

# JACKSON CO. JOURNAL

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We wish these New Yorkers would can their "Peaches."

There may be 104 Americans missing in China; but we know one young man who isn't going to look them up.

Somebody's China is apt to get broken in the Orient; but it won't be an accident.

Groundhog or no groundhog, there can be but February, March, April, May and half of June left of winter.

Dumb Mabel thinks that the Smoky Park, is where the ladies will stop their automobiles to take a smoke.

It's funny how much richer we all feel since President Coolidge made that speech Saturday night, telling us of our great prosperity.

## THANK YOU FOR THE COMPLIMENT

The Hendersonville News had evidently been reading the reports in the daily press, when the following editorial was written. While the reports of injuries were greatly exaggerated; we still deeply appreciate the kind words spoken by the News:

Sympathies of the newspaper profession as well as those of his many readers will go out to Dan Tompkins because of his injuries resulting from the explosion of a gasoline blow torch in his newspaper shop, which was also damaged by the fire that resulted.

We thought a combination mayor-editor was too busy for the mechanical operations of the shop but that is one of the penalties of being a news paper publisher.

We hope our brother soon recovers because Sylva and Jackson county suffer every day he is in bed.

## Jackson County Journal

"A telephone message from Editor Dan Tompkins of the Jackson County Journal to the Press last Monday stated his plant was seriously damaged by fire Monday morning. The fire originated from the explosion of a gasoline burner used in connection with the casting box. Mr. Tompkins will have his type set by the Franklin Press until his plant is again able to take care of his needs. As a result of the fire Mr. Tompkins stated that the Journal will appear this week a day or two late. The Press regrets that the Jackson County Journal has suffered this misfortune. Western North Carolina could hardly get along without the Journal, one of the most widely quoted papers in this section of the state."—Franklin Press.

## SCHOOL PEDDLING

Private concerns from outside the state are making the children of our schools their agents, by giving a commission on the merchandise they sell to the school libraries or other school purposes. Often the articles sold are of an inferior quality of candy, seeds, paper, or whatever it may be. The private concerns that are using the children of our schools for their own private purposes evade the payment of privilege or other license tax, and frequently dispose of inferior articles, that they would otherwise have a hard time selling. Thus the schools enter into competition, of the most unfair kind, with the business people who are helping to pay the taxes to support them. It is the same old game of the mail order houses, with the added feature of using our own children as their agents, and of imposing upon the natural loyalty every citizen has for his school.

So far as this writer is concerned, and he believes that the great majority of the people feel the same way about it, he had much rather give 50c directly to the purposes of the school than to pay 5c for an article that he does not want, knowing that at least two and half cents of the payment is going into the pockets of some foreign concern that is using the schools as its agents to compete with the local tradesmen.

Someday the people are going to stop allowing themselves and their children to be imposed upon in any such manner.

We believe that school authorities have never thought of the matter in this light, and that when they do, they will effectively squelch the plans of the gentlemen who are making the money out of it.

## WHAT DO THEY LEARN?

We have been wondering just what they do learn in schools and colleges, these days. It is quite a marvel, the number of things that people of a couple of generations ago knew, that are a closed book to the students of today's high school and college. The Raleigh News and Observer is responsible for this story: The News and Observer carried an urgent editorial on the need of an eight months school term. The editorial was headed "Standing at Kadesh-Barnea." A University professor asked where that place is, and another college graduate thought the wrong headline was over the article.

## THE GREAT PARK

The General Assembly will be called upon to make an appropriation of two million dollars to supplement the funds that have been raised by public subscription for the purchase of the lands in the Great Smokies for the creation of a national park for eastern America.

The preservation of the last stand of the mighty forests that once were these mountains, would alone justify the expenditure, and future generations would rise up to call blessed the men and the women who secured it.

But there are so many other considerations. Every angle from which the matter can be viewed shows new reasons why the park should be established, and why it now becomes the duty of the state of North Carolina to come to the rescue of the park area and buy the lands that will be developed into a park by the national government.

The timber of forest products are the great source of income to Western North Carolina today. Those resources are fast becoming exhausted, and a really large income from them will soon disappear. It is only a matter of a few short years until the forests will be gone. Where, then, is this region to turn for money upon which to exist?

The next greatest source of revenue is from the tourist crop. Hence, that should be cultivated with assiduity. The greatest drawing card that could possibly be played is the establishment of the park. It would advertise itself and would draw the thousands to Western North Carolina at all seasons of the year, thereby lengthening the tourist season, which is all too short.

By means of the park, we can keep our forests in the Smokies intact, and at the same time make of them a never ending and ever increasing source of income to our people.

The great water powers of the region would be made permanent by the preservation of the forests in the Smokies and the Balsams, and another valuable asset of the state would be saved.

The truth is that the extreme Western counties must have the Park or their development has about been reached.

The Great Smoky Mountains National Park means the salvation of the counties of this part of the state. It is a matter of life and death with them.

Gentlemen of the general assembly, the West has sent you an S. O. S. And it expects you to come to the rescue.

## BORAH'S WARNING

This man Borah has a habit of saying something almost everytime he opens his mouth, here of late. Now he comes forth as a champion of the rights of the states, sounds a warning, that is both timely and sincere against the present tendency of centralizing government in Washington Bureaux. Writing in the current issue of "The Nation's Business," Senator Borah says: Unless a halt is called, it will be only a matter of time until there will be an officer for every ten persons in the republic.

"Every conceivable activity of mind and body will be under the direction and surveillance of a bureau."

"Inspectors and spies will leer upon the citizen from every street corner and accompany him hourly in his daily avocation. Taxes will be \$40 per capita. Forty per cent of the national income will be demanded for the public expenses."

"We will have a republic in name, but a bureaucracy in fact—the most wasteful, the most extravagant, the most demoralizing and deadly form of government which God has ever permitted to torture the human family."

"The people must be taught that in encouraging the centralization of their affairs in Washington they are digging the grave of the American government as it was conceived by the Constitution-makers."

"They must learn that in looking to the national capital to cure their

ailments, they are weakening the fiber of true citizenship and destroying the self reliant spirit of Americanism without which this republic can not endure. And we in Congress must stop heeding every little group, which, like the tailors of Tooley Street, petition us as, "We, the people of the United States."

"We have before us a task worthy of the finest intellects. Our agricultural problem, our transportation question, the regulation of our great natural monopolies, coal and water-power, extravagant and corrupt tendencies of government State and national, the enforcement of law, the protection of human life and property, the bold attempts to debauch the electorate through the profligate use of money—all these cry out for our most serious attention."

"As we approach these problems, it is most disturbing to encounter on every hand the erroneous belief that the way to meet these new questions is to effectuate some change in the structure of our government, and thus everybody is proposing a change until the whole structure is impliedly under condemnation."

"Our difficulties and our evils flow not from our form of government, but from our failure to appreciate and utilize, according to its great principles, the government we already have."

"It is easy to attack our government, but it is far more difficult, and it calls for greater industry and ability, to make wise use of the instruments which have been placed at our disposal."

"This clamor for change merely for change's sake, this haphazard floundering in legislative affairs, is nowhere and in no way more pronounced than in the gradual, but certain destruction of the States and the centering of all governmental power in Washington."

"In this irresponsible vandalism, the disciples of Hamilton and the apostles of Jefferson join hands. No political party in Washington seems willing to stand against this subtle revolution, against this un-American, un-democratic program."

## PUBLIC WELFARE WORK IN JACKSON COUNTY

In the year 1919 the people of Jackson County, in accordance with the plan of the state, organized a Public Welfare Board. A Superintendent of Public Welfare was appointed and the people of the county set to work to carry out a worth while program of welfare work.

A county public welfare board has many duties, too numerous to mention. We might say, however, that public welfare aims to deal primarily with four wide spread conditions; delinquency, defectiveness, dependency, and unequal opportunities of the child. Child labor as a phase of public welfare has not been a serious problem in this county, due to the fact that our county is practically made up of rural sections. Only in a few instances has it been necessary to call attention to the child labor law. While compulsory education has been a difficult problem, as it is in every county, I think we could not class it as the outstanding problem. In talking with people who have been directly connected with public wel-

fare work in this county, I find that the biggest problem in the past has been that of dealing with delinquent or defective children.

Let us consider compulsory education and what it has meant in increasing the average daily attendance.

In the school year 1917-1918, which was one year before this county had public welfare work, with a school census of 5,388 children of compulsory age, the enrollment was 4,410 and the average daily attendance was 2,454. This means that approximately 80 percent of the children were enrolled, but the average daily attendance was only about 53 percent of those enrolled. In 1925-1926 with a school census of 4,575, the enrollment was 3,837 and the average daily attendance was 3,043. These figures show that approximately 83 percent of the children of compulsory age was enrolled and that the equivalent of approximately 84 percent of those enrolled remained in school throughout the year. It is quite possible that additional factors have entered in to reform the holding power of our schools, but it seems that we are justified in giving much credit in this respect to compulsory attendance.

Since 1919 the juvenile court has disposed of approximately seventy juvenile cases. Six or seven delinquent boys have been placed in "The Stonehill Jackson Training School." It is impossible to estimate what this has meant to these boys as well as to the county at large. The people of the county must look to the young manhood and womanhood for future leadership, and they as boys and girls must have the proper training.

Ten blind children have been aided in securing a place in a blind school. Four children were placed in the epileptic school at Raleigh. One colored boy was sent to the school for delinquents at Oxford, North Carolina. About thirteen or fourteen homeless children were placed in The Children's Home Society, Greensboro, North Carolina. One crippled girl was given hospital aid and in a few months was reported cured.

The above is by no means a complete or accurate list of the accomplishments of public welfare in this county. A large part of the program of public welfare has been carried out through community organizations and private donations. The business firms over the county have made liberal donations for the relief of the needy. Thus, we see, while Jackson County is yet young in public welfare work, it has accomplished some definite and worth while things.

Every good and worth while thing is an outgrowth of much thought and

## About Your Health



### WINTER-DAY SUGGESTIONS.

In days, when the front door is kept closed as much as possible, and the windows are jealously guarded,—when ventilation holds discomfort along with its purifying influences, I cannot help thinking of the increased liability of infection within the winter quarters of those who live in the frigid temperatures of our northern states. The out-door members of our families are abroad during the day, either from choice or necessity. Being exposed, they "pick up" colds, bronchial infections, throat disturbances febrile in character, and, certainly communicable. They bring their complaints home with them. Children going to school are extremely liable to contract lung or throat diseases, by their association with groups some of whom are almost certain to be carriers of respiratory germs. Somebody in the family may be tubercular—a most serious infection.

What I am driving at is, to avoid the spread of disease in the home where we spend our evenings, or should, if we do not. I do not like to hear of colds "going through families," and I am convinced that such misfortune can be prevented by intelligent precaution. Under no circumstance should expectorated matter be permitted to dry within the sitting-room or bed-room. The handkerchief used by a sufferer should be thrown in a vessel of water when soiled.

Then, coughs should be carefully disciplined; a hard cough will hurl bacteria ten feet. It may be deadly to sit in front of a tubercular who coughs immoderately without training for safety. It is just as easy to dispose of expectorated matter before it dries, and sickness may be prevented by kindly restriction. Try it in your home.

NEXT WEEK ABUSE OF PRIVILEGE

patient work. We cannot expect our public welfare program to be at its best yet. It is up to the wide awake citizens of Jackson County to work toward a better organized system. Let us start the new year right by ever keeping in mind those children who have not the proper surroundings and with an up to date, well organized public welfare system help to place about them such conditions and opportunities that will help them to develop the proper habits and make the right kind of citizens.

(Signed) Stella Cowan, '28, Cullowhee State Normal.

Five silver trophy cups will be awarded by merchants and bankers of Halifax for the greatest production of corn per acre in the upper part of Halifax County this year.

Community meetings will be held regularly in 13 communities of Wayne County during the next five months.

Sausage will be more uniform in flavor if the seasoning is added to the trimmings before they are ground rather than to the sausage after it goes through the mill.

This will be a good year to know more about how to grade tobacco. The State College of Agriculture is offering a free short course on the subject on February 8, 9 and 10.

## ALL AUTOS SELL AT AUCTION

The auction sale of used cars by the Home Realty and Auction Company, for the Cullowhee Motor Company, held yesterday attracted a large crowd of people and the entire lot of used cars, as advertised in the Journal, last week, was sold to satisfied buyers.

Twenty two farmers of the European Community in Wayne County have treated their tobacco seed for leaf spot diseases.

## How Doctors Treat Colds and the Flu

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## No Laughing Matter.



Lita Grey Chaplin (above) and her famous comedian husband are at marital odds. Suits and counter suits over money and the custody of their two children have taken the smile from Charlie's face. Mr. Chaplin suffered a nervous collapse while in New York.