

The Jackson County Journal

11.50 YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

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\$2.00 YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

LIBERTY LEAGUE DEVILS PRESIDENT

Washington, Sept. 5.—The first-organized opposition to the New Deal that is taking seriously in Washington is the American Liberty League. This is a group of industrial and political experts which has as its avowed purpose the stopping of further encroachments upon the constitutional rights of the tax-paying, property-owning classes.

The number of the League may be gathered from the character and reputation of the men who organized it. These include two former candidates for the Presidency, John W. Davis and Alfred E. Smith; two former chairmen of the Democratic National Committee, John J. Raskob and Joseph P. Kamp; such Republican leaders as Representative James W. Wadsworth and former Governor Nathan L. Miller of New York; a powerful industrialist of independent political standing, Irene Du Pont, and several others of national reputation. In its set-up it certainly cannot be classed as a Republican organization. But were it, it would not be worrying the Administration so much as it is, for even the most ardent Republicans concede that the "Grand Old Party" thus far has shown few signs of being on its job.

The only comment that has come from the White House on the Liberty League is the President's remark that it is not in the interest of property with the Ten Commandments written out of its charter. To which one of the same commentators here made the pertinent answer: "Better read the ten commandments again!"

The Liberty League is the most aggressive force, so far, of the growing wave of criticism of many of the features of the New Deal. Washington is hearing rumblings of protest from many parts of the country, from rural districts as well as from industrial centers. It would be going too far to say that the Administration is on the defensive, as yet, but there is a decidedly conciliatory tone in the public utterances of many of the President's supporters. Secretary of Commerce made a speech the other day, which was directly aimed at business men, and calculated to allay their fears.

The Administration plans to reorganize all of the recovery agencies into one unit—putting NRA, AAA, FRA, PWA and all the rest into one bag. It is said to be making headlines, but there is wide diversity of opinion as to how to do it, and a great deal of dissent among the executives charged with making the New Deal go. This dissent is not merely in words. General Hugh Johnson got so mad the other day that he offered his resignation as head of the NRA, and was only dissuaded by a personal appeal by the President.

Back of General Johnson's attempt to quit lies an interesting controversy between the General and Mr. Riehlberg, his chief assistant. It is no secret that Riehlberg wants to be the head of the five-man commission that is to take the place of the one-man control of NRA. He has been working for a long time on a plan of reorganization. General Johnson beat him to it with a plan of his own, which he handed to the President as soon as he got back from Hawaii. Riehlberg followed with his own plan. In a three-cornered conference between the two and the President, General Johnson suddenly walked out, and Riehlberg was left through.

Rumor has it that the President, who leans more to Mr. Riehlberg's point of view than to the General's, has been looking for a chance to side the General out gracefully. But he didn't want him to go away and possibly make trouble for the Administration. So he sent for the General, who in the meantime had sent in written resignation to the White House, and suggested that he turn up the resignation and take a "week's" trip to Europe, for a rest. General Johnson smelled a rat. He was willing to absent himself from the scene of action for six months, but he agreed to withdraw his resignation and take a two-weeks rest at the White House. He will stay on the job and in more subtle way of shelving his resignation.

What is worrying the Administration, perhaps more than the still seething criticisms of its policies, is the mounting cost of food stuffs. The expectation is that the coming winter will be the hardest yet, not only in the matter of relief for those with

RICH STILL AT LARGE

Henry Rich, 30 year old Qualla man, sought by Jackson county officers and charged with the murder of Otto Jordan, 60, in the Olivet section of the county, Monday afternoon, is still at large, and believed to be hiding in the Smoky or Balsam mountains along the border of Jackson and Haywood counties, and Tennessee with which he is known to be thoroughly familiar, and where he is said to have numerous acquaintances and relatives living.

Evidence adduced at the coronor's inquest held by Coronor C. W. Dills and a jury, tended to show that the fatal shooting occurred at the home of Lewis Reagan about four o'clock Monday afternoon. It was brought out that the deceased and his alleged slayer went to the spring near the house to get some water, and while doing so, engaged in a bitter quarrel. On their return to the house, it was stated, Mrs. Reagan ordered Rich off the premises. Witnesses stated that about a half hour later, Mrs. Reagan saw him returning through the yard with a shotgun, and she told Jordan that Rich was coming with a gun. Rich is said to have fired the gun from around the corner of the house, as Jordan cried "don't shoot me", and as his 22 year old son was trying to get him into the house. Jordan died about thirty minutes later, with a gunshot wound in his right side.

Witnesses testified that Rich fled immediately after the fatal shot was fired. The witnesses at the inquest were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Reagan and Roy Jordan, son of the deceased.

The coronor's jury's verdict was that Jordan came to his death at the hand of Henry Rich.

WE REFUSE ADVERTISING

The Journal, last week, refused to accept an order for a series of advertisements, that would have brought in real, honest-to-goodness, money. That is really the truth. We need money for our business, of course we do. We need it sometimes so much that it becomes painful; and there wasn't any catch in the order.

It was for advertising beer. Now, we don't think that it shows any moral turpitude to drink a glass of beer. Fact is that for grown people, who have no predisposition to alcoholism, a glass of beer on occasion wouldn't be harmful. We have no phobia along that line but, we told the man who was trying to place the good, juicy order with us, that we are publishing a newspaper for the people of Jackson county, a publication that goes into the homes of the county, to be read by all the people, children as well as grown folks, and that his advertising would be, of necessity, pure propaganda, to create a desire in the reader to drink beer, hence, in our opinion, it would be most harmful reading for the adolescent Jacksonians, and that we didn't propose to be responsible for sending any such literature into the homes of this or any other county.

We leave it to the fathers and mothers who read our paper to say whether we are right or wrong. We have no objection to the advertisement of any business, but the strain upon those who have jobs or incomes. Out of this feeling arises growing talk of monetary inflation, "printing press money" to help the nation's debtors out of trouble. What may be done cannot be predicted, but there is a belief here that the new Congress, to be elected in November, will contain a much larger proportion of economic radicals than the last one did.

Rumor has it, though this cannot be verified, that a group of 23 conservative Democratic Senators have made a private pact to stand with Republicans in opposition to any further radical legislation. Such a coalition would effectively block any move toward inflation.

Meantime, the first protests are beginning to come in against the first tariff agreement negotiated by the President under the blanket authority granted him by the last Congress. The new agreement with Cuba, which lets in winter vegetables from the island at greatly reduced duties, is not at all to the liking of Florida vegetable growers, who make their livings by shipping winter tomatoes, beans, celery and other agricultural products to the northern markets. For years these Florida farmers have been pressing for higher duties on Mexican tomatoes and Cuban peppers, and they don't like this new scheme at all.

Greeting President at Hyde Park Home



HYDE PARK, N. Y. . . . President Roosevelt has deserted the Potomac for the Hudson River's scenic beauty, to sojourn for 30 days at his home here. Photo shows the President being greeted by a group of children upon his arrival home. . . . Executive offices of the "Summer White House" have been established at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., a short ride from Hyde Park.

GRADED SCHOOL BEGINS MONDAY

The Sylva elementary school will open next Monday morning for the fall term, after having been postponed from August 27.

The high school will not open until a later date, which is yet to be announced, the opening having been delayed because of the failure of the new busses to arrive.

The teachers for the elementary school, which opens Monday, are: F. M. Crawford, Mrs. J. F. Freeze, Ruth Gilley, Leah Nichols, Bertha Cunningham, Mrs. Bill Moody, Maysie Long, Ollie Jones, Mrs. Emily W. Tompkins, Myrtle Henson, and Rose Garrett.

QUALLA

(By Mrs. J. K. Terrell)

Rev. C. W. Clay delivered an earnest message at the Methodist church, Sunday morning from the text "What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him: 'Him be crucified'."

Revival services are in progress at the Baptist church. The pastor, Rev. J. L. Rogers, is being assisted by his brother, Rev. B. N. Rogers, who is doing the preaching.

Mr. T. W. McLaughlin sustained severe cuts and bruises on the head and face when he fell from a truck Monday evening. He was taken to the Community hospital in Sylva for treatment. He is expected to return home in a few days.

Mrs. Jno. Bradburn was painfully injured by a fall on Tuesday morning. Mr. Jesse T. Shelton left Monday for California, after spending several days with relatives in this county.

Misses Jennie Cathey, Geneva Turpin, Louise Hyatt, and Shirley Moody attended the Labor Day celebration in Sylva, Monday.

Mrs. H. C. Freeman and son, Mr. Ott's Freeman of Clyde, Mr. Fate Wiggins and Mrs. Lou Blanton of Bryson City visited Mrs. S. H. Bradburn, last week.

Miss Oma Gass of Canton visited home folks.

Mrs. D. C. Hughes and daughter Wilma went to Bryson City.

Misses Mary Battle, Etta Kinsland, and Irene Raby went to Sylva, Saturday.

Miss Annie Lizzie Terrell returned to Beta, Monday after a visit to home folks.

Mrs. D. L. Oxner spent last week with relatives at Swanannoa.

Mrs. A. J. Franklin of Bryson City visited relatives.

Mr. Carl Hoyle of Cherokee spent Sunday at Qualla.

Mrs. D. M. Gass visited Mrs. W. F. Battle, who has been seriously ill at Whittier.

Mrs. M. B. Henson of Whittier spent last week with her sister, Mrs. J. K. Terrell.

Mr. J. O. Howell and family, Mrs. A. C. Hoyle, and Mr. and Mrs. Rans Matthews spent Sunday at Balsam Grove.

Mrs. W. H. Hoyle and Miss Polly Hoyle visited Miss Terry Johnson.

Messrs. J. T. Shelton, C. P. Shelton, J. O. Howell, Rev. L. H. Hipps, and Harry and Rogers Shelton called at Mr. J. K. Terrell's Monday. Miss Elizabeth Fisher, of Beta is spending a while with Mrs. Miller Hall.

PRICE IS APPOINTED POSTMASTER HERE

Charles N. Price has been recommended for appointment as postmaster at Sylva, to succeed W. D. Warren, according to announcement from the office of Congressman Zebulon Weaver.

Mr. Price is a veteran of the World War, having been in the army in camp in the United States during the war period, though he had no overseas service. He lives between Sylva and Beta, and is engaged in the firm of the Sylva Coal and Lumber Company in Sylva. He is a native of Jackson county, a son of P. N. Price of "Tuckasee" and has been living in Sylva township for the past few years. Other applicants for the position, nine in number, were Jennings A. Bryson, Vernon L. Cope, Dan Tompkins, C. J. Crispe, Mrs. D. E. Murray, Mrs. John H. Wilson, Leo Picklesmier, Charles Evans, and Truman Moody.

Mr. Price will succeed Mr. W. D. Warren, whose commission expired nearly three months ago, and who has held the position for the past twelve years, making an excellent record as a postmaster.

It is not known just when Mr. Price will receive his commission and assume his new duties, though it is expected that he will take charge of the office during this month.

BALSAM

(By Mrs. D. T. Knight)

Miss Dollie Mills and Mr. George Fisher were married at the home of Rev. Dave Dean, Tuesday, the 28th of August, after which they spent the day in Sylva. That night they were given a sumptuous wedding supper at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fisher. Saturday they were entertained at the home of Mr. Bob Duncan's with a fine dinner and supper. After supper the party had music, dancing, etc.

Mrs. Bullock and two children of Fredericksburg, Va., left Sunday after visiting Mrs. Bullock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henderson Jones, and other relatives in Canton, and Waynesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Rork and daughter Eleanor, and Miss Lucile Mann, of Paducah, Ky., arrived Sunday to visit Mr. Rork's mother, Mrs. J. R. Rork in her summer home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Thomas of Barker's Creek visited at Mr. J. L. Sitton's.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Crisp and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hoyle called at Mr. W. H. Hoyle's.

Miss Nell McLaughlin left Monday for W. C. Cullowhee, where she is enrolled as a student for the coming term.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hyatt and son, Robert, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Shaver and son Carrol, of Greenville, Mrs. J. E. Green of Asheville and Rev. B. N. and Rev. J. L. Rogers were guests at Mr. J. L. Hyatt's.

Miss Martha Varner of "Steech Farm" near Whittier was a guest of Miss Louise Hyatt.

Large Crowd Celebrated Labor Day Here Monday

TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)
TRADITION . . . up our way

Up in my country we celebrated the 200th anniversary of the Congregational Church at Stockbridge, Massachusetts, the other day. Founded by Yale College theological students in 1733 as a mission to the Indians who lived at Charles Stockbridge's trading post, it was organized as a church in 1734, with the Indian chief, David Konkapot, and one of my ancestors, as deacons. Many famous preachers have served the old church, most celebrated of them being Jonathan Edwards, who left it in 1758 to become president of Princeton College. The descendants of many of the first members of the old church still live in the town.

It is natural that those who have grown up in such an environment should be influenced by the ancient traditions of the country and its first people. Our ancestors believed that every man was entitled to what he could earn and that those who would not work should not eat. The landless man, who was content to work for wages, was looked upon as inferior; so that it became every man's ambition to own a home, however humble, and a piece of land he could till and live on if wages failed.

DEPENDENCE . . . a la bear

The principal trouble with the American people today is that we have become too dependent upon the pay envelope. We are like the tame bear that a traveling showman took around the summer resorts in the Adirondacks. The bear would do tricks, the showman would pass the hat, and the bear would get his supper.

Up in the thick woods, however the call of the wild was too strong for the bear. He slipped his leash one night and vanished into the forest. Two days passed and the bear did not return. Finally some woodsmen at Paul Smith's organized a search for him.

They found the poor beast in the middle of a clearing, all alone, going through his whole repertoire of tricks, and then looking around for someone to come and feed him. It was the only way he had ever been taught to get a living.

I always think of that rather pathetic anecdote whenever people talk about moving city workers to the farms by wholesale. I am afraid that a great deal of planning for "subsistence honesteeds" overlooks the fact that nobody can get a living off the land unless he has first learned how DISILLUSION . . . of an heir

A young man who was running an elevator in the building where my New York office is, inherited a small farm in his native Czecho-Slovakia. He took his wife and children and gaily set sail for Europe. Fourteen months later he was back—and, fortunately for him, was able to get his old job back.

"They think they are prosperous if they can get enough to keep them alive and warm over there," he told me.

Everything in life is relative. We think we are in great distress because money doesn't come as easy as it used to. But the plain fact is that the lowest-paid workers in this country, even the unemployed, have better food, better clothing, more enjoyment in life, than all but a few anywhere else in the world.

COMPETENCE . . . the job

Charlie, my Czecho-Slovak friend got his old job back because he is a competent man at that particular work. Too many are just good enough to get by.

I think there is too much of a tendency to put the emphasis upon the enjoyment of leisure time and not enough on doing one's job well.

In my own experience I know how difficult it is to find a really competent stenographer, and I hear many others make the same complaint.

BUILDING . . . and workers

We hear a great deal about unemployment in the building trades, and the effort to stimulate home building in order to put them back to work.

My late father-in-law, who came of a family of builders and was a builder himself, had a name for the general run of carpenters. He called them "wood-butchers". The quality of workmanship of many who call themselves brick-layers, stone-masons, (Continued On Page 2)

A large crowd of people from Jackson and the surrounding counties joined in celebrating Labor Day, in Sylva on Monday.

Athletic events, a baby parade and baby show, amateur circus and parade, agricultural exhibits, flower display, and other attractions featured the day.

Sponsored by the Sylva Rotary Club, with C. C. Poindexter as general director, various organizations, schools, and individuals in the county cooperated in making a success of the celebration, which was in the nature of a joint Labor Day program and progress exposition, celebrating the 82nd year of Jackson as a county.

In that connection, it was interesting to note that the Webster float in the baby parade carried little Miss Julia Davis, great grand daughter of Douglas Davis, first sheriff of the county.

First award in the baby parade was given to the Glenville float, upon which sat, in a cabbage patch, Robert Perry Hyatt, Jr., drawn by Carrol Shaver and Buddy Holden dressed as cabbage farmers, in straw hats and overalls. Second award was to the Twentieth Century Club float from Sylva, with Billy Williams in the vestments and equipage of a king.

Other floats were, Jeanette Moore, sponsored by Sylva Junior Club; Sylva P. T. A., with Margaret Anne Ryan; Junior Order and Woodmen of the World, with Everette Harris, Jr.; Methodist Womans Missionary Society, with Brent Chapman and Francis Buchanan; Girl Scouts, with Sarah Jean Sutton; B. H. Cathey Chapter, U. D. C., with Walter Allison Jones; Balsam P. T. A., with Georgia Knight and Beta P. T. A., with Verna Vayz Hooper.

At two in the afternoon, the amateur circus parade drew the attention of the crowd. Sponsored by the Girl Scouts, the circus and parade drew much interest. There were cowboys and girls, on horse back, bringing the Wild West show, boys and girls in costume to represent nearly every animal in the ordinary circus menagerie and clowns, black-faced comedians, a band, and all the trimmings of a circus except the red lemons and peanut vendors.

Miss Josephine Garrett of Sylva was crowned "Miss Jackson County" in the beauty contest.

On display in the high school building were displayed apples, Hamburg's famous cabbage, cauliflower, turnips, beans, and potatoes; many varieties of vegetables and other farm exhibits. The pantry department showed a most excellent display of canning and preserving. The flower display was especially attractive; and most interesting was Elaine Moses' collection of wild flowers.

FIRE AT CULLOWHEE

Fire of unknown origin razed 4 wooden business houses at Cullowhee, early Saturday morning. Discovered about 3 o'clock, by Miss Louise Henson, the fire was brought under control, by local volunteers, assisted by the Sylva fire department, by six.

A two story building belonging to Grover Moss, but unoccupied, a two story building occupied by Jasper McCall, and a two story building in which John Bryson operated a general merchandise store were destroyed; and the roofs of the residences of Mrs. R. M. Keller and W. C. Crawford were damaged.

It is estimated that the loss was around \$20,000, with insurance of only \$1,800.

MISS AMANDA TOMPKINS DIES

Miss Amanda Tompkins passed on, at the Community hospital, where she had been a patient for a week, early last Friday night. Funeral services were held at her home in Webster, Saturday afternoon, by her pastor, Rev. V. R. Masters, and Rev. A. C. Queen. Interment was in the Webster cemetery, where rest the bodies of her father, mother, and two brothers.

Miss Tompkins came here with the family of her father, the late Dr. W. C. Tompkins, fifty years ago, and has resided at Webster since that time. She is the last survivor of her immediate family. Miss Tompkins was an aunt of Dan Tompkins, of Sylva.