

Administration Harmony Disrupted as Officials Clash on Housing Program

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 5. — The big clash in the inside of the Administration right now is between Harold Ickes and Jim Moffett. Ickes, besides being Secretary of the Interior and administrator of the oil code is, as everybody knows, head of the Public Works Administration. Jim Moffett is the former Standard Oil vice-president who is head of the Federal Housing Administration. And the clash is over fundamental policies of promoting new home building.

Moffett's job is to try to get private capital into this field. He has made better progress thus far than anyone expected him to. But just as he got things going along where lending institutions were about prepared to put out several billions at 5 per cent to finance new home building, Ickes came out with a broadcast declaration that he thought the Government ought to do this financing with public funds at 3 per cent.

That threw a scare into the lending institutions. Wouldn't they look foolish offering money at 5 per cent when the Government was offering it on better terms—Ickes even suggested "no down payment"—and at 3 per cent?

Ickes and Moffett

So Jim Moffett and the folks who have money they want to put to work want to know which of the two policies is to be adopted. Secretary Ickes is very close to the Presidential ear. He also has built up a strong following among members of Congress, most of whom will follow anybody who will spend public money in their districts.

Jim Moffett is not any kind of a politician at all. He suffers under the illusion that so many business men have when they come to Washington, that all they have to do is to do their job. That, as everybody who has been around the national capital very long, fully understands, isn't the half of it. Getting around among the boys, making himself a good fellow with the insiders, talking glittering, though vague promises, is an important part of the technique of making good at the head of any Federal bureau.

Up To President

The President himself will have to make the final decision between Jim Moffett's plans and those of Harold Ickes. Mr. Roosevelt has been much interested in the project of getting building trade workers back on the job without using public funds to do it. But a strong group of his advisers, including Ickes, Harry Hopkins, the Relief Administrator, and some others, protest that the Moffett program won't do the trick fast enough. Looking forward to a larger demand for direct relief this Winter than ever before and realizing that the longer men stay off the payrolls of industry the lower their morale sinks and the less likely they are to ever want to go back to work at all, Harry Hopkins is

for anything that will provide plenty of real work at real wages and provide it quick.

John Fahey, head of Home Owners Loan Corporation, is wisely keeping out of the controversy. His appropriation of two billions is exhausted, all having been lent to needy home owners, and he is not likely to ask Congress for any more until it is decided whether the FHA plan or the PWA plan is the program finally adopted.

Congress, it is believed here, will be strongly inclined to give Mr. Ickes the five or more billions he wants, with which to enable anybody who would like to own a home to build a brand-new one with no down payment whatever and twenty years or so in which to pay off the instalments.

Uncle Sam's Loans

If that plan carries through the Government can hope and expect to get most of the money back. It will be lent, not given away. And being a creditor on a big scale will be no novelty for Uncle Sam. Already the Government loans amount to about ten thousand million dollars, put out through thirty different Federal agencies. There are loans to farmers, through farm organizations, co-operatives and otherwise; loans to Indians to finance industry and agriculture; loans to banks, railroads and industry through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation; farm mortgage loans, home mortgage loans, loans for low-cost city housing projects, loans through the Tennessee Valley Authority to finance municipal lighting plants and cooperative enterprises in the area; loans to shipping companies; loans to veterans on their adjusted compensation certificates; loans to states for public works.

The United States of America has thus become the largest banker in the world, and financial control of all of these lending agencies is now centered in the Treasury, making Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury, who up to two years ago was a "gentleman farmer" in New York state and the publisher of an agricultural paper, the most powerful figure in world finance. And those who know most about such things say that he has grown as fast as his job has grown.

On Foreign Debts

The question of debts owed to the United States by foreign nations is going to come up for action when Congress meets. The report of the economic commission headed by President Hutchins of Chicago University takes the realistic view that since we can't collect them we might as well cancel them, or at least set a small lump sum for final settlement. The novel suggestion that we might take the defaulted bonds of states that tried to secede from the Union in 1861 in exchange is arousing a good deal of interest here. That would be about an equal swap, one piece of worthless paper for another equally worthless piece of paper.

Clerk, Acting Speaker



WASHINGTON . . . South Trimble (above), of Kentucky, clerk of the House, who, under the law will occupy the Speaker's Chair until a successor to the late Speaker Henry T. Rainey is elected.

is to be the property of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Edwards, and will be operated in connection with the Central House, year round hotel.

REPORT NEWS TO MRS. HARBISON

Community news of importance for publication in The Franklin Press and Highlands Maconian and also in the Asheville Citizen and the Asheville Times should be reported to Mrs. T. C. Harbison promptly. Mrs. Harbison, who is Highlands correspondent of these three newspapers, will appreciate the public's cooperation in assuring a good news coverage of Highlands and vicinity.

THANKSGIVING SUPPER GIVEN AT CHURCH

Members of the Presbyterian church and Sunday school enjoyed

supper at the church Thanksgiving evening. Before the supper the boys and men were to cut wood for the church supply, but due to the wet weather, they did not get as much cut as they expected. The ladies, however, were able to carry out their part in preparing a delicious salad and sandwich supper. During the evening a short Thanksgiving program was rendered by some of the Sunday school children.

RAMEY-HENRY

Miss Beulah Ramey and Mr. Sam Henry were married in Clayton, Ga., on November 29.

The Rev. and Mrs. D. V. Howell, of Candler, N. C., were guests of Mrs. J. Z. Gottwals last Thursday. Mr. Howell was pastor of the Methodist church here some years ago.

Mr. George Beal and his father have returned to Highlands after spending several weeks in Port Orange, Florida.

Participating in a three-day hunt in Pisgah Forest the first of this week were Dr. E. R. Gilbert, Bob Edwards, W. W. Edwards, Geter Buchanan and Lawrence Holt.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Spencer spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Spencer's mother in Ware Shoals, S. C.

Miss Betsy Potts was home for Thanksgiving with three guests from Cullowhee.

Miss Bernice Rice spent last week-end with Miss Ruth Smith in Franklin.

Miss Oceola Everett spent Thanksgiving day with her mother here.

Richard Holt, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holt and children, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McConnel, and Harry McConnel, all of Franklin, spent

Thanksgiving day with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Holt.

Miss Sarah Hicks Hines was with her family here during the Thanksgiving holidays.

A lot of movie fans were disappointed last Friday night, when, after waiting several minutes, it was announced that the film could not be located. The film was not in its usual place and after a frantic search was not located in time to run the show. Through error the film had been sent to Walhalla on the mail. It was returned to Highlands in time to run the show on Saturday night.

Shows now are being run at the Highlands theater only on Friday and Saturday nights.



BROADCASTING BETTER SERVICE

Here's red hot news right from headquarters. We have started a new "economy-home" service that means better quality than ever before at lower prices. Ask our drivers about it today!

SYLVA LAUNDRY & Dry Cleaners

For Call & Delivery Service
PHONE 119
(Angel's Drug Store)

Pre-Christmas Specials At Ashear's

Folks, this is no sale scheme. I mean to reduce my stock. Reason for this will be announced later.

Blankets 70 x 80	\$1.95	Men's Flannel Shirts	79c
Part Wool—Per pair		Men's Broadcloth Dress Shirts, assorted colors	50c
Blankets 70x80	\$1.69	Women's and Misses' Jersey Bloomers, Silk stripe	19c
Cotton—4 lbs.—Per pair		Good Rayon Bloomers For Women	25c
Men's Suede Shirts	98c		
Men's Heavy Suede Shirts	\$1.25		

SHOES

Children's heavy sole oxfords, \$1.25 value	95c
Ladies' dress and work shoes, large assortment	\$1.49
Men's double sole, heel iron work shoes	\$1.95
Boys' heavy nail bottom school shoes	\$1.50

UNDERWEAR

Men's Winter Union Suits	75c
Men's Shirts & Drawers Each	50c
Ladies' Ribbed Union Suits	49c

LADIES' SKIRTS

Wool Flannel and Tweeds
98c, \$1.48 & \$1.95

"Ball Band" Overshoes

Children's and Women's Galoshes	
Ladies' Waterproof Suede Sport Jackets,	\$1.49 & \$1.75
\$2.00 value	
Assorted colors,	\$1.95
\$2.95 value	

DRESS MATERIALS

Best 36-inch Travel Crepe	25c
Fast Color Prints	12 1/2c
Printed Silk Crepe	44c

MEN'S HEAVY WORK PANTS
Moleskin, Whipcord, Denim
\$1.25, \$1.50 & \$1.95

Men's Heavy Corduroy Pants, Warm and long wearing.....\$2.95

LADIES' COATS

Entire stock of beautiful new coats reduced one-third. Now is the time to buy your coat. Also all swagger suits are included in this reduction.

Children's Rib Stockings	10c
Ladies' Heavy Rib Stockings	15c

Highlands Highlights

EDITED BY MRS. T. C. HARBISON

Celebrated Radio Stars To Appear in Highlands

Those rollicking radio ramblers, The Tennessee Firecrackers, headline attraction at radio station WSB, Atlanta, will appear in Highlands to stage a whirlwind variety show at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday night, December 11, at the high school auditorium under the auspices of the Young People's Christian Union.

Headed by "Slim" Bajley, popular radio announcer and black face fun-maker, this famous brigade of singers, harmonists, musicians and special stars, put on a high-speed, varied and wholesome revue that has been a sensation throughout the southeast.

The Firecrackers' performance includes a little bit of everything in the way of clean amusement,

break-down tunes, hill-billy harmony, modern dance music, yodeling, novelty piano music, eccentric dancing, cowboy songs, comedy skits and all other features that make this attraction an outstanding radio favorite.

With several new stars added to their line-up, the Tennessee Firecrackers are offering the public something entirely different from the average stage show, and are playing to packed houses everywhere.

CONTRACT LET FOR NEW BUILDING

Contract for building the new brick hotel on the corner of Main and Fourth streets was let to W. H. Cobb last week. The building

JOSEPH ASHEAR

"We Clothe the Family"