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Hard Work Is In Store For Congress

(SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL)

Washington, Dec. 16 (Autoeaster) — Evidence that the present session of Congress is going to be one of the hardest-working bodies ever selected was furnished on the opening day when the roll-call divulged that only four senators were absentees out of the ninety-six entitled to sit, and the only two Representatives were missing out of 344 provided for.

Leaders of both parties will be called upon to exert their utmost endeavors to keep their members in Washington during every vote and to placate their insurgents and independent members. The Lower House has a Democratic majority of two over all opposition and has taken over the chairmanships of the various committees. Any hope the Republicans had that a split would develop in the selection of men for these important posts, vanished when the Democrats held a six-hour caucus, named the various chairmen and broke up without leaving a single disgruntled party member.

The Republicans proved equally united in the face of defeat and the Sael-Tison battle for the Speakership, which had been announced in advance as a struggle that would go to the death, ended in Representative Tison congratulating his opponent and promising full allegiance. Observers here predict that the two leading parties will function strictly along party lines on all matters of importance.

Never before in the history of Congress have there been so many bills offered for consideration as at the present session. Nearly three thousand bills are now in the hands of the public printer. They are to cover everything from absolute free trade to higher protection; and from free coinage of silver to a firm free on gold as a medium of exchange. Many of them are aimed at curing the present depression. They provide for vast public improvements at enormous expense; reciprocal trade agreements with Russia and other countries; and various plans for relieving European nations from the crushing weight of their war debts. The appropriations called for in these different bills, if they were all passed, would increase the national debt beyond the power of the nation to pay in centuries.

However, everybody here realizes that only a few of these bills will ever be reported out of the committee and get before either house. Many of them are obviously trading material while others are of the plainly marked "vote-catching" type. When the new Democratic committee Chairman get down to business, a lot of the bills will be summarily disposed of and the grist hammered down to a size that can be handled.

Among the bills that are certain of appearance are measures to provide for increased taxation; changes in the Federal Reserve Bank Act; and the revision of the present income and inheritance tax provisions. Politically the changes in the complexion of the Lower House is expected to benefit instead of harm President Hoover. Whatever of good the Democrats accomplish will be used by Mr. Hoover's campaigners to boost their candidate in the coming election and, conversely, whatever that party fails to do will be equally valuable to the Hoover spellbinders as campaign material.

Perhaps the hottest fight will occur over the bills to impose more taxes. The general feeling here is that the wealthy are to have their taxes boosted, as all tax measures must originate in the Democratic House. Even the big interests are said to agree that this is the most logical action. The ordinary taxpayer is not to escape scot-free, however, as new taxes, especially on luxuries and near luxuries, will be proposed, it is said. Changes in the inheritance laws appear certain.

CLERK OF COURT HAS NEW SON

Born to Clerk of the Court and Mrs. Dan Allison, a son, on Saturday, December 12, a son, who has been named Dan Allison, Jr.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Tuckaseige Democrat, Dec. 16, 1891

Mr. John T. Wike and family have returned from a visit to Newton.

Master Louis Davis returned today from Biltmore, where he has been located for the past ten days as night operator.

Mr. H. Cicero Cowan, who taught the public school at Bryson's school house during the session just closed was here Monday.

Mr. R. A. Painter returned to Asheville, Monday, being recalled home by the illness of his son, Elbert, who we are glad to hear is better.

Misses Lena and Ida Smith, Doss and Candace Enley and Sadie Brown and Messrs. C. A. Wallace, Dallas Wike and John Wilson, of Cullowhee, attended the school exhibition here last Friday night.

A letter from Charlie Wike, ordering sent the Democrat to his present address informs us that he is located at Columbia, S. C., as night operator and has a good job.

Notwithstanding yesterday was quite a rainy day, a number of our citizens from the county were here among whom Messrs. S. H. Bryson, Thos. Wilson, T. J. Love, D. Snider, B. M. Smith and R. O. Phillips called on the Democrat.

Directly succeeding the Union meeting at Mt. Pleasant, Revs. J. A. Gallows and J. P. Painter began a meeting at Oehre Hill, formerly known as Norman's school house, among the results of which was the baptism of twenty-five converts.

Pa., who recently returned to Asheville, from spending the summer months in Cashier's Valley, Jackson county, was showing his friends today some very rich specimens of gold quartz ore recently taken from the well known old Georgetown gold mine property, near Cashier's. The company which owns this property, of which Mr. Hayes is a member, has been doing some prospect work on the vein lately, and those who appear to know say that the ore is of extraordinarily rich character.—Citizen.

From Cullowhee: A very spirited match game occurred at John's Creek Saturday, between the Cullowhee and Cane Fork baseball clubs. The prize was a bat and ball, which Cullowhee won by a score of 44 to 24. The teams were as follows: Cullowhee, Capt. C. R. Ashe, p.; J. G. Hooper, c.; W. D. Wike, 1b.; J. M. Moore, 2b.; C. A. Ashe, 3b.; J. L. Ashe, ss.; S. L. Nicholson, 1 f.; J. R. Long, c. f.; J. R. Bryson, r. f.; Cane Fork, Capt. R. R. Coward, c.; J. H. Painter, p.; J. Lovdahl, 1 b.; M. Rigdon, 2b.; R. Phillips, 3b.; A. Hooper, ss.; J. Hawkins, 1 f.; J. R. Long, c. f.; Z. Brown, r. f.; The umpire was R. L. Madison, and the scorers were W. C. Norton and Davis Zachary. The Cullowhee nine are now ready to play any club in Jackson for the championship of the county.

HIGH SCHOOL TO REPEAT PLAY FOR CHARITY

The Sylva Central High School will repeat the play, a Kentucky Belle, at the elementary school auditorium, on tomorrow, Friday evening at 8 o'clock. The proceeds will be used for unemployment relief in this community.

Mrs. Chester Scott is director of the play, which had a most successful presentation, last week, and the cast includes a large number of high school boys and girls.

M. E. LEADERS TO MEET AT CULLOWHEE CHURCH

Pastors, Sunday School superintendent and other Methodist leaders will hold an all day meeting in the Methodist church at Cullowhee, tomorrow, Friday, meeting in a Christian Education Conference.

Speakers for the conference will be Rev. J. F. Kirk, Rev. W. A. Cole, and Miss Corrine Little, Greensboro, and Dr. W. A. Martin, Nashville, Tenn.

The meetings of the conference will be open to the public.

New Farm Program Is Launched

The new Western Carolina Farm program, which its sponsors hope will result in doubling the income from agricultural pursuits in the mountain counties, was officially launched at a huge gathering of farmers and business men from eighteen counties, at the Plaza theatre in Asheville, Monday night. Talks of most enlightening and inspiring nature, on how the plan has saved Minnesota and the Dakotas from bankruptcy, proved their economic salvation, and doubled the farm incomes in ten years, were made by F. E. Merphy, publisher of the Minneapolis Tribune and C. F. Colisson, agricultural editor of the same publication.

A committee from each of the 18 counties involved will make a study of local conditions and a plan of action best suited to promote agricultural prosperity will be evolved.

After the survey has been completed and a plan adopted, it is expected that the newspapers, such as WNCN, and speakers will carry the message to the people, while the services of farmers, civic clubs, business houses, the State department of agriculture, the county agents and home agents, and all other available agencies in the entire territory will support the movement, which is designed and intended to promote the welfare of the entire Western North Carolina community, by gradually increasing the agricultural production. It is known of all men who have even a casual knowledge of the mountain part of our wealth and its source, that from the soil of our mountains and valleys.

Chairmen of the various counties were announced: Harris, Robbinville; Avery, E. T. Erickson, Banner's Elk; Yancey, Dave Buck, Bald Mountain; Polk, J. Gibbs, Mill Spring; Rutherford, O. J. H. Sher, Rutherfordton; Macon, Sam L. Franks, Franklin; Henderson, J. F. McKay, Hendersonville; Mitchell, S. T. Henry, Spruce Pine; Buncombe, S. C. Clapp, Swannanoa; Madison, Herschel Sprinkle, Marshall; Swain, J. D. Black, Bryson City; Clay, H. M. Crawford, Hayesville; McDowell, G. C. Conley, Marion; Haywood, H. A. Osborne, Canton; and Burke, L. E. Browder, Morganton.

HOLIDAYS START AT COLLEGE AT NOON TOMORROW, FRIDAY

Cullowhee, Dec. 17—Friday Dec. 18 at 12:30 o'clock, the Christmas holidays begin at Western Carolina Teachers College. Regular class work will be resumed Wednesday, Dec. 30, at 8:30 a. m.

The Christmas season is being observed in several ways at the college. The Schubert Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. Charles G. Gully, teacher of voice, presented the Christ mass cantata "Bethlehem", by Paul Bliss, in the auditorium of the Cullowhee Baptist church, last Sunday night. Two special chapel programs are being held this week. The Western Carolina Dramatic Club presented the Christmas play "Dust of the Road" in the auditorium, Tuesday night. A Christmas tree will be held in the recreation hall of the Walter E. Moore dormitory on Wednesday night. The churches of Cullowhee are putting on special Christmas programs.

DEMOCRATS UNSHACKLE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Washington, Dec. 16—The Democratic majority in the House on the second day of the session "took the shackles off" that body, as one member expressed it, by amending the rules. Foremost of these reforms was the adoption of a discharge rule, under which a bill can be taken from a committee upon petition of 145 members and brought to the floor for discussion and a vote. It also provides that any committee can be discharged from consideration of a bill by a majority vote of the House on any given day.

This amended rule prevents pigeon-holing or strangling legislation in committee when the requisite number of members desire to act upon it. The chairman of the Rules committee is shorn of the one-man power to defeat legislation.

Man Killed When Auto Leaves Road

A foggy night and a slide in the road, and a high precipice combined to take the life of Paul Bumgarner, 30, of Cashier's Valley, who was instantly killed about 10 o'clock, Sunday night, on Highway 28, between Cashier's Valley and Highlands.

The accident occurred near White-side mountain. The automobile, which Mr. Bumgarner was driving, plunged down a 200 foot embankment, the driver being thrown out when the car was about 100 feet down. Mr. Bumgarner's neck was broken and his head crushed. The accident was caused by fog and the presence in the highway of a large stump, which had rolled down the side of the mountain onto the highway. Due to the fact that it was foggy, Mr. Bumgarner was unable to see the stump until he was nearly upon it. Seeing the slide, he turned the car, which swerved too far out and plunged down the embankment.

Charles Passmore, mail carrier, was in the car with Bumgarner, but escaped serious injury, when he was thrown clear of the machine. He received a few lacerations and bruises.

Mr. Bumgarner was employed by the state-highway commission in construction work on Highway 28. He was unmarried. Surviving are his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. E. Bumgarner, of Cashier's Valley, and seven brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were held at Cashier's Valley, Tuesday afternoon.

PAGEANT AT BAPTIST CHURCH, SUNDAY NIGHT

A Christmas pageant, "Bethlehem", written by Ruth Bryan Owen, will be presented at the Baptist church on Sunday, December 20, evening, at 7:30, taking place of the regular evening service. The cast is composed of twenty-four characters, besides a double quartet, which will provide music incident to the presentation.

The "White Christmas" feature will follow the program, and everybody is invited to attend the service and bring gifts, which will be distributed to the less fortunate of the community.

SYLVA GRADED SCHOOL TO PLAY ROBBINSVILLE

The Sylva Graded School basketball team will enter enemy territory Friday night, as they take on the Robbinville cagers at Robbinville. The Robbinville boys are reported as having a good team.

Malcolm Brown, who is coaching the Sylva team has been running his boys through some stiff practice. They will probably be in top shape as they take on the Grahamites.

MRS. THOMAS QUEEN PASSED ON AT DILLSBORO, SATURDAY

Mrs. Thomas Queen, relict of the late Thomas Queen, passed on at her home near Dillsboro, on Saturday, at the age of 77, following a long illness. She is survived by one son, W. C. Queen of Dillsboro, several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the home on Sunday, by Rev. Thad. F. Deitz and Rev. Geo. C. Snyder. Interment was in Locust Field cemetery.

BALSAM

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Crisp announce the birth of a fine son, Vaughn Medford. He arrived the eighth.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Enley have returned to their home in Philadelphia after spending some time visiting relatives in and near Balsam, and Asheville. This was Mrs. Enley's first visit here and she has made friends wherever she visited. She was also charmed with our mountains.

Qualla basket ball girls played Balsam girls here last week, beating Balsam 15 to 12.

At the Jackson County Teachers Association, which was held in Sylva the 12th, Balsam school won in the stunt contest "A Pessimistic View of Balsam School on a Wintry Day".

Mrs. Carrie Queen, Mrs. Geo. Bryson and Miss Etta Kinsland went to Waynesville, Monday.

TODAY, and TOMORROW

Postures

A great many, perhaps most, of the things that are done by individuals and groups, in and out of politics, don't mean anything. They are merely gestures, usually for self-advertisement. They often puzzle people who think there must be a deep motive behind every human action, whereas most of our actions are motiveless.

"Jimmy" Walker goes to California to plead for the pardon of Tom Mooney, convicted bomb thrower. Why a dozen explanations are offered, but so far as the importance of the action is concerned it can be dismissed as a mere gesture on the part of the Mayor of New York.

Fifteen hundred well-fed "hunger marchers" converge on Washington, mainly by automobile. A serious communist uprising? Nothing of the kind; merely a gesture to attract attention to a tourist group that loves the limelight. Folks intending to do serious things don't advertise their intentions in advance.

In judging human actions a safe general rule is that most people who do things that get their names into the newspapers, do them for no other purpose than that — to get their names into the newspapers.

Colonels

Just before his term of office ended on December 7, Governor Flea D. Sampson, of Kentucky, commissioned me a Colonel in his staff. That was another gesture signifying nothing but the climax of a gesting remark on my part that the best seats in the grand stand at the Louisville race track seemed to be reserved for the Governor's staff. I don't know how many staff colonels there are with these Kentucky titles, but at least I'm in good company and plenty of it.

wants to make a friendly gesture toward one of its citizens or a visitor, it bestows the ribbon of the Legion of Honor upon him. Italy gives the title of "Commandatore" Kentucky makes him a Colonel. All of those are merely gestures.

Poet

Nichols Vachel Lindsey, tramping the countryside and reciting his poems for his meals and lodging, was the nearest approach in our time to the wandering minstrels of the Middle Ages, the Bards and Minnesingers who recited their heroic epics in the halls of the great or sang their ballads from house to house. In that wise blind Homer, "father of epic poetry", recited his Iliad and Odyssey in ancient Greece.

Vachel Lindsey is dead. The world has lost a real poet, America a great interpreter of the national spirit. His splendid voice, with its dramatic quality that made the hearer seem to see the scenes he described, has been preserved for posterity in phonograph records made at Columbia University.

Lindsay's greatest poem, in my opinion, is "General William Booth Enters into Heaven". Reading it, one hears the boom of the bass drums in the Celestial brass band! I hope that when Vachel Lindsey's spirit entered into that Heaven in which he so profoundly believed, the angelic brass band blared for him, too.

Farmers

To hear politicians and uninformed city folk talk, one would think that all the farmers in the United States were on the verge of starvation. Anybody who knows the facts about farming in any part of the country knows that it is nonsense. It is the "one-crop" speculative farmers who are constantly clamoring to Congress for "relief".

I heard C. F. Colisson, farm editor of the Minneapolis Tribune, tell a group of New York business men the other day how the efforts of his newspaper, in ten years, have cut down the acreage of wheat by four states and made the products of the cow, the sow, and the hen worth several times as much as the wheat crop ever worth in its best days. He suggested that butter and eggs ought to be quoted in the Produce Exchange instead of wheat. They would be a better index of the farmer's buying power.

Teeth

Esquimos have the best teeth of any race of people, but when the Eskimo children are given candy their teeth

Phillips Is New Head Of Teachers

S. Jerome Phillips, one of the best known teachers in the county was elected president of the Jackson County Teachers Association, at the annual meeting held here on last Saturday, succeeding W. Carr Hooper. B. B. Long, was elected vice-president.

Dr. John E. Calfee, following the annual banquet, served by the Sylva Parent Teachers Association, delivered what was pronounced one of the greatest efforts ever delivered in Sylva. Taking as his subject the "Sin of Immediacy", Dr. Calfee insisted that we are prone to want all good things, even education, without working for them. We have tried to make education too easy, said Dr. Calfee, and are following too much after all kinds of fads, instead of using our common sense, in educating the young. He said that he is glad that the taxpayers are beginning to make inquiries about the schools, teaching methods, and results. They should inquire about it, he asserted. Deploring the fact that so many children go through the elementary and high schools without learning anything, Dr. Calfee urged all teachers to acquaint themselves and master the subjects that they are to teach, and to make it their business to know that each child is making proper progress in his studies.

Dr. Calfee stated that some children come to his school, who know very little about anything, and that others come who are well grounded in the fundamentals, and that he can tell from that, just what kind of teachers they have had. "You can't teach unless you know your subjects, and you can't teach school after running around all night in an

school", said Dr. Calfee.

He urged discipline of mind and body, and of grounding the children in the ancient fundamentals of learning. Nobody is free until he has earned for himself the right of freedom", said Dr. Calfee, "and it is only by hard work and training that one can win the right of freedom". He decided the fads and fancies of the educators, who believe in making education easy, and leaving the child free to follow his own bent. He praised the competent and conscientious teachers, who are discharging their duties with ability and faithfulness.

Dr. Calfee presented by Mr. Dan Tompkins who, in a short address, defended the actions of the last general assembly in tax reductions, better tax collection, and equalizing educational opportunity.

Willetts, Webster, Balsam, John's Creek, Gelenville and Beta schools put on a contest in original stunts, and Balsam took the prize.

The morning session at the graded school auditorium was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. D. H. Rhinehart.

Other features of the morning session were an address by Dr. H. T. Hunter, talks by F. I. Watson, L. L. Shaver, Mrs. E. L. McKee, Supt. M. B. Madison, Mrs. J. D. Cowan, a reading by Miss Tilley, and a solo by Mrs. Gully, with Miss Braswell at the piano.

BAPTISTS WILL HAVE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

At the morning service, at the Baptist church, Sunday, a Christmas service will be held. The service will consist largely of Christmas music, and the sermon, by the pastor, Rev. J. Gray Murray, will be a Christmas message.

The pastor and the church extend a most cordial invitation to the public to attend the service.

begin to decay, Professor Waugh of Columbia University told a meeting of dentists in New York the other day. Other dentists agreed that too much reliance should not be placed on the toothbrush alone as a preventive of tooth decay.

We are just beginning to learn that Nature makes no allowances for civilization. Our bodies are just as primitive, and require just as much exercise and just the same food elements as those of the primitive folk who had nothing to eat except what each for himself could catch or kill, or dig out of the ground or pick off a bush or a tree.