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ADMIRAL BYRD TELLS EDITOR HE IS UNFAIR

Explains His Position On the Pension Law He Declares Un-American In Principle

"I think you have been unfair in picking out a special case of a man who has lost both hands and feet," says Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, National chairman of the National Economy League, in a letter this week to the editor of The Scout in reply to an editorial which appeared in this paper two weeks ago, entitled, "An Un-American Principle," illustrating the law which Admiral Byrd stated in press dispatches recently as being un-American in principle.

The law in question is that one which gives or allows federal pensions to ex-soldiers for disabilities which are not service connected, or which were not received in line of duty with the Army, Navy or Marine Corps. The Scout commented on the assertion of Admiral Byrd, illustrating the point with an example from Cherokee County and seriously questioned the position taken by the Admiral in the matter.

The Admiral expressed greatest sympathy for the boy used in the illustration and stated that he "would like to see that young man taken care of no matter who does it."

"The minorities who oppose the work of this League have broadcasted the misinformation that I am receiving a pension," the Admiral says, and encloses an official statement from the Navy Department to show "that is not the case."

Admiral Byrd declares that the farmers throughout the land are "deeply interested in this effort to cut the cost of government, which, among other things, has reduced them to a condition of servitude," and concludes by saying that the editor "should not be opposed to something that has such a direct effect on the well being of the backbone of this country—the farmers."

His letter follows in full:

Boston, Mass. 9 Brimmer Street, 18 January, 1933.

Mr. C. W. Bailey,
The Cherokee Scout,
Murphy, N. C.

My dear Mr. Bailey:

I have noted your editorial in your paper of January 13. I am sure that you want to be just. The un-American principle, which I have spoken of, and which, among other unfair governmental costs the National Economy League is opposing, is that of giving pensions to soldiers for injuries received in civil life that have nothing to do with war service.

I have the greatest sympathy for the boy you speak of who lost both of his hands and both feet after he was discharged from the Army. You say that he did not serve any great length of time in the service, nor did he go over seas. However, it is not cases of that kind this Economy League opposes. I would like to see that young man taken care of no matter who does it. His case is most exceptional.

There are, however, thousands of able-bodied men getting pensions for disabilities that had nothing whatever to do with war service and who are holding other positions. Many of them are in the police force, fire department, civil service, and doctors in hospital, etc. Eventually, there will be millions of these men on the pension list and the simply sad truth is that Uncle Sam cannot stand the cost. To give these men pensions is an un-American principle. I think you have been unfair in picking out a special case of a man who has lost both hands and feet.

I have given my entire time to the work of cutting the high cost of government, local, state and federal, for six months, and you may be sure that I would not do this did I not think that I was helping in the effort that was being made for the re-establishment of prosperity.

The minorities who oppose the work of this League have broadcasted the misinformation that I am receiving a pension. The enclosed official statement shows that is not the case, I would not work to cut down the pensions of others were I myself receiving a pension for any kind of disability. I am also enclosing a copy of a speech I made a short time ago.

I have received courteous and enthusiastic receptions from the national meetings of the Farm Bureau and the National Grange, and had every evidence from them that the farmers

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Funeral Held Sunday For Infant Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Lloyd

Funeral services for little Thomas J. Lloyd, 1-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Regean Lloyd were held Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist church at 2 o'clock. Tommy was born January 17, 1932 and died Saturday night, January 21, 1933.

The death of little Thomas was a terrible shock to the friends of the family. It was not generally known that he was ill. He was stricken with a cold Friday morning and pneumonia developed and he died Saturday night.

The funeral services were in charge of the Rev. J. H. Carper, pastor of the Murphy circuit of the Methodist church assisted by the Rev. T. F. Higgins pastor of the Methodist church. Pallbearers were: Burton Cornwell, Ernest Adams, Virgil Johnson and Guy Davidson. Burial was in Sunset cemetery. Surviving are the father and mother and five year-old brother Billie and a number of other relatives.

The many friends extend to the family deepest sympathy in their hour of sadness.

ANDREWS

Mr. Percy B. Ferebee, President of Citizens Bank & Trust Company, was a business visitor in Murphy on Wednesday of this week.

Mr. J. R. Leach was in Sylva and Franklin on Tuesday of this week attending the funeral of Judge Walter E. Moore and Miss Elizabeth Kelley.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Tillitt and little daughter, Bettie Ann, and Mrs. Charles W. Rodgers, were in Knoxville on last Saturday where Mr. Tillitt was attending to professional business.

Sheriff L. L. Mason was in Andrews on Tuesday of this week on official business.

Messrs. L. C. Ward, N. B. Phillips, Jr. and Lathan L. Miller spent the week end in Asheville.

Messrs. Dick Jones and George Patton, Attorneys of Franklin, were visitors in Andrews on Tuesday of this week.

Mayor D. S. Russell on Wednesday of this week addressed the sixth grade, Miss Catherine Morton's room on law and order.

Among the Andrews folks attending court were: B. P. Grant, Will Luther, J. W. Walker, J. H. Abernathy, Clyde H. Jarrett, Lax Battle, Bruce Battle, W. M. Bradley and D. H. Tillitt.

Mr. Orr of the Southern Railway Company was in Andrews on Wednesday of this week on business in connection with his company.

Mr. W. T. Holland was a business visitor in Asheville on Monday of this week.

Messrs. J. N. Moody and son, Howard Moody were in Andrews on professional business on Friday of the past week.

Womans Club Met Wednesday Afternoon

The Art Committee of the Murphy Woman's Club had charge of the January meeting which was held in the club room Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. W. M. Axley, program leader, read an interesting and instructive paper on Art, and gave an interpretation of the following pictures, which were on exhibit: "Landscape with Windmill," by Ruysdael; "Interior of a Cottage," by Israels; "Aurora," by Guido Rane; "A pot of Basil," by Alexander; "Sir Galahad," by Watts; "The Horses of Achilles," by Regnault; "Sistine Madonna," by Rafael; A number of other pictures was also on display.

Along with a copy of the "Angeles" by Millet, was a newspaper clipping, showing how the Angeles was slashed on August 11, by an unemployed Frenchman, as it hung in the Louvre.

Following Mrs. Axley's paper, Mrs. Ralph Moody sang, "O Promise Me," with Mrs. C. W. Savage at the piano were served by the omitee. Other after which sandwiches and punch members of the committee are: Mrs. O. W. Hendricks, chairman, Mrs. W. B. Gartrell, Mrs. A. C. Huber, and Mrs. Harry Bishop.

At the business session, the club voted to sponsor the Picture Memory contest in the Murphy schools.

Murphy School News

PICTURE MEMORY CONTEST

Through the generosity of the P. T. A. and Womans Club and by applying for \$20 from the Arrington Picture fund our school is able to secure 50 pictures size 11x14 mounted and covered with cellophane to be used in the State Memory Contest which is held at Raleigh in April. Mr. Bueck has written concerning the money to be given by Mrs. Arrington and on receipt of that the pictures will be ordered. With the small prints we also receive one framed picture 20x24.

The contest will be given in two groups sixth and seventh grades and High school. For the first group there is a list of 44 pictures. Several additional pictures are added for the High School.

Murphy will be allowed two representatives to the State Contest. Next weeks Scout will give rules of the contest and a list of pictures to be studied.

LAW AND ORDER DAY

Parents are especially invited to our Law and Order Day programs to be held on Friday of this week.

At 8:30 the elementary school will assemble to present a special program. They have invited Mrs. J. N. Hill to speak to them on "Future Citizens of Cherokee County".

The High School group will have their program at 10:30 and Lawyer J. B. Gray will present some phase of this subject "Law and Order."

Law and Order Day is being observed in all schools of North Carolina by request of Supt. A. T. Allen.

BOYS ATTEND HI Y CONFERENCE

The older Boys conference met at Waynesville, North Carolina, January 20-21, 1933. This conference is sponsored by the Y. M. C. A. of North Carolina.

Three boys from Murphy represented Murphy High in this Conference. They were: Odean Stiles, Leslie Hampton and Jack Wilson.

The theme of this conference was "Christain Citizenship."

After registration and assignment to homes for entertainment, a meeting of a program committee delegation leaders and discussion was held.

At the opening session was at 7:00 P. M. Mrs. B. D. Bunn, chairman, presided.

The address of welcome was delivered by Arthur Francis of Waynesville.

Response by Boyd Owens, of Canton.

Rev. L. B. Hayes gave an interesting talk on Christain Citizenship. On Saturday at 9:45 election of officers was held. Those elected were: President, Carl Ratcliff, of Waynesville; vice-president, Boyd Owens, Canton; secretary, Jack Wilson, of Murphy.

At 10:15 A. M. members were assigned to groups for discussions.

Group I. was led by Mr. W. D. Smith. Topic "Christain Citizenship" in Racial Problems.

Group II. led by Mr. Fred Waters, Topic "Characteristics of a good leader."

Group III. led by Mr. H. Bueck, Topic "Christain Citizenship in Schools."

In the afternoon the boys had their choice of trips of interest or the movies. At 7 P. M. the Conference Banquet was held for all the delegates. Mr. C. N. Walker of Asheville talked.

On Sunday morning the annual Conference sermon was delivered by Rev. Wade Johnson on the "Mind of Youth."

Jack Wilson

NEW PLAN FOR DIPLOMAS

A new plan for buying diplomas for the Seniors will be used this year to save any unnecessary expense. Usually there are a few diplomas ordered that can not be used because some of the pupils drop out or fail on some subject. The engraving company offers to return full credit on any diplomas that are not used this year. The names of the Seniors will be sent in this week to be engraved on the diplomas, and the order will be sent later.

Grace Bell

DRAMATIC CLUB

The Dramatic Club met Wednesday at the regular chapel period for a business meeting. It was decided that we would take a play to Chapel Hill to enter the annual state wide Dramatic Meet. The play to be given has not been definitely decided

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POSTELL

(Last week's letter)

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Swanson, of Ducktown, Tenn. were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lakes Quinn last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Martin and baby; Mrs. W. A. Brown and baby; and Mrs. Mary Brown all of Wehuty were last Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Montgomery.

Mrs. Glenn Teague and baby of Wehuty were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lakes Quinn.

Mr. T. M. Allen has been very ill for sometime with the flu and rheumatism and his condition is not very much improved at this writing. His many friends hope for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams and little son and Mrs. Tennessee Williams of near San Diego, Cal. are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hamby and other relatives here.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the play given at the school Saturday night, entitled: "The last half day in the District School."

The cast of characters were as follows:

Prof. Catchemattit, Teacher—Taft Hughes.

Scholars:
Billy Be Dum, The school dunce and clown—Horace Brendle.

Tommy Bragg, a boy who lives up to his name—Allen Brendle.

Sammy Talkmuch, the tattle-tale Hans Von Smashen, the Dutchman—Casteel Hawkins.

Clem Johnson, a colored boy—Rex Allen.

Betty McGee (and her cat), the littlest girl—Lexie Allen.

Dot Simpson, and St Simpson, twins—Vaude Suit and Rheba Hickman.

Topsy Turvey, a colored girl—Stella Mason.

Susie Shyman, a very shy young lady—Mrs. Hubert Allen.

Christina Vogel Sang, a singer of ability—Hazel Allen.

Dolly Dimple (and her dog), Teacher's pet—Mrs. Ernest Allen.

Tillie Tickle, the giggler—Emma Jones.

Annie Laurie, the Scotch Lassie—Mrs. Guy Suit.

Lydia Lee, a pretty girl—Mrs. Carl Stiles.

Visitors: Mrs. Rulewell, school commissioner—Mrs. Clate Stiles.

School committee.

Silas Doolittle—Guy Suit.

Josiah Whipstock—Pender Brendle.

Timothy Windstorm—Carl Suit.

Mrs. Settemrite, a meddlesome mother—Gipsie Allen.

PATRICK

(Last week's letter)

Mr. Bert Adams 29 years old, died Tuesday afternoon, January 10, 1933 following a lingering illness of tuberculosis. He was a member of the Pleasant Hill Baptists church. Funeral services were conducted at Pleasant Hill church Thursday January 12, and interment in Pleasant Hill cemetery. He is survived by his wife and five small girls, his father and five brothers and three sisters to mourn their loss.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Picklesimer of Apperson, Tenn. and Mr. Joe Sharp of Chattanooga, Tenn. were the guests of their cousin and family, Mr. John Picklesimer Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Julia Wilbank and baby and sister, Miss Gertie Ledford were the guests of their sister, Mrs. Guy Eller Sunday.

There is an epidemic of colds or flu raging in this section.

The people of this section met Saturday night, January 14, at Shearer school house and organized a community club. A large crowd was present. Mr. Charlie Ledford was elected chairman and Mr. Charlie Boring secretary and Mr. Homer Klipatrick vice secretary. Messrs. Charlie Ledford, Arvel Williamson and Edd Brown were elected as committee. Several interesting talks were made. Our next meeting will be held Thursday night January 19. We are hoping that our county agent Mr. R. W. Gray will be with us at our next meeting. A large crowd is expected to be present.

Mrs. Lydia Crain has returned home after spending two months with her brother, Mr. John Picklesimer at Apperson, Tenn.

Mrs. Eva Crain and children were the guests of Mrs. Tom Picklesimer Monday afternoon.

BILLS AFFECT CHEROKEE IN LEGISLATURE

Cherokee Solon Gets Into Limelight When Bill Is Introduced to Repeal Turlington Act

A number of repeal measures have been introduced into the General Assembly by G. W. Cover, Jr. of Andrews, representative from Cherokee, which are directed at certain laws now upon the statutes.

Mr. Cover has been very active in the General Assembly since it met, and he was flashed into the limelight of the entire state when he introduced a bill to repeal the Turlington Act, the prohibition law of North Carolina. The bill was referred to a committee, and there is a probability that it will not be reported out until the national congress acts upon the repeal of the 18th Amendment. This is not likely to happen while the present General Assembly is convening at Raleigh. However, there is a strong element which is going to try to put through some sort of a state beer bill at this session.

The bills introduced by Mr. Cover affecting Cherokee are:

A bill to repeal chapter 134, public local laws of 1927, was introduced Jan. 19th. This would repeal the law which is commonly known as the \$25 liquor law, and allows officers \$25 for their efforts in capturing or arresting a man having whiskey in possession if he is convicted. The law automatically adds the fee to the fine in case of conviction.

A bill was introduced on Jan. 23 by Mr. Cover to permit residences of Cherokee County to hunt within the County without having to buy license. The bill would repeal section 27, chapter 51 of public local laws of 1927 and all acts amendatory thereto, as applicable to Cherokee county.

A bill permitting the people of the county to fish within the limits of the county without having to buy license was also introduced by Mr. Cover on Jan. 23rd. The bill would amend section 4, chapter 335, public laws of 1929, so that it would not apply to Cherokee county. It further provides: That no resident of Cherokee county shall be required to procure or pay a license for fishing by any method of hook and line or rod and reel in the waters of Cherokee County.

All of the laws will be in force from and after ratification.

LIONS CLUB HOLDS MEETING TUESDAY

The regular meeting of the Murphy Lions Club was held Tuesday night at the Regal Hotel, where they enjoyed a sumptuous repast before getting down to business.

Several reports were heard. R. W. Gray reported that he had several places where pigs the club is contemplating putting out could be secured at reasonable prices. He also reported that several boys had made application for the pigs and he hoped to get them into the hands of someone during the next two weeks.

Mr. Gray and Mr. Higgins reported on the 5-10 year farm plan meeting at Asheville last week, which they attended. It was stated that the reports from various counties were gratifying, and that Cherokee showed up good with the rest of them.

Among the other items of business discussed was the annual Cherokee County Dinner, which the club plans to hold some time in March. Committees are expected to be named in a few days by W. M. Fain, president of the club, and the date will probably be set for the first meeting night of the club in March.

OAK PARK

Mrs. Mary and Vesta Henery were visitors of Mrs. Jim Raper Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Asberry Keenum has a very serious case of flu at this writing.

Mr. J. D. Ledford of Patrick passed through our section Sunday.

Mr. Jim Bryant made a business trip to Murphy Friday of last week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lon Stiles, a daughter, January 19th.

Mr. Creed Reek of Vest was a visitor of Mrs. Mary Henry Friday of last week.

Mr. Crummer Ledford of Patrick was a business visitor in our midst one day last week.