

# The Jackson County Journal

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## Washington News Letter

Washington, April 26--The big news in Washington right now is the discussion of international questions between President Roosevelt and his White House guest, Ramsay MacDonald, Prime Minister of Great Britain. It is becoming clearer from day to day what each wants from the other and what it is proposed to offer in the way of a trade. For this is a trading confab, the first of many which are to take place between the President and the heads or accredited representatives of other nations.

Britain wants more time on the payment of her war debt to the United States. It might be more accurate to say that she wants to get out of paying the debt entirely, but Mr. MacDonald can hardly expect that, he may reasonably expect another moratorium, and he is likely to get it if he will give something equally good in return.

The British also want easier access to American markets in the shape of lower tariffs. Their argument is that they can't buy our goods or pay what they owe us unless they can sell us their goods at a profit.

### The American Aim

What America wants is, mainly, higher commodity prices. One of the things that is standing in the way of higher prices is the cheapness of British money compared with the American gold dollar; it seems certain that Mr. Roosevelt will insist upon some agreement whereby England will restore the British pound to something like a dollar value and at the same time set the silver money of India to its old gold value.

As two nations one would tend to increase would prices of American exports, in terms which would be in direct competition with domestic products, which is now depressed to a low level. The President's economic advisers tell him.

It is hardly likely that any fast and fast, public movement will be reached during Mr. MacDonald's visit. But if he and the President agree in principle on a program to be held before the World Economic Conference in July, it will be a long way toward insuring the international cooperation of whatever they agree upon as desirable to do.

### Opposition Shows Self.

There is beginning to be a slight show-up in the program of change in Governmental methods and functions. Reluctant members of both houses of Congress are beginning to voice objections to some of the White House policies, and it seems doubtful whether Mr. Roosevelt can get any more major legislation through over night, without opposition. However, he has already got the principal strings in his own hands, with which to control the course of events for a long time to come.

President's friends say that he really has no desire to be another Mussolini, but that the position of dictator is being forced upon him. Many who are opposed in principle to the idea of a one-man government say frankly that any speedy action toward bettering conditions can never be accomplished by a Congress constituted as ours is, of men who represent sectional and local interest and not the entire nation. They prefer a single-headed government in an emergency to the wrangling, delay and compromises inseparable from Congressional action.

Talk of inflation grows stronger without any clear picture of how it is to be accomplished. There is little likelihood of any action to reduce the amount of gold in the gold dollar. There is a strong likelihood that the dollar value will be reduced--that is, that commodity prices will be forced upward, by other means.

### Danger of Deflation

So far the Government's acts have been mainly deflationary, such as the closing down banks and keeping the weak ones closed, reduction of government expenses and veteran's pay. It is recognized by the Administration that deflation, adding the burden of the debtor class, cannot go much further without the danger of bringing on something like a social revolution.

The farm bill, whose aim is to lift farm prices, is an inflationary measure. So are the farm mortgage and

## Plans Being Made By C. J. Harris Community Hospital to Celebrate May 12

MASTER ALLEN FISHER, JR. CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Little Allen Fisher was most delightfully honored on Wednesday of last week when his mother, Mrs. Allen Fisher entertained a number of his little friends in celebration of his third anniversary of his birth. Various games furnished amusement throughout the afternoon. At the close of the games he birthday cake with three lighted candles was an interesting event to all. A course consisting of cake, frozen custard, grape juice and candy was served. The small guests included the honor guest and Bobby and Kenneth Terrell, Charles Snyder, Betty McClure, Henry Clayton, Sarah Sue Jones, June Jones, Harold Jones, Peggy Sutton, Billy Sutton, Bertha Crawford, Helen Jones and Misses Helen Blanton and Ruby McClure.

### "HEAVEN BOUND" COM'NG

The celebrated Pageant, staged by some of the best negro talent of the South, will be seen at the school auditorium, Sylva, Friday Night May 5, at 8 o'clock.

The Religious genius of the negro race and their native interpretation of the mystery of things in negro songs and spirituals are seen at their best in this pageant. This is the first time this pageant staged by the best actors and singers of the South has been brought to this section and hundreds of people of Jackson and adjoining counties will appreciate the chance to hear it. Admission will be 15c and 25c.

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Some mortgage plans. Then there are in preparation on plans for local loans or public works, the artificial stimulation of business by government guarantee against loss in expansion of certain industries, and the latest thing being considered, a plan for the Government to provide a huge loan for home modernization, such as installing water and heating systems, bathrooms and the like. That is only talk as yet, but taken seriously by some close to the President.

Then there will be something done to bring silver into the monetary system, besides the proposed international agreement about silver prices.

All of those things are inflationary, and sounder than pure inflation by devaluing the dollar or printing more dollars would be.

### Ickes On The Job

So much attention has been focused on the President that the members of his Cabinet are being largely overlooked. One of them, who will play an important part if the President's project of reclaiming all the nation's waste lands goes through, is the Secretary of the Interior, Harold L. Ickes. Mr. Ickes is a Republican, although he jumped the party fence in 1912 to follow Theodore Roosevelt in the Progressive campaign. His job lies mainly in the West, although his department has charge of the Government Hospital for the Insane at Washington and of the Freedmen's Hospital, also maintained here by Uncle Sam for Negroes.

The General Land Office, the Geological Survey, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the office of Education and the Reclamation Service are the principal activities of the Interior Department. One of Mr. Ickes' first appointments indicated that he is not going to let politicians of either party run his department. This was the appointment of John Collier as Commissioner of Indian Affairs. Mr. Collier has for many years been regarded as the foremost authority on the American Indian, and the active head of the Society of Friends of the Indian. As Mr. Ickes said in announcing his appointment: "The Commissioner ought to be the representative of the Indians themselves. He should be their advocate, fighting for their interests and pleading their cause."

(By John Parris, Jr.)

Plans are rapidly being made at the C. J. Harris Community Hospital to observe National Hospital Day May 12th and also the sixth anniversary of the birth of the C. J. Harris Community Hospital which was founded in 1927 on the 15th of May.

For the first time in the history of the local hospital, National Hospital Day will be celebrated in an appropriate way. Plans have not been fully made at the present.

It will be "open house" for the hospital and everybody in the county, and the western part of the state, is cordially invited to be present at the hospital on May 12th.

A special invitation is extended to the mothers whose babies were born in the hospital, to be present with their babies.

National Hospital Day will be celebrated throughout the United States, Canada and several foreign countries. Each year there become a much larger and more enthusiastic throng who celebrate National Hospital Day.

National Hospital Day is now to this community and section, but once the program is put on it will be a living memory to the service that hospitals give to the people of the community and section. Someone has said "Our hospitals pay dividends--dividends in human lives." And that is indeed an appropriate keynote for National Hospital Day.

National Hospital Day is a day when people throughout the world pay tribute to that splendid woman, Florence Nightingale, in whose honor the day was established. Dr. A. R. Hazzard, superintendent of the Easton Hospital, Easton, Penn., says, "I know of no other way that we can pay more sincere tribute to that nurse who was a publicist first than by giving tremendous impetus to this program this year."

There has been no moratorium upon the service to humanity by the hospitals during this economic crisis. And National Hospital Day will be an outstanding opportunity to acquaint the public with the task that the C. J. Harris Community hospital and other hospitals throughout the world have to contend with and it will also give way to show of the stupendous burden that the staff and nurses of the C. J. Harris Community hospital have borne ever giving an increased sacrifice of time and service.

The C. J. Harris Community Hospital has not hoarded the gold of human kindness. They have spent it more freely. National Hospital Day is not only a day when the problems of the hospital can be brought before the public, but it is a day when the thanks of the hospital can be given to the public for its support and is a time when the public can investigate the needs of the hospital and give expression to a high appreciation of the tremendous gratuitous services of the C. J. Harris Community Hospital staff and its nurses.

### WOULD ADD CULLOWHEE ROAD

A bill was introduced this morning by Representative Tompkins to require the State Highway Commission to put on the map for maintenance the road from the Speedwell road to the Cullowhee Gap at the Macon county line, on the head of Ellijay Creek. The bill was given a favorable report by the calendar committee in the house this afternoon and will come up for action tomorrow morning. It will then go to the Senate.

### FRICKS-MARTIN

Announcement was made in Waynesville last week of the engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Elizabeth Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Martin of Waynesville, and Mr. Frank Fricks of Sylva. Mr. Fricks is manager of Stovall's Five and Ten Cent Store here. The wedding will occur in June.

If you do not hear of "Heaven Bound" (Sylva School Auditorium May 5th, 8:00 p. m.)

In time to get in, you will hear about it the day after.

## QUALLA

Rev. L. Rogers, pastor of the Baptist church, preached Sunday morning. The evening service was conducted by Rev. J. L. Hyatt.

We read in last week's Journal the death of Mrs. J. L. Snavers of Asheville. We knew her best as Miss Lillie Cathey. Qualla was the home of her youthful days. She was intelligent, ambitious of a cheerful social disposition, talented in music and one of Qualla's most popular young folks. She was a "chum" and special friend of the writer. We have seldom met her for several years, except for an occasional visit to the old home and scenes of her youth, and a call to renew friendship and talk over "old times." Lillie is "gone but not forgotten."

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Estes Talbert a son--Glenn Clutz.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Ferguson, Hugh and Lillian Ferguson motored to Asheville.

Misses Annie Lizzie Terrell and Gertrude Ferguson visited at Asheville Normal Friday.

Mr. Steve Bradburn went to Asheville Sunday to visit his sister, Mrs. Grace Moore of Whittier who is in Asheville for treatment. She is improving.

Mr. Will Freeman and family went to Almond to visit relatives.

Mrs. M. B. Henson of Whittier, and Mrs. J. H. Hughes spent Friday with Mrs. J. K. Terrell.

Mr. D. C. Hughes called on Mr. C. B. Terrell Sunday.

## New Bridge Is Completed City Election Next Tuesday

Sylva's new \$10,000 concrete bridge which spans Scott's Creek will be open for traffic Saturday morning, it was announced today by J. G. S. Stein who has had charge of building the bridge.

This will be good news to people in Sylva and Jackson county as well as people throughout Western North Carolina.

Work on the new bridge has gone on at a rapid rate of speed and the contractor is to be congratulated for his work.

### CULLOWHEE HIGH TO PRESENT "WHITTLIN"

"Whittlin," a three act comedy by A. Verne Slout, will be presented by the senior class of Cullowhee High School, Saturday night, April 29th at eight o'clock.

The cast is, Dr. Good, Matt Parker, Ruth Wilson, Margaret Coward, Mrs. Wilson, Hazel Henson, Dave Paterman, Awyer Tilley, Annabelle Dea, Eleanor Cox, Jimmy Edwards, Cowan Moody, Gip, Bill Bryson, Johnny Dea, Davis Potts. The play is directed by the senior class sponsor, Mrs. Virginia Cobb.

"Heaven Bound" is coming to Sylva next Friday night May 5th.

## Revenue Bill Features Week in General Assembly As End Draws Near

Raleigh, April 25--Well, the General Assembly is finishing the 11th day of the session, dragging wearily toward the end, which is not yet in sight. The major legislation is behind; but the biggest job of all is not finished, that of finding the money with which to finance the business of the State for the next two years. The twelve million dollar deficit has been funded by the issuance of bonds, but there is still, so the experts tell us, approximately \$10,000,000 to be raised, over and above the items in the Revenue bill that have been agreed upon.

The house completed the funding bill, last week, after days of ten and sometimes acrimonious debate, and sent it over to the Senate. That body has been worrying over the thing all week, and it hasn't even come up for first reading. The Senate sent it to the committee on finance Friday. The committee promptly eliminated many amendments that the house had put into the bill, and reported it out on Monday in practically the same form that is first came to the House from the committee weeks ago. The house had sought to recapture from the corporations at least a part of the ad valorem relief that all property owners in the state are getting through the 15c. removal and through the elimination of special and county school taxes. The franchise taxes on telephone companies, express companies, railroads, telegraph companies, and the like were raised as a recapture tax. A kilowatt hour tax of 1-2 a mill was levied upon power. Each of these was cut out by the Senate committee and the Senate has sustained the action of the committee.

The House, after a memorable battle, adopted a two percent general sales tax. The Senate committee raised it to 3 per cent. But the Senate as a body is still arguing over it. Opponents of the sales tax see a chance to defeat the measure in the Senate, by the adoption of a luxury tax, or something else. Senator Hunsdale is proposing the luxury tax, and made a powerful plea for it in the Senate this afternoon.

Senator Francis, it is said, will introduce in the Senate, in case a General Sales tax is adopted, the amendment offered in the House by Representative Tompkins. The amendment would relieve from taxation meat, flour, corn, meal, the lower priced clothings, cheap furniture, medicine for the sick folks, and the products of the North Carolina farms, as well as the tools and implements used by the farmers in tilling the soil. Milk for the babies would have been exempted, as well as milk for the grown

folks. A roll call vote was demanded when the amendment was being considered in the House, and the amendment lost. I expect to bring it home with me and have it framed to hang in my office as a testimonial that I tried to keep the necessities of life and the products of the farms of North Carolina from being subject to taxation. Senator Francis says that he will carry on the same fight over in the senate. Now, just a word about the local legislation that has been passed for Jackson county:

A bill was passed sometime ago, authorizing the county commissioners, to assume the Dillsboro township road bonds. This was done because the township has paid off the bonds, and the county has spent the money. Therefore, it wouldn't have been fair for the township to have paid the debt twice, and it is fair for the county, which got the benefit of the money to pay the bonds.

A bill was introduced and passed authorizing the commissioners of the county to pay the Register of Deeds \$700 for making out the tax books. The practice in the county for many years has been for the Register of Deeds to make out the tax books, and this is the lowest price he has been paid for the job in many years. Last year the register, I am informed, was paid \$1000 for making out the tax list, and \$600 for his services as clerk to the board of commissioners. The act will reduce the amount of money which he will receive from the county by \$900.

A bill was passed authorizing the commissioners to pay the costs of the justice of the peace and the arresting officer in cases where the defendants are convicted of crime in a justice court, and sentenced to serve either in the jail or upon the roads, and where the defendants cannot be made to pay the costs. This was done because nobody should expect the officers to work for nothing, and the county will not be liable unless the costs cannot be gotten from the defendants and unless the defendants are sentenced to serve terms in prison or on the road.

Another bill was introduced authorizing the county commissioners, with the consent of the county government commissioners, to levy not more than 5c additional to the present county levy. The commissioners state that it will probably not be necessary to levy more than 2c of the 5c additional authorized and it cannot be levied unless both the commissioners of the county and the county government commission in Raleigh agree that it is absolutely necessary. This was done in order that there will be no condi-

## City Election Next Tuesday

Next Tuesday morning Sylva voters will go to the polls to vote for a mayor and five aldermen. Interest has increased in the past few days until there is quite a bit of interest being shown over the coming election.

Two tickets--a Democratic and Republican--have been put out which is causing quite a bit of interest. The present board, C. C. Buchanan, mayor, Charles Price, Grover Wilkes, W. E. Grindstaff, E. L. Wilson and J. C. Allison, aldermen, will run for reelection.

The Republican ticket is being headed by Dr. Charles Z. Candler for mayor, and the candidates for aldermen are J. S. Higdon, T. H. Barrett, G. K. Bess, Cyrus Rasmuson, and H. E. Battle.

### COUNTY P. T. A. HERE MAY 12

Dr. W. P. McGuire, president, has announced that the meeting of the County Council, Parent-Teacher Association, which was scheduled to be held here on May 5, has been postponed to the following Friday evening, May 12, because of the appearance on the night of May 5th of the pageant, "Heaven Bound." The meeting of the P. T. A. Council will be held at eight o'clock in the evening, at the elementary school building. The officers and "set-up" of the county council, who are expected to attend the meeting are, president, Dr. W. P. McGuire, Sylva; vice-president, Mrs. H. T. Hunter, Cullowhee; vice-president, Mr. Don Davis, W.

ster; vice-president, Mrs. J. M. Cunningham, Glenville; Corresponding secretary, Miss Edith Buchanan, Sylva; treasurer, Mrs. Ras Barrett, Dillsboro; recording secretary, Miss Annie Lizzie Terrell, Willets; publicity chairman, Miss Lillie Stein, Webster; county superintendent, Mr. M. B. Madison; farm agent, Mr. E. V. Vestal; county physician, Dr. Grover Wilkes; county welfare officer, Mr. Don Davis; principal of every school, P. T. A. president of every school, number of state board, Mrs. E. L. McKee; vice-president of western district, Mrs. J. D. Cowan; Mrs. C. B. Robinson, chairman child welfare committee; Miss Alice Benton, Cullowhee; chairman health committee; Mrs. Frank Bryson, Green's Creek, chairman attendance committee; Mrs. Ras Barrett, Dillsboro, chairman publications committee; E. V. Vestal, Sylva; chairman ways and means committee.

Every person who is a member of the Parent-Teacher association or who is interested in the welfare of children is invited and urged to attend this meeting.

The greatest collection of negro songs and "Spirituals" ever heard in the South in "Heaven Bound" Sylva School Auditorium Friday, night May 5th.

tion arise in which the county cannot levy enough tax to carry on the business of the county. The revaluation or horizontal cut in assessments will result in a great reduction in the taxable value of the county, and this slight increase in the county ax rate was thought to be absolutely necessary; but it has about it the safeguard of both the commissioners of the county and the local government commission in seeing that no more of the authorized additional 5c can be levied than is found to be absolutely necessary.

At that, there will be an appreciable reduction in taxes in the county next year. The 15c. for State school purposes has been removed. Local and county taxes for the eight months schools have been removed, which will result in about an average of 33c cut on the basis of present valuations. Deduct from that the probable 3c. that commissioners will have to levy, and we have a net reduction of our tax rate of 3c on the \$100 valuation. The commissioners have been authorized to deal directly with bond holders, or with them through the State in an effort to adjust bond payments, and it may be that even a greater tax reduction can be effected.