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OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO BE CRITICISED BY NATIONAL PRESS

Washington, D. C., September 7.—Not since the early days of the century, when Theodore Roosevelt was President, has so much violent criticism of governmental methods and public men appeared in print as has been coming out in the past year or so. It is the sort of stuff which President Roosevelt denounced as "muckraking." Nobody in Washington is exempt, from the President down. There is hardly a member of Congress, or a public official above the grade of bureau chief who has not been bitterly attacked and criticized by one or another of the group of Washington newspaper men who are writing books and magazine articles.

The latest of these exposures is a book which gives the record of the expense bills and mileage charges collected by numerous Senators and representatives. Few people realize that, under a law enacted more than fifty years ago, every member of both Houses is entitled to collect forty cents a mile from the treasury at the beginning and end of each session of Congress, as traveling expense. That dates back almost to the stage coach days, when traveling was really expensive and necessarily slow. A member from the Pacific Coast who pays about \$275 for his railroad and Pullman fares in going to Washington and returning home draws more than \$1,300 for those expenses, under this forty-cents-a-mile law. And if a special session follows immediately on the heels of a regular session, as is often the case, the Government pays each member a round trip expense allowance of forty cents a mile, even if they don't leave Washington between the two sessions.

Such revelations as these are stirring up a lot of questions back in the home states and districts, and it is no secret here that a great many statesmen in both Houses are considerably worried. A very interesting list has been compiled of Senators and representatives who have put members of their own families or Uncle Sam's payroll as secretaries, committee clerks and the like. That is another old Washington custom. The statement has been made here that at least twenty-four men of both houses have failed of re-nomination because of these exposures.

TEACHERS AND MADISON MEET

The teachers of the Dillsboro and Sylva schools met with Superintendent Madison at the Sylva elementary school building on Friday morning and laid plans for the coming year. Mr. Madison explained the method of keeping records and making reports, and made several announcements concerning the conduct of the schools.

Mr. Madison announced that five general meetings will be held for the teachers of the county during the next five months. Dates and places of meeting were announced as follows:

- September 24 at Sylva.
- October 22 at Cullowhee.
- November 19 at Cullowhee.
- December 17 at Sylva.
- January 14 at Sylva.

The places of meeting were arranged in the order indicated to enable teachers to attend football games that will be played by Western Carolina Teachers College on October 27 and November 19. Coach Poindexter announced that he would give the teachers special rates for these games. Superintendent Madison announced that he will make a list of applicants for the ten hours to be used in Jackson county schools. This will insure capable teachers in the event of sickness or unavoidable absence of regular teachers.

EAST LAPORTE P. T. A. MEETS

The Parent-Teacher Association of the East Laporte School held its first session last Friday, Sept. 2nd. Some outlines of plans for the year's activities were discussed. Friday, September 9th, was set for the next meeting at which time the election of officers and a reorganization it is expected. It is hoped that every mother who is interested in a child will be present.

TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)

Life . . . a survival
Strolling along the bank of a trout stream on my farm the other day I saw a fish capture an incautious frog and proceed to devour it. Crossing the meadow on my way back to the house I saw a hawk pounce down upon a baby rabbit and heard the victim's shrill scream as the bird's talons pierced its skin. At the edge of my wife's flower garden I encountered a small, striped snake in the act of swallowing a toad.

That, I reflected, is life as the animals experience it. They prey upon each other and none is safe. But they have no other way to live. It could be as foolish to call the hawk, the snake or the fish wicked as it could be to call humans wicked because they, too, kill animals for their food.

Sloppy sentimentalists endow the lower animals with the same sensibilities and emotions as humans, and make a great fuss about the cruelty of life. No one who eats meat is in a position to criticize the hawk that eats rabbits and in time a few thousand years, perhaps, men may get over the urge to kill other men because they dress differently, or speak a different language, or get the better of them in trade.

Al . . . the new editor
I hereby extend the hand of fellowship to Al Smith, editor. I have not always agreed with the Hon. Alfred E. Smith, politician, but when he began to write for the papers a couple of years back I thought I saw the makings of a newspaper man in him.

Now that he is out of politics—so far as the present campaign is concerned, at any rate—and is a full fledged editor with a magazine of his own, Al and I ought to get along fine. I'll say this for Al, he puts a punch into whatever he writes. He has ideas.

Jredit . . . the original idea
When the five-day week and the "staggering" of hours of employment so that everybody will have a job become the general practice in the United States—and I see signs which make me believe that they are coming—perhaps the credit will go to the man who started the project, perhaps not.

The man is Isador Teitelbaum, who makes and sells furniture in New York. One day last fall Mr. Teitelbaum, who is a deep student of economic questions, outlined his idea of the short week and the wider distribution of jobs. "Come out to the national convention of the Furniture Association and tell them about it," his friend urged. Mr. Teitelbaum had never made a public speech in his life, but he talked that convention, representing employers of 400, 000 men and women, into endorsing his plan.

Since then the shorter work and the staggered hours system has been put forward by hundreds of others and it was one of the big features of the President's industrial conference a couple of weeks ago. Somebody else may get the credit for starting it, which is why I want to put it in the record now that it was Isador Teitelbaum's original idea.

Hoarders . . . still with us
"Frightened" money is beginning to come out of the tin cans and mattresses. It takes a lot of persuasion though, to get some of it back into the channels of trade again.

Up in my country the largest store in southern Berkshire county went out of business, and closed out its stock at unheard of prices. On the opening day of the sale, which was widely advertised, the main street of Great Barrington was almost impassable, it was so crowded with farmers and village folk rushing to buy the bargains.

And the money they brought was what they had carefully hoarded away, fearing to put it into the banks.

"We took in more than ten thousand dollars in the old-fashioned 'large-sized' currency on the first day of the sale," the manager told me. "Many of the bills were actually moldy, and almost all of them were creased and damp."

There are still hundreds of millions of dollars of these old "big bills" unaccounted for, the Treasury reports.

Scene From Farm Holiday Strike Center



Roadside scenes where pickets of the "Farm Holiday Association" at Council Bluffs, Ia., and Blair, Neb., threw up a blockade against farm produce, livestock and grain being delivered to market, in an effort to get higher prices. Upper photo shows a truck load of hogs which refused to stop on its way to Council Bluffs. Lower: "Farm Holiday" pickets sleeping at the roadside after 24 hours of duty.

Let Contract For Erecting Building Highway No. 112 On Main Street

The contract has been awarded for the construction of Highway 112, beginning at Highway No. 10, near the Ferguson Farm, in Jackson County and going out through Qualla township to Cherokee, which route will be one of the main entrances to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

The contract calls for 7.09 miles of grading from Highway No. 10, to a point on Highway 107 beyond Cherokee. The low bid was \$37,823, submitted by W. H. Anderson Construction Company, of Asheville. The contract for the structures goes to L. Riddle and Company, Asheville.

VISITORS LIKED SYLVA

Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Schaefer, who recently visited Sylva, and stopped with Mr. C. M. Wolf, at "Tourist Rest," have written Mr. Wolf praising Sylva and North Carolina. They stated in their letter to Mr. Wolf that they have been in 24 of the 48 States and the North Carolina best of all, saying that they would like to live in Sylva, and expressing a hope that they will be able to return to this section and visit the Great Smokies in the near distant future. The home of Dr. and Mrs. Switzer is in Farmington, Mich.

Sol Shuman, of Cherryville is erecting a two-story brick building on the lot between Medford Furniture Company, and the A. & P. Building on Main street. The lot was recently purchased by him from the Liquidating agent of the Tuckasee Bank.

When the building is completed it will be occupied by Mr. Shuman, who will install a general merchandise, or department store.

L. S. Castner of Cherryville has the contract for the erection of the building, and the operation is in charge of J. N. Neill, also of Cherryville.

SYLVA P. T. A. TO MEET

The first meeting of the year for the Sylva Parent-Teacher Association will be held on next Monday, September 12, at 3:30 in the afternoon at the elementary school building.

A program has been arranged in which Mr. W. C. Reed, the superintendent, Mrs. E. L. McKee, State Senator, and Mrs. J. D. Cowan, District Vice President of the North Carolina Parent-Teacher Association, will be the speakers. Mr. Reed's subject will be "What the Teacher Expects of the Parents."

Mrs. McKee will speak on "What the Parents Expect of the Teacher."

SYLVA GIRL WINS BEAUTY CONTEST AT JUNALUSKA

Miss Madge Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Wilson, as Miss Sylva, was awarded first prize in the bathing beauty contest at the Canton Labor Day Celebration, at Lake Junaluska, on Monday. The prize was \$20 in gold presented by Mr. Reuben B. Robertson, of the Champion Fibre Company.

Miss Martha Gene Stepp, of Hendersonville, received \$10.00 in gold, as second prize, also presented by Mr. Robertson.

There were nine other entries from nine other towns in Western North Carolina.

THINKS BESSIE SMALLEST OFFICE IN UNITED STATES

Mrs. Mack Stewart thinks that the post office at Bessie, which is in Hamburg township in this county, is perhaps entitled to the distinction of being the smallest postoffice in the United States, as is usually claimed for the Grimshaws office, which is also in Jackson county, in Cashier's Valley, and adjoining township to Hamburg.

The postoffice at Bessie is on the end of the porch at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart. It is a complete post office, equipped in every detail as a postoffice, and measures 5 feet, 8 1/4 inches by 4 feet 5 5/8 inches, and is 7 1/2 feet high.

The post office was established, and Mack Stewart, the present incumbent, was commissioned as postmaster, Feb. 22, 1899, when Charles Emory Smith was postmaster general. Mr. Stewart has held the office continuously since that time.

FOOTBALL CANDIDATES TO RECEIVE EQUIPMENT MONDAY

Equipment will be issued Monday morning to candidates for the 1932 edition of the Western Carolina Teachers College football team. Coach Poindexter announced that he was expecting around forty boys to report for this period of practice before school opens. Equipment will be issued Monday morning and regular practice start in the afternoon. It is planned to have two practices daily, with probably some blackboard drills at night, until school starts.

Miss Maddux, the school dietitian, has agreed to return a week early to supervise the feeding of the boys.

Mrs. Cowan's remarks will be on the subject "Duties of the Grade Mother."

All the members of the association, and all parents who have children in the Sylva schools are urged to attend the meeting.

MASS MEETING WILL BE AT GLENVILLE ON SEPTEMBER 17

A mass meeting of all citizens who are interested in the completion of Highway 106 from Sylva to Cashier's Valley, has been called by people of the Glenville community, to be held in the High School building at Glenville, on Saturday of next week, September 17, to discuss the matter.

It is expected that a large number of people from Sylva, Cashier's Valley, and all along the line of 106 will be present at the meeting.

It is generally understood that the contract for paving the links of the road between Sylva and Cullowhee will be let at a very early date, possibly before the date of the meeting at Glenville; but it is for the specific purpose of insisting upon the Highway Commission that the road be completed from Tuckasee to Cashier's Valley that the meeting is to be held.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McKee were in Raleigh, last week, and interviewed both Chairman Jeffress of the State Highway Commission and Governor Gardner, regarding the completion of the road, and are convinced that the contract for the completion of the road from Sylva to Cullowhee will be let to contract in the immediate future, and that the State officials are cognizant of the need for completing it to Cashier's Valley and are in sympathy with the needs, and are anxious to finish 106 at as early a date as is possible under existing conditions.

QUALLA

"And of the residue they made a god" was the subject from which Rev. J. A. Peeler delivered a discourse at the Methodist church, Sunday morning. He was dinner guest at Mr. Homer Turpin's en route to an afternoon service at Olivet.

Mr. and Mrs. Haynes Reagan announce the birth of a daughter, on August 28th—Betty Jean.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Terrell received an announcement of the marriage of Mr. Earl Crawford and Miss Elizabeth Johnston of Willets, in Clarksville, Ga., on the 27th of July.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cathey of Canton and Mr. and Mrs. Posey Cathey of Sylva visited at Mr. J. W. Catheys Misses Norma Lee and Eliza Hyatt of Conley's Creek were guests of Miss Ruth Ferguson, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bridges of Waynesville visited Mrs. J. H. Hughes, Monday. Mr. Bridges has been connected with the Waynesville paper for forty-four years.

Miss Geneva Turpin who has been employed as nurse in the Waynesville hospital this summer, is spending a few days with home folks. She plans to leave on the 12th, to attend Asheville Normal School.

Miss Alma Layman of Woodrow spent a few days with Miss Louise Hyatt.

Prof. W. E. Bird and family spent Sunday in Qualla.

Little Miss Wilma Hughes celebrated her fifth birthday on August 31st.

Messrs Geo. Bradley, James Bradley and Lee Allison of Stillwell, Okla., are stopping with relatives. Mr. James Bradley is en route to Wake Forest College to finish his senior year.

James Battle, Jr., visited relatives at Canton.

Mrs. D. C. Hughes and children called at Mr. J. E. Battle's.

Mr. and Mrs. Lather Hoyle called at Mrs. A. C. Hoyle's.

Mr. Reeves Cooper of Sylva was the guest of Mr. Wayne Ferguson, Sunday.

Mrs. Kannie Styles of Knoxville was a Qualla visitor Sunday.

Mr. Doe Turpin of Waynesville visited his brother, Mr. Wiley Turpin who is seriously ill.

Mr. J. C. Johnson made a business trip to Whittier.

Coach Poindexter and the football players appreciate the splendid cooperation and support being given by the members of the faculty and the people of Cullowhee and Sylva. With everyone pulling together as they seem to be, prospects are bright for the best year in the history of athletics at the college.

First Hundred Steps the Hardest

By Albert T. Reid

