

Town Of Sylva Plans To Improve Water System

Highway Post Office Service To Start On 27th

Postmaster C. N. Price of the Sylva office has been notified by the post-office department that the new Highway Post Office service to operate between Asheville and Blue Ridge, Ga., will begin operation on Saturday, November 27. This service will be on a large bus type motor vehicle, carrying a mail clerk and driver. The mail clerk will work the mail between offices just as was formerly done on the passenger train operating between Asheville and Murphy.

The proposed schedule for the mail is to leave Asheville each morning at 5:15 and arrive at Sylva at 3:32. After a ten minute stop the bus will continue on to Blue Ridge, arriving there at 1:00 p.m. It will leave Blue Ridge at 2:30 on the return trip to Asheville, arriving at Sylva at 5:47, and Asheville at 8:09 p.m.

The star route now serving Sylva from Asheville to Bryson City will continue to operate, although the schedule may be changed. It now leaves Sylva for Asheville around 8:30 a.m. and returns at 5:30 p.m.

After a definite schedule has been worked out this will be published in The Herald.

FORMER JACKSON LADY PASSES IN OREGON STATE

Mrs. Nancy T. Ensley, 89, a resident of the Orenco Community, of Hillsboro, Oregon, for the past 37 years, passed away October 13.

Mrs. Ensley, the former Miss Nancy Fisher, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Fisher, was born at Beta May 8, 1840. After marriage, she together with her husband and children, moved to the State of Washington about 45 years ago, later moving to Hillsboro, Oregon, where they had since made their home.

On October 2 she slipped off the foot of the bed and broke her leg and was taken immediately to a local hospital where she lingered until the 13th and then passed away. She died from shock.

Up until the time of her accident Mrs. Ensley had been active for her age.

Surviving are the widower, now 94 years of age; seven children.

Among the large number of nieces and nephews of the deceased is Mrs. S. H. Monteith, of Sylva.

Page-Stone Ballet To Appear On WCTC Lyceum Number

Cullowhee — The Page-Stone Ballet, official ballet of the Chicago Opera company, will appear in Hoey auditorium of Western Carolina Teachers college this evening at 8:00 o'clock. The company will feature both classical and modern ballet.

The ballet is the first program in the Lyceum series of the college and is appearing under the auspices of the college Concert and Lyceum committee.

The company, under the direction of Ruth Page and Bentley Stone, is composed of 20 people. The performers are coming in their own bus and are bringing their own electrical equipment, scenery, and costumes.

The Page-Stone ballet has been the official ballet of the Chicago Opera company for nine seasons. Miss Page has starred with the Metropolitan Opera ballet, as well as on three round-the-world tours. Both Miss Page and Mr. Stone were trained in the traditions of the strict classic ballet; however, they have done much experimental

Harvest Queen



representing the ninth grade of Cullowhee High school, was crowned Harvest Queen in a beauty contest held Thursday night, Oct. 28, at the Halloween carnival. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Haynes V. Reagan who recently moved from the Qualla township to Cullowhee.

Betty Jean was stricken with infantile paralysis when she was only four years old, and from that time until she completed the grammar grades she has worn braces. She spent the past summer at Warm Springs, Ga., and will return soon for surgery. It is hoped that this may be the beginning of permanent relief toward her walking, perhaps with only one leg brace.

SCOUT COURT OF HONOR TO BE HELD THIS EVENING 7:30

The Daniel Boone Council, Boy Scouts of America, of the Smoky Mountain District, will hold their court of honor in the Sylva Methodist church this evening at 7:30 o'clock, according to an announcement by Scout Master Dennis Barkley. W. E. Ensor, of Cherokee, advancement chairman, will be in charge of the program. He names those who are eligible for awards and advancement in rank.

Those who will receive awards and advancement are: Bill Crawford, rank of Star Scout; Franklin Fricks, Life Scout Award; and Frank Crawford, Jr., Eagle Palm Award.

The parents of all scouts are urged to be present, and the public is invited to attend.

SAVINGS BONDS CAMPAIGN SET FOR NOV. 11 TO DEC. 11

Spearheaded by the American Legion as part of its program for making America stronger, a special promotion campaign for U. S. Savings Bonds will begin on Armistice Day across the nation.

North Carolina's goal by the year's end is to increase the number of regular bond buyers on the Payroll Savings Plan by 25,000 and the number of bank depositors on the Bond-a-Month Plan by 1,500, as this state's pro rata share of the national goal of 1,250,000 additional payroll savers and 150,000 more Bond-a-Month buyers. This was announced here today by Allison James, State Director, U. S. Savings Bonds Division for North Carolina. There will be no dollar sales quota.

Another phase of the campaign is to get farmers to build up their financial reserves by putting away more 1948 crop money in Savings Bonds. In this, Mr. James said, Savings Bonds committees in rural areas will have the aid of the National Retail Farm Equipment Association, whose 18,350 dealer members serve every farming community in the nation.

TRUMAN'S VOTE IN N. C. TOTALS 451,954

President Truman's total unofficial vote in North Carolina stood at 451,934 Wednesday, with only two counties not yet reporting to the state board of elections.

Raymond Maxwell, board secretary, said the still-unofficial tally gave Gov. Dewey 255,176 votes; Gov. J. Thurmond 67,081 votes; and Henry Wallace 3,874. Total vote counted thus far in the state amounted to 778,095.

Mrs. Sauter With Health Department

Mrs. Roberta Sauter, of Qualla, is now assisting the Jackson County Health department in clinical work all day Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday until noon. She will assist in immunizations and other clinical work until a full time nurse can be obtained.

FUNERAL RITES FOR GEORGE HOXIT HELD SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Funeral rites for George Hoxit, 82, who died at 9:15 o'clock Friday night, were held at 2 p.m. Sunday afternoon at the Love Dale Baptist church. Mr. Hoxit had been ill for sometime. The Rev. Ernest Jamison and Rev. G. E. Scruggs officiated.

Mr. Hoxit was a member of the Love Dale Baptist church. He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Fred McConnell, Mrs. Burch McConnell, Mrs. Clarence Painter, Ms. Nora Lee Cowan, of Webster, and two sons, George Walter and L. C. Hoxit, who live in the west.

HIGHWAY COMMISSION ASKS FOR BIDS ON 19A-23 IN JACKSON

The state highway commission Wednesday called for bids on 14 road projects, including a section of 19A-23 from Haywood Jackson line at Balsam to Sylva, a distance of 10.66 miles. The 14 projects cover 68 miles of roadway in 16 counties. Estimated cost is \$1,500,000.

Bids will be opened November 23.

The Jackson road calls for Traffic-bound macadam base course and bituminous concrete surface course.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR ROBERT O. BROWN

Funeral services for Robert O. Brown of Cullowhee were held at the home on Oct. 16. The Rev. Charles McConnell officiated with the Hillsboro Masonic Lodge in charge of graveside rites. For the past 30 years Mr. Brown has been a member of the Masonic order.

Nephews of Mr. Brown served as pallbearers and neices had charge of the flowers.

In 1931 Mr. Brown retired from active duties after working for 32 years for the Harris Clay Co. Since that time he had been engaged in farming.

Survivors include three sons, J. B., J. R., and Scott Brown of Cullowhee; 2 daughters, Mrs. Sallie Von Holden, Greenville, S. C., and M. S. Buel Bryson, Cullowhee; 3 brothers, J. J. Brown, Lakeland, Fla., B. M. Brown, Spruce Pine, and Jess F. Brown, of Sylva; two sisters, Miss Emily Brown and Mrs. L. A. Buchanan, Cullowhee; also several nieces and nephews.

Gov.-Elect Kerr Scott To Talk To Foresters

Governor-elect W. Kerr Scott will be the guest of honor at the North Carolina Forestry Association's annual banquet and meeting on November 16, at the Sir Walter Hotel, in Raleigh, according to Wm. S. Edmunds, Executive Director of the Association. Mr. Edmunds has sent more than 1400 invitations to members and prospective members representing the wood-using industries and conservation agencies of North Carolina.

This occasion has been chosen by the Forestry Association to inaugurate their KEEP NORTH CAROLINA GREEN Program. This Program is designed to reduce the number and size of forest fires in the State through educational methods. It is being strongly supported and endorsed by the Forestry Division of the N. C. Dept. of Conservation and Development, the American Forestry Association, and the American Forest Products Industries, Inc., of Washington, D. C.

Farmers in the United States, with normal growing conditions, add at least three-quarters of a billion bushels of corn to their average annual crop by planting hybrid seed — the product of extensive corn-breeding research.

SOSSAMON'S In Sylva

Town Brings Doc To U.S.



A POLISH PHYSICIAN, Dr. Joachim-Bernard Bronny is shown with his wife and daughter in New York after arriving with 813 displaced persons aboard the Army transport General Black. Dr. Bronny was sponsored by the village of Fairchild, Wis., population 650, which has not had a doctor in 10 years. Wisconsin law will not allow foreign graduates to practice in the state, so the village is prepared to put the doctor through an American college so that he can qualify. (International)

CITY BASKETBALL LEAGUE MAKES PLANS FOR SEASON'S PLAY

City League basketball managers held their first meeting last Tuesday night at the school and adopted plans for the coming season.

The first thing adopted was to charge admission of 15 and 25 cents for all games, and that the money be used for lighting the gym, which is so badly needed.

It is hoped to begin play on November 24 and have three games each Wednesday night at 7, 8 and 9 o'clock.

A trophy will be given the winner of the most games of the season and another trophy will be given the winner of the play-off of the six games.

Five teams have already entered, including the American Legion, Woodmen, Buck's Soda Shop, Velts and Webster all-stars. One other team is needed and it is assumed that Boodleville at Cullowhee, will probably enter.

Plans adopted were:

1. Play 8 minute quarters.
2. Each team enter 12 players.
3. Players cannot change teams.
4. New players may be added but must dress and watch one ball game before being eligible to play.
5. Players must be in at least 3 games to be eligible for the play-off.

Allison Appreciates Big Ballot Majorities

I want to take this opportunity to thank all Democrats of Jackson county for their help to me during my first term as their chairman, and for their loyal support during the November 2nd General Election at which time they helped me roll up one of the largest majorities for federal, state and county offices ever received in Jackson county.

Dan M. Allison, chairman Jackson County Democratic Executive Committee.

Weatherman Promises Cooler Weather For Mountain Section

According to the weatherman our pretty fall weather is just about over, as he predicts that the temperature will plummet to a freezing 26 to 32 degrees in Western North Carolina by tonight.

The cause of this, he said, was a storm with winds, that just reached hurricane force of 75 miles an hour which passed close to the west coast, drawing a mass of cold air over this section.

Reservoir, Filtering Plant To Be Built, Meters Installed In Town

Project To Cost Around \$125,000, To Be Paid Out Of Water Revenues

The Board of Aldermen and the Mayor of Sylva, have announced that a contract has been signed with John J. Harte Company, consulting engineers of Atlanta, Ga., to proceed with plans for a program of water system improvements, following a survey of the town's needs and a preliminary plan and report for said improvements.

The proposed project calls for construction of a small dam and reservoir, construction of a 400 gallon per minute filter plant on Fisher Creek, abandonment of the present 4 inch water line to be replaced by 6 inch lines, installation of 500 water meters and other improvements.

The project is proposed to be financed solely by water revenue, based on \$1.50 minimum for 3,000 gallons. With the installation of meters much water will be saved which property owners are now allowing to go to waste through leaky water connections and faucets.

The town board estimates that the yearly water revenue will gross \$15,600.00, and the total cost for operating, retirement of principal and interest on the debt will be \$12,600, leaving the town with an estimated \$3,000 water revenue surplus each year.

A detailed estimated cost for each item in the proposed program is as follows:

- Five hundred water meters and installation — \$12,000.00
- Filter Plant — \$90,000.00
- Dam and reservoir — \$6,000.00
- Altitude value with manhole — \$1,000.00
- Land, engineering, contingencies — \$16,000.00

Starting of work on the project awaits approval of the Local Government Commission for sale of the Water Revenue Certificates, Mayor Jack Allison said Monday.

Farm cost rates rose 10 per cent from 1945 to 1946 and 22 per cent from 1946 to 1947.

Statistics Reveal Some Very Interesting N. C. Health Facts

Out of a total 509 live births in Jackson county in 1947, records of the state board of health show that 265 occurred in a hospital and 244 occurred outside a hospital or in circumstances unknown. This means that 47.94 per cent of the county's live births last year occurred without benefit of hospital facilities for mother and child.

The records further show that in 43 counties of the state last year a majority of the live births occurred outside a hospital. In the state as a whole the percentage born outside a hospital was 35.17. Among the 100 counties Jackson ranked 53rd in per cent of live births that occurred without such facilities.

In one county (Hyde) in 1947 the majority of live births did not even have the attendance of a physician, and in a score of other counties the proportion of births without such attendance was between one third to nearly one half.

A physician was in attendance at 425 of the Jackson births, but 75 had only the attention of a midwife and 9 had other or unknown attendance, records show. In the same year the county had a total of 16 infant deaths and no maternal deaths.

Of the infant deaths, four occurred in a hospital and 12 outside a hospital in circumstances

unknown. A physician was in attendance at 14 of the deaths and the remaining two had no attention of a physician or occurred in circumstances unknown.

As another aspect of the Jackson county health picture, records show that the county budget for public health service for the fiscal year 1947-1948 totaled \$7,606 or .393 per capita. Of this total, local sources contributed \$3,684 or .190 per capita; the state contributed \$2,201 or .114 per capita; and \$1,721 or .089 per capita came from the federal Government.

Of the 96 counties which spent money for public health service, Jackson county ranked 95th in total per capita expenditures.

Another indication of Jackson's health rating can be found in the fact that from 1940 to January 1, 1945 the county had a total draft rejection rate of 37.55 per cent, according to the Institute for Research in Social Science of the state university. Among the counties Jackson ranked 17th in per cent of total rejections. In percentage of white rejections the county ranked 32nd, with a rate of 37.02 per cent.

Where there were fewer than 100 Negro men examined, no Negro draft rejection rate was computed. Jackson was one of 14 counties in this category.