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\$2.00 YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

\$1.50 YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

## REAL TEST OF 'NEW DEAL' WILL COME IN NEAR FUTURE

Washington, June 14.—The real test of the Roosevelt policies will come after Congress has adjourned and gone home and the President, with unexampled power of experiment and unlimited freedom of action, gets under way with the "New Deal."

So far about all that has been done is to set up the new machinery. Little of it has yet started to work. The definite improvement in business and industry all over the country is still largely due to an improvement in the morale of the public.

The one positive action of the Administration which has brought results thus far is the suspension of gold payments, which has had a beneficial effect upon prices, first in foreign trade and now gradually being effected in domestic commerce. The tendency here is to suggest that if one single positive act could be followed by the mere promise of others on the part of the President, what may not happen when the Roosevelt program gets into full action?

### Aiming At Higher Prices

The definite aim of the Administration is to raise commodity prices. But which of the many powers available to the President will be the one which will do the most good, nobody tries to guess. It seems certain that there will be some sort of "controlled inflation" of the dollar, having for its purpose the raising of prices, but which method of inflation will be adopted the President himself does not know yet.

Much will depend upon the outcome of the World Economic Conference which met in London on June 12th. There is a possibility of such a far-reaching international agreement on money and prices that will not only be necessary for any nation at least not for the United States, to do anything else to bring about the restoration of the price level to where it was in, say, 1926 but the whole conference is so connected with Europe's internal discussions on the question of disarmament, and with the growing uneasiness of our European debtors that we may have to give them their debts before they will play with us, that Washington is not really expecting much out of the conference.

### Equipped Either Way

Many of the monetary powers which the President asked of Congress and received, had the double purpose of being good weapons to use in the economic battle in London. And if we fail to win there, very useful tools for a nation which decides to go it alone, regardless of what the rest of the world does.

And that is the real expectation among those on the inside; that the United States will work out its own program of rehabilitation, by controlling production both in agriculture and industry so that we shall not be dependent upon foreign countries to buy our surplus, since there can't be any surplus to export.

The first actual step toward inflation of the currency was taken a couple of weeks ago when the Federal Reserve banks began to buy government bonds with the new currency. The Federal Reserve is authorized to buy up to three thousand million dollars of outstanding bonds and to pay for them in new money which is not based on gold but on the Government's unsupported promise to pay. As this is written, about \$2,000,000,000 of the new money has been issued. Taking these bonds out of circulation where they constitute a frozen asset and giving the banks new notes which can be used for money, is one way of liquidating the banking situation.

### Gold Dollar Value

There has been a great deal of talk about the possible devaluation of the gold dollar. The President is authorized to reduce the amount of gold in the dollar by as much as one-half. That is not saying that he needs to do that. Power and intent are two different things. But some of those on the inside believe that there will be no use of this power until and unless the price level reaches a point at which it seems desirable to stabilize it, and that this may be done by a devaluation.

## WEBSTER MAN IS VICTIM OF SUICIDE

Funeral services were conducted Monday at Love's Chapel for John Early, whose body was found, with the top of his head blown off, in the yard of his home, Sunday afternoon.

Early, 52 year old farmer, is said to have told his wife that he had a notion of killing himself, as his debts were driving him crazy. Shortly thereafter his wife heard a gun fire, and the body of Early was found with a 12 gauge shot gun lying beside it.

A coroner's jury returned a verdict stating that Early came to his death from gun shot wounds at the hand of unknown party or parties.

Mrs. Early said her husband was on the front porch of their home when he told her his debts were driving him crazy and that he thought he would kill himself. She told officers she begged him to dismiss the idea from his mind, that she went to the back porch and returning several minutes later saw him in the front yard trying to place the muzzle of the shotgun against his head. Seconds later, she heard the gun fire. She ran from the house and shouted for help.

Robert Mathis, a neighbor of the Earlys, heard Mrs. Early's screams and went to her husband's body.

Witnesses at the inquest were: Mr. Mathis, Mrs. Early, Fred Early, a son, Willie Mae Early, a daughter and Mamie Early, a daughter in law of John Early. They testified they did not know of Mr. Early having any enemies and that his act was probably due to worry over his debts.

Mr. Early was a native of Rutherford county. He moved to Haywood county when a young man and 11 years ago moved to Jackson county.

He is survived by his father, Logan Early, of Rutherford county; his widow, and six children, Willie Mae, Nancy, Fred, Presey, Jerome and George.

## FOREST WORKERS TO GET INCREASE IN WAGES

A wage increase effective July 1, for competent members of the forest conservation corps was announced by the first of the week by Director Robert Fechner.

The fixed cash allowance of \$30 a month may be raised to \$45 per month for 5 per cent of the members of each company designated by their company commander and the camp superintendent for responsible camp positions. Fechner said, and 8 per cent of each company may receive \$36 if so designated.

The increased pay will affect 13 per cent of the forest workers. The plan has the approval of President Roosevelt, Fechner said.

A penalty system was also announced providing for admonition, suspension of privileges, substitution of specified duties instead of regular work and deduction of not to exceed three days' cash allowance for minor offenses.

The announcement will be of especial interest in Western North Carolina, where large forces of the men are at work in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and in the national forests.

## HISTORIC 'WILDCAT' DIVISION TO MEET AT WINSTON-SALEM

The 81st, "Wildcat" Division will hold a four days reunion in Winston-Salem, July 2-5, and from every section of the country the former members of this historic Division will gather in the beautiful city in the Old North State, to renew the comradeships formed during their service, and to meet once again their comrades of those hectic days of 1917-18.

In the personnel of the Division were the brave sons of North and South Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee, New York, Florida, and every State in the Union. North Carolina had some 7200.

The railroads are granting an excursion rate of 1c per mile from all points South of New York City and East of the Mississippi. There will be an abundance of rooms at 50c and 75c per night, and the Committees representing the Civic, Fraternal, Patriotic and Veteran bodies of the region city, are arranging a great welcome to all who attend.

The reunion is fostered by the Divisional Association. Every Wildcat is requested to write to the National

## The Morgans at Washington



An interesting photographic study of J. Pierpont Morgan, as he conferred with his counsel, John W. Davis, during his days before the Senate Investigating Committee at Washington. Inset is of Junius S. Morgan, son of the famous banker, also a member of the firm and at the Washington hearing with his father.

## Cullowhee Youth Chosen To Make Washington Trip

### 40 YEARS AGO

Tuckasee Democrat, June 14, 1903

Mrs. D. J. Allen went over to Waynesville, Tuesday.

Our County Treasurer Moody is here today.

Mr. John Moody, of Tuckasee, is here today.

Miss Love Louis and Mr. D. L. Love returned from Waynesville, Monday.

Mr. Charlie Keen, of Asheville, arrived Saturday to visit his sister, Mr. Neal Buchanan.

Miss Mattie Davis, of Greer's, S. C., is on a visit to the family of her brother, Mr. R. M. Davis.

Mr. J. L. Mont'ith, after several months spent among us, left today for Siloam Springs, Ark.

Mr. F. A. Steadman joined his family at Bryson City, last Thursday and will spend a while with them.

Mr. A. J. Long, Sr., was called to Haywood Monday by a telegram announcing the death of his brother.

Miss Jessie Rogers, of Waynesville, who has been visiting the family of Judge Davies for some time returned home today, accompanied by Miss Orelia Davies.

The committee of three magistrates appointed to confer with the commissioners met their Tuesday of last week, but nothing was agreed upon and it is said now that no jail will be built at present.

Charlie Bryson surprised his friends here by putting in an appearance last Thursday. He was a little "under the weather" when he came and will recuperate in our bracing atmosphere.

We had a very pleasant call Saturday, from Mr. H. Redwood, of Asheville, who with Rev. Mr. Du Bose had been on a fishing trip to the upper waters of the Tuckasee.

Married: Sunday night, the 11th inst., Cupid with his silvery cord came to Hamburg and bound the hearts of two of our old Hamburg schoolmates and friends, Mr. C. L. Harris, of Tuckasee, originally from Alabama, and Miss Emma Jamison of Hamburg, in the bonds of matrimony. Rev. A. C. Queen officiating.

Headquarters, 2028 Portner Pl. N.W., Washington, D. C., for full information. General Bailey and the General Staff, as well as many Regiments and Company Commanders will attend the reunion to greet the men who served under their command.

The Veterans of the "Wildcat" Division Association invites every comrade who served with this Division, between Aug. 27, 1917 and July 5, 1919 to join their Divisional Association and in the name of the people of Winston-Salem, bid them welcome to the reunion.

## Waynesville Man Named For Highway Commission; Jeffress Again Is Chairman

### TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)

#### SANITY . . . comes with work

One result of the depression has been to bring a good many people back to a sane outlook on life and the world they live in. That is particularly true among young men and women who never had to think about where the money came from.

I know a good many of that kind, and nearly all of them are finding the kind of life where they have to do things for themselves much more satisfying than an existence in which everything was done for them.

That has always been true, that the only things worth having are the things one works for. But a good many people didn't know that until they were forced to work.

#### DOUGLAS . . . he can figure

If and when Mr. Woodin resigns the man slated to take his place as Secretary of the Treasury is Lewis Douglas, Director of the Budget.

Mr. Douglas has had the respect of official Washington for a good many years. He was the lone Congressman from Arizona for several terms, and that made him a much more important figure than either of the Senators from that State. He fought a valiant but losing fight against the Boulder Dam project which made him a lot of enemies but a lot more friends.

When Lew Douglas gets into action he fights along a straight line until he wins or is licked. And when it comes to figures, he can make them behave like nobody's business.

#### SECURITY . . . a doubtful course

I have just got word that the Association for Old Age Security has changed its name to the Association for Social Security. Having succeeded in getting half the states to adopt old pension laws, the men behind this movement are now starting out to get legislation which will provide as they put it "social insurance against old age dependency, and unemployment."

This is a significant movement, for it indicates, as many other signs of the times do, that we are moving toward a socialized commonwealth, such as now exists in England. The burden of taxation of the competent to support the incompetent will steadily increase, until everybody has been levelled down to the same economic status. That is the direction in which we are heading.

Of course, high wages and security at taxpayers' expense can't go together. The justification of high wages is that the worker should be enabled to save something out of his wages, against illness, unemployment or old age. That has been our American idea. The European idea is to justify low wages by providing for public care of the worker in time of stress.

I don't like the European system. It destroys ambition and incentive to good work. Sooner or later it will destroy the nation that adopt it. But I'm afraid that what we're heading for.

#### BRAKES . . . and accidents

I got into trouble on the road the other day. For the first time in nearly thirty years of motoring I was caught violating the law. I had just taken my car out of the garage, where it had been laid up since last Fall, and neglected to drive over to the inspection station and get a 1932 certificate that my lights and brakes were in good condition.

In Massachusetts nobody may drive a car without a paster on the windshield certifying that it has had an official brake and light test within six months. I had only last year's sticker, so a motorcycle cop held me up and proved me wrong.

I think the Massachusetts law is a good one. I've just seen a report from the Travelers Insurance Company, which keeps tab on automobile accidents, which says that in the past year there has been an increase of fatal accidents due to faulty brakes. Part of that is due to so many old cars being still in use, but most of it is due to the failure, in most states, to require periodical

Frank W. Miller of Waynesville was appointed as a member of the Highway and Prison Commission for this district, by Governor Ehringhaus on Saturday.

Mr. Miller succeeds Will Neal of Marion.

At the same time the Governor appointed Mr. Miller, he appointed E. B. Jeffress, present Chairman of the Highway Commission, as chairman of the newly-created Highway and Prison Commission.

Haywood county has been most fortunate in the appointments and in holding State offices. Mr. Jeffress is a native of Haywood. Mr. Miller is from Haywood, giving the chairmanship and one member to native sons of Haywood. W. T. Lee, of Haywood, has been a chairman of the Corporation Commission for many years. The solicitor of this judicial district lives in Haywood.

It so happens that, due to the rotation agreement, the present State senator from this district is from Haywood. When Judge Walter E. Moore laid down his working tools, last winter, and passed on to his reward, Governor Ehringhaus immediately appointed Felix E. Alley, of Haywood as his successor; and the Governor again went to Haywood to make his appointment on the Highway and Prison Commission.

Really, Haywood has been most fortunate. The only time that his excellency has had an opportunity to make an appointment to a major office in these parts, that he overlooked Haywood, was when he appointed Mr. Holler, of Rutherford, way down east of the Ridge, on the School Commission, and, so far as is known, no Haywood citizen had any aspirations in that direction.

It is an unusual thing for the judge and solicitor of the judicial district to be from the same county, and a county that is thus honored, is considered as having its full share of the political power; but when the honors continue to fall to the same county, it is considered as being more than fortunate.

There is no especial kick against Mr. Miller, it is hoped that he will take a large view of the big job that he now holds, and will hold the scales of justice to the several sections of the district to an even keel; but there were many people in the district who felt that Haywood had already been sufficiently honored, and that the ends of political justice to the counties that nominated Governor Ehringhaus could be better met by dividing up such honors as his Excellency had to hand out.

In fact, most people believed that Jackson had the job in the bag on Friday morning, until something happened that evening to upset the apple cart and people are wondering who upset it, and why.

It would have pleased the district mightily for the Jackson man to have been appointed; and it would at the same time, have been giving recognition to this county that gave Ehringhaus a larger percentage of the vote in the primary than did any county in the State, not excepting his own backwater, way down in Alabama.

## FIREMEN WANT TO GO TO STATE CONVENTION

Members of Sylva's volunteer fire department are desirous of going to the State Firemen's Convention in July, and are going to make a canvass of the town, next week, for contributions to the funds for that purpose.

Members of the department serve the town without pay, and have operated in a most efficient manner since the organization a few years ago.

In a great many municipalities in the State the town or city pays the expenses of the department to the State convention; but this is not true in Sylva, as there is no fund for the support of the Fire Department.

The only compensation that the members of the fire department can get for their fine service to the community is the trip to the State convention, and this must be made up by private subscription.

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