

The Jackson County Journal

150 YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

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200 YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

President's First Year Past Fireworks Begin To Shoot

Washington, March 21—The popular expression nowadays when two political observers meet—and every body in Washington is either a political observer or a politician—is "Well, the honeymoon's over." The reference is, of course, to the love-feast in which the President, Congress, business, industry, agriculture, labor and all other elements of the American population have been sitting together for the past year. And what is implied in the phrase is that Mr. Roosevelt is not so likely to have everything his own way from now on. He probably will get most everything he goes after, for another year or so to come; but he will have to fight for what he gets, or much of it.

There is, as yet, no effective organized opposition, either within or without the Democratic party; nothing whatever that can be called organization among the Republicans, who are in a good deal of a mixup themselves as to what policy to pursue, or whether to sit tight and await developments. But there are many minor manifestations of dissatisfaction, some of which contain seeds of future trouble for the Administration.

Mr. Roosevelt, however, is an adept at meeting trouble. The most serious trouble that he has faced thus far is the uproar over the cancellation of the air mail contracts and the effort to carry on the air mail by the use of the Army's planes and flyers.

The death of ten young Army men in the first two weeks, and the doubt as to whether there had been sound reasons for the barring of the commercial companies from the mail routes, caused a storm of protest here from among Democrats as well as Republicans, which the President met by ordering mail-carrying by the Army suspended except under the most favorable conditions and starting the machinery for the restoration of the air-mail services to commercial companies equipped and manned to perform.

No better proof could be adduced of the President's political acumen than the appointment of Col. Lindbergh on the committee to investigate the whole subject of army and commercial aviation.

One outcome of the whole air-mail matter is to force into the consciousness of the American people and of many in Washington who did not understand the facts, that the Government's air services are away behind those of commercial companies, in speed, quality and equipment of planes and in the skill of their aviators. This is the result of several factors, one of them being the fact, of course, that Army and Navy flyers are trained for only one thing, which is war; and a fighting plane is not intended to carry cargo or passengers or to make scheduled flights "blind" at night.

Another important factor, however, is the Government idea which applies to everything, any Government does, of "standing pat" on fixed ideas and designs of everything. So Army planes are equipped with engines which were discarded as inefficient by commercial concerns several years ago, built to designs which make speed impossible. And the Army flyers are still getting the same sort of training they got during the war.

There is a general feeling here that the President's promise to veto any bill for increasing payments to veterans will not have a very serious reaction on his political popularity. Congress will pass such a bill, because it seems necessary to a good many Congressmen to go on record in favor of it, if they want to be re-elected—all of them do. But it is believed here, that there is a strong public sentiment against this particular form of governmental extravagance.

Even the President's closest friends concede that he will not have such a unanimous Congress next year. There will be a good many Republicans elected to succeed Democrats next November. There does not seem to be any sign at this time, however, that there will not be a comfortable Democratic majority in the House and Senate, unless something unforeseen happens between now and election. And the President's dominance is so great that he can afford to lose a good deal of his ascendancy and still be in full control of public affairs.

There is a growing belief that the President is not so greatly influenced by some of his radical advisers as had been supposed, but on the contrary is genuinely concerned with maintaining

40 YEARS AGO

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Flowers blooming; fruit trees in full bloom; wheat tall enough to hide a rabbit; farmers thinking about planting corn.

Gen. Hampton left this morning for Asheville.

Messrs H. M. Hooper and Jno. T. Wike are here today.

Mr. Jno. N. Hunter, of Cane Fork was in town Monday.

Mr. James P. Sawyer, of Asheville, spent Tuesday night in town.

Mrs. G. E. Knight and Miss Willie were visiting friends in town Thursday evening.

Messrs. M. Buchanan and Jno. B. Enslley reached home Monday from a stay of several weeks in southern horse markets.

Miss Candace Enslley spent Thursday night in town and went to Bryson City Friday to visit her sister, Mrs. J. M. Smith.

Dr. W. F. Tompkins, who has been for several weeks past in Georgia and South Carolina, on business, returned home Sunday and went to Asheville, Monday.

We learn that at the approaching commencement at Cullowhee High School, May 16 and 17, Dr. Charles E. Taylor, President of Wake Forest College, will preach the annual sermon, and Dr. George T. Winston, President of the State University, will deliver the annual Literary Address.

If we were not afraid of stirring up the man or woman who distinctly remembers spring as early, or even earlier, we would say that the earliness of this spring is unprecedented. At any rate, we have no recollection of a season when the weather was so uniformly warm and vegetation so far advanced as this spring. And now the croakers are taunting us with predictions of cold and frost yet to come and that the frogs, which have for weeks been making night vocal with their piping notes, will yet "peep through glass windows". Well, what of it? Let us enjoy the balmy weather and not try to "cross a bridge before we reach it".

Program of Jackson County Sunday School Convention, to meet at Scotts Creek church, March 30, 1894: Friday, Convention called to order by president; Song, Beautiful Land; Devotional exercises, Rev. A. B. Thomas Basis of Sunday School Work, Revs. H. D. Welch and B. N. Queen; Song, Amazing Grace; Song, O Think of a Home Over There; Object of Sunday School Work, Rev. J. P. Painter, Essay, Giving, Miss Mary Cowan;

the existing capitalist system, merely attempting to put into effect such reforms as would make it more difficult for business to prosper by trickery and swindling.

Some of the proposed legislation which the President intrusted to others to draft came out of the mill with a lot of radical and destructive provisions, which unduly alarmed many business men and conservatives generally. It now looks as if little of that sort of legislation will be enacted. The so-called "Tugwell bill" which would greatly cripple the food and drug industries and curtail advertising, does not seem likely of enactment, even in its present modified form. Neither does the bill for the regulation of stock exchanges, in anything like the form in which it was introduced. That bill, as drawn up by the "hot dogs" of the Administration, artfully concealed many Socialistic ideas, which might easily have resulted in putting a complete end to investment in securities. Instead of it, a moderate measure drafted by Secretary of Commerce Roper probably will be adopted.

If the reader does not understand the implication of the phrase "hot dogs" he should remember that the great leader of the radical element in the Administration is Felix Frankfurter, and his young disciples come by their nicknames naturally.

Rhinehart Arrested On Complaint Of Turpin

Frank T. Rhinehart, principal of the Beta school, and superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school at Webster, was placed under arrest by Deputy Sheriffs Frank Allen and John Phillips, at noon, Tuesday, at the Beta school, under arrest and bail proceedings instituted in Haywood county by D. H. Turpin, who in a suit brought in the courts at Waynesville, charges Rhinehart with slander and defamation of character and asks damages in the sum of \$20,000. Bail was fixed at \$5,000, and Rhinehart was released yesterday morning, after having spent the night in the Jackson county jail, when the required \$5,000 bail was furnished by his mother, Mrs. Ida Rhinehart, his brother, Joe W. Rhinehart, Webster merchant, and A. B. Dills, retired Sylva merchant, farmer and landholder.

At the time of the arrest of Rhinehart under the civil arrest and bail proceedings brought by D. H. Turpin, capias were served on him under perjury bill returned by the Jackson county grand jury, last month. His mother made his bond in the sum of \$500 for his appearance at the May term of the superior court of this county to answer to these charges.

The civil summons in the \$20,000 slander suit brought by D. H. Turpin, is returnable before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Haywood county on next Monday, March 26.

The whole matter grew out of the sensational charges brought against Alley Turpin, Warfield Turpin, brothers, and their uncle D. H. Turpin by Rhinehart, who he alleged were members of a gang, who he charged kid-

napped him, on the night of December 22, on the road between Dillsboro and Webster, as he was returning to his home from a meeting of the Jackson County Schoolmasters Club, held at the high school building here. He alleged that the men took him into custody, forced him to drive his automobile to Balsam Gap, where, he asserted he recognized Dock Turpin, and from there to Brindletown, in Macon county. Rhinehart was last seen in Dillsboro on Friday night before Christmas, the night of the alleged kidnaping, and telephoned to relatives from a Franklin hotel, early Sunday morning. From there he was brought to Sylva by friends and Jackson county officers, after a search for him had been instituted. He stated that the men kidnaped him and kept him prisoner until early Sunday morning, when he was released at Mountain City, Ga., after many hours of abuse and terrorization.

Later warrants were issued for Alley, Warfield, and Dock Turpin, upon complaint of Rhinehart, and the case was heard by Justices John H. Morris and B. O. Painter, who, after hearing the evidence adduced by both sides, released the three men from the kidnaping charge, failing to find probable cause.

The grand jury, at the February term of the superior court, returned true bills charging Rhinehart with perjury; and the civil suit and arrest and bail proceedings, under which he was taken into custody, were brought by D. H. Turpin in Haywood county, where he resides.

Gennett Company To Start Large Project In County

Announcement has been made of the purchase by the Gennett Lumber Company of Asheville, of the timber rights on the 10,000 acre Wolf Mountain property, and that lumbering operations will begin as soon as conditions permit.

The tract, situated from James G. K. McClure and James G. Stikeleather, is located on the headwaters of Tuckaseige river, in Canada township, and is the land upon which the Wolf Mountain Rod and Gun Club holds the fishing and hunting privileges.

Andrew Gennett, one of the owners of the lumber company, told an Asheville Times reporter, that a saw mill will be erected and operations begun as soon as conditions permit. He did not venture an opinion as to the date.

Several years will be required for the logging, sawing and shipping of the timber products, it was explained, and employment will be given to a large number of men.

A hand mill and probably portable saw mills are expected to be erected at or near Wolf Mountain, when the work is begun.

SYLVA BOY HONORED AT STATE UNIVERSITY

William Dills McKee, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McKee of Sylva, has been elected manager of the University of North Carolina basketball team for next year.

He and his brother, Lyndon McKee Jr., both students at the University, are spending several days at their home here.

Song, Give, O Freely Give; Prayer, for an increase of the missionary spirit, Rev. A. W. Davis; The Model Sunday School, Rev. A. T. Hord; Saturday, Devotional exercises, Rev. T. F. Deitz; Relation of Church to Home, Revs. A. C. Queen and A. H. Sims; How and Why Should Distinctive Baptist Principles be Taught in S. S., Rev. A. B. Thomas; Essay, Teacher Training, Miss Sue E. Robinson; What can we do to make S. S. lessons more interesting and beneficial to both teachers and pupils?, W. A. Henson and Rev. G. N. Cowas; Opportunities and Responsibilities, H. C. Cowan, Rev. J. L. Owen; Result of Sunday School Work, Rev. T. F. Deitz and Rev. J. L. Sifton; Essay, Importance of Young Men Being Christians, Miss Sue Potts; Sunday, Devotional exercises, Rev. J. P. Painter; Do we attend Sunday School so as to train our children as the Lord requires? Frank Jarrett, A. Parker; Sermon, as the pastor and deacons may direct, J. H. House, Chairman, Ex. Committee.

TEACHERS ELECTED FOR ALL SCHOOLS IN WEBSTER DISTRICT

Teachers for Webster District, which comprises Webster high, View Point, Green's Creek, Gay, Zion Hill, and East Fork Schools, have been elected and approved, according to a statement issued yesterday from the office of M. B. Madison, county superintendent.

S. B. Hutchinson again heads the Webster school, and his teachers are: Mrs. Louise B. Davis, Paul Buchanan, Hannah Cowan, Annie Louise Madison, Hixie Ashe, Hazel Hooper, Mrs. Claud Cowan, and Maggie Morgan.

View Point: Mrs. Pearl Madison, Allie Wilson.

Green's Creek: R. O. Higdon, Cora Painter.

East Fork: Hoyle Deitz.

Gay: John Crawford, Mrs. Virginia Terrell.

Zion Hill: Mrs. DeMerries Cowan. These, with the list published in last week's Journal, complete the next year's teachers for the schools of the county, with the exception of Sylva District, which includes Sylva High, Sylva Elementary, Dillsboro, Beta, Addie, Willets, Cane Creek, Balsam, Dix Creek, and Barker's Creek. The election of teachers for these schools will be held in the next few days.

FREEMAN BAIRD DIES

Freeman Baird, 81 year old citizen, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. T. Rigdon, at Argura, Tuesday. Funeral will be conducted at Sol's Creek at 11 o'clock today by Rev. D. C. Burrell and Rev. Sterling Melton, and interment will be at Sol's Creek cemetery.

Mr. Baird, a native of White county, Ga., has been making his home with Mr. and Mrs. Rigdon, for some time.

SOCIETY MEET WEDNESDAY WITH MRS. DAN TOMPKINS

The March meeting of the Methodist Woman's Missionary Society was held on Wednesday afternoon of last week, with Mrs. Dan Tompkins as hostess.

An item of business was the election of Mrs. E. L. McKee as a delegate to the Missionary Conference, which meets in Hendersonville on April 24-26. Mrs. S. H. Hilliard was named alternate.

During the social hour which followed the business meeting, Mrs. Tompkins and Mrs. Annie Tompkins served ice cream and cake to the members present.

Parkway Scouts Will See Peaks Of Balsams Monday

TODAY and TOMORROW

FARMERS . . . success rule

My friend Charles F. Collisson, who knows more farmers than any other man I know, and who writes in the Minneapolis Tribune more horse-sense about farming than any other writer with whose work I am familiar, printed a piece the other day which bears out my contention that most of the trouble farmers find themselves in arises from the same source as most of the troubles the rest of us are in—ourselves.

Charlie Collisson tells the story of John Linster of Elm Grove Farm, near Northfield, Minn. John Linster has been running the same farm for 34 years. He is so far from being discouraged that he has bought another 160 acres, over in Wisconsin for his son. The secret of this farmer's success is the secret of anybody else's success; he never spent any money until he had it to spend, never borrowed money until he knew where it was going to earn something for him, never discarded anything old for something new merely for the sake of change, and kept a strict record of every cent he received and spent.

Those rules, coupled with knowing one's trade or business thoroughly, are all there is to success. Anybody can succeed who follows them.

JEW . . . another view

I have never been able to share the prejudice against Jews as a race that a good many of my Christian friends exhibit. I have no sympathy with the Hitler persecutions of the Jews in Germany. I think a good deal of the anti-Jewish feeling arises from the fact that their manners frequently do not conform to Anglo-Saxon standards, and most folk judge others superficially, by their manners.

What the world owes to the Jews is suggested by a motion picture I saw the other day. It is called "The House of Rothschild", and the star actor is George Arliss. It is quite a wonderful picture apart from its Jewish connotations. Produced at this time, when the Jewish world is aroused over the situation of its race in Germany, it may have been designed as a clever piece of anti-Hitler propaganda. But it is an authentic bit of history, and splendidly done. Everybody who wants to understand the finest manifestations of the Jewish character ought to see it.

LAW . . . that we like

The older I get the more I am impressed with the fact that any law is only as good as the public sentiment behind it. If the people like it, it is a good law; if they don't like it, they won't obey it.

If every motorist who disobeys the local speed laws were arrested there wouldn't be jails enough to hold them. But no police force could be maintained large enough to enforce the speed laws strictly.

The best laws are those which leave people freest to do whatever they like to do, restraining them only from infringing on other's rights and punishing them promptly and severely for doing anything which results in injury to another's person or property.

ENGLISH . . . 1,000 words

More than five hundred million people, a quarter of the world's population either speak English or live under the flags of the two great English-speaking nations. Our language is the most widely-spoken of all.

It is not as easy for those bred to other tongues to express themselves correctly in English as in some other languages. For that reason, as I have pointed out before in this column, efforts are being made on both sides of the Atlantic to organize a simple vocabulary of less than 1,000 English words by means of which any idea can be expressed.

This, it seems to me, is far more sensible than the various attempts to create a new "universal language" such as Esperanto or anything else which is not already familiar to millions.

PRAYER . . . its purpose

I heard a woman say not long ago that she had lost her faith in religion. She had prayed and prayed for something she wanted and hadn't got it. It struck me that there was something decidedly wrong with the church or the teacher from whom this woman had got that selfish idea of the use

The first view of the proposed North Carolina route to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, along the crest of the Balsam range, will be obtained by members of the committee to choose the route for the great parkway, on Monday of next week, when, coming from Asheville, they will follow the proposed route along the Cane Fork Balsams, to Balsam Gap, and from there into the Smokies.

The party will leave Roanoke, Va., where they will be met by North Carolina officials, tomorrow, and will proceed along the Blue Ridge to Low Gap, thence through the Roaring Gap region to Blowing Rock, where they will spend the night. The next day the party will proceed over the proposed route to Asheville. On Monday the members of the committee will come to the Balsams.

George L. Radcliffe, regional adviser of the committee, will head the party, and will be accompanied by engineers and landscape experts of the National Highway and Park Services. It is understood that the party will not go into details on the present trip, only hitting the high spots along the proposed route; but that the entire ground will be gone over later, in case the members of the party are favorably impressed with the North Carolina proposal.

The great Parkway is designed to connect the Shenandoah and Great Smoky Mountains National Parks, and to form a tourist route par excellence for Eastern America, opening up the mountain playground to the National capital, and the great cities of the East, and affording them the best of scenery that the mountains afford, all the way down. It will be constructed by the federal government, and will employ a great many men, as it is to be divided into small construction projects, after its location, and hurried to completion.

If the North Carolina route should be chosen, the road will follow the crest of the Balsams to Balsam Gap, which would, by force of geography, become the principal entrance to the park, and from there would cross the Plott Balsam range to Soco Gap.

WEBSTER COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES STRAT SUNDAY

Commencement at Webster High school will begin on Sunday morning, with the annual sermon by Rev. P. L. Elliott, of Cullowhee.

Class day exercises will be held on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, when Odell Ashe will deliver the address of welcome. Miss Annie Dee Leatherman will read the last will and testament Miss Helen Buchanan is the class prophet; Miss Edith Sheppard, the historian, and Miss Mattie Lou Elliott, the class poet.

On Friday evening Mrs. E. L. McKee will deliver the annual address to the graduating class. Miss Essie Mae Alexander is the salutatorian, and Thomas Woody, the valedictorian. The diplomas will be presented to the graduates by Principal S. B. Hutelinson.

PAUL GRADY DIES IN KINSTON

Paul Grady, 33, died in a hospital in his home town of Kinston, last Saturday, of a throat infection. His wife was formerly Miss Bessie Higdon, a daughter of J. S. Higdon, of Sylva. Mr. and Mrs. Higdon left Saturday for Kinston to be present at the funeral, which was on Sunday afternoon, with Masonic honors.

Mr. Grady, a native of Deep Run, had lived in Kinston for a number of years, and was well known there.

He is survived by his widow, a son, a daughter, two brothers, and a sister

of prayer. I have never seen anything in the Bible to suggest that one can petition the Almighty for personal benefits and expect to get them.

Those who profess faith in God but try to dictate to the Supreme Being as to how every detail of their lives should be shaped have a totally false idea of the teachings of religion, says my friend Harry Fosdick, whose sermons draw the largest crowds in New York. I agree with him that many people regard themselves as the center of the universe, and what they need most is the sort of faith that assures them that all they need to do is to live up to the Golden Rule and take what comes without whispering.