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## Roosevelt To Get Support Of Col. House

(Special to The Journal)

Washington, D. C., June 17.—There is no longer any question in the minds of political gossipers here as to who is the leading candidate for the Democratic nomination for President in 1932. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Governor of New York, is much more strongly entrenched in the lead today than Al Smith was at this time four years ago, while his position is a thousand times better than that of Woodrow Wilson in 1911.

No attempt has been made to try and line up delegates for the big convention this far in advance, although Governor Roosevelt's "non political" visit to Ex Governor Cox of Ohio, the 1920 candidate when Roosevelt ran in second place on the ticket, and to George White the present governor, drew the statement from Mr. Cox that he would be glad to support Roosevelt for the nomination, while Mr. White proved more than friendly to Roosevelt.

What the hot weather prophets look upon as the greatest boost for the New York governor is the public announcement by Col. Edward M. House that he wants Roosevelt to run and will be glad to do anything to further his prospects. If Col. House should be made Roosevelt campaign manager it will mean that the Republicans will have to extend themselves to win. House's support of Wilson proved the turning point in the war president's career, and Wilson's victory was largely due to the astute politics played by the man from Texas. Col. House, in his statement, declares if Roosevelt is defeated the nomination, he will back Newton D. Baker as his second choice.

In many ways Col. House is the most powerful politician in the Democratic ranks, if not in the entire country. A millionaire, he has shown not the slightest desire for political preferment for himself, declining the highest offices in the gift of President Wilson. He is a politician out of sheer love for the game. Although 73 years old he is wiry and active and can hold his own with much younger men physically.

Col. House is a "dry," politically, but is well liked by the "wets" for his stand against national prohibition. He is believed to have inspired Wilson's famous letter in which he declared that prohibition was a local question and should be kept out of national politics. Roosevelt, while a dry personally, holds the same position as Wilson on liquor, that it is not a matter for the Federal Government but a purely local question.

Being a dry has not been easy for Col. House. The Democrats of Texas split wide open years ago on the liquor question and it needed all of Col. House's astuteness to pull victory out of the fire caused by the gaps made in his fences by the question. If he handles Roosevelt's campaign it will be up to him to manoeuvre so that the wets and dries of his party can find a common basis on which to work for the success of the national ticket. A "moist plank" will have to be explained very carefully to Southern Democrats but, if anyone can make them adopt such a plank, it is felt that Col. House is that man.

Washington gossip believe that John J. Raskob's effort to "put over" Al Smith again is already a failure, and that Governor Ritchie of Maryland, an out-and-out wet, right now is Roosevelt's leading opponent for the nomination. His stand on liquor is felt to be against him, much as he is liked personally. At the present moment, close students of politics can see nothing but a race between Hoover and Roosevelt in the 1932 presidential campaign and the New Yorker, with the prestige of following exactly in Wilson's footsteps as far as the liquor question is concerned, and the advantage of having the same sponsor as Wilson, is in a most powerful position, even his opponents say.

Woodrow Wilson has been dead seven years and it is ten years since he left the White House to become a private citizen. In those years his enemies have exhausted their vituperations and the real Wilson is beginning to emerge as a popular figure.

## TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)

### Meat

Meat packers are making a great deal to do over the advice of the U. S. Public Health Service that people should eat less meat in Summer. The packers have sent a protest to the Government, saying that Eskimos live on meat the year around and do not suffer from it.

This is an interesting example of the way in which commercial interests try to influence Governmental affairs. The public health is a secondary consideration with the packers; they are concerned with selling more meat.

Americans are the largest meat eaters in the world. Also we have the highest rate of deaths from heart disease and hardening of the arteries. I asked an eminent heart specialist the other day whether there was any connection between these two facts. His reply was that meat is a highly concentrated source of muscular energy which should be used sparingly by everybody who does not regularly do a great deal of heavy physical work or exercise.

"Eat what you like, but all in moderation," was his advice, which sounds like good common sense.

### Gambling

A colored man in Boston won \$150,000 in a gambling pool on the British Derby. Thousands of other Americans won large sums and the city newspapers have printed columns about their winnings, which will make it easier for the sellers of chances on these events to rope in more suckers next year. Lotteries and other forms of gambling are illegal in most of the United States, but it is questionable whether they do any more harm than unlimited speculation in stocks or grain. The desire to get something for nothing is inherent in human nature. Mankind has always gambled and always will.

Nevada has recently legalized gambling and is licensing gambling establishments. A curious result of this is that a great gambling center will be set up close to the Government's "model city" at the Boulder Dam, on a twenty-acre strip which the authorities overlooked in acquiring land for the town site. Prohibition laws, it is said, will be strictly enforced, but it is easy to foretell where a considerable part of the wages paid to workers on the big dam will go.

### Television

So many miracles have been performed by science in the past few years that we are ready to believe that anything is possible. That explains why the public has been so easily "sold" on the idea that before long we shall be able to see distant events while they are occurring, by radio television.

Scientific experimenters in this field are not so confident. The technical problems to be overcome are the most difficult they have ever encountered. Leaders in radio development are hopeful but not certain. H. P. Davis, "father of broadcasting," Lee De Forest, inventor of the radio tube, Harold A. La Fount, of the Federal Radio Commission, Ray H. Manson, president of the Institute of Radio Engineers, and several others have recently stated that it will be years before broadcast television will be commercially practical, if at all.

Today a small picture in motion can be sent by radio, or better by wire, over apparatus which costs about \$100,000 at each end of the line. That is the best that has been done so far. Thousands of clever engineers are working on the problem of improving and cheapening television, but few are willing to promise anything very definite.

### Diesel

Walter Lees and Frederick Brossy recently flew their airplane over Jacksonville Beach for 84 hours and (Continued on last page)

## State To Pay Road Debt To County

The State Highway Commission is to pay Jackson County the sum of \$213,500, balance remaining on the loan made to the State for paying the cost of paving Highway No. 10 from Sylva to Balsam, and Highway No. 106 from Dick's Gap to Tuckaseegee, according to an agreement made between J. D. Cowan, Finance Commissioner of Jackson County, J. C. Allman, Road Commissioner, and the State Highway Commission, in Raleigh, last week.

A payment of \$10,000 was made in April, and under the terms of the agreement reached, last week, the balance of \$203,000 is to be paid in installments, as follows: \$15,000 in March 1932, \$15,000 in March 1933, \$20,000 each year thereafter for seven years, and \$33,500, the balance then remaining, ten years from now.

The county issued bonds to secure the money, a few years ago, and loaned it to the State. The payments that the State will make, under the agreement, will retire the bonds as they fall due each year. The county will continue to carry the interest payments, which will be materially reduced year by year, as the principal is paid from money received from the State.

Mr. Cowan and Mr. Allman were in Raleigh, last week, and consummated the agreement, which will save the county tax payers a considerable amount, increasing from year to year.

## W. M. U. DIVISION MEETING TO BE AT WAYNESVILLE

The annual meeting of the Asheville Division of the Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina will convene at 10 o'clock, June 23rd, at the First Baptist Church of Waynesville, with delegates from the 514 Baptist churches of the Division in attendance.

Mrs. J. R. Morgan of Waynesville, superintendent of the Division will preside. She has arranged an attractive program. Sessions will be held in the morning and afternoon.

A number of missionary leaders of the denomination of the state will be present, including: Miss Alva Lawrence, of Raleigh, young people's leader; Miss Kathleen Mallory, of the Southern Baptist Convention with headquarters in Birmingham; Miss Pearl Johnson, who spent 15 years as a missionary in Shanghai, China, but who is now at home. The Baptist pastors of the Division will receive special recognition at the morning session.

Mrs. Chas. Jolley of West Asheville will have charge of the music.

Those desiring entertainment for the night should notify Mrs. H. W. Baucum, chairman, Waynesville.

## SUPPLY PLAYGROUND FOR SMALL CHILDREN

The First Baptist church of Sylva is due the appreciation and thanks of the people of Sylva for furnishing a playground for small children. The lot, belonging to the church, on the corner of Main and Walnut streets, has been sown in grass, planted in flowers, and playground equipment and seats installed, for the benefit of the children of the town. The Woman's Missionary Society of the church is doing this good turn, while the church itself is furnishing the lot.

## WOMAN RECOVERING FROM LIGHTNING STROKE

Mrs. Lee Bumgarner is recovering from injuries received on last Friday afternoon, when a bolt of lightning struck near her and knocked a cow, which she was milking, over on Mrs. Bumgarner. Mrs. Bumgarner was shocked severely and suffered paralysis in her right side.

## BAPTISTS ELECT DEACONS

At the annual church conference, which was held on last Sunday morning, the members of the Baptist church elected deacons for a term of three years, J. B. Ensley, L. A. Buchanan and G. H. Cope, succeeding E. E. Brown, Walter Dean and W. W. Bryson. S. L. Campbell was elected to fill the unexpired term of Geo. W. Sutton.

## Mother Of Mrs. Murray Dies Sunday

Mrs. E. D. Yates died at her home in Cary, Sunday night, after a long illness. Mrs. Yates had been ill for some time at the time of her husband's death, which occurred a few months ago, but had improved somewhat since that time. Becoming suddenly much worse last week, she lingered until Sunday night. Her daughter, Mrs. J. G. Murray, wife of the pastor of the First Baptist church of Sylva, with the children, left immediately upon receipt of the message telling of Mrs. Yates' extreme illness. Mr. Murray went to Cary Monday, to attend the funeral.

## COWARD FAMILY REUNION HELD LAST FRIDAY

The annual reunion of the Coward family, celebrating the one-hundredth anniversary of the late Nathan Coward, Jackson county pioneer, and founder of this prominent Jackson county family, was held at the home of Mr. O. B. Coward, at Webster on Friday of last week.

Some one hundred and fifty members of the family connection and friends, gathered at the home of Mr. Coward for the reunion. Members of the family from North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida were present for the occasion. Dinner was served, picnic style, on the lawn.

## FORTY YEARS AGO

Misses Jessie Merriek and Bettie Knight, of Dillsboro, were here Monday.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. John M. Watson, of Cullowhee, died last Friday night.

We regret to hear that Mrs. George Lawton has been quite ill for several days.

Mrs. Nicholson, living near here, set a hen upon sixteen eggs which hatched out nineteen chickens.

Mr. Jno. F. Bryson, of Scotts Creek, spent a short while in town last Wednesday and favored us with a call.

Mrs. W. M. Hooper, who has been visiting her father's family at Whittier for the past four weeks, returned via Sylva to her home Tuesday.

Dr. Nichols, who with Dr. Chisholm, has been among us some time practicing the profession of dentistry, is becoming a permanent citizen of our town, his family having reached here Monday.

Mr. C. S. Fullbright, who is assisting Mr. Davis in the depot, is quite an accomplished expert in the art of ornamental penmanship. We have seen some of his work that establishes his proficiency.

It is stated that the assessment, now being made, will show a large increase in the value of taxable property in this county, and that the rate fixed by the joint board will yield an amount of revenue largely in excess of the county's needs. If, when the returns of the assessors shall be made, this is found to be true, the Commissioners should promptly reduce the rate of taxation. The Democrat voices the opposition of the people of Jackson to the accumulation of a single dollar of surplus.

Miss Pauline Hooper, en route to Georgia, to spend some time with her aunt, Mrs. Chastain, who has been visiting relatives in our county for the past two weeks, paid us a pleasant call Monday.

Messrs. Glover and Hunt, of the Asheville Kaolin Company, came out Friday and returned to Asheville the next day.

According to statistics of the Census Commissioner, Jackson county's tobacco crop last year amounted to 25,211 pounds, with a value of 2500 dollars. Haywood made 261,096

## WEEK BY WEEK

President Hoover appeared in a most difficult role, Tuesday, when he took part in the dedication of the Harding Memorial. Mr. Hoover was a member of the Harding cabinet, and is now president of the United States. He did not attempt to minimize the scandals that disgraced the administration soon after the death of Harding while in office; but devoted his remarks to denunciation of the men who, as a part of the administration, according to Mr. Hoover, broke the heart of Harding, by betrayal of their country and their chief.

Searface Al Capone, the gangster chief of the United States, whose illegitimate business organization is said to penetrate all parts of the country, is at last in the toils of the law. He meekly entered pleas of guilty of defrauding the government on his income tax over a period of ten years, and of 68 counts charging conspiracy to violate the prohibition laws, preferred against him by a federal grand jury. One of the most hopeful and wholesome signs of the times is the vigor and thoroughness with which the government has apparently at last moved against the hitherto immune Capone. Sixty-eight other gangsters, alleged under-officers of the Searfaced Dago, are under indictment, and have been arrested by federal officers. The honest people of the country will rejoice in the strong arm of the federal government, as it moves to uphold the peace of the Union and the dignity of constitutional government.

Another sea tragedy of major magnitude was the sinking of the excursion boat "St. Philbert," in the Bay of Biscay, off St. Nazaire, France, on Sunday, carrying down into the sea some 350 people, mostly women and children, out for a holiday of pleasure. The tragedy is said to have resulted when a rain came up, and all the passengers rushed to one side of the boat, to get out of the rain, causing it to list and go down.

Roger Babson, statistician extraordinary, watcher of business trends, and interpreter thereof, states that he will stake his reputation upon the prediction that business has seen its worst, and that better times are now beginning. He admits that recovery will be slow; but insists that it has already started and will continue to grow.

Lindbergh and wife are talking about a flight across the Pacific, or somewhere, and are getting great "parcels" of publicity, good advertising, which may be the one thing they are seeking. The boy wonder, who was silly enough to try and lucky enough to finish a flight across the Atlantic in a land plane, just can't keep out of the lime-light. However, his plans for the new venture reveal that he is more sensible than he was a few years ago, in that he has had pontoons put on his plane, so that he can light on the water, if necessity should demand.

Frank Grist, commissioner of labor and printing, is seeking the United States senatorial toga, now worn by Cameron Morrison. Mr. Grist went very far in his political aspirations. Not that the Honorable Cam is so strong, these days; but that Grist appeared woefully weak with the electorate, and other entrants will probably come into the arena, who may be more acceptable than either of the two gentlemen. Tam Bowie is being mentioned, and it is also rumored that "Farmer Bob" Dougherty will try for Morrison's seat. Of the lot, Farmer Bob appears to be the likeliest to take with the people, in their present mood. He has sense. He has ability. He is honest. The people trust him, and he has not been accused of having power connections.

A Birmingham soda clerk inherited a fortune of two million dollars, as his share of the estate of his great-grandfather, in England. From reports coming from over there, we had imagined that there wasn't that much money in Great Britain, much less in the possession of one family.

Clay's 6,105 pounds, value 955 dollars; Swain, 47, 343 pounds, value 5657 dollars. The value is said to be esti-

## First Summer Session Opens At Cullowhee

Summer school began at Western Carolina Teachers College on last Tuesday, June 9. Seven new teachers are on the campus to care for the classes not cared for by the regular teaching staff. The second session will begin on Tuesday, July 21, and three teachers who are not teaching during the first session are scheduled for class work at that time.

Both Frank H. Brown and John S. Seymour are on the summer school staff this summer. Mr. Brown has spent the past year doing graduate study at the State College and Mr. Seymour, has been doing graduate study at Columbia University, New York. Other teachers on the campus during the first session are: J. W. Eakes, superintendent of the Forest City schools, who is teaching psychology and history; J. B. Jones, superintendent of the Brevard School who is teaching education; Joseph J. Stone, superintendent of the schools of Waynesville, who is teaching citizenship and history; and J. M. Hart, principal of the elementary schools of Gastonia, who is teaching grammar grade education.

Those teachers who are to conduct classes during the second session only are: O. N. Carr, dean of Mars Hill College, who will teach history; Miss Francis Lacy, primary teacher in the Raleigh schools, who is to teach primary education; N. E. Wright, superintendent of schools of Aberdeen, who will teach education.

Courses are being offered in agriculture, art, biology, chemistry, education, English, geography, nature study, history, home economics, music, physical education, health, psychology, sociology, writing, and French. At the end of the spring quarter all clubs of the college campus met to elect officers in order that a representative might be on the campus on next September 15 and 16 to acquaint the freshmen with the clubs and their by laws and constitutions as well as that those representatives might be of assistance to freshmen in finding their places in college life.

The Zeta Chapter of the Alpha Phi Sigma, national honorary scholarship fraternity, elected the following officers: Jeffrie Freeman of Waynesville for president; Ross Zachary of Franklin as vice president, and Miss Dorothy Burnette of Swannanoa as secretary and treasurer.

The student body elected Paul Buchanan of Sylva as president; J. Walter Moore of Hayesville for vice president; and Miss Pearl Justice of Clyde as secretary and treasurer. Mr. Moore served the body as president during the past year.

The Debating Club elected George Gibbs of Mill Spring for president; Miss Emma Thompson of Wilmington as vice president, and Miss Dorothy Burnette of Swannanoa as secretary and treasurer. Miss Burnette and Mr. Gibbs participated in inter-collegiate debating during the past year.

The Scribblers Club elected Jeffrie Freeman of Waynesville as president, and Miss Pearl Justice of Clyde as secretary and treasurer. Miss Justice served the club in the same capacity during the past year. The Erosophian Literary Society elected J. Walter Moore for president; Miss Dorothy Neal of Nashville, Tennessee as vice president; and Miss Wilma Boyd of Waynesville treasurer.

Officers for the Music Club are: Jeffrie Freeman of Waynesville president; Miss Pearl Justice of Clyde, secretary and treasurer. Miss Eva Bourne of Spartanburg, S. C., was elected president of the Dramatic Club, and Miss Margaret Ashton of Waynesville was elected secretary and treasurer.

Other clubs electing representatives are as follows: Jackson County Club elected Paul Buchanan of Sylva; and the Mason County Club elected Ross Zachary of Franklin.

The R. & D. Railroad will sell round trip tickets to Morehead City and return for \$11.80, the occasion being the meeting of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly. First class board can be had at the Atlantic Hotel for \$1.00 per day.