

INTEREST GROWING IN CELEBRATION TO BE HELD LABOR DAY

Interest is growing daily in Jackson County's first annual Labor Day Celebration and Progress Exposition. C. C. Bondexter, general chairman, has announced that he is highly pleased over the response that organizations and citizens are making. The celebration is for all the people of Jackson County and it is hoped that every nook and corner of the county will be represented in the contests and exhibits.

WOLF MOUNTAIN NEWS

A meeting has been planned to begin at the Methodist church Sunday night August 26. The Rev. A. A. Somers will do the preaching. Everyone in this section is cordially invited to attend the services. The services will begin each evening at eight o'clock.

There was a decoration at the old house grave yard last Sunday. Many people gathered here from all sections. It is said by many that the decorations are not as popular as they were a few years ago. One reason, perhaps, is that there are more day schools in the churches of different localities and in the place there are more religious societies now than there were a few years ago.

Decorations are beautiful memorial services to those who have gone on to the better world, and it is an occasion when people gather from far and near to renew old friendships and acquaintances, but it would be better for every local community if the local preachers would consider the Sunday Schools and regular appointments and arrange the hour of the decoration services so as not to conflict with either the Sunday School hour or the regular preaching appointed hour. The preachers in this community have been very cooperative in this regard.

There is a large number of slot machines scattered all over Jackson County. These machines are illegal. They are gambling devices and are attracting the attention of not only young boys, but girls of high school age can be seen playing the gamblers' games. These machines should be stamped out. The officers of the county should not allow them to continue in any section of the county, for everyone admits that gambling is a sin.

Mrs. Byrd Fallbright, the local school teacher, had to go home last week on account of sickness. Mrs. Dana Brown is substituting for Mrs. Fallbright at the present time. Mrs. Brown is from the Sol's Creek section and is a graduate of Cullowhee and has a fine reputation in the county as a teacher.

WEEK By WEEK

(By DAN TOMPKINS)

12 bandits held up an armored truck in New York and escaped with \$427,000 in cash, the largest loot on record.

Charging corruption in the primary, supporters of Lewis S. Pope, unsuccessful candidate for Governor of Tennessee, gathered in convention in Nashville and nominated Pope for governor and Ben Hooper, former Republican governor, for the United States Senate to oppose the veteran Senator McKellar. This means a fusion of one wing of the Democrats and the Republicans, which will make a political fight in Tennessee that will endanger the Democratic party, and will probably put a fusionist in the governor's chair and a Republican in the Senate. The convention of "Regular Democrats" lauded Roosevelt and said mean things about Farley. Seems as though our neighbors across the mountains have gotten their politics mixed up.

A general strike in the textile industry in the United States has been voted. A general strike of all labor in Chicago is threatened. This goes the trend of the times. I frankly don't know what it is all about; but it does seem that now, of all times, when the people and the government are putting forth every effort to right conditions and beat the trail back to prosperity, that it is a poor time to further complicate the situation with strikes. Everybody's shoulder to the wheel is the only way we will get out of the woods. However, it may be that employers of labor are taking advantage of the situation to the injury of the laborers. If this is true, the employers are also culpable. I learned a long time ago that it takes two sides of anything to make a fight, and that it is a rare occasion when one party to a controversy has all the right, justice and charity on his side.

Huey Long, by grace of a powerful political machine, Senator from the State of Louisiana, has been in a splurge with Mayor Walmsley of New Orleans, the nature of the controversy being a clash between two political factions for the control of the city. They have been staging a comic opera warfare with police on one side and national guard troops on the other. Now, Long has had the Legislature called into session, and he cracked his whip, had himself voted dictator of the State, with authority to investigate the New Orleans government, control elections, and pretty much run things, State and City, as he sees fit. The whole thing is a sorry spectacle. North Carolina has her short-comings; but I refuse to believe that the Tar Heels would put up with such arrogance, bigotry, and dictatorial assumption for as long as five minutes at a time.

The children and patrons of the school at Walnut, over in Madison county, have voted a strike, the children refusing to go to school and the parents to send them, because of the dismissal of the athletic coach. Since it is in Madison that the thing happened, we surmise that when the whole thing transpires, it will be found to contain more politics than any other ingredient.

Henry T. Rainey, the Speaker of the National House of Representatives lies dead in his Illinois home at the age of 74. The death of Mr. Rainey is a distinct loss to the country. With his passing the question of the election of a speaker to succeed him, with as little friction within the party as possible, presents itself. The chances are that the speakership will come to the South and that Representative Byrns will be the successful contender. Of the eight possible candidates, all but one is from the South. They are: Byrns of Tennessee, Rayburn of Texas, Bankhead of Alabama, Woodrum of Virginia, McCormack of Massachusetts, Warren of North Carolina, and Rankin of Mississippi. When Congress meets again in January we shall probably see a Southerner presiding over both houses at each end of the capitol.

and pure. There are many advantages in raising a family in a community where the evils of city life are no known. Mr. John Coward and Randall Nicholson were Sylva visitors last Saturday.

Forecasters Wonder What The Next Turn Will Be In Administration's Program

Washington, August 22 (Special)—Since the President's return from his vacation, the political forecasters have been getting busy again figuring out what is going to happen next under the New Deal. And the smartest of them are saying, quite openly that all the signs indicate that Mr. Roosevelt is rapidly veering toward the "left." That is to say, the feeling here is that policies which are regarded as "radical" have recently won out over the more conservative courses which business men and industrialists have been hoping he would adopt.

Just how much basis there is for such a conclusion depends a good deal, of course, on definitions. There are lots of people who slap the label "radical" or "revolutionary" on anything they don't agree with. But what is behind this growing impression of Presidential radicalism is not only the recent nationalization of silver, with its inflationary implications, but some of the things the President said in his Green Bay speech, on his way back to Washington.

"The President is beginning to talk like Tugwell," is the way one observer expressed it. Mr. Tugwell has become notorious for drawing, what some consider, misleading implications from well-known facts. It is, of course, not quite correct to say that President Roosevelt subscribes to all of these radical doctrines, but since he got back from his trip to Hawaii he has been flooded with protests against the tone of some of his recent utterances, coming mostly not from ultra-conservative or political sources but from ordinary business men who are trying to reassure themselves that business is still going to have a chance to grow and to earn profits.

WILL BEGIN GRID PRACTICE SEPTEMBER 10 AT W. C. T. C.

Cullowhee, Aug. 23.—Coach Poindecker has announced that he is calling for his Western Carolina football candidates to report for practice, Monday, September 10. Around forty or fifty players are expected for the ten days practice before school opens. Two practices will be held each day in order to get the team in condition for the game with Lees-McRae on September 22.

With a dozen or more letter men scheduled to return and a flock of other promising candidates coming to make their fight for their places, prospects look bright for the best team in the history of the school.

The Catamounts face a tough schedule with some of the outstanding teams of North Carolina and Tennessee. Five games are booked with North State Conference teams and three with Smoky Mountain Conference teams. One date is yet to be fixed.

The schedule follows:
September 22, Lees-McRae at Cullowhee.
September 29, Carson Newman at Jefferson City, Tenn.
October 5 (night), Lenoir-Rhyne at Hickory.
October 13, Appalachian at Boone.
October 20, Tennessee Teachers at Cullowhee.
October 27, (Home Coming) Milligan at Cullowhee.
November 3, (Pending at Cullowhee).

Business men and industrialists like the idea of having Government support for trade association agreements, and will welcome a chance to continue, in the major industries along the lines laid down in NRA. They are beginning to get a bit nervous, however, over the apparent disagreement between the President and General Johnson in the matter of price fixing. The General's idea, which was the theory at the base of the Recovery Act, is that prices should go up, in order that business may make profits and so pay better wages and hire more workers.

The President, it is understood, has come to the point of fearing rising prices may react unfavorably upon the Administration, particularly in foodstuffs and other things consumed by city folks. And there seems to be no escaping the certainty that such prices are on the way up.

The AAA, on the other hand, is bent upon getting better prices for farm products; but since Nature took a hand in the shape of the greatest drought in American history, its administrators are not so keen about enforcing all of their plans for crop reduction.

One definite result of the apparent continuous swing toward the "left" in the Administration is a further tightening up of private credit. Individuals and institutions with free capital are investing only in Government bonds or other low interest sound securities, refusing to risk their capital in business or constructive enterprises until they get better assurances that they will be given a chance to make a profit by its use.

The trend in the opposite direction which the Government has been trying to stimulate by its home-financing plan under the Housing Act has not yet set in. This may come, however, if the new silver program turns out to be the beginning of a real inflation of the currency.

The nationalization of all silver bullion at 50 cents an ounce, and the Government's announcement that it will take silver from all over the world and that price and issue \$1.29 of paper money against each ounce is calculated to have a beneficial effect upon Oriental trade exchanges, and perhaps lead to a general stabilization and equalization of world currencies, however, it is not a very long step.

Many conservative members of the Administration think that real inflation is an inevitable next step, and they are advising people to put their funds into commodities and tangibles, certain that dollar values for such things will go many times higher shortly. And the pressure from the great mass of debtors for cheaper money is increasing rather than diminishing.

COMES TO MEET BRIDE GOES TO HOSPITAL

John Lambert Hooper, of Akron, Ohio, came down last week, to meet his bride of a few weeks, who was Miss Helen Allison, and to take her home with him to Akron. On the journey, which was made by automobile, young Mr. Hooper became ill. Upon his arrival in Sylva he was taken to the home of his uncle, Dr. D. D. Hooper, and from there to the Community hospital, where an operation for appendicitis was performed, Monday night.

It is stated that he is resting as well as could be expected. Mr. Hooper is a native of this county, a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hooper, of Akron, and a grandson of Mr. John B. Ensley. He has a large number of other relatives here.

WESTERN UNION OFFICE ADDS OPERATOR HERE

The Western Union Telegraph Company has had to add an operator in the Sylva office, due to large increase in business, according to the local manager, Mrs. J. D. Moore. The business during the present period is of the greatest volume at any time since the office was opened here.

Mr. J. W. Easter of Candor, is the new operator given employment here. The office will be open each day from 7 A. M. to 9 P. M.

November 10, Guilford at Guilford.
November 17, Elon at Elon.
November 24, Catawba at Salisbury.

TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)

POLITICS . . . and jobs

As I have pointed out before, political machines are built on jobs. I have just received a communication from Washington stating flatly that anyone who wants to get a Federal job must get letters of endorsement from local, state or national Democratic politicians. The Democratic National Committee has got up a "yellow questionnaire," which has to be filled out by any applicant who is serious about getting on the Federal payroll. And my informant says that there is a secret method whereby letters of endorsement are classed as "genuine" or "perfunctory."

The Civil Service Commission still exists, and goes through the motions of submitting names of qualified persons for jobs; but no attention is paid to its lists unless they also have the right political endorsement from the right people.

I can't see much hope for anything like efficiency in government as long as such a system prevails. It seems to me to provide the strongest possible argument against the Government operation of any enterprise.

DOLES . . . and elections

I have just seen some startling figures of the amount of money which the Federal Government has been paying out for direct relief benefits. Not counting the three thousand millions of loans and allowances direct to state governments more than \$3,500,000,000 has been distributed in "doles" of one sort or another, as against \$2,600,000,000 collected in Federal taxes in the same period.

That leaves a good deal less than nothing out of tax receipts on which to operate the Government.

I have heard of a good many candidates for reelection to Congress boasting about the way that they have "taken care of" their constituents by getting so much money for them out of the Federal Treasury. I have not heard of any of them telling his constituents that much of this money has been pure gifts to people who did not really need it but I know that is true in many cases.

I am far more concerned about the habit of reliance upon Government to help people out of their troubles than I am about who gets elected to Congress or anything else. Nothing could be more of a calamity than that.

UNEMPLOYMENT . . . today

I have never had the slightest confidence in any of the so-called "statistics" of unemployment. Many of them, I have felt certain, were greatly exaggerated. Everybody who had ever had a job, was listed as "unemployed." That included stenographers who had got married, men who had saved up enough from their wages to retire on, and all of the great fringe of unemployables who had occasional jobs but couldn't hold them long.

I am inclined to take more seriously the figures recently put out by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, indicating less than seven million persons unemployed "for all reasons," than the Federation of Labor's statement of more than ten million. If the actual facts could be obtained, it probably would be shown that not more than three or four million workers who are able and willing to work are out of jobs today.

PRODUCTION . . . normal

So much has been said and written these last couple of years about "overproduction" that many people have the idea that there was a great surplus of everything people consume. That was true, however, of only a very few commodities, and those mainly raw materials produced everywhere in the world, such as wheat and a few other agricultural products.

We actually imported some \$600,000 of food in 1929 because we were not producing enough to meet the demands of our people. And when it comes to manufactured goods, carefully-checked statistics prove that for a long period of years the production of men's clothing, to take one example, amounted to less than one-third of a suit per year for every man in the nation.

I have never known a time when so much nonsense was being talked by folk who ought to know better and believed by some people as the actual truth.

POSTPONE OPENING OF SCHOOLS UNTIL SEPTEMBER TENTH

The Sylva schools will open on September 10, instead of August 27 as was originally planned, according to information received from the office of County Superintendent M. B. Madison.

It is stated that the delay was caused by the fact that buses for use in transporting high school pupils to Sylva have not arrived, and will not be here in time for use next week. This prevented the opening of the high school. The two schools are under direction of the same principal, Mr. W. C. Reed, and it was thought advisable to have them begin and close on the same schedule.

Hence, the children of Sylva will have an additional two weeks of vacation before beginning the eight months term. The schools will run for the full eight months, as is provided by law for every school in North Carolina.

QUALLA

(By Mrs. J. K. Terrell)

Rev. Neal Stepp preached at the Baptist church Sunday morning and Rev. C. W. Clay preached at the Methodist church in the afternoon.

Rev. J. L. Hyatt has returned from Deep Creek where he has been assisting in revival services for the past two weeks.

Mrs. Gentry Hall and Miss Maggie Parker of Bryson City assisted in church services at Qualla Sunday. They were guests at Mr. Mack Clements'.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Ledbetter of Asheville are visiting among relatives.

Mrs. W. D. Wike of Cullowhee spent the week end with Mrs. J. L. Hyatt.

Mrs. J. E. Green and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Brown of Asheville visited relatives last week.

Miss Faye Martin of Bryson City spent last week with Miss Ollie Hall.

Miss Mary Emma Ferguson has returned to Martha Berry College after spending a few days at home.

Miss Helen Ussery of Commerce, Ga., spent the week end at Mr. H. G. Ferguson's.

Mr. Jake Battle is employed at Charlotte.

Messrs. J. O. Terrell and Bill Reeves left for Asheville Saturday, where they begin school at Oakley next week. Miss Annie Lizzie Terrell accompanied them as far as Beta, after a visit at home.

Mrs. C. M. Hughes and Mr. Winifred Hughes of Bethel called at Mr. K. Howell's.

Among those who visited Mrs. J. H. Hughes during her recent illness were Mrs. G. A. Kinsland, Mrs. D. J. Worley, Mesdames J. G. Hooper, A. C. and W. H. Hoyle, D. M. Shuler, Laura Snyder, Will Freeman and J. K. Terrell. She is improving at this writing.

Mr. J. L. Sitton and family were guests at Mr. D. M. Shuler's, Sunday.

Mr. Taft Ferguson of Crabtree, visited his aunt, Mrs. J. L. Ferguson, Sunday.

Mrs. W. C. Martin of Bryson City called on Miss Etta Kinsland, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Crisp called at Mr. Will Freeman's.

Miss Viola Webb of Ela was a Qualla visitor Sunday.

Mesdames G. A. and Ted Kinsland visited Mrs. Hubert Blanton.

Mrs. John Ayers and children visited Mrs. Luther Hoyle.

Mrs. J. E. Green of Asheville spent Sunday with Mrs. P. H. Ferguson.

Some of our people are attending revival services conducted at Olivet by Rev. C. W. Clay and Rev. L. H. Hips.

Mr. D. M. Shuler is re-covering his house.

Recent rains have revived vegetation and late crops.

TEESTER GOES TO AKRON

Albert Teester, who jumped to fame in newspaper stories, because he was bitten by a rattlesnake, at a Holiness service on Cullowhee Mountain, left yesterday morning for Akron, Ohio, where it is stated he has contracted to conduct a series of evangelistic meetings.