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Politics Is Now Issue In Congress

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Washington, March 2.—With the major financial measures for the coming year of credit and the relief of business out of the way, Congress and the Administration are getting down to their regular business of playing politics. There may be some excitement here yet, and there will be if the present plans of the House majority are carried out.

Speaker Garner has already promised a fight on President Hoover's plan to consolidate a number of detached government bureaus in the interest of economy. Mr. Garner calls the President's plan "idiotic." Perhaps that may have been merely an expression of peevishness because the President beat the Democratic leaders to it by a couple of days. A program of consolidation had been under careful preparation for a good while, but before it could be made public the recommendation came from the White House and once more the Administration had stolen the spotlight.

That starts a fight in which each party will try to prove that its pet method of retrenchment is better than the other side's. The argument will be hot and lively and full of statements and speeches carefully prepared for use in the Presidential campaign. But out of it there seems a hope that there will actually be a reduction in Government costs.

One of the big fights between Capitol Hill and the White House will be over the Democratic proposal to consolidate the Army and Navy under one War Secretary. Army men oppose it unless they can run the combined services, Navy men oppose it, for the same reason, the President and his advisers are said to be against it, but it has been made an official policy of the Democratic majority, which intends to shove the bill through the House as speedily as possible and to do every effort to get the Senate to agree to it.

The Army and the Navy were administered as a unit in the first few years of the United States, but since 1789 they have been operated separately. There is no possible way therefore, to tell whether combined operation of all fighting forces under a single Cabinet head would be more efficient in these times. That gives everybody a chance to argue on either side, without danger of anyone proving him wrong. And into the debate there is likely to be interjected the third group which has been trying to divide control still further by setting up the military and naval air services as a third arm of its own Secretary in the Cabinet. This is a multiplying that we shall see a general sales tax of some sort when Congress gets through.

It begins to look as if the Wet-Dry issue will loom big in the Democratic Convention next June. Official party leadership in the National Committee is wet, and the Wets are not going to let a Dry candidate be nominated, let alone a Dry platform be adopted, without making a fight. Governor Roosevelt of New York is regarded as a mod-rate Wet; Al Smith is an outspoken "dripping" Wet. Wetness is the principal basis of the appeal of Governor Ritchie of Maryland. Newton Baker has not committed himself irrevocably on either side, and most of the other men being talked of as possible nominees of the Democrats are rather non-committal, hoping that the matter will not become an issue.

Speaker John N. Garner, however, is regarded as politically Dry, and the Dry leaders are just as determined as the Wets to make no compromise on the question of Prohibition in the convention. Garner will have a lot of delegates in the convention, and he has the powerful support of W. R. Hearst and his chain of twenty-seven daily newspapers. Now support for Garner has come from an unexpected source which suggests that a strong Dry element has picked him as its standard-bearer.

This new support of Garner is voiced by W. G. McAdoo, who was President Wilson's Secretary of the Treasury and married Eleanor Wilson. McAdoo is a decided and uncompromising Dry. Moreover, he was beaten out of the nomination in 1924 by the efforts of Al Smith, and he'd

Fashion Show To Be March 15

The Fifth Annual Spring Fashion Show, sponsored by the Junior Club of Sylva, will be held on March 15, it has been announced by officials of the club.

Great interest has been manifested each year in this event, and the merchants cooperating and the membership of the club are making plans for an even greater event this year. The shops cooperating in the show are Hale's, The Paris, The Leader; Sylva Supply Company; Cole's, The Modern Beauty Shoppe and the Tuckasee Beauty Parlor.

The show will be held in the Lyric Theatre, and the picture shown in connection with it will be "Two Kinds of Women."

FORTY YEARS AGO

Tuckasee Democrat, March 2, 1932

Fourteen new cases of Typhus fever, brought over by the Russian refugees, have recently developed in New York.

Senator Palmer, of Illinois, is urging the passage of a bill by Congress to provide, by constitutional amendment, for the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people.

Congressman Crawford made his maiden speech in the House last Saturday on an amendment offered by him on the Indian Appropriations bill, increasing the pay of the Superintendent of the School at Cherokee, Swain county. The bill abolished the office of Indian agent, and the amendment was adopted.

The statement is made that the city schools of Charlotte have been forced to close on account of the refusal of the Commissioners of Mecklenburg county to grant liquor licenses. There were thirteen saloons in Charlotte, each of which paid a license tax of \$1,000, which was appropriated to the public schools. For our part we want no prosperity purchased with the profits of the liquor traffic. Tranquility and morality are more desirable than education and thrift.

Mr. L. J. Smith has received at his store in Dillsboro a consignment of fresh calicoes and other dress goods.

We are glad to hear that Mr. J. C. Watkins, of Dillsboro, is recovering from quite a lengthy attack of illness.

Messrs. A. J. Long, Sr., and J. N. Baumgardner were among the callers at the Democrat office, Saturday.

Mr. M. Buchanan was called to Asheville, Friday, by the illness of his brother, Neal. He found him convalescent.

Gen. E. R. Hampton went to Asheville Thursday and returned Saturday, accompanied by his sister, Miss Helia Hampton.

The people of Dillsboro are beginning to talk up a railroad from that flourishing and progressive little city to Franklin, and unless matters are pushed more rapidly on the Sylva and Franklin road, an electric road from Dillsboro is regarded as almost a certainty.

HOSPITAL COMMITTEES TO MEET TUESDAY

There will be a meeting at the nurses' home, in Sylva, on Tuesday, March 8th, at 2:30 o'clock of those committees that have been appointed to assist in aiding the Harris Community Hospital. The chairmen of these committees are especially urged to come.

Like to keep Mr. Smith and his friends out of it this year. Mr. Garner hasn't said as yet how he likes this volunteer offer of support from McAdoo, who is not at all popular with the official party leadership, although he has a large following in the ranks. Anyway, it's a fresh complication which should make the Democratic convention even livelier than had been anticipated.

Reach Verdicts In Fisher and Bryson Trials for Murder

Football Player Gets Long Term Appeal Is Made By Jim Bryson

On Sunday morning, Judge A. M. Stack opened court to receive the verdict of the jury trying Ray Fisher for the murder of Will Ensley, on the yard of the Sylva Paperboard Company, last November. The jury found Fisher guilty of murder in the second degree, and Judge Stack sentenced him to serve not less than 25 nor more than 30 years in the state prison. The case went to the jury at 9:45 o'clock, Saturday evening.

Fisher was placed on trial for his life Thursday morning. The state contended that the slaying of Ensley contained every element of murder in the first degree, and introduced evidence tending to show that the young man had gone to the home of Ensley early in the afternoon of the day the killing occurred, and that Ensley had ordered him away and had told him that if he caught him about his place again he would kill him; that Fisher went to the home of his grandfather, some two and a half miles away, secured his uncle's pistol, and returned to where Ensley was at work on his engine, called to Ensley and engaged him in a verbal controversy, and that Ensley told him that he had nothing more to say about it, and had entered the engine and started it moving, when Fisher backing along side the track in the same direction that the engine was moving fired the pistol through the door, the bullet striking Ensley in the left side, causing his death before he could reach the hospital.

One witness testified that he had been at the home of the sister of Fisher, immediately after the shooting, and had heard him tell his sister that Ensley had cursed him and ordered him away, and that he had gone and gotten a gun and shot Ensley, that he didn't know whether he had killed him or not.

The plea of Fisher was that the shooting was in self defense. He testified that he had been passing along a trail near Ensley's house, coming from the home of his sister, and that Ensley had come out of the house, cursed him, accused him of stealing a still cap and condenser, that had been furnished to Fisher and another man to make liquor for Ensley, and had told him that if he didn't bring them back he would kill Fisher. He stated that he went to his grandfather's home to get his supper and change his clothing, and (Continued on Page Two)

DILLS MOVES MARKET

R. E. Dills has moved his meat market from Dillsboro road to the Bryson Building on Main Street, opposite the post office, and has installed a stock of groceries in connection with his meat business.

Mr. Dills is well known in Sylva, having been in the market business here for many years.

Two Men Are Killed In Motorcycle Accident

C. L. Steele, of Highlands, was almost instantly killed, and Frank Neely, also of Highlands, died Monday morning in a Franklin hospital, as a result of a motorcycle accident, on Highway 285, a short distance above Dillsboro, Sunday afternoon. The machine is said to have been going at a terrific rate of speed, Steele driving, when the rear tire blew out, and the machine plunged over an embankment, on the left of the road, through a pile of huge boulders, and crashed against a tree, on the bank of the Tuckasee river. Steele's neck was broken, and one leg fractured, and was dead when rescuers reached the scene. Neely was brought to the C. J. Harris community hospital, where first aid was given and an X-ray picture made, which failed to disclose any fractures

in the bones of his back or pelvis. He was suffering from a blow on the head, near the right eye, and from extreme shock. An ambulance was sent for him from Franklin, and he was taken there, where he died in the hospital about eight o'clock Monday morning.

The body of Steele was brought to the undertaking parlors of Medford Furniture Company, where it was prepared for burial, before being taken to Highlands the next morning. Both men were young. Steele was unmarried, and was living with his grandfather, Mr. Davis, in Highlands. Neely is survived by his widow and three small children. He was in charge of the municipal power plant at Highlands.

The speedometer on the motorcycle was stopped at 70 miles an hour when the wreckage was removed.

Jim Bryson was convicted of murder in the second degree for killing Wiley Galloway with a rock, and was sentenced to serve from 20 to 25 years in the state prison, at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon. The jury found Ansel Leopard not guilty as an accessory after the fact; but Judge Stack ordered him held on a bond of \$500 to appear at the next original term of the superior court and answer to a charge of carrying a concealed weapon, Leopard having admitted that he had a pistol in his trunk on the day Galloway was killed, and that he always carried it there, as he had been hauling produce to South Carolina.

Bryson immediately moved to set the verdict aside, and when the motion was overruled by Judge Stack, gave notice of appeal to the supreme court. Bond was fixed at \$10,000, which was immediately furnished by his friends and relatives in Hamburg township.

Judge Stack, in imposing the sentence, stated that it was had conducted on the Sunday on which Galloway was slain, and that the case held some elements of murder in the first degree. He said that Galloway may have used excessive force in expelling Bryson from his home and garage. "It looks to me," said Judge Stack, "as if the young men of Jackson county would learn to leave liquor alone. The fate of young men who have been tried at this term of the court should be a warning to the other young men of the county to stop drinking and fighting. Judge Stack continued, "If I lived in Jackson county," he said, "I would think seriously of moving away—human life is too cheap over here."

Judge Stack had charged the jury that there was not sufficient evidence for it to consider as to accessory before the fact, in the case against Leopard, and that it should only consider the evidence as to his actions after the fatal blow had been struck.

Galloway died in the C. J. Harris Community hospital in Sylva, on March 19, last, four days after his head had been crushed with a blow from a rock, on Sunday afternoon, March 15, at his garage and home in Glenville.

The case was begun Monday morning. Dr. A. A. Nichols was the first witness introduced by the State. He (Continued on Page Two)

Perrys Lease Poinsett Grill

Mr. and Mrs. Drayton Perry, of Waynesville, have leased the Poinsett Grill from Mrs. J. W. Keener, and will take active charge on next Monday. They have refurbished the rooms over the grill, in the same building, and will also operate a rooming and lodging house of the better class, in connection with the grill.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry are well known in the hotel business in Western North Carolina, having been in charge of the dining room at the LePaine hotel in Waynesville, for several years.

TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)

Some small European nations have prohibited the showing of "Mickey Mouse" in movie theaters on ground that this animated cartoon is "mentally unwholesome." Few intelligent people will agree with that. On the contrary, I think such amusing productions as Mickey Mouse and Silly Symphonies are not only the best sort of comedy entertainment but they are almost the only original form of art which the movies have developed.

In such pictures as those, and in newscasts and travel pictures, the movies give something which the stage cannot offer. Much of the other stuff shown on the screen these days consists of poor substitutes for real plays presented by real actors. They do bring the drama—a sort—within the reach of everybody, but that is not to say that every type of drama is wholesome for everybody.

With the effort of Mr. Will Hays to "clean up" the movies, but I don't think he is making very much headway, to judge by some talkies I have seen lately. There is some excuse for a play which deals with more or less delicacy with illicit sex relations, when it is confined to a single theater and audiences of presumably sophisticated adults. There is no excuse for vulgarizing the same play until even a child can sense its rawest implications and then showing it to audiences of millions of children in the movies.

Wives

Not many years ago a wife was the property of her husband, not only in Turkey but everywhere else in the world, especially in England. The other day in London a man sued a doctor for enticing his wife to leave him. The judge decided against the plaintiff. He said a wife had a right to leave her husband whenever she desired, that she had the right to decide whether to bear children and when, that she was an independent individual and could decide her own course of life without consulting her husband.

Not all of our states go as far as that, but it was pointed out in court that in England women today also have the best of it in other ways. If a married woman driving her car injures somebody else her husband can be sued jointly with her and made to pay the entire damages. If she gives her husband any money it is a loan in law, but anything he gives her is a gift. No action can be taken against a wife for deserting her husband, but she can have her husband arrested if he deserts her. A husband must pay the income tax on his wife's income if she fails to do so, and if she owed him money before they were married he cannot collect it after marriage.

Iron

A hundred years ago New England mines and furnaces were producing pig iron and getting a cent a pound for it. Seventy-five years ago Pittsburgh began to be the iron center, selling castings for three cents a pound. Fifty years ago New England found a way of getting ten cents a pound for iron, making it into machinery. Ironmasters of today get fifty cents a pound for their watch springs and pressed steel alloys. Every advance in the art of fabricating iron yields a higher price for the finished product. The new alloys, stainless steel, chrome-plated sheets, are being made into new art forms

Completion Of Highway 106 Assured

Assurance that Highway 106 from Sylva to Cullowhee will be paved in the near future and that the same highway from Tuckasee to Glenville will be surfaced with water bound macadam, has come from Raleigh, following an interview with highway official and Mrs. E. L. McKee, it was learned yesterday.

The highway will be designated as a federal aid project and will receive funds from the highway emergency road bill, that has just passed both houses of congress. The bill appropriating the Federal money was enacted into law since the receipt of the following letter to Mr. McKee from Chairman Jeffress of the Highway Commission:

Raleigh, N. C. February 25, 1932

E. L. McKee Sylva, North Carolina Dear Mr. McKee:

I am writing to confirm my conversation with Mrs. McKee yesterday with reference to the improvement of Route 106 in Jackson County. Our plans are as follows:

As soon as we can place additional roads on the Federal System and secure funds we will place under contract the connecting link between Cullowhee to the end of the concrete. The field location is practically complete and plans will be worked up so that contract may be let promptly if Congress authorizes an Emergency Appropriation for roads. If Congress does not act we will have to do our best to maintain the existing link until funds are available.

As to the section from Tuckasee to Glenville we hope to place crushed stone on this road and get it in condition to take a tar and gravel treatment. Mr. Walker was here today and I asked him to go over the matter and submit estimates on this right away.

Please be assured that we are moving as fast as possible in the matter and that our best opportunity for getting work done promptly is for Congress to appropriate Federal money which we can use in connection with regular Federal Aid.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely
E. B. Jeffress, Chairman
State Highway Commission

LIBRARY DAYS ARE CHANGED

The days on which the C. J. Harris Library will be open have been changed to Tuesday, from two until six and Friday from seven until nine. The Junior Study Club, under whose auspices the library is now being conducted, announce that new books will be added to the library at an early date. Miss Docia Garrett, a member of the club, is librarian.

The young ladies of the club are that all books belonging to the library be brought in at once.

which bring the price of iron to the user up to a dollar or more a pound.

Every step away from the raw materials of existence raises the economic standard of living. The more labor goes into the iron, the more persons are employed; the higher the price of the finished product, the more labor can earn. The most backward nations are those which use chiefly unfabricated natural products. The most advanced ones are those which put the most labor into the goods they consume.

Jews

The Jewish Agricultural Society has been engaged for years in the effort to induce Jewish families to become farmers. Today there are 100,000 of them in America, living solely or chiefly on the land.

Most of these Jewish farmers live in colonies of their own people. They are a clannish race and they cooperate well. They are also good business men, as a rule, and make a living and more when their non-Jewish neighbors are running behind.

The latest development of this sort is the establishment of "agro-industrial" communities, near enough to large cities to enable some of the family to work in town, while others cultivate the land. I think this solution of the industrial problem is one that is worth developing.