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A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

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ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

## Congress Will Remain While Conventions Meet

### TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)

**PALACES** . . . at Washington  
The only word to describe the magnificent public buildings in which the government of the United States is administered at Washington, is "palatial". Nowhere else in the world are government offices housed in such spacious and magnificent structures. Only in the ruins of ancient Rome is there anything approaching their magnificence.

Washington is still building palaces. Work was just beginning, when I was there a couple of weeks ago, on the new Interior Department Building, which will be the very last word in comfort, convenience and spaciousness. By contrast the government offices of the British Empire seem like crowded, dingy hovels.

This is a great country, and Washington is symbolic of our national greatness.

**ADMINISTRATION** . . . big job  
More important than the buildings in Washington is what goes on inside of them. It is a gigantic job to run the whole United States from an isolated spot off the Southeast coast. I have been watching the gradual concentration of authority in Washington for more than fifty years. The older I get the more I am impressed with the feeling that it is practically impossible to administer the affairs of the United States from any single center.

Washington will doubtless always be the national capital. If we were starting today from scratch, however, we would set up the nation's capital somewhere between Chicago and Denver, nearer the center of things geographically. Washington is anachronism. I think some day we will have to set up district or provincial capitals in six or seven different parts of the country.

**PROVINCES** . . . maybe here  
I have no idea whether the American people, if they could all vote on the question, would prefer a centralized national government to our present Federal form in which the states still retain a large measure of independence. The tendency for fifty years has been toward nationalism. It would take a drastic revision of the Constitution to make a straight-out national government effective.

I think it probable if a change is ever made which will destroy the present independence of the states, that it will be by combinations of states into regional groups or provinces.

Considering our diversity of climate and economic conditions, it is becoming more and more difficult to lay down rules and laws of national application which do not bear unfairly upon one region or another. Yet the interests of numerous groups of states are so identical that it is quite possible their interests would be better served if they could be united into self-governing units.

**RELIEF** . . . weakness

A good example of the difficulty of running a country as big as this from any central point is found in the administration of relief by the Federal Government. There is no possible way by which Washington can be sure that its relief disbursements reach only those who are actually in need.

I talked with Harry Hopkins, Federal Relief Administrator, not long ago. Mr. Hopkins is a hard-working, earnest public servant. He was surprised and resentful at the suggestion that the local administration of Federal relief was inefficient and wasteful in many cases.

The trouble, as in many other Federal activities, is that no general rule can be devised which will apply with equal fairness to all kinds of people and every locality. That is true whether the attempt is to establish commodity prices, wages, hours of labor, housing conditions or even taxation on a national scale. And it's just as true no matter what political party or group controls the government.

**CONTACTS** . . . impossible

One of the greatest handicaps, un-

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## CLOSE SEASON FOR CANDIDATES COMES SATURDAY

Saturday is the last day in which candidates for county office can file their names with the county board of elections, in order to be eligible to run in the primary or the general election, next fall.

The Republicans of the county will meet in convention tomorrow, Friday, to nominate their ticket for county offices, to be filed officially as candidates.

The convention will meet at two o'clock in the court house in Sylva, as a nominating convention and to transact any other business that may come before it.

The call was issued last week, by Chairman E. P. Stillwell, and Secretary Cyrus Nicholson, and published in a previous issue of The Journal.

### BALSAM

Mr. R. F. Bryson had the misfortune to lose his corn crib, containing corn and all of his farming tools, by fire, Saturday night. Origin of the fire is unknown. Neighbors returning from play service which was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eula Ashe, saw the fire and aroused Mr. Bryson and family. They formed a bucket brigade and carried water, out to no avail and the crib soon burned to the ground.

Balsamites have been busy, for the past two weeks, attending school commencements in Sylva and Waynesville. Miss Freda Jones was among the graduates of Waynesville High.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wright and little daughter, of Hazelwood, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Smithers, Sunday.

Mr. Ed Cogdill and family, Mr. Fred Cogdill, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Henry and Mrs. Virginia Coward, visited Mrs. W. J. Cogdill, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ruskin, of Atlanta, arrived Sunday, and will spend awhile in their summer cottage in Ballough Hills.

"The Little Miracle", a play in one act, was given by the Methodist Sunday School, Sunday afternoon. The characters were: Miss Catherine Coward, Miss Virginia Coward, Mrs. George Bryson, Mrs. N. R. Christy, Mrs. George Knight, Miss Dorothy Bryson and a large number of small children.

## BAPTIST CHURCH HERE WILL HONOR MOTHERS IN SERVICE

A Mother's Day service will be held at the Baptist church here, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, when a sermon, appropriate for the occasion will be delivered by the pastor, Rev. H. M. Hoeutt. The program will also include special music. The public is invited to attend the service, and all mothers of the community are extended a special invitation to be present. Sunday School will be at 9:45; Baptist Training Union at 7:00 P. M., and the evening preaching service at 8:00 o'clock.

## Centennial Pageant Of North State Education

Callowhee, May 6—Western Carolina Teachers College is preparing to give a magnificent pageant, on the evening of May 22, in celebration of the centennial of public education in North Carolina.

Directed by John W. Parker, state representative of the Bureau of Community Drama, Chapel Hill, and with a cast of more than 500 people, the pageant will be by far the most pretentious dramatization ever attempted at Callowhee. It will be a magnificent spectacle, beautiful, interesting, entertaining and historically informative. The North Carolina Symphony Orchestra will furnish the music.

Mrs. Inez Wooten Gulley is chairman of the public programs committee, and Misses Lilla Ketchin and Fannie Goodman and Mesdames Lillian Buchanan and Evelyn Coward and Messrs A. K. Hinds and C. F. Dodson are the other members of the committee.

The special pageant committee is

## HITCH-HIKER LOSES LIFE WEDNESDAY

A young hitch-hiker, identified later as E. Scarborough, of Oliver Springs, Tenn., fell from a moving truck to his death on Highway No. 10 near the overhead bridge, between Addie and Willets, yesterday afternoon.

Scarborough's skull was fractured from the impact with the pavement, and his left foot almost severed, by the rear wheel of the truck passing over it.

The truck, the property of the Midwest Steel Corporation of Charleston, West Virginia, was driven by Donald Arthur, of Charleston. He stated that Scarborough, who was unknown to him, obtained a ride at Ela, and was seated on the back of the truck. He said that he heard a cry, and looking back, saw his passenger lying in the road. He stopped his truck and when he reached the man, he was dead. He immediately notified officers, who went to the scene of the tragedy, and ordered the body of the young man brought to Moody's funeral home in Sylva, where an inquest was held by Coroner C. W. Dills and a jury. G. S. Mehaffey, of Andrews, helper on the truck, who was riding with Arthur in the cab, corroborated the driver in every particular.

The jury found that the deceased came to his death by falling from a moving truck, due to his own negligence.

Identification of Scarborough was established by means of a catalogue in the pocket of the dead man, addressed to "E. Scarborough, Oliver Springs, Tenn.," and by the tattooed initials "E. S." on his arm. Relatives of Scarborough, in Oliver Springs, were notified by Moody's funeral home and are expected to arrive here to identify his body and to make arrangements for interment.

### BETA

Beta has the honor of eight graduates from Sylva High School this year. She also claimed two of the senior medals, Miss Jessie Parker winning the one for athletics, and Miss Jeannette Dillard that for activities. Jeannette also has a four year perfect attendance record, and ranked third in scholarship. Lucile Dills, also of Beta, was fourth in scholarship.

Rev. T. F. Deltz, Lyle Ensley, and Rev. R. C. Shearin attended a religious conference in Bryson City, Monday, April 27.

The Beta Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. Kelly Guthrie, Monday, April 27. An interesting lesson on sewing was carried out and helpful garden suggestions were given by Mrs. Evans.

A Mother's Day program will be given at the church here, next Sunday, by junior and primary girls.

Rev. R. C. Shearin has announced B. T. U. Study courses for juniors, intermediates, seniors and adults, beginning May 11 and continuing through May 16.

Carter Fisher went to Canton, Sunday.

## McDonald Is Frightening Conservative Element

### CLINIC FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN MAY SIXTEENTH

The monthly clinic for crippled children, sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Sylva, Franklin, Bryson City and Andrews, will be held in Bryson City, Saturday, May 16th, at 9:30 in the morning.

Examination is free to those unable to pay. All crippled children in the counties of Jackson, Macon, Swain, Graham, Clay and Cherokee are urged to attend.

Mr. J. H. Clippard, Special Supervisor for the State Rehabilitation Department, will attend to assist those over eighteen years to obtain vocational training and employment.

Dr. John Turner Saunders, attending orthopedic specialist, has had wide experience, both in this country and abroad, and is recognized as one of the leading orthopedic specialists in the United States.

Further information can be obtained from any member of the above Rotary Clubs, and in cases where the crippled children are unable to afford transportation costs to the clinic assistance may probably be obtained by getting in touch with the nearest Rotary Club.

### HOME AGENT ANNOUNCES CLUB SCHEDULE FOR MAY

Mrs. Mamie Sue Evans, home demonstration agent, has announced the following schedule for home demonstration clubs for May:

- 1st, Cashier's Valley.
- 2nd, Sylva and Cullowhee.
- 4th, Sylva and Ochre Hill.
- 5th, Cullowhee-Speedwell.
- 6th, Swain.
- 7th, Glensville.
- 8th, Willets-Balsam.
- 9th, Office.
- 11th, Sylva.
- 12th, 4-H Health Contest for district in Waynesville, and club meeting at Addie.
- 13th, Beta.
- 14th, Love's Chapel.
- 15th, Pressley Creek.
- 16th, Office.
- 18th, Webster.
- 19th, District meeting of Home Demonstration Clubs in Franklin.
- 20th, Waychatta.
- 21st, Wilmot.
- 22nd, Cope Creek.
- 23rd, Office.
- 25th, Webster and Beta 4-H clubs.
- 26th, Qualla-Whittier.
- 27th, Beta and John's Creek 4-H club meeting.

Miss Willie Hunter, State Clothing Specialist, will be in the county on the 6th, 7th, and 8th. She will give a special course in cutting and fitting, and accessories. All women in nearby clubs are invited to attend these demonstrations.

On the 19th of May, there will be a District Federation meeting in Franklin, of the Home Demonstration Clubs of the first district. The women from the following counties will assemble for this, the first district meeting of Home Demonstration Club women of the first district ever held: Cherokee, Graham, Clay, Macon, Haywood, Swain, and Jackson.

Dean I. O. Schaub, Director of Extension Work in North Carolina, will speak to the group.

Mrs. Lewis Cannon, President of Jackson County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs, will read the report of the progress of Home Demonstration Work in this county for the past year. Mrs. Frank Jones, Secretary of the Jackson County Council, will serve as secretary of the first district meeting of the District Federation Meeting.

### ORDER 16 CANNERS IN JACKSON

A total of 16 canners have been ordered by Home Demonstration Women, since October. The last order for 11 canners was sent forward by Mrs. Evans, a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Reed have recently moved into the parsonage. We are glad to know that Rev. G. C. Snyder, who has been seriously ill, is improving.

The conservative element of the State is beginning to become somewhat frightened at the march of Dr. Ralph McDonald, Winston-Salem school teacher, across the State, in the democratic gubernatorial campaign, as indicated in the various straw ballots being taken. Not only do the powers that be see a threat, and a serious one, to their control of North Carolina politics; but the people of the State who believe in sound financing of the State government, are making only such salary schedules as the State is able to pay, and of meeting the obligations of the State as they become due, are finding a bit of consternation in the large following that the Giant-Killer from Forsyth is gathering unto himself and his political philosophy.

The present status of the State-wide poll, conducted by 25 daily papers of North Carolina, shows McDonald to have 48.6 per cent of the total vote that has been tabulated. Clyde Hoy comes second with 33.8 per cent. Lieutenant Governor Graham is trailing as a third, with 15.4 per cent, and John A. McRae, is a powerfully poor fourth, with 2 per cent.

From this elevation in the mountains, it looks as if the opponents of the hell-raising McDonald are confidentially placing their hope of stopping him from securing the nomination upon defeating him in the second primary, which they are sure they can hold on July 4. They are confident that the McDonald wave has reached its highest point and that the flood will now begin to wane, making it impossible for him to garner sufficient votes to give him a majority even all in the first primary, though by the straw vote of voters who are within striking distance of that goal.

Of course, on the other hand, the large following that McDonald is indicated by the straw ballot to have, gives encouragement and strength to his followers to renew their efforts.

Running as an anti-sales tax candidate for Governor, pledged to abolish that tax, to reduce the price of automobile license tags and to raise the pay of school teachers and other State employees, without imposing an additional tax on land, all of which is in the province of the General Assembly, if it were possible of accomplishment, and with which the Governor's office has nothing to do, McDonald, who came to North Carolina 12 years ago, and who made many speeches in the last General Assembly, has caught the fancy of dissatisfied elements in the State, and has made a tremendous appeal to them. Most people forget that the Governor of North Carolina has perhaps less power than the Chief Executive of any other state in the Union. He can only recommend. He can't even veto an act of the General Assembly.

His opponents point out that he would be up against that proposition, as well as the Constitutional pronouncements on taxation, which would prevent his getting enough cash from sources other than land or sales tax to carry on the business of the State, and to keep the schools open, much less to increase salaries. The people who have heretofore, when given the opportunity, by the General Assembly to do so, refused to change the Constitution as to taxation policy, are now, many of them climbing aboard Prof. McDonald's wagon, evidently expecting him to accomplish the impossible. They could have changed the Constitution; but they wouldn't, hence, the forces in opposition to Doc McRae are arguing that, with the sales tax taken off, either one of three things would inevitably result, should the General Assembly follow his line of reasoning: that the school appropriation would be materially reduced; the high taxes would go back on land; or the State would find itself unable to meet its obligations, and financial chaos would reign in Raleigh.

The McDonald forces, on the other hand, assert that he will do what he proposes (just how they don't say), while Hoy and Graham propose only a reduction in license tags for automobiles and a reinstatement of the necessity exemptions in the sales tax bill.