

The Jackson County Journal

1.50 YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

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\$2.00 YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

Baker Report Scores U. S. Aviation Unpreparedness

Washington, August 8. (Special)—The United States has more aircraft than any other nation, more than twice as many miles in its regular air routes for passengers and merchandise, and its aviators fly more than 50 million miles a year, which is more than twice the mileage flown by the airmen of any other nation. Our government spends twice as much money as any other in promoting civil aviation. Our Navy has superb flying equipment and a magnificent record. Our Army, however, is poorly equipped in the air, both in material and personnel. Something ought to be done about that.

That is the summary of the report of the War Department's special aviation committee, headed by Newton D. Baker, former Secretary of War, and including ten other distinguished men, civilian and military.

No scandals were uncovered by the committee, nothing but the refusal of Congress to give the Army the money it asked for to buy planes and train its officers and enlisted men to fly. The next great war, the report says, is likely to begin an engagement between aircraft of opposing nations, and we ought to be ready for it.

Nothing is said in the report about dirigibles. There is a lot of talk going around that the great dirigibles, like the Los Angeles and the Macon, are failures. Navy men don't admit that. The Los Angeles is being retired from service because of age; she was built in Germany and flown to this country in 1923, as one of our prizes of war.

It looks now as if the next Congress will be urgently requested to authorize the building of 2,320 Army airplanes, the number that the Baker committee recommends as necessary. Not that anybody expects the United States to engage in a war with anybody, but just in case.

This Baker report is significant in that it suggests, without saying so that international relations between the United States and other nations are not all that they should be. Nobody mentions Japan when talking about the next war—not for publication, at any rate—but a lot of people are casting more attentive eyes toward the Pacific than at any time in our history. The President's "amity" broadcast from Honolulu may or may not have the effect of convincing Japan that our intentions toward her are entirely friendly. Everybody in Washington knows that there is a strong war party in Japan that would like to get into a scrap with us.

That situation is not allayed by the growing restiveness of business men and manufacturers, expressed in some rather hot communications to Administration officials, over the continuing invasion of our markets by cheap Japanese goods. The Administration believes in letting reasonable quantities of Japanese goods in without raising the duties, on the theory that it will result in strengthening the Japanese market for American goods.

The whole scheme of the tariff is under intensive study, by the State Department and other Federal offices. Secretary Wallace is working closely with Secretary Hull in planning where and by how much to reduce tariffs. Not much publicity is being given to their discussions with other nations. They are keeping a great deal of the discussion secret because they do not want to stir up a storm of opposition from American manufacturers who fear their business will be injured. When the final agreements are announced, however, it is likely the storm will burst.

The policy on tariffs, so far as any part of it has been disclosed, is to ditch the old "protective" tariff principle entirely, or almost entirely, and by letting foreign goods in free of duty, or nearly so, create reciprocal markets for American surpluses in the countries so favored. In one sense it is the old "reciprocity" scheme fathered in the first instance fifty years ago by James G. Blaine, and later strongly advocated by President McKinley. Because something of the sort was sponsored by those two stalwart Republicans, the present Administration thinks a good deal of the course will be taken off.

As it is figured out here, we must burn in about \$200,000,000 a year more of foreign goods than we now import, in the hope of selling more than that volume of American goods

QUALLA

Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Church stopped at Mr. H. G. Ferguson's en route from Lexington, Ky., where he had conducted a two weeks revival at Asbury College, to their home at Davidson.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Connor on July 31st, a son.

Among those who have visited Mrs. J. I. Ferguson during her recent illness were Mrs. Mary Moore and Mr. Thos. Moore of Hayesville, Mrs. W. D. Wike and Miss Lois Wike of Cullowhee, Mrs. C. E. Ray of Waynesville, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Parker and Mrs. H. G. Bird of Sylva. She is slightly improved at this writing.

Mrs. A. P. Childers of Coaley's creek visited her brother, Mr. Will Kinsey, who has been sick for several days.

Mrs. A. J. Franklin of Bryson City visited her mother, Mrs. E. S. Keener, who has been in declining health for several weeks.

Mrs. Lee London of Asheville visited at Mr. K. Howell's.

Mrs. Jule Hayes called at Mr. R. F. Hall's.

Miss Ruth Ferguson has returned from a trip to the World's Fair, Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clark, Augusta and Dwight Clark of Fairfax, Va., Mrs. S. H. Ashew of Atlanta, Ga. and Master Sammy Summerlin of Chapel Hill are spending the summer at Mr. C. P. Shelton's, "Green Acres Tourist Home." Mr. Clark is civil engineer of the Cherokee Indians and is in charge of the NRA.

Mrs. Don Cogdill of Addie visited at Mr. R. F. Hall's.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Caldwell and Mr. Hiram Caldwell of Whittier called on Mrs. Frank Battle.

Mrs. Annie Bish of Charlotte, Mrs. Maggie Willis of Morehead City, Mrs. Mary Moody of Waynesville and Mr. and Mrs. Julius Connor of Washington visited Mrs. W. T. McLaughlin.

Mrs. J. E. Battle and Miss Mary Battle called on Mrs. D. C. Hughes.

Messrs Weaver Freeman and Wayne Ferguson went to Martha Berry College Tuesday for Miss Mary Emma Ferguson, who returned home with them on account of the illness of her grandmother, Mrs. J. I. Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hughes of Cherokee, Mrs. Horace Howell, Mrs. Mary Kinsland, Mrs. W. H. Hoyle and Misses Edna and Polly Hoyle called on Mrs. J. H. Hughes, who has not been well for the past month.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Gass visited Mr. J. R. Green at Whittier.

Mr. Thos. Owen spent last week in Canton.

Mrs. Dallas Howell visited relatives at Barkers Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Johnson and Miss Edna Hoyle called at Mr. W. H. Hoyle's.

Mr. and Mrs. York Howell have gone to Lenoir to spend a while with their son, Mr. Bill Howell and family.

Mr. Jim Keener visited at Mr. J. K. Terrell's Sunday.

The best wheat and rye crops that have been in the Qualla section for several years were threshed here during last week.

abroad. There are about 600 manufactured commodities very highly protected by present tariffs. Rates on many of these are expected to be reduced. There is where the shoe will pinch hardest. At the other end of the scale, there are about 400 commodities which we do not produce on which tariffs can be greatly reduced or abolished without protest from anybody. And in the middle are about 1,000 commodities, of which we produce not more than 5 per cent of our own domestic production. Lowering the tariffs to let in 10 or 15 per cent of our own production won't hurt anybody—so the negotiators believe.

As those who are watching this matter closely believe, agricultural products will not gain anything in export trade by any scheme of international agreement, and that belief is largely back of the Administration's effort to reduce agricultural production to domestic demands.

W. C. T. C. TO GIVE COMMERCE COURSE

CULLOWHEE, Aug. 7.—Judging from advance room reservations and inquiries for catalogs and information, prospects are bright for a record enrollment when Western Carolina Teachers College opens its doors for the Fall quarter September 19. Reservations and inquiries are coming in from all parts of North Carolina and other States.

The addition of a commerce department to the college curriculum is receiving a favorable response and should tend to swell the enrollment. Details have not been announced, but the plan calls for a regular commercial department with all the trimmings. C. W. Humphrey, commercial teacher at Lexington, will head the new department. He has had a wide experience and comes to Cullowhee highly recommended. Business English, bookkeeping, typing and shorthand are among the subjects planned. C. F. Dodson, of Columbus, Miss., for four years head of the biology at Campbell College will replace Miss Thelma Howell in the biology department. Mr. Dodson received his Bachelor of Science degree from Mississippi State Teachers' College in 1927. While there he took an active part in athletics and played on several teams. After graduation he served two years as teacher and coach in a high school in Alabama. He took the Master of Science degree from the University of Alabama. He was also assistant coach at Campbell College.

Definite announcement is expected in a few days to who will succeed Miss Patricia Edgeworth as Dean of Women.

C. C. Poindexter, will be the Director of Athletics for the third year. Prospects for winning athletic teams are the brightest in the history of the school. Football practice will get under way September 10. The College will again sponsor intercollegiate basketball for girls. The annual catalog carries an announcement to the contrary, but the decision not to have this sport was reconsidered and revoked. Coaching courses in all branches of the sport are being added to the curriculum. This is in keeping with the demand for teachers trained and equipped to efficiently coach and handle school athletics. Mr. Poindexter has also announced that he plans to open a private law reading class that will qualify students at the end of two years to take the state examination for their law license. Mr. Poindexter holds A. B. and L. L. B. degrees from the University of North Carolina and has his license to practice law. He has been doing practice along with his teaching and coaching. Mr. Poindexter stated that he had already received requests for such a course. The classes will meet at night and will not conflict with the college work of the pupils.

FORMER RESIDENT OF SYLVA DIES IN KNOXVILLE, TENN.

Mr. Earl Hunt, who several years ago lived in Sylva, died in Fort Sanders Hospital, Knoxville, Tenn., on Wednesday of last week, after an illness of three weeks' duration.

Going from here to attend the funeral services, which were held in the Dexterick Avenue Baptist church in Knoxville, were Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon Moody, Miss Evelyn Moody, and Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Allen.

Mr. Hunt, who during his residence here was bookkeeper for the Jackson Chevrolet Company, has been engaged in relief work in Knoxville for the past year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS AT LAKE JUNALUSKA

Mrs. Dan Tompkins and several members of her Sunday School class are spending a few days at Lake Junaluska. The party left here Wednesday morning and will return Friday. Members of the class going are Beatrice Stein, Harriett Long, Elizabeth Dillard, Carolyn Gibson and Barbara Cook.

TO CLEAN OFF CEMETERY

People of the community and others interested are requested to meet Monday and Tuesday, August 13 and 14 to clean off the cemetery preparatory to the annual Home-coming and Decoration Day, which will be observed on Sunday, August 26, at Cullowhee.

"OUTLAW" SURRENDERS PEACEFULLY TO SHERIFF

Wes Bryson, who was declared an outlaw by Judge Felix E. Alley in a proclamation issued last May, following Bryson's alleged threats to kill T. A. Dillard, J. C. Passmore, W. S. Alexander, H. A. Pell, H. A. Pell, Jr., Weaver Swayngin and others, and following an alleged assault with a gun upon Mr. Dillard and Mr. Bumgarner, in Cashier's Valley, from ambush, surrendered peacefully to Sheriff Maney, at Bryson's home in Cashier's Valley, Monday morning. Bryson was brought to Sylva, after his surrender, by Sheriff Maney, and lodged in jail here.

COLLEGE PLANS TO SPONSOR MANY ATHLETIC EVENTS

C. C. Poindexter, Director of Athletics at Western Carolina Teachers College, announced at a recent county teachers meeting that the college plans to sponsor a number of athletic and literary events for the schools of Jackson County during the coming year.

Plans call for a county-wide track and field day at Cullowhee October 27th. This will be a part of the annual Home Coming celebration of the college. School and sectional meets are to precede this meet. Also, one feature of the Labor Day celebration will be certain athletic events for the schools.

It is planned to sponsor contests in spelling, debating, reciting, declaiming and essay writing. In each of these events there will be divisions for boys and girls of both high and graded schools.

Around the first of March, the college will sponsor the Second Annual Basketball Tournament for the schools of Jackson County. Plans are also under way for midget tournaments in basketball with the players classified according to weight.

In announcing the year's program Coach Poindexter told the teachers that he considered it better to have properly conducted and supervised athletic activities without schools than to have schools without properly conducted and supervised athletic activities. He further stated that if the teachers would show more interest in the play of the pupils the pupils would show more interest in the work of the teacher.

JOHN BUMGARNER PASSES

Funeral services for John B. Bumgarner, well known citizen of Jackson county, were held at his home at Fall Cliff, Tuesday morning, conducted by Dr. E. C. Widenhouse and Rev. Corsie Hooper. His body was laid to rest in the family cemetery near his home.

"Uncle" John, as he was affectionately called, was a member of the Bumgarner family, one of the largest in Western North Carolina. His father was Hosea Bumgarner, and his mother, before her marriage, was Lucinda Bryson, a member of another prominent Carolina clan.

Death did not come as a surprise as his health had been very bad for some time. Everything possible was done for his comfort.

Mr. Bumgarner often remarked, during his last illness, that "I will soon be up there with Frank."

He was born December 22, 1860. He professed faith in Christ at the age of 26, at Double Springs church, on Cullowhee Mountain. He was married to Amanda Holden on Oct. 25, 1891. To this union were born two sons, Frank and Vernon. Frank passed on Jan. 14, 1919. Surviving are his widow, one son, Vernon, three grandchildren, all of Speedwell, three brothers, Charles, of West Asheville, Eb of Clay County, Bowman of Speedwell, one sister, Mrs. Miles Holden, of Speedwell, and a large number of other relatives and friends.

VETERAN MAILMAN PASSES

John R. Green, veteran rural delivery carrier of Whittier, died at his home there, Tuesday, following a two weeks' illness, at the age of 62. Mr. Green had been mail carrier for 28 years.

Funeral services were conducted this morning at 10 o'clock by Rev. C. W. Clay, and interment was in Union Hill cemetery.

Surviving Mr. Green are his widow, two daughters, Miss Maude Green of Whittier, and Mrs. Ben Jones, Morehead City, and other relatives.

Labor Day Celebration Plans Are Being Made

TODAY and TOMORROW

NATURE . . . and population

Within a range of twenty miles from my New England farm I know of nine or ten herds of dairy cattle and two or three herds of beef stock that have been shipped east from the drought-stricken West within the past two or three months. Their owners and their families have come with them.

Nature is more powerful than man-made laws and rules in influencing the distribution of population and the regulation of agriculture. It would not surprise me if future historians were able to trace more far-reaching and fundamental changes in human affairs to the world-wide drought of 1930-34 than to all the human efforts to change the scheme of things.

DROUGHT . . . almost world-wide

There is hardly a region in the world that is not suffering from a shortage of water. What rain has fallen seems to have dropped chiefly in the ocean.

In England there has not been a rain of consequence in eleven months. A friend of mine, who lately returned from abroad told me that the great River Thames has dwindled to little more than a brook. Continental Europe is suffering for lack of rain. I hear reports from South Africa that the snowfall in the Andes this winter—it's midwinter there now—is so light that they fear a drought next December or so, when their growing season will be at its height. They have had an exceptionally dry two or three years in China and other parts of Asia.

All of that points to great economic shifts, movements of population, distress and suffering, shortage of money and decrease in actual wealth, and general disruption of trade. That sort of disturbances can't be cured by politics.

FAIR REACHING . . . as was

Folks with good memories realize that the present drought situation is not something new or sudden. It has been coming on for four years, at least. Back in 1930 the drought which affected the regions bordering on the lower Ohio river and mid-Mississippi states sowed the seed from which much of our later economic distress sprang. It was the direct cause of the failures of many small banks in several states, the reduction of great numbers of farm folk to poverty and the consequent beginning of mortgage foreclosures on a wide scale.

It takes more than a few heavy rains to restore the fertility of land after a prolonged drought. The water table—that is, the depth of groundwater below the surface—dropped nearly 100 feet in some parts of Kentucky and Tennessee as far back as 1930-31, and it hasn't got back to normal yet.

To my way of thinking, the drought is the most important world event that has occurred since the nations were at war. Perhaps even more important in its future effects on civilization.

HISTORY . . . Back in 1893

This isn't the first time a drought has had profound economic, social, and political effects in the United States. Back in 1893 we had a "panic" which, for its time and the size and wealth of the nation then, was quite as severe as that which we had in 1929. And the underlying cause of the economic distresses which resulted in the demand by people of the Middle West for more money—inflation by the silver route—and the failure of President Cleveland to obtain a re-nomination, was a drought almost as widespread as the present one.

Then as now, the stricken farmers and those dependent upon their trade turned to the Federal Government for help. The idea that the Government could or should dish out tax money in direct benefit payments to farmers or anyone else had not been born. It is only a year and a half old, or thereabouts. But the demand for laws which would, it was believed, make it easier for debtors to pay their debts and harder for creditors to collect, was as keen then as now.

It may fairly be said that William J. Bryan owed his nomination for the Presidency in 1896 to the drought of 1893 and its influence upon popular economic thinking.

ICE . . . recedes to North

If drought conditions continue as

Plans are being worked out for an elaborate Labor Day celebration and Progress Exposition for Sylva and Jackson County. The event will be staged in Sylva, Monday, September 3, and if present plans materialize will be one of the biggest events of its kind ever held in Jackson County. The celebration and exposition is being sponsored by the Sylva Rotary Club and the merchants and business firms of Sylva and Jackson county. C. C. Poindexter, Director of Athletics at Western Carolina Teachers College, heads the committee from the Rotary Club that is working on details for staging the event.

The details have not been worked out yet, but the idea back of the plan is to build the program around the growth of Jackson County through its 83 years of history. Some of the events being worked out are a livestock and agricultural exhibit, baby show, pet show, flower show, beauty contest, music festival, athletic contests and other events of interest to the people of Jackson county. The plan is to organize the county by communities with leaders in each community to be responsible for entries in the various events from that community.

County Superintendent M. B. Madison and the schools are cooperating with the celebration by declaring a holiday for the occasion. County Agent Laekey is in charge of the livestock and agricultural end of the exhibits.

Anyone having ideas and suggestions concerning items that will contribute to the exposition is asked to get them to Coach Poindexter at the earliest possible date.

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION WILL MEET ON NEXT THURSDAY

The Tuckasee Baptist Association meets next Thursday, August 16, for its One Hundred and Fifth annual meeting, with John's creek church, at Cowarts.

The program was published in The Journal, last week.

Rev. T. F. Deitz is moderator, and Rev. W. N. Cook secretary of the association.

HAMBURG-CASHIERS SCHOOL WILL OPEN MONDAY MORNING

The schools of the Glenville-Cashier's District, which includes Glenville high school for the fall session on Monday, August 20, according to announcement by Mr. F. S. Griffin, the principal.

The opening was delayed because of the additions that have been in course of construction at the Glenville building.

JOHN WOODARD KILLED BY LOG

John Woodard was instantly killed yesterday morning, when a log rolled over his body, breaking his neck. Woodard, whose home is in Savannah township, was employed by Jim Price, on a logging operation on Shoal creek, in Hamburg township.

He is survived by his widow and four children.

Funeral services were conducted at Zion Hill, this afternoon.

they are now, or grow worse, we may see history repeating itself. Twenty thousand years ago or so, several successive years of severe cold resulted in covering most of the northern quarter of the world with an ice-cap a mile thick. The glaciers extended as far south as the Ohio river. All of the people who lived in the northern regions fled, before the ice to warmer climates near the equator.

The whole scheme of the world's development was changed by the course of nature. As the ice began to melt, people followed it back northward. It is still receding and population is moving farther northward every year.

In more recent times the drought which turned the mid-Asian plateau into a desert drove great herds of Asiatic people westward into Europe. The Turks, the Hungarians and Finns are among the survivors of that old Asiatic stock.

It is not likely that any such great movements of population will occur in our time, but it is possible, if the drought continues.