

The Jackson County Journal

ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

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\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

Will Drought Help Or Hinder Mr. Roosevelt?

Washington, July 22—The effect of the widespread drought in dollars upon farm purchasing power is being carefully analyzed by the department of Agriculture. This year the total farm income was estimated at \$7,500,000,000 as compared with \$6,900,000,000 in 1935 and \$6,400,000,000 in the drought year of 1934. Estimates based on reports received so far from all regions must severely affected by drought still hold to the estimate of \$7,500,000,000 farm income for 1936. Losses in the strike regions, it is considered, will be offset by higher prices for products grown in other sections and by Federal funds. A general rise in the price of all agricultural products is clearly on the way. Wheat supplies are said to be adequate for domestic consumption and there will be no need to import wheat. The corn situation is getting worse, and the price of corn is expected to rise, unless the price of corn for feed starts a downward movement among corn-hog raisers to dump their hogs on the market. Cattle prices are tending downward, and the deterioration of the market for cattle offered from the strike sections, but the market is prepared to buy \$40-\$50,000,000 worth of it if necessary. Drought conditions have put an end to the expected excessive cotton crops, leading to strengthen cotton prices. The fruit supply is poorer than in 1935, but that is due to the weather in the Spring rather than to the drought. One of the whole situation there is a definite trend, and that is toward higher prices to consumers. There has been so much talk lately of long-range weather forecasting that the department of Agriculture is being inquired as to why they do not predict this drought in time to warn the farmers. There is no scientific method of long-range weather forecasting as yet that can be relied upon. The experts of the department, however, have come to the tentative conclusion that there is a drought cycle, which may be predicted about recurrences of 25 to 30 years. The present drought, like that of 1934, is regarded as a continuation of the drought cycle which began in 1911. How long it will last and how severe another period of several years of inadequate rainfall, are questions which nobody is prepared to answer. To anticipate the political effect of the drought seem to lead nowhere. Both parties are trying to make political capital of it. On the Democratic side, emphasis will be placed on the speed with which the Administration came to the financial aid of drought-stricken farmers and stock raisers. President Roosevelt's "New Deal" of the Northwest will be emphasized as the humanitarian effect of the drought are being emphasized, political sharps here and there will be made by Republicans to play it up as a "Republican Drought," just as some Democratic campaigners in 1932 made the drought of 1930 as the "Republican Drought." That sort of thing, of course, but it is typical of the way some political minds work. Dependence over the possibility of a strike in the steel industry before the labor is dying down. The labor movement has developed into bitter fratricide war in the ranks of labor with John L. Lewis vigorously leading the A. F. of L. and using every considerable fighting power and eloquence to build up political implications in this movement seem to point toward a possible vigorous semi-socialist Labor Party emerging for the year of 1940. The accession to the Democratic ticket is the resignation of Frank B. Rowland, Governor General of the State, to return to his native North Carolina and run for Governor. Mr. Rowland made a good record of efficiency and personal popularity as

TODAY and TOMORROW

RUTH bride
I doubt if there is anybody who knows William Jennings Bryan's daughter Ruth who does not admire her. I have known her for years. She was a little girl of ten when I first knew her father and mother.
It is difficult to determine whether to admire most her magnetic personality which she inherited from her famous father, or her unquestionable high intellectual qualities.
I am glad she will not have to give up her American citizenship by reason of her marriage to the other day to Captain Isorge Knode of Denmark, a member of King Christian's personal staff. Ruth Bryan led the fight in Congress for the law which permits American women to remain American citizens even though married to foreigners. Her former husband the late Captain Reginald Owen, was an Englishman, and she was a British subject because she was his wife.
I am sure that everybody agrees with me in wishing happiness to the American Minister to Denmark in her new married life.

JAM officiated
I went to Sam Shoemaker's church a New York the day after he conducted the marriage ceremony for Ruth Bryan at Hyde Park. We talked about the wedding.
"It was hot enough in that church to roast a goose," Sam Shoemaker said, "but isn't Ruth a grand person? Liked the bridegroom, too."
Sam Shoemaker is rector of Calvary Episcopal Church in New York which is the American headquarters of the Oxford Group Movement. He met Mrs. Owen last year when about 5,000 leaders of the Oxford Group met in Copenhagen.
I wrote something in this column a few weeks ago about this Oxford group movement and its efforts to make Christianity a living, working force in human lives. I want to suggest that any reader who goes to New York would be interested to drop in to Calvary Church any Sunday evening, when there is always an Oxford group meeting. It seems to me like the liveliest religious movement of our time.

KIRK able
The Republican National Committee has selected another old friend of mine, Alfred H. Kirchofer, as director of publicity for the Presidential campaign. They could not have asked a better man.
"Kirk", as his friends call him, is managing editor of the Buffalo Evening News. Before that he was the Washington correspondent for the same paper, for which he had been a political reporter.
I had that same job on the same paper a good many years before "Kirk" got into newspaper work. Organizing publicity for a Presidential campaign is a tough job, especially when the opposition is already fully organized and active. I now, for I had that job to do for Woodrow Wilson. I was a lot younger then.

"Kirk" is young enough to have the physical stamina to last until November. He'll need a long vacation, though, after election.
BILL will make good
Everybody who knows him well calls him "Bill". I'm speaking of William Phillips, the new American Ambassador to Italy.
Bill Phillips is one of the finest examples of "career men" in the service of the United States. He doesn't have to work for a living, but went into Government service as a patriotic duty, and found that he had a talent for diplomacy. I first knew him when he was Assistant Secretary of State during the World War. Before that he had been in the foreign service in England and China. Since then he has been U. S. Minister to the Netherlands, to Belgium and to Canada, and Undersecretary of State.
He's stepping now into one of the most touchy and difficult diplomatic posts in the world. But his friends know he'll make good.

ARMSTRONG WILL SUCCEED OGLESBY

Governor Eklringhaus has appointed Frank Marshall Armstrong, 35-year old Troy attorney to succeed the late Judge John M. Oglesby on the Superior Court bench.
Judge Armstrong had already been chosen by the Democratic Executive Committee of the 15th Judicial District to fill the vacancy on the regularly nominated state ticket, caused by the death of Judge Oglesby.

BALSAM

(By Mrs. D. T. Knight)
Mr. and Mrs. John P. Knight and three children, who have been visiting his mother, Mrs. D. T. Knight, left Monday for their home in Orlando, Fla.
Mr. and Mrs. George McCall spent last week end with their daughter, Mrs. Lettie Joats, at Wilmot.
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Quiet and little girl and Mrs. Carrie Queen and son, Harry, of Orlando, Fla., were here last week. They were summoned to the bedside of Mr. Quiet's eleven year old daughter, Louise, who passed away in C. J. Harris Community Hospital, in Sylva soon after their arrival.
Robert Ammons, the crippled son of Martha Jane Ammons, has returned from the Orthopedic Hospital at Jastonia. Robert is very happy now because his feet are straight and he can wear shoes like other boys wear.
Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Potts and son, Leo, who have been in Florida for nearly a year, returned to Balsam last week.
Mr. John Banton and family were guests of his mother, Mrs. Mary Banton.

is running for Governor of Illinois on the Democratic ticket. Whether he is elected or not, that young man is going places.
His name is G. Wayland Brooks. He is only 39 years old, but, take it from a veteran political reporter, he's got everything. Personality, intelligence, humor, a pleasing manner, and that unnamable something which puts the stamp of sincerity on whatever he says.
I thought I'd heard every kind of political speech there is, but young Mr. Brooks sprung a new one on me when I heard him talk at a political gathering in the East. Somehow he brought memories of the most persuasive oratory I had ever listened to, William Jennings Bryan, in the days when Mr. Bryan and I were both young.
I'm going to watch this young man's career with great interest. He's on his way up.

FARMERS TO HAVE PICNIC IN SYLVA

Jackson County Committee of the Farmers Federation met Monday afternoon and perfected plans for a county-wide farmers' picnic to be held on the grounds of Sylva High School on August 11, beginning at 10 o'clock.
The principal speakers will be H. Allan Coggins, "Mayor of Beetree", and R. W. Graeber, State Extension Forester.
The chairman of the publicity committee will be Thomas A. Cox, chairman of the Jackson County Committee and G. R. Lackey, County Agent. Refreshments will be in charge of Fred Queen and the Boy Scouts. C. C. Poindexter was appointed chairman of the committee on contests and sports.
The attendance committee is A. O. Weidlich, Elias Parker, Frank G. Brown, Harlan Bryson, Carl Jamison, John C. Jones, Mrs. C. P. Shelton, T. S. Fortner, Hute Snyder, Dr. J. K. Stoddard, and Jarrett Blythe.
A feature of the program will be a singing contest. Choirs from all parts of the county are invited to sing, and judges will award prizes. The winning choir will represent Jackson County at the finals at the Farmers Federation Picnic at the Swannanoa State Test Farm on August 20. Master Vance Brown will be in charge of the singing contests.
The general public is invited to bring baskets of dinner and attend the picnic.

FORM TWO-COUNTY LEAGUE

With the election of Herbert Gibson, Sylva, as president; Ruth Womack, Sylva, as secretary; and J. H. Hinton, Sylva, treasurer, and Louise Stein, Sylva, adult counselor, the Epworth League Union of Jackson and Swain counties was organized, at the Sylva Methodist church, last Thursday night.
Lachlan L. Hyatt, of Waynesville, district director of young people's work, presided. A devotional led by Rev. T. R. Wolfe, opened the meeting. Presiding Elder W. A. Rollins made a short talk.
After the business meeting, games and refreshments were enjoyed in the dining hall of the church, with Sylva Epworth League as host to the visitors.
ton, in Swain County, last week.
Dr. and Mrs. Boice have moved in their new cottage, having leased Balsam Lodge to Miss Jamin, of Louisiana.

Harris Gets Life Sentence For Wiley Conner Slaying

ADDIE MAN PASSES
H. H. Bennett, 70 year old citizen of the Addie section of the county, died in the hospital here last Thursday afternoon.
Rev. W. N. Cook conducted funeral services, Friday afternoon, at the Baptist church at Speedwell. Mr. Bennett's former home. Interment was also at Speedwell.
Mr. Bennett is survived by his widow, one daughter, Mrs. Frank Jennings, four sons, Dock, Ross and Roy Bennett, all of this county, and Henry, of Piedmont, S. C.

BETA

By Mrs. W. G. Dillard
The revival meeting which has been in progress since July 12th, continues with interest. Large crowds have been in attendance, especially at the night services, and several persons have professed faith in Christ. Rev. R. C. Shearin, pastor, is the evangelist, Harold Cook is choir director, and Dan Cook, of Webster, is pianist.
Misses Lillian York and Teddy Raines, of Etowah, Tenn., stopped at Beta, to visit Miss York's aunt, Mrs. J. W. Ensley, enroute to Lake Junaluska, where they will spend a week at the Methodist Assembly grounds.
Mrs. Fred Ensley and son, Gerald, of Norfolk, Va., arrived Sunday, to spend a few days with Mr. Joe Ensley and family.
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Parker visited at Beta, Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Adam Moses and daughter visited at W. F. Cook's, Sunday.
Willard Freeman is visiting his uncle, Will Freeman, in Qualla, for a few days.
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Curry, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Bryson, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Parker, Messrs. Vanoy Reed and Harold Cook, Rev. R. C. Shearin, Rev. and Mrs. T. F. Deitz, and Mrs. W. G. Dillard attended the Sunday School rally at Bryson City, Sunday afternoon.

CHILDREN GO TO RIDGECREST

A group of 15 intermediate boys and girls from Sylva Baptist Sunday school went to Ridgecrest, Tuesday morning, for Intermediate Day. The were accompanied and directed by Mrs. R. C. Allison, Mrs. Dewey Crawford, and Rev. H. M. Hocutt.

Hill Harris was sentenced to the State Prison for the rest of his natural life, by Judge W. F. Harding, in Haywood Superior Court, Tuesday, in connection with the murder of Wiley Conner, at Balsam on Sunday morning May 31, last.
Harris tendered a plea of guilty of accessory before the fact, and Solicitor John M. Queen accepted the plea.
Harris was a WPA foreman, and Conner was working on a project under him. Conner did not receive a pay check at the time he thought it should have been received, and is said to have accused Harris of making way with it.
Harris, George Hampton, Fate Mc Cune and McElrath went to Conner's home and called him out, it is said, and an argument ensued over the check, culminating in the fatal shooting of Conner by Harris.
Harris was arraigned on a first degree murder charge, and the trial was a hard way, when Harris tendered the accessory plea.
George Hampton, co-defendant in the case, who is said to have called Conner from his home on the morning he was shot, has eluded the officers, and has not been taken.

QUALLA

By Mrs. J. K. Terrell
Rev. Elsworth Hartfield preached and conducted a baptismal service at the Methodist church, Sunday afternoon.
Rev. Mr. Hall of Macon has an appointment to preach at Worley's chapel on each second Sunday at 2 p. m. in the cemetery near the chapel was cleaned up Wednesday.
Messrs. H. G. and Wayne Ferguson have returned from a business trip to Leicester.
Miss Lenora Nicholson of Cowarts spent the week end with Miss Irene Raby.
Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Eard of Cut-owhee are spending the week at their Qualla home.
Miss Hazel Reeves of Leicester was a guest of Miss Mary Emma Ferguson, last week.
Miss Annie Lizzie Terrell spent the week end with Mrs. L. W. Crawford and Mrs. E. E. Crawford at Willets.
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ward and Mrs. V. H. Hoyle are visiting relatives at Phomsville.
Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Raby and Miss Irene Raby spent Sunday at Mr. J. E. Battle's.
Miss Belle Ferguson was a guest of Miss Ruth McLaughlin, Sunday.
Mrs. Will Denton of Lockhart, S. C., is visiting Mrs. Grover Noland.
Mrs. J. R. Messer and Mrs. D. J. Worley visited Mrs. J. H. and Mrs. J. C. Hughes.
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Crisp called on Mr. J. G. Hooper's.
Mrs. H. G. Ferguson called on Mrs. S. M. Crisp.
Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Terrell returned to Asheville after a visit with some folks.
The latest center of attraction for his section was the two airplanes that made their landing on the Rogers bottoms, and carried passengers, Sunday.

PRESSLEY CLAN WILL MEET

The annual reunion of the Pressley family will be held at the home of J. A. Pressley at Speedwell, the second Sunday in August, instead of September, as has been customary. All members of the family and their friends are invited to be present.

GO FOR 4-H SHORT COURSE

Irene Green, of Cullowhee, Dan Cook, of Webster, Pauline Warren, Elizabeth Warren, and Hilda Tallent, of Sylva will go to Raleigh for the 4-H Club Short Course at State College.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, EPISCOPAL

Rev. G. L. Granger, Rector.
Sunday service: 11 A. M. Morning prayer and sermon.
All most cordially invited to this service.

