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## Wants Washington Workers To Be On The Job, Says Ickes

Washington, July 18—When the Secretary of the Interior, Harold Ickes, told his staff of 4,000 employees that he wanted them to be on the job, it sent a cold shiver down the back of nearly half of them. Federal job holders, even those who had been in the job for years, were told to get on the job. The idea that the departmental staffs are expected to do more work in the Summer is not new, even to the seasoned civil servants. To the recent political appointees, who got on the Federal payroll because they were efficient workers in the campaign of 1932, it is almost paralyzing. What sort of work is it, anyway, to have to do so much work as well as drawing a salary?

The idea is gaining strength here. Mr. Ickes is about as efficient an administrator, within the sphere of his department's activities, as has been seen in Washington for some time. He intends to get things done in every body in his department has to sweat to get 'em done. What started him off was an incident that occurred when he went into the office of a junior bureau assistant and saw the assistant of it with his feet on his desk, reading a new paper and smoking a cigarette.

The young man didn't know Mr. Ickes. By sight, so when the Secretary of the Interior asked, mildly: "Is this the way you usually receive visitors?" the nonchalant reply was: "What's that to you?"

When the Secretary identified himself, the young man in the Federal office has been shaking in his boots since.

The incident started Mr. Ickes on a grand tour of inspection of the Interior Department. He found, as he told his assembled staff, many men and women in the cafeteria, after the time they were supposed to be at their desks, eating their breakfasts on Government time. He found many others spending more time in the rest-rooms than in their offices. Some few time employees had got the feet-on-the-desk habit. Those things, he told them, must stop. The heads of departments and bureau chiefs are working overtime, days, nights and Sundays, in all the Federal offices, and he expected the subordinates to at least put in a full day's work. The hours are not onerous, seven hours a day for five days a week, and he didn't see any reason why they couldn't spend that amount of work.

Mr. Ickes, however, reckoned with the Washington climate. Every new administrator who comes to Washington, especially from the South, always tries to speed up the Federal Machinery. Hundreds of earnest men have tried it ever since the national capital was established in this swamp on the banks of the Potomac. All that any of them have ever succeeded in doing was to wear themselves out and finally succumb to the climate.

Some of the new Federal buildings are air-conditioned, equipped with modern machinery to keep the temperature and humidity at a comfortable degree all the year around. But none of the old ones and not all the new ones have yet set up this modern method of enabling people to work in comfort. Both houses of Congress have air-conditioning systems, and so has the President's private office. Mr. Hoover had that done when the machine was rebuilt, after the fire that destroyed it in 1930.

Now President Roosevelt is having his offices enlarged, and the whole of the White House will be air-conditioned. Some parts of the new Commerce building, the offices occupied by the Secretary and some other higher officials, are also air-conditioned, but Congress has never been willing to extend the systems to other buildings.

Under the present Governmental system, which by the President is limited a few billions to spend about \$1.5 billion, it is expected that the Public Works Administration funds, which Secretary Hoover says, will go toward reducing the best excuse for Government idleness for loafing on the job. That it will put an end to loafing, they will have to discover new means. No business institution in the world operated for profit could keep on bankruptcy if its employees did not work two or three times

## TODAY and TOMORROW

**DRAMA . . . . . tours again**

The project of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration for giving employment to actors by arranging for dozens of traveling theatrical companies which will present good plays free of charge for the entertainment of everybody, seems to make a highly commendable idea. A good many of these traveling companies will tour in automobiles, carrying stage scenery and equipment on trucks, and giving their performances out of doors in good weather.

To millions of Americans it will come as a novelty to see real actors on the stage. The best that the movies can do has not the appeal of seeing the performers in the flesh.

It will be a good thing for the nation if this movement revives interest "on the road" in the spoken drama.

## TOM . . . . . sure-fire hit

The first of these outdoor performances to be ready for the road is the play which has been given oftener than any other drama ever written in any language—"Uncle Tom's Cabin."

It had its first performance under government auspices on the upper East Side of New York a few days ago.

## FREIGHT CAR HITS DILLSBORO DEPOT

Yesterday afternoon a freight car, loaded with cord wood jumped the track and crashed into the telegraph office at the Dillsboro railway station. The side of the office, and the signal tower were demolished, by the car with its 90,000 pounds of cord wood.

A stick of wood caught in the trucks of the car, it is said, derailed it, and as the engine had rounded a curve, the engineer could not see the signals given for the train to be stopped, before the damage was done.

Leon Messer, of Dillsboro, who was standing on the platform, was thrown from it to the ground, and suffered minor cuts and bruises.

## BALSAM

Mrs. Charles Perry and little son, Joe, left Saturday, the 14th, to join Mr. Perry in Reno, Okla., where he has a position.

The many friends of Mrs. N. D. Reed will be sorry to learn that she accidentally fell and broke her arm, last week.

## PLEASURE . . . . . was sinful

The prejudice against the theatre which was emphasized by many of the church denominations in America and England for more than two hundred years was only partly due to the indecencies of the early theatre. The Puritans regarded it as immoral to indulge in any amusement purely for pleasure, as Macaulay wrote in England's prohibition against public fights between bears and bulldogs in the 17th century, Cromwell and his followers stopped it not because it gave pain to the bear but because it gave pleasure to the spectators.

After the overthrow of the Puritan regime in England, and the restoration of the Stuarts to the throne, the reaction against this discipline ran wild, and the stage in the days of Charles II and his brother, James II, was so rawly indecent as to confirm the good Presbyterians, Congregationalists, Baptists and Methodists in the belief that the theatre was the ante-room of Hell.

Something of the same sort of reaction against the movies is now beginning in religious circles, with even the liberal denominations taking part in it. This time it is not prejudice against pleasure as such, but against the commercial exploitation of false and subversive idea to the young. It should not be difficult for the movies to "clean up" once their promoters get rid of the idea that people want to see clean shows.

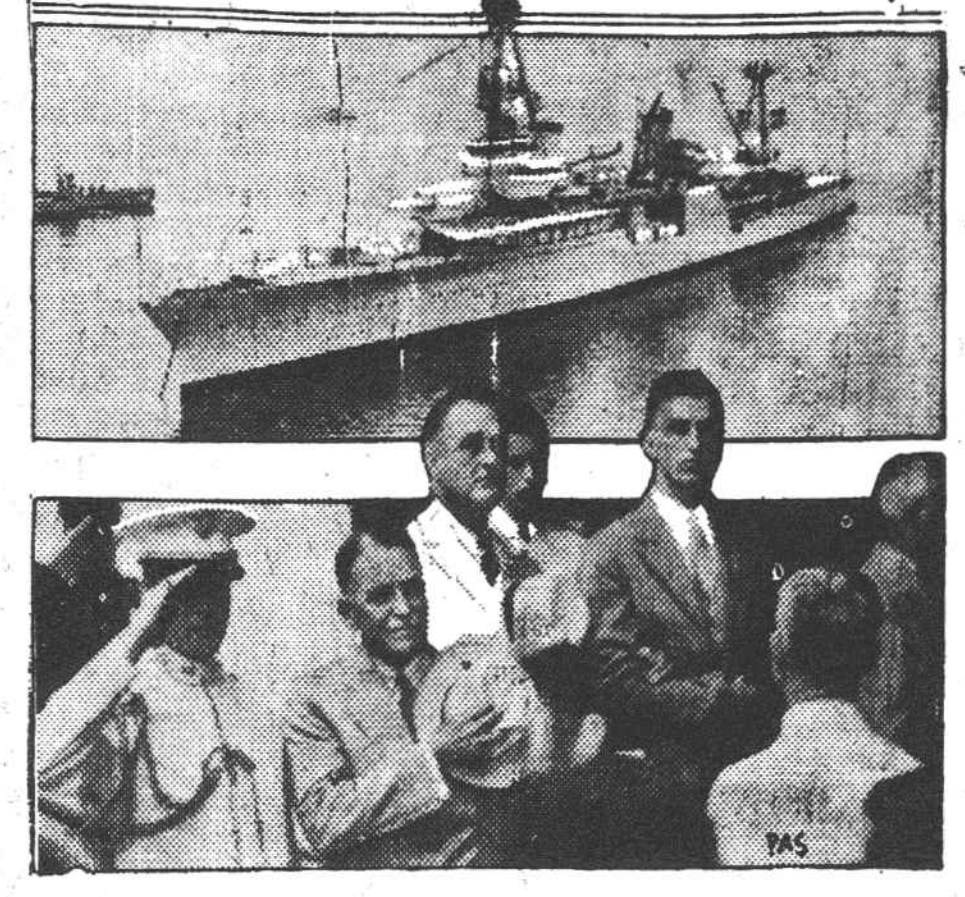
## REVIVAL . . . . . Old Homestead

Up in my home county of Berkshire, Massachusetts, we have a little theatre, the Berkshire Playhouse, in which every Summer there is an eight weeks season of plays presented by first-rate actors, many of them Broadway stars. People drive from forty miles away to attend the performances. But the best show we have had in several seasons was an amateur performance of the old favorite, "The Old Homestead."

As hard as most of the Federal civil servants ever work.

The completion of the new Post Office Department building adds another to the majestic group of structures which are making Washington what its planner dreamed, more than a hundred years ago, the most beautiful city in the world.

## U.S.S. Houston Steaming Pacific With President



PANAMA, Canal Zone . . . Now out on the broad Pacific ocean aboard the U.S.S. Houston, President Roosevelt will not leave ship on his 10,000 mile vacation trip until they put in at Hawaiian Islands. . . Photo above shows the President and his son Franklin D., Jr., receiving the presidential salute when they went ashore at Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, while the cruiser Houston stood by in the offing.

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## COLLEGE TRUSTEES IN MEETING TODAY

The trustees of Western Carolina Teachers College are meeting at Cullowhee today.

There is a new board with the exception of Mrs. Giles Cover, of Andrews, J. E. Coburn, of Bryson City, and S. W. Eades, of Dillsboro.

The newly appointed members of the board are: Harry E. Buchanan, Hendersonville, James Atkins, Waynesville, Thomas L. Johnson, Asheville, Clyde Erwin, Rutherfordton, W. E. Breese, Brevard, and Miss Olive Patton, Franklin.

## DISTINGUISHED VISITORS HERE

Senator Richard B. Russell of Georgia, and his father, Hon. R. B. Russell, Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court, and Mrs. Russell are spending several days here. Their home is in Winder, and they are here for a vacation, and to see their son and brother, Mr. W. J. Russell, who is manager of the local A. & P. store.

## EZELL HEADS YOUNG DEMOCRATS COUNTY CLUB

Earl H. Ezell, of the Jackson County Journal was elected president of the Young Peoples' Democratic Clubs of Jackson County, to succeed Dan K. Moore, at a meeting of the club, held in the court house on Saturday evening, last. Miss Evelyn Sherrill was chosen as vice-president of the club, and Earl Ezell as Secretary and treasurer.

The club voted to constitute any young democrat from this county, who attends the State convention in Asheville, next Friday and Saturday, a delegate, and instructed the delegation to cast its two votes as a unit on all questions that come before the convention.

Immediately following the Asheville convention, the officers of the Jackson County Club will push organization of township clubs in every township in the county.

It is expected that a large number of democrats from this county will be present at the Asheville convention. Doyle D. Alley, a native of this county, and the first president of the Young Peoples' Democratic Club of Jackson County, is one of the chief contenders for the post of State President, to succeed Mae Thompson Evans, of High Point.

In addition to the regular business of the convention, there will be open forum discussions on taxation, education, public utilities, and the proposed new constitution.

Among the speakers who will address the convention are Governor Ehringhaus, Senator Reynolds, Senator Bailey, and Wallace Winborne. Albert Coates and LeRoy Martin will discuss education. T. N. Grier and Charles M. Johnson will speak concerning the subject of taxation. The question of utilities will be discussed by Stanley Winborne and Fred Seely. Henry Branlie, Jr., and Dillard Gardner will explain the new constitution that is to be voted on by the people, in November; and Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell will speak favoring its adoption, while Attorney General Dennis G.

## Organize Jackson County Chamber Of Commerce

### 40 YEARS AGO

(Tuckasee Democrat, July 18, 1904)

Mr. F. A. Stedman returned from Raleigh, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Whittaker, of Raleigh, spent last night here.

Mr. G. W. Hampton came out from Asheville, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Patten returned from Detroit, Saturday.

Hon. C. C. Cowan went back, last week to Chapel Hill, to finish his law course.

Mr. Jack Sherrill, who has been away for several months, returned Saturday.

Judge Thomas A. Jones of Asheville, came out today and went over to Webster.

Miss Love Lonis went over to Waynesville last week and spent several days with relatives and friends.

Mr. H. C. Cowan, one of our most popular young men, spent a short while here, Monday morning.

Mrs. Laura Burns, who has been spending some time with her mother, Mrs. A. W. Farmer, returned to Tennessee, Thursday.

Judge G. A. Shuford and Mr. G. S. Ferguson have been passing and re-passing among our people during the past week, and the latter favored our office with a call, Monday.

Miss Sallie Stedman went to Waynesville Friday, to visit her friend, the charming Miss Marie Love, who quite captured the hearts of all by her beauty and grace, at the Musical Contest, recently.

We are under obligations to Mrs. Judge Davies, of Forest Hill, for a flower of the night-blooming Cereus which, when fully opened, measured 13 inches in diameter. Mrs. Davies has a large and choice collection of rare flowers.

Mrs. J. F. Mewborne and children of Kinston, came yesterday to visit her sister, Mrs. J. H. Wolff. Mrs. Mewborne made many friends here on a former visit, when she was Miss Studie Wilson, who are glad to see her again.

Mr. E. F. Watson, who has been visiting his parents at Glenville, enjoying the splendid atmosphere and indulging in the sport of fishing, for both of which that delightful section is noted, returned to the cares of business at Burnsville, Monday.

Dr. J. H. Wolff, assistant surgeon for the Southern Railway, was called by wire Monday, to visit Mr. C. S. Berry, a member of Capt. Knight's trestle force, who had sustained some painful contusions by falling from a trestle near the 90 mile post. The Dr. brought him to Dillsboro so that he could more conveniently attend him.

Mr. J. M. Rigdon removed his family to Glenville, Monday, in consequence of a business arrangement with Mr. W. Fowler, by which they exchange localities. We welcome Mr. Fowler as a citizen, but regret to have to lose Mr. Rigdon and his family. The people of Hamburg have never had a merchant who dealt more fairly and squarely with them than Mr. Rigdon will.

F. A. Luck, Jr., formerly with this paper, and son of the present editor, was married in Augusta, Ga., July 1, to Miss Emma Hill. The Augusta Chronicle says: "Mr. Luck is a telegraph operator who is connected with the Postal Cable Company in Savannah, and he lived in Augusta up to a few months ago. He is indeed fortunate in winning so attractive a young lady for his life partner. The bride is the charming and beautiful daughter of Mr. E. A. Hill, who is employed in the auditing department of the Georgia Railroad. She was one of Augusta's fairest and prettiest young ladies, and has always been admired."

Brummitt will give voice to the opposition to it.

At a meeting of citizens, held in the W. O. W. hall, Tuesday evening, the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce was organized, with Roy C. Allison as president, Dr. W. P. McGuire, vice-president, Hugh E. Monteith, secretary, and W. J. Fisher, as treasurer.

The board of directors consists of C. B. Robinson, H. T. Hunter, David H. Brown, E. L. Wilson, Charlie Price, M. B. Cannon, Ed. Bumgarner, J. H. Anderson, and W. H. Smith. E. L. Wilson, S. C. Cogdill and Charles Price were selected as the executive committee.

A. J. Dills, J. B. Ensley and E. L. McKee compose the finance committee.

The committee on highways as selected is: Dan Tompkins, S. W. Enloe, E. L. McKee, Carl Jamison, and John B. Ensley.

A committee, composed of Dan K. Moore, David H. Brown, and Dan Tompkins was chosen to draft the by-laws for the organization. John H. Parris, Jr. was chosen as publicity director.

The committee on membership is composed of R. C. Allison, E. L. McKee, P. E. Moody, D. H. Brown and M. B. Cannon.

It was pointed out that the first objective is to work with the highway authorities of the State in securing the early completion of Highway 106 all the way to Cashier's Valley, and the committee is expected to go into the matter immediately.

## UNION MEETING TO BE HELD AT CULLOWHEE CHURCH

The Union meeting of the Tuckasee Baptist Association will be held with the Cullowhee Baptist church, July 27, 28 and 29.

**Friday**  
10:00 Devotional, Rev. I. K. Stafford  
10:30 Enrollment of Delegates  
10:30 Reading of minutes and appointment of committee

11:00 Introductory Sermon, Rev. J. E. Brown  
12:00 Dinner  
1:30 Devotional, arranged by the pastor  
1:45 Is Christianity on the wane in Jackson County? Rev. A. C. Queen

2:15 How are we to keep our churches vitalized after a revival? T. C. Bryson  
2:45 What are the conditions to church membership? Rev. R. F. Mayberry  
3:15 Round table discussion directed by the Moderator  
3:45 Election of officers  
4:00 Adjourn

Night service to be arranged by the pastor and deacons.

**Saturday**  
9:30 Devotional, Rev. J. D. Burrell  
9:45 The cost of Discipleship, Rev. W. C. Reed  
10:15 The influence of true disciples, Rev. J. D. Sifton  
10:45 Money and Religion, Rev. T. F. Deitz

11:15 Sermon, Rev. W. N. Cook  
12:00 Dinner  
1:30 Devotional, Rev. M. L. Hooper  
1:45 Report of the Success of the Simultaneous Revival Campaign by the pastors

**Sunday**  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Sermon

for her beauty and many accomplishments. The best wishes of a host of friends will follow the young couple for a long and happy life."

When John E. McLain was first nominated as the democratic candidate for sheriff he did not know of the purpose to nominate him until the day before the Convention met. This was clearly a case of the office seeking the man and he occupies the same position that he has always occupied. He has considered himself the servant of the people and has endeavored to discharge the duties of his office faithfully and conscientiously. He appreciates the confidence of those who have several times elected him and is still ready to serve them, if his services are desired. A consistent democrat, no inducement has ever been sufficient to swerve him from the line of allegiance to his party, and yet in the execution of the duties of his office he has never been actuated by political considerations. That the people will demand his services as sheriff another term hardly admits of a doubt.