Nora Belle Stiles of Dillsboro.

The boys were cousins and brother-in-laws and were members of the Dix Creek Baptist church.

Sylva Fire Dept. Holds Meeting

At a meeting of the Sylva Fire Department held Monday night, Feb. 10th it was announced that all but six of the city tags had been sold. The proceeds of these tags go toward the upkeep of the department and for replacement of used equipment. Charlie Campbell is chief of the department.

STRIKERS PARALYZE NEW YORK, TWO OTHER U. S. CITIES

Fuel Shortage Critical As Tug Boat Operators Remain Idle On Strike

New York's 7,000,000 people look on helplessly as the nation's largest city faces disaster from the continued tug boat operators strike that has tied-up all shipping in the great harbor, preventing the delivery of coal with which to keep the millions warm and business going. Hundreds of ships are tied-up at the docks awaiting decision of the workmen on their wage dispute with the owners.

Mayor William O'Dwyer ordered a disaster control decree placed in effect in an effort to conserve the city's fuel supply so that homes, hospitals and other institutions might have heat. An order was issued suspending all kinds of business, except those dealing directly in connection with health and safety. Later, however, the drastic order was rescinded.

Philadelphia Walkout Settled

Philadelphia's 3,000,000 workers expected to ride to work this morning, Wednesday, as 9,900 CIO employees who walked out two days ago, returned to their jobs on the city's transit lines. An agreement was reached Tuesday subject to ratification by the employees, but it was expected that they would pass on it, and return to work.

Pittsburgh's power strike continues, however, and that large industrial city is struggling along with very little power.

CIO United Auto Workers and General Motors were one cent apart in settlement of the 85-day strike G. M. offered 18 1-2 cents which was refused by the union which demands 19 1-1 cents increase and stated that the strike would continue another two months if the increase is not granted.

TUG BOAT STRIKE CALLED OFF

New York's tugboat strike was called off Wednesday night and spoke on their particular phase work at 8 o'clock Thursday morning. The tugmen walked out 10 days ago in a demand for a 40 hour week instead of 48 hours and a wage increase ranging from 54 to 69 cents per hour.

CIO leaders predicted the General Motors strike would be settled in the near future, which if so, will leave the big steel strike still gripping the nation in continued rounds of labor-management disagreement.

ICKES QUILTS POST AS INTERIOR SECRETARY

Harold L. Ickes, veteran new dealer, quit the Truman cabinet Wednesday and in a long worded statement made it clear that he was not in accord with or well pleased with the Truman administration. He urged the Justice Department to probe Edwin W. Pailey, oil man, nominated for undersecretary of the Navy.

Oscar L. Chapman, assisted secretary of the interior, will fill the place until a permanent appointment is made.

Timber growing by state farmers may help solve the cotton adjustment problem in North Carolina, according to Extension Forester R. W. Graeber, of State College.

Lt. Col. John C. Lynn, USA, former Haywood County agent now in charge of food production in the American zone of Germany, has been granted a wartime leave of absence extension of a year.

CCA Engineer Coming For Inspection Of Proposed Landing Fields In Area

Serving In China



Cpl. Charles C. Morgan, above, is now stationed in China according to word received by relatives a few days ago.

Cpl. Morgan has been in service 30 months. He was wounded in combat on Okinawa on May 25, 1945, and was returned to Guam and Saipan for treatment. After recovery he was sent to China. Cpl. Morgan served in Hawaii, Guam, and Okinawa.

Sylva Woman Club To Meet Feb. 18th

Mrs. Cyrus Nicholson will be hostess to the February meeting of the Sylva Womans club, scheduled to meet February 18th.

Paralysis Fund Passes 1000 Figure

Mrs. E. L. McKee, chairman of the Infantile Paralysis March of Dimes, which has just closed in Jackson county, reports that the county, with a quota of \$780, has gone considerably over \$1000 in its contributions to this worthy cause.

One half of this amount will be retained in the county to be used for the treatment and rehabilitation of crippled children in Jackson County. She asks that parents and interested citizens throughout the county will send her the names and address of cripples who are in need of treatment or financial aid in securing braces, wheel chairs or other things. She earnestly requests the help of all in the wise expenditure of this money. The committee is made up of the following: Mrs. E. L. McKee, chairman, R. U. Sutton, treasurer, R. L. Aerial, W. T. Wise, J. C. Allison, and Dr. D. D. Hooper.

The following reports have been turned in from the schools by A. C. Moses, chairman, Sylva Elementary, \$104; Sylva High, \$25; Beta, \$30.25; Dillsboro, \$25.25; Ad-dide, \$18; Dix Creek, \$1.00; Savannah, \$52.50; Webster, \$51; and the reports from Cullowhee and Glenville will be reported next week.

The business firms with Paul Kirk and H. G. Landis, co-chairmen, contributed \$410; governmental agencies, T. W. Ashe and G. C. Henson, chairmen, raised \$62; business and professional men under Dr. D. D. Hooper gave \$40; Mead Corporation, Paul Ellis, chairmen, donated \$100; Armour Leather Co., W. T. Wise, chairman, contributed \$68.20; from the dance with Mrs. W. L. Jones and Mrs. J. A. Parrish serving as chairmen, \$103; Prof. R. L. Madison, \$1.00 and Warren Alexander, \$1.00; making a grand total of \$1,092.20.

In addition to this amount, the Ritz Theatre contributed \$145 thru the regular channels for theatre contributions.

Mrs. McKee wishes to express her sincere thanks to the chairmen and citizens of the county, and especially to the schools for their word and generous contributions.

TAX ON SEEDS, FEEDS ILLEGAL

Raleigh, Feb. 12—Gardeners and farmers are reminded by Agriculture Commissioner Kerr Scott that no sales tax can legally be charged on seed this year.

Pointing out that he has received reports that the tax is being charged by some dealers, and is being paid in some instances without question, Scott explained that the 1945 Legislature removed the sales tax on all feeds and seeds sold in this state.

"While the Agriculture Department has nothing to do with prices being charged for seed, we do want to remind dealers and seed-buyers that it is illegal to charge the sales tax this spring," said Scott.

Nine Nominees For Chamber Of Commerce Directors

If you have not yet cast your ballot for the nine directors listed for the directors of the Chamber of Commerce for the year 1946 you are urgently requested to do so at once. Ballots have been placed in almost all business houses in Sylva and out of the eighteen men listed you are to vote for nine directors. Those running are Joe Popperwell, Bill Wise, F. H. McNeely, Everett Harris, Felix Picklesimer, W. H. Crawford, Cole Cannon, J. A. Gray, Roy Reed, H. J. Landis, Homer Davis, Crawford Shelton, Harold McGuire, Jeff Hedden, Dr. Ashbrook, Roscoe Poetter, Mack Ashe and Harry Ferguson.

These men elected to run this important organization work with out compensation of any sort. They are trying to build a bigger and better organized county. The Chamber of Commerce is an organization through which industry, expansion and progress of the county can be directed. No other organization affords the same channels of direction that can be secured here. By cooperating and working with it you can help. The first step in this direction is to vote for competent and alert men. Cast your vote today.

The election will continue through February 16th.

Wild Life Club Members Hear Dodson Report On State Meet

Jackson County's recently organized Wildlife club held a regular monthly meeting Monday evening at 7:30 in the courthouse with its president, C. F. Dodson, of Cullowhee, presiding. Due to conflicting meetings only a small number were present. Secretary Williams read the minutes of the previous meeting which were approved.

President Dodson told of the meeting in Greensboro in January which he, T. N. Masie and Ed Battle attended. A number of experts on game and fish talked at this meeting, including the famous Seth Gordon, head of the game and fish program of the state of Pennsylvania, and Fred A. Westerman, head of the fisheries program of the state of Michigan. These men are nationally known authorities in their respective fields. Over two hundred prominent citizens of the state attended this meeting, representing the clubs in the 96 counties that have organized. The state as a whole now has a membership of around 15,000 and the goal is for 50,000 to 75,000 members. Jackson county should have a club of 300 to 500 members.

Civic Groups Take Initiative In Getting Started On Project

A revival of interest is being shown in the proposed commercial airport for Jackson County. Backed by a group of interested and progressive citizens definite action is being taken.

Mr. George Garanhlo, CAA engineer is being contacted in an effort to determine and establish a tentative or definite site.

Federal aid for such a project is still in the bill making stage and as it stands at the present an airport will be secured only by the utmost cooperation and efforts of the county involved.

The following letter is self explanatory as to the present developments.

Jackson County Chamber of Commerce

Sylva Merchants Association
Rotary and Lions Clubs

Gentlemen:
I have your wire regarding federal airport aid for an airport in your locality.

From the wire, I take it that the Cullowhee school is also interested and as I remember the locality, there may be a site available on the school property.

No federal legislation has passed yet which will give aid to airports. The bills are now on their way through Congress and if passed as now amended will match funds with cities, counties and towns for approved sites and developments.

Inasmuch as you have current enthusiasm on the matter, it would be an excellent idea for you to call Mr. George Garanhlo, CAA Engineer, Independence Building, Charlotte and ask him to either

—Continued on page 2

State Forestry Men To Be In Sylva Wednesday

Mr. J. R. Spratt of Raleigh, assistant state forester of the state of North Carolina Forestry Fire control will be in Sylva Wednesday to inspect District Nine which is comprised of eight western counties.

Mr. Archer D. Smith, financial officer will also arrive today for an inspection of the local office.

One of the main purposes of the organization is to separate the game and fish division from the Department of Conservation and Development which would take it entirely out of politics and have it headed by men expert in this work.

Pennsylvania has a program which has been going strong for over 25 years and has developed the game and fish until that state now ranks at the top in this work. Mr. Gordon, in his remarks, stated that North Carolina has a greater area than Pennsylvania, with less population and much more favorable climate, land and streams for game and fish, and that the program should place North Carolina foremost in game and fish if the proper methods are carried out.

One of the greatest problems in starting a program of this kind is the matter of educating the average citizens to the point he will join in and help put the program over. The first step is proper respect for the game and fish laws and enforcement of these laws; two, education, and three, knowing

—Continued on page 2