

The Jackson County Journal

1920 YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

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\$2.00 YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

OFFICIALS ARE CONFIDENT OF EARLY RECOVERY

Washington, Feb. 7. — Official confidence is near to being an accomplished fact that by May there will be plenty of work in agriculture, business and industry for all who are now dependent upon the C.W.A. What has been holding private capital and credit back from the complete cooperation under the NRA which was expected, has not been any shortage of funds in private hands or of credit in the banks, but the unwillingness of investors to put their money into anything when they have no assurance what the money they would get back would be worth.

The President's new monetary program, his supporters believe, has put the major doubts at rest. It is quite clear to everybody now that Mr. Roosevelt is firmly opposed to any thing like uncontrolled monetary inflation. There has been inflation, to be sure, and there will be more, but it is all under very definite control and inside of fixed limits. And the uncertainty as to where the dollar would drop in terms of gold has been replaced by the certainty that it will not be allowed to remain higher than 60 per cent of its old gold value, or lower than 50 per cent. This has already resulted in the return to the United States of a good many millions of American capital which had taken flight from the depreciating dollar.

With all the authority which he now has in his hands, to back up his views more fully than he was able to do last summer, the new president of the President, or one of his first moves will be to re-open negotiations with foreign countries looking toward equalization of all the world's currencies on a new and stable gold basis.

The belief that any complete readjustment of world currencies can take place without bringing silver back into its old money position has pretty well vanished here. The Pittman amendment to the gold bill strengthens the President's hands in dealing with the silver question, and the likelihood that the currencies of the Orient and other silver-money nations will be equalized with gold seems better than it was.

How all this discussion about gold and silver affects the ordinary citizen of the United States is one of those things which is not apparent on the surface, since an American dollar is still an American dollar, so long as the credit of the United States is good, whether it has gone or silver or only a promise to pay back of it. And the Government's credit is still pretty good, thank you. Uncle Sam had no trouble in borrowing a thousand million dollars practically overnight a few days ago, and nobody anticipates any trouble when he asks for a few billions more in loans.

But what the Administration is aiming at is to raise the price of basic commodities, such as cotton, wool, wheat, copper, steel, and a long list of other things which we have and produce more than we can consume. The prices of international trade goods are fixed in the world market, not in our own alone. International money is gold, nothing else. Our abandonment of the gold standard has already sent the price, in dollars, of many commodities upward, because it brought our international dollar more nearly on a level with the British pound and other currencies which had gone off the gold standard.

With all the money of all the nations of the world on an equal and equalized basis of value, measured in gold, nearly all of the President's economic advisers agree that world prices would come back to the 1920 level, with world prices up in dollars, and our money would go up in dollars, and we would be a profit to capital in the world in industry and business.

It is not a good idea, when it is a question of money, to put the wheels of prosperity would again begin to turn.

40 YEARS AGO

Tuckasee Democrat, Feb. 7, 1894

Gen. E. R. Hampton went to Asheville, Thursday.

Mr. M. Buchanan left, Saturday for Florida.

Mr. Geo. H. Sewards of Wayneville, was here Monday.

Mr. W. B. Morris went to Whitler Friday and returned Tuesday.

Mr. M. Patton returned Thursday, after a visit of several weeks with friends in the North.

Mrs. R. M. Davis left for Asheville, Friday, where she will visit relatives till she is joined by Mr. Davis, when they will go to their new home at Saluda.

We learn that the contract for building the jail at Webster was awarded to Hon. L. J. Smith, his bid being \$4,895 for the jail complete, including the use of such of the material in the old jail as is available.

The Wilson tariff bill, including the provision for a tax of 2 per cent on incomes in excess of \$4,000, passed the House by a majority of sixty-four. All of North Carolina's representatives were present, and, as a matter of course, all voted for the bill, except Sattle, the Republican member.

We regret exceedingly to have to correct a statement we made last week as to Mr. J. A. Wild's having been appointed Deputy Collector of Revenue. The statement was made on good authority, but it seems a mistake was made. There is nothing to take back, however, in anything we said about Mr. Wild's fitness for the office nor about the propriety of the recognition due the democratic county of Jackson, Jackson county Democrats have not received what they deserve, but they are democrats from principle and not for spoils.

In spite of the severity of last winter, which not only killed the peaches in the bud, but actually destroyed hundreds of the trees in exposed localities, an unusually large quantity of peaches, raised in properly located orchards in this immediate vicinity, were sold here last summer. The fact that such a season as that was powerless to prevent the successful growing of peaches here affords the fullest encouragement to engaging in the cultivation of a fruit crop rendered the more profitable by its certainty. There is no difficulty whatever in selecting localities for orchards where there is absolutely no danger of destruction by frost. We know of a number of orchards which never fail. With this incalculable advantage and the introduction of suitable varieties, and improved methods of gathering and marketing the fruit, the industry might be made highly profitable.

Production of everything which has the possibility of becoming an un-consumable surplus.

More and more the rest of the world is becoming self-sustaining, and the long range outlook is for a state of things in which every country will feed and clothe itself with its own products, importing only what other nations can produce better or more cheaply.

What is really developing here in Washington is a new system and theory of political economy, based upon present day realities rather than upon any of the old teachings of the economists of the past. It is no particular individual's theory, but the result of sifting down the theories, plans, proposals and projects which have been used upon the Administration from hundreds of sources. The President was quoted recently as realizing that economic change that views every five or ten years and he has on the approach of himself as with his own eyes and ears, and he will be glad to advise further in regard to suitable programs for the observance of "Better English Week."

By and the whole nation, are in the midst right now of the heaviest expenditure ever attempted involving the welfare of 125,000,000 people and the bright fate of their children and grandchildren. The belief that it will succeed is tempered only by a slight worry as to whether the first stages of it can be carried through before it becomes necessary to take the next step.

OUTLOOK GOOD FOR JACKSON FARMERS SAYS G. R. LACKEY

Jackson farming outlook for 1924 is very encouraging, says Mr. G. R. Lackey, County Farm Agent.

Mr. Lackey says he is confident the farmers will use from 3,000 to 5,000 pounds of common lespedeza seed this spring. It is no longer an experiment. The farmers who tried the lespedeza last year are well pleased with the results obtained.

The French silo has become very popular in Jackson county within the past year. Thirteen new ones were dug last year and Mr. Lackey says the farmers will more than double that number this year.

The rock or brick brooders for brooding baby chicks are being introduced into many sections of the county. Not only can this type brooder be constructed and operated with practically no cost to the farmers, but it will brood chicks more successfully than any type brooder known today, regardless of the cost, says Mr. Lackey.

The local hatchery, known as the Farmers' Federation Hatchery, is running at almost full capacity. It is paying far above the market price for eggs and offering baby chicks to the farmers for less than the same high quality chicks can be had from outside hatcheries, through our cooperative plan. The farmer can have his eggs custom hatched if he wishes, at a very small cost.

This hatchery with a capacity of 10,500 eggs, which is proving a big asset to the farmers, was located here six years ago by the cooperation of the Farmers' Federation of Asheville, and its president, W. McClure, Jr., who is a loyal friend to the farmers.

This being the only hatchery operated within a radius of about 100 miles, this season, Mr. Lackey urges the farmers to place their orders early for baby chicks, as there is a big shortage on chickens over the entire country. The prices are the highest they have been in a year and Mr. Lackey predicts a rush for good baby chicks for the early market. Also, the early chicks grow on the best hens for breeding purposes, says Mr. Lackey.

P. T. A. ENCOURAGES USE OF BETTER ENGLISH HERE

The Sylva Parent-Teachers Association, at its meeting on Monday, lent its encouragement to the "Better English Week" movement, by offering prizes to the best work done in English in the High School during the week. The English classes in the school, under direction of Miss Edith Buchanan and Miss Sue Allison, are participating in the movement.

The Junior Club is offering similar prizes to the higher grades in the elementary school.

February 19-24 has been designated by the State Federation of Women's clubs as "Better English Week" in North Carolina. Miss Alice Laidlaw of Raleigh, chairman, has expressed the object of "Better English Week" as a time when the importance of expressing one's thoughts in accurate, forceful and dignified English should be stressed. It is a period set apart, free from checking up on incorrect usage, slang expressions, worn out words and phrases, and for forming correct speech habits.

In her recent meditations to club women, Miss Laidlaw advises making the observation of better speech week both community wide and state-wide. She recommends enlisting the cooperation of the schools, the parents, church organizations, civic and social clubs, the press. For stimulating interest in the effort at one place, she suggests offering prizes for contests such as short story essays in speech, making up original plays. She will be glad to advise further in regard to suitable programs for the observance of "Better English Week."

SOCIETY TO MEET WEDNESDAY

The Methodist Women's Missionary Society will meet next Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Sadie J. Long.

Dr. Daley McGuire and Mrs. Kermit Chapman will be the leaders of the program.

TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stonebridge) FRANCE... has grafted.

I find a certain patriotic satisfaction in the disclosures of official graft and corruption in France. It proves, what I have often said, that political crookedness is not solely an American trait. Some of my friends would have me believe that everything European is better than anything American. My observation is that human nature is the same all over the world, and that given the opportunity to get away with it, men who will use their political office to feather their own nests at public expense can be found anywhere.

French politics has always been corrupt. This time it looks as if the gang which has been in power for years was through. Some of my Paris correspondents are greatly alarmed; they predict another revolution in France.

TUT... no curse

Superstitions are hard to kill. Humanity is credulous because most of us want to believe in something we can't explain. The story that has been going the rounds for several years about the curse laid by the Egyptian Pharaoh, Tut-Ankh-Amen, upon whomever might despoil his tomb, I have heard seriously discussed by otherwise intelligent people who informed me gravely that every one, or nearly every one, of the members of the expedition which found the treasures in that ancient tomb a few years ago had since died a mysterious death.

A check-up by Director Winlock of the Metropolitan Museum of Art proves that out of the forty persons present when King Tut's tomb was unwrapped, thirty-three are still alive and in good health, after ten years.

VHEELS... source of grief

I have a good deal of sympathy with the point of view of Tarchin Jaboo of Kalimpong. Tarchin is editor of the monthly newspaper, the only paper published in Tibet, the title of which, translated into English means: "The Mirror of the New Vicissitudes of Every Corner of This Universe."

In his latest issue the editor, sitting on the roof of the world in the high Himalayas, looks around and discovers what is the matter with the rest of us. It is wheels and wheels and there would be jobs for everybody, he thinks. By the use of wheels, he points out, the civilized world outside of Tibet has made it possible for two men to do the work that takes a thousand in Tibet.

As I said, I have a good deal of sympathy for the idea that we have let machines do too much for us, and have got out of the habit of doing things for ourselves.

FIORIELLO... on his way

I want to give Major Fiorello La Guardia another pat on the back. He has taken hold of his big job as Mayor of New York City with such vigor and determination that it looks as if he might really succeed in cleaning up the frightful mess of corruption and crime which was fostered by his Tammany predecessors. And he has the people of New York behind him to a degree of unanimity which I have never seen in the New York political picture before.

Fiorello is a lone wolf in politics. Therein lies much of his strength. He owes nothing to any party. Nobody has any strings on him. Nominally a Republican, he was once elected to Congress as a Socialist when the Republicans refused him a nomination. He loves to stir up trouble among politicians. That is one reason why ordinary citizens like him.

Keen an eye on Major La Guardia, he will go far.

EDUCATION... and better. The young new President of Harvard, Dr. J. B. Conant, said the other day that the whole college system needs reorganization both in the way of making it harder for those unfitted for higher education to go in and easier for youth of real talent to obtain the best education available.

We are going to look for more and more to the universities for leadership in the future, especially if the "New Deal" proves a success. The program on which the effort is now

Governor And Senators Push Carolina's Claim For Park-To-Park Highway

MRS. H. R. QUEEN PASSES

Mrs. H. R. Queen died early last Friday morning at her home here after a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at Glenville, the old home of Mrs. Queen, by Rev. W. N. Cook.

Mrs. Queen, who was 58 years of age, was before her marriage, Miss Sarah Rebecca Franks, of Glenville. She is survived by her husband, Mr. H. R. Queen, former member of the county board of commissioners, and by three sons, Reed and Billy Queen, of Sylva, C. G. Queen, of Red River, Ky., and one daughter, Miss Sadie Queen, of Sylva.

FIREMEN SPONSOR PLAY

The Sylva fire department is sponsoring a musical comedy, "Oh! Professor," to be presented Friday, February 18th, at the Sylva Graded School auditorium.

The cast includes 68 people who are prominent in the business and social activities of Sylva.

Miss Madge Wilson takes the leading role of "Rita." She is supported by Hyman Sutton as Steve Crandall, Dick Wilson as Bob Davis; Margaret Hall as Helen Brainbridge and six college boys and girls.

Prominent in the cast is Mr. Dee Parker, as the "Professor Bangs," who is eternally escaping the inevitable Mrs. Bombard, played by Mrs. Emma Kincaid, and her child, Avonelle, Mary Jane Coward.

Eight beautiful choruses composed of sixteen lovely high school girls add spice to the show. A children's chorus also does its part to make the play enjoyable.

The main attraction, however, is centered around a men's butterfly ballet with all the "trimmings." This chorus is composed of the fire department.

The play, a Wayne P. Sewell production, is under the direction of Leona O. Burt. Advance sale of tickets is under direction of Felix Picklesimer and J. D. Cowan.

P. T. A. HEARS MRS. FREEL

Sylva Parent-Teachers Association celebrating Founders' Day, and the February meeting, on Monday, heard an address by Mrs. C. S. Freel, State Vice-President, and Chairman of Publications, on the origin and development of the P.T.A. The association, which now numbers one and a half million members in the United States, grew out of the first Mothers' Club, organized in 1893. The P.T.A. was founded by Mrs. Theo. Burney of Marietta, Ga., and Mrs. Hearts, of California. Its purpose is to bring about better cooperation between home and school, in order to promote the welfare of children.

There are now similar organizations, Mrs. Freel said, in every civilized country in the world. The national P.T.A. Convention meets in Iowa in May, and the State Convention will be held in Durham in April. Mrs. Hugh Bradford, of California, is the national president.

A candle-lighting service was an impressive feature of Monday's meeting. Next month's meeting will be held on the First Tuesday in the month, the meeting date having been changed from Monday to Tuesday, because it was believed that it will be more convenient for the mothers.

A box of candy will be presented to the grade having the largest percentage of parents present at the next meeting. On Monday Miss Jones' room and Miss Cunningham's room tied for this honor.

BALSAM

Mr. Arthur Burns Edwards of Millins, S. C., arrived Monday to visit his sisters, Mrs. W. B. Farwell and Mrs. D. T. Knight. This is Mr. Edwards' first visit to Western North Carolina, and he is charmed with the scenery.

Miss Etta Kinland of Qualla spent Monday night with Mrs. Carrie Owen.

Mr. and Mrs. Corbett Ensley of Asheville were here last week. Balsam was visited by a ten inch snow Feb. 1st. There was something peculiar about this snow. About three fourths mile to the east of our depot there was rain and only six inches of snow, and to the west it was three inches.

Appearing before the regional commission of the PWA, Governor Ehringhaus, Senators Bailey and Reynolds, and other prominent North Carolinians, on Tuesday of this week, in Baltimore, presented North Carolina's plan for the Park to Park Highway, which is to be built by the Federal government, connecting the Shenandoah and Great Smoky Mountains National Parks.

The Carolinians contended that if a scenic road is to be constructed, that it should be such in fact as well as in name, and proved before the commission that no finer scenic highway can be constructed in Eastern America than the route proposed by North Carolina, which contemplates entering the State at Low Gap, coming down the mountains, topping the Balsam Range near the head of Pigeon River, and proceeding across the summit of the Balsams, to Balsam Gap, near the Jackson and Haywood lines, and thence circling Jones' Knob, following generally the route of the Hood road, to Soco Gap.

News reports from Baltimore are to the effect that, while the commission did not commit itself as to what route it will decide upon, the members were greatly impressed with the presentation by the North Carolinians, and by the word painting of the picture of this master scenic route, which will circle the county line between Jackson and Haywood counties for many miles, atop the mighty Balsam range.

Jackson county is particularly interested in this proposed route, as the greatest scenic part of it will be in this county, and as it will assure, what was originally contemplated, that the Plot Balsam range will be included in the park, and Balsam Gap will become the principal entrance thereto, jutting the park, far out into this State, and placing the main entrance along side the Main Street of North Carolina, Highway No. 10.

In connection with the scenic route proposal, The Greensboro Daily News of yesterday carried the following pertinent editorial:

"The Tennesseans have a route, and North Carolina has a route, for the Great Smokies-Shenandoah parks road; and PWA, which furnishes the money, makes choice, after hearing from its advisers amongst the federal landscape architects and engineers.

Ours is "the greatest scenic route in America," says Governor Ehringhaus for the North Carolina delegation, and the others "Amen!" this Highway Commissioner Jeffress says, "You can't find its equal."

If they can get around that, in any sort of judicial attitude and good sense, let 'em. If this route will not make the most superb scenic highway in the United States, it is for disputants to show where that route could be found.

It is most highly pertinent to the business of locating the road. North Carolina has gone to a lot of care and trouble to plan the route. Our officials have done their duty well, up to the point of presenting the merits of their proposal, and there remains but to stay with it as long as necessary.

Here the responsibility devolves upon Washington.

MAILS GO DESPITE WEATHER

Despite the severe cold weather of the first part of last week, and the heaviest snow of recent years, that fell Thursday morning, all mails in this county arrived and left the post-offices practically on time. With an eight inch snow on the ground, the mail from Cashier's Valley, which route serves a large part of Jackson county, and Western Carolina Teachers College, arrived in Sylva only ten minutes behind schedule time, and left for Cashier's within 12 to 15 minutes after the arrival of the mail train from Asheville.

CLUB MEETS TODAY

The Twentieth Century Club is meeting this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Dan Moore, on Courtland Heights.

Asheville were here last week.