

## ADMINISTRATION FEARS MORE LABOR TROUBLE IN NATION

Washington, August 15 (Special).—The big worry in Washington while the President is away is the labor situation. The abortive attempt at a general strike on the Pacific waterfront, the shootings in the labor war in Minneapolis, the dozens, nearly a hundred, of smaller strikes in other parts of the country, are being interpreted here as warnings of more serious labor troubles as soon as the weather gets too cool to go fishing in comfort.

What the Administration is afraid of is that the labor situation will get out of the control of the more intelligent and conservative labor leaders. It has not already got away from them. With all the grumbling among employers about the American Federation of Labor and its "craft" unions, there are few who do not prefer that method of labor organization to what is often called the "communist" type of organization, in which all of the workers in any given industry, regardless of what particular trade they work at, are organized in "one big union."

That type of union was the principle of the old Industrial Workers of the World, which was beginning to stir up a lot of labor trouble in the West just before the world war. The war put a quietus on the activities of the I.W.W., but in the threat of a general strike there is seen a revival of that idea of a "vertical" union, and it is frankly not to the liking of the men who are trying to keep the government machine running smoothly. Nor do they like the attitude of the American Federation of Labor, in leaning toward the vertical union idea, as in its efforts to minimize the automobile industry.

There is a lot of discontent among the leaders of organized labor, too, over what they regard as betrayal by the Administration. The Federation accepted "clause 7a" of the National Industrial Recovery Act as giving it free license to go into any shop or factory and organize the workers into a union under Federation auspices. They have found that is not the case, and some of them are pretty sore.

There is talk about the need of putting restraints upon the unreasonable labor groups and their demands, but Government officials hesitate to take any step which might alienate the labor vote. That is a much larger group, naturally, than the employers, and every worker's vote counts for just as much as that of his boss. But there is a good deal of fear, inspired by floods of letters and personal protests that are beginning to reach the ears of those high in Administration circles, that the public will begin to regard labor disorders as one of the direct fruits of the New Deal, and one not at all to the public's liking.

There are revisions of the NRA in process of formulation, and it is regarded as certain that there will be much simplification of codes, less one man arbitrary power to "crack down" on industries which do not give up readily, and the abandonment of hundreds of the minor "service codes" like the one under which a New Jersey pants presser was sent to prison because he pressed a suit for only 35 cents where the code called for a 40 cent price! The effort of the Government to reach into every human activity, in short, is gradually being abandoned. There isn't enough money to hire the necessary policemen to enforce any such system of close espionage.

At the same time, gigantic plans, not yet fully disclosed, are being worked out for submission to the next Congress. They include everything that can be thought of in the control and development of national resources on a scale as wide as the nation itself. Just what is to be done with every acre of land and every drop of water is included in the plan. Part of it is a revision of the underlying scheme of the Agricultural Adjustment Act.

Instead of making crop reduction its main purpose, the A.A.A. is working toward crop adjustment, trying to find some formula whereby the majority of the farmers, who receive less than \$1,000 a year from the sale of their products, can get a bigger slice, while those more prosperous will have some of their profits whittled down.

## Alma Green Victim Of Auto Accident

Alma Green, 17 year old daughter of Estes Green, of Green's Creek, died shortly after being brought to the Community hospital, Sunday afternoon, from injuries received in an automobile wreck, on Highway 285, between Dillsboro and Green's Creek.

It is stated that the young girl, who was popular in her community, was riding outside the truck, on the running board, when another girl inside the car, became frightened, took hold of the steering wheel, and turned it, in what she believed to be an effort to avoid striking another car. The truck smashed into an old steam shovel that had been left by the contractors, near the highway, and almost severed her limbs from her body. She was rushed to the hospital but death came before medical skill could be of any avail.

It is stated that several girls had been to a singing convention on Savannah, and had gotten into the truck, owned by A. C. Wilson, and driven by his son, Leo Wilson, and had come to Sylva and were returning to their home when the tragedy occurred.

The other occupants of the truck were Leo Wilson, Viree Hyatt, Carrie Belle Buchanan and Ethel Buchanan, all of the Savannah section of this county.

Funeral services for the young girl were held at Old Savannah, Monday, being conducted by Rev. W. C. Reed.

The young lady is a member of the well known Green family of this county, and is survived by her father, mother, several brothers and sisters, and a large number of other relatives and friends.

### CHAMBER TO MEET TUESDAY

The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce will meet on Tuesday night at the Masonic Hall. All citizens interested in the promotion of the welfare of the county are urged to be present.

### ASSOCIATION MEETING TODAY

The Tuckasegee Baptist Association, which includes all the Baptist churches in this county, is meeting for its 105th annual session, with Johns Creek church, today, with Rev. Thad F. Deitz, beloved minister of the mountains, presiding as moderator.

Rev. W. N. Cook, pastor of the Webster Baptist church, and other churches in the county, is secretary. The introductory sermon will be preached this morning by W. C. Reed, supply pastor of the Sylva church, and principal of Sylva High school. Rev. J. Gray Murray, vice-moderator, and one of the most prominent Baptists in the county, pastor of the Sylva church, will be unable to be present, he being now in the eastern part of the State, where he has been for several months, in an attempt to regain his health.

President H. J. Hunter of Western Carolina Teachers College, P. L. Elliott, Miss Mildred Cowan, president of the associational B.Y.P.U., C. W. Wood, associational Sunday school superintendent, E. H. Stillwell, H. E. Monteith, Rev. R. F. Mayberry, J. T. Gribble, and other prominent Baptists of the county are scheduled to appear on the program during the meeting of the Association, which will continue through Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

### BALSAM

Mrs. Sara Bryson attended the funeral of her niece, Mrs. Madge Ramsey in Whittier, Friday.

Mr. Walter Hyatt and others from here attended the funeral of Mr. S. J. Maloney, in Asheville, Sunday.

Mr. John P. Knight and family who spent the past week with his mother, Mrs. D. T. Knight, left Monday for their home in Orlando.

Mrs. Alice Norris of Kansas City, Missouri, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. S. Christy and her brother, Mr. J. K. Kenney.

Mr. Henry Porter and family of

moisture in the ground but that it is the biggest scheme so far definitely decided on is the tree-belt plan of preventing future droughts in the regions lately practically ruined by lack of moisture. A belt of trees 100 miles wide, stretching north and south from Canada to Texas, is to be set out in strips seven rods wide and a mile apart. The idea is that this will not only serve to precipitate and hold

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## PLANS NEARING PERFECTION FOR BIG CELEBRATION

Detailed plans are being perfected for staging the First Annual Jackson County Labor Day celebration and Progress Exhibition at Sylva, September 3. The event is being sponsored by the Sylva Rotary Club and business men of Jackson county. C. C. Poindexter, director of athletics at Western Carolina Teachers College, is general director and is being assisted in working out the details by various clubs and individuals throughout the county. All community clubs and organizations are invited and urged to see that their section of the county is well represented in the various exhibits and contests.

The purpose of the Progress Exposition is to show the growth and development of Jackson County along various lines. Anyone in the county that has a product of outstanding merit is urged to enter it in the event. It is hoped to have a display of the best in every phase of the county's products.

The agricultural, livestock and other farm exhibits will be under the supervision of County Agent G. R. Lackey. He will be assisted by the Boy Scouts and others selected by him.

The Girl Scouts will handle the Pet Show. They will also stage the Amateur Circus. Miss Deena Garrett is in charge of this division.

The 20th Century Club has been asked to handle the flower exhibits. Mrs. J. H. Morris, president of the club, is in charge.

The Junior Club has been asked to sponsor the Baby Show. Mrs. Bill Moody is head of this group.

A special feature will be a beauty contest to select the best looking girl in Jackson county. The winner will have the title "Miss Jackson County" bestowed upon her and will receive an appropriate prize. Various communities are asked to select representatives. Preston Heim, manager of the Lyric Theatre, will conduct the selection of Miss Sylva. Mr. Poindexter stated that he wanted the entries in this event from the various communities sent or handed to him at an early date so a list could be published next week.

Mr. Poindexter will supervise the various athletic events, which will include the following: boxing, 30 yard dash, 50 yard dash, 75 yard dash, 100 yard dash, 20 yard high jump, broad jump, 12 lb. shot put, baseball throw, football throw, football punt, and horseshoes. Those interested in the boxing are asked to get in touch with Mr. Poindexter at an early date.

The following teachers are asked to see that their community is fully represented in all events and contests:

Sylva, W. C. Reed; Barkers Creek, Howard Crawford; Dillsboro, F. I. Watson; Beta, W. V. Cope; Addie, Jometa Higdon; Willets, S. J. Phillips; Balsam, Alney Bryson; Whitot, D. M. Hooper; Olivet, Mrs. Stella Bryson; Qualla, G. C. Cooper; Cullowhee, C. A. Hoyle; Tuckasegee, J. E. Brown; East La Porte, Mrs. Anne Gunnels; Johns Creek, Miss Irene Raby; Balsam Grove, Ernest Phillips; Canada, Alvin Fullbright; Glenville, Wayne Woodard and S. P. Hyatt; Cashiers, David Prunett; Webster, Paul Buchanan; Gay, John Crawford.

Anyone having entries for any of the events are urged to get in touch with the chairman in that community at the earliest possible date.

Lynn, Mass., are guests of his father, Mr. J. W. Porter present.

Mr. Mabel Enley has returned to Balsam from Tampa, Fla., where she has been for the past several months.

Miss Beulah Beck accompanied her aunt, Mrs. Dr. Tappan, to Cincinnati, last week.

Mrs. J. E. Long and little son, Cecil, of Sylva, attended services in the Methodist church here, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Zeb Ammons has returned to Washington after spending several weeks with his mother, Mrs. Laura Ammons.

Rev. R. L. Sprinkles stopped here a short time Monday enroute to his home in Sacramento, California.

Mrs. Mabel Perry went to Franklin, Monday.

Balsam is enjoying one of its best tourist seasons. More coming in daily

## TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)

### HOUSING . . . too high

The Federal government has completed the first fifty homes in its "subsistence homestead" project at Reedsville, West Virginia. The idea is to provide wage-earners with land on which they can grow their living when out of work, and supplement their wages when employed.

The policy is essentially a sound one. Much of our industrial problem would be solved if every worker were tied closer to the land. But when I saw the figures of these "subsistence homesteads" I wondered if it were not another case of theorists letting their enthusiasm run away with their common sense.

They cost from \$4,396 to \$5,570, averaging \$4,890 for a house with five acres of land. At that price first rate homes can be purchased right in the city of New York, in the outlying boroughs. These Reedsville houses are rural homesteads, but they are equipped like city houses. Nobody earning less than 50 a week the year around can afford a \$5,000 home.

The Government won't solve the subsistence homestead problem until it gets down to brass tacks and shows that a comfortable house and necessary land can be provided for half or less. I know of many such cases, near industrial centers, where not over \$2,000 represents the cost of all buildings and land.

### SUBSISTENCE . . . on an acre

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has got out a bulletin which anybody can get by writing to Washington for it, telling town folks what they can expect to do with a piece of land in a suburban district. An acre, says the bulletin, is about all the average man and family can expect to take care of if the man has a job and they don't keep a horse. On that area enough vegetables and small fruits can be grown to supply the family needs, and a small poultry flock can be kept. Larger area is needed if a cow is to be kept, and if more than an acre is to be cultivated, a horse will be needed.

That is good sense—better sense than the "model" homes at Reedsville.

Neither scheme will work, however unless the person trying it knows something about agriculture and is willing to work a lot harder for himself than he ever worked for a boss.

### AMERICANISM . . . it sleeps

Every time I read an interview with Henry Ford I am impressed anew with his sound common sense. He said something the other day which puts the finger right on the sore spots in our national mess.

Our school system is wrong, he said, because it turns out millions of high school graduates not fitted for any kind of job, and denies to many the opportunity to develop what talents they have. We've got to get back to the pioneer spirit which will tackle any problem eagerly, even if "the answer isn't in the back of the book."

I heartily agree with Mr. Ford, especially when he remarks that one of the greatest troubles of the Nation is that men do not form their own opinions and are not ready to fight for them. It looks to me, sometimes, as if we were becoming a nation of mollycoddles, afraid to have convictions or to express them.

Still I don't believe the old spirit of Americanism is dead; it is only sleeping and some day it will awaken again.

### FOG . . . and man

One of the most important discoveries that science has made is that of a way to dispel fog, announced a few days ago by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Apparently the demonstrations of this method, which consists in spraying certain chemicals into the air, have been completely successful.

What this may mean to aviation and to sea navigation is beyond calculation. Fog is the worst foe the airman or the sailor has to contend with. Anything which will conquer it will be of more lasting benefit to humanity than all the gold that has ever been mined.

The next thing we need is some method which will persuade the clouds to "give down" in time of drought. That will come, too, in time. I will not admit that there is any problem that vexes humanity to which the answer will not be discovered.

## Eyes Of The World On Jackson County's Snake-Bitten Holiness Preacher

### WOODMEN JUNIORS TO PICNIC

The Woodmen of the World and members of the Junior Order, United American Mechanics, will hold a picnic on the campus of Sylva Collegiate Institute, tomorrow, Friday evening, at 6:30 o'clock. All members of these two fraternal orders, together with their families are invited to bring picnic lunch and be present on the occasion.

### WILL HOLD ORTHOPAEDIC CLINIC AT BRYSON CITY

An orthopaedic clinic for the free examination and treatment of cripples of all ages will be opened at nine o'clock Saturday, August 18th, at Bryson City. This clinic will serve Jackson, Swain, Graham, Cherokee, Clay and Macon counties.

Hundreds of crippled children and adults, with clubbed feet, bowed legs, deformed backs and numerous other deformities are being treated in these clinics and having their deformities corrected.

This clinic is being sponsored and supported by the Rotary club of Bryson City. It is being organized by the State department of vocational rehabilitation, which not only aids indigent cripples in securing treatment, but also gives them specialized training for some suitable occupation and helps them find employment. Last year over two hundred physically handicapped persons were rehabilitated by this department. These cripples, most of whom were earning nothing, were taught to do some kind of remunerative work and thereby became useful, self-supporting, and independent citizens.

An orthopaedic surgeon, who is a bone specialist, will be in charge of the Rotary clinic at Bryson City, which will be held on the morning of the third Saturday of each month.

### QUALLA

Many Qualla folks went to Whittier Thursday to attend the funeral of Mr. J. R. Green. He had been mail carrier through our section for almost 28 years. He kept every requirement to the letter, none could be more law-abiding and conscientious than he. As he made his daily rounds he greeted all with a pleasant word. Qualla was his old home, the place where his youthful days were spent. We remember him as a studious, diligent school mate. He will be greatly missed by his many friends. He was also a successful teacher in Jackson county for several years. We believe it might be truly said of him, whenever on duty he was always doing his best.

Several of our people attended the funeral of Mrs. Madge Ramsey at Whittier, Friday.

Mr. K. Howell, Mr. C. M. Hughes, and Mrs. P. V. McLaughlin attended the funeral of Mrs. Annie Dean at Beta.

On Sunday afternoon the Old Bird Home was the scene of the annual reunion of all the Birds in the surrounding country. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bird now of Cullowhee, Mr. T. W. McLaughlin and family, Mr. J. T. Bird of Sylva, Mr. J. M. Bird and family of Bryson City, Mr. W. E. Bird and family of Cullowhee, Mrs. Mary Blackwell and children of Lexington, Mr. H. G. Bird and family of Sylva, Mrs. Silas Teague of Whittier and Mr. J. B. Terrell. A bountiful picnic supper was spread late in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Golman Kinsland gave a supper reception to a number of friends on Thursday evening in honor of the 9th anniversary of their marriage.

Mrs. M. B. Henson of Whittier visited Mrs. J. L. Ferguson.

Mr. Dixon Hyatt and family called at Mr. John Bradburn's, Sunday.

Misses Mary Battle and Ruth Ferguson have returned from a trip to Charlotte.

Mr. Bill Reeves of Leicester is visiting Mr. J. O. Terrell this week.

Mrs. A. C. Hoyle spent Friday at Cherokee.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Kinsland called on Mrs. J. E. Hughes.

Mrs. D. C. Hughes and children were guests of Mr. J. E. Battle's. Miss Bonnie Anthony visited Mrs.

The eyes of the world have been turned toward Jackson county and Rev. Albert Teester, Holiness preacher of Mountain township, for the past week, since news stories went out from Sylva about Teester having been bitten by a rattle snake, at the church service, Sunday, August 5, "for the Glory of God," and having recovered without the aid of medicine or physician. However, when Teester was in Sylva, Monday evening, enroute to Charlotte, it was noticed that he had his hand bandaged.

It all came about because, following the Holiness belief, that those who have received the "second blessing" can handle serpents without harm, Teester had preached such as the fact, at the little church of his faith, on Cullowhee Mountain. Some of the boys of the community caught a rattlesnake, it is said, boxed it up, and carried it to the church, presenting it to Teester, to give him an opportunity to prove his faith by his works. This is not the first time the same stunt has been tried in the Cullowhee Mountain section. A number of years ago a copperhead and a rattler were taken to the Holiness services in a box and presented to the preachers, who tore the lid off the box and tossed the snakes about from one preacher to another, while the congregation fled to safety, and the snakes later being killed by P. E. Moody, of Sylva, who was a deputy sheriff at the time. However, on the occasion of the Teester affair, it is reliably reported that the preacher grabbed at the snake, but the snake beat him to it and nabbed Teester on the finger. Teester is then reported to have made another attempt to take hold on the snake, the reptile again being too quick for the preacher, and popped it to him on the wrist. Teester is said to have then flung the snake from his hand and fled the scene to the church yard, where he fell upon the grass. Later he went to his home, and his arm and hand swelled to a great degree. Within a few days the swelling and discoloration began to leave his hand and arm, and he was able to walk to the church and preach on last Sunday.

The story struck the fancy of the Associated Press, the Pathe News, and other newspaper and moving picture services, which are always on the look-out for the unusual and dramatic. Teester was photographed, his story was spread all over the pages of the papers throughout the nation. Tuesday, he went to Charlotte to speak over the Columbia Broadcasting System. Yesterday he spoke three times from the stage of an Asheville theatre. He has received offers to speak, to preach, to broadcast, from different cities in the country. Many people have been coming through the country in cars, asking about Teester. People have wired, have phoned, have written, to ask about the preacher who was bitten by the snake.

Albert Teester is not a native of Jackson county. He moved to Cullowhee Mountain, some four or more years ago, and has been living on the property of Ed Hopkins, another Holiness preacher. The Holiness sect is one that was brought into this region twenty-five or thirty years ago, by preachers who held evangelist meetings in various parts of this county. There are a few adherents left in different communities. It is said that not more than twenty people in Mountain township, where Teester lives and where he and the rattler had their bout, are members of "The Church of God," as the Holiness call themselves.

Terry Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Oxner called at Mr. D. M. Shuier's, Sunday. Mrs. Homer Turpin and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Turpin called on Mrs. W. J. Turpin. Mrs. Hester Hoyle and Miss Edna Hoyle visited relatives at Forney's Creek. Miss Minnie Kinsland visited her sister, Mrs. Callie Bradley, Friday. Mrs. Ted Kinsland called on Mrs. D. C. Hughes. Miss Mildred Howell visited Miss Edna Hoyle. Mr. Herman Cooper called at Mr. J. K. Terrell's, Sunday.

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