

The Jackson County Journal

\$1.50 YEAR IN ADVANCE

THE COUNTY

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YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

JOHNSON RE... AS HEAD OF NRA; BOARD TO CONTROL

Washington, October 3. (Special) ... is written General Hugh Johnson's resignation as Administrator of the NRA has just been accepted by the President. This was one of the things that every competent observer had been expecting. He only knew just when it was to come. The General had been getting the ball in bad with the business community concerned under the NRA for a long time. Everybody knew that he did a splendid job of promotion and organization, but there was a fundamental disagreement, this as an administrator, new that the NRA in operation, he ruffled too many feathers that ought to be smoothed, and aroused too much resentment by his dictatorial manner. It has been understood for some time that the President was looking for a way to ease the General out gracefully. The occasion seems to have come because of the General's speech a couple of weeks ago, in which he not only accused the textile workers' union of bad faith and breach of agreement, but took occasion to drag the name of a justice of the Supreme Court into a controversial matter which may, and probably will, come before that tribunal for examination.

Johnson said publicly that he had been in constant touch with Justice Louis Brandeis, and that Brandeis was opposed to the NRA because it was too big. That indiscretion, the latest of many from the General's mouth was too serious to be overlooked. Justices of the Supreme Court are "untouchables." They must not, by implication or directly, be dragged into discussions of controversial points.

Justice Brandeis is a philosopher as well as a jurist. As a jurist he is presumed, like all the other justices of the Supreme Court, not to be influenced in passing on purely legal questions—and no other sort of questions come before the Court. As a Supreme Court its members are not concerned with whether a given policy is right or wrong, whether it will work or won't work. They are concerned only with the constitutionality of laws enacted by Congress and the legality of acts performed under those laws. Whether they are good laws or not is not for them to say.

The non-legal mind often finds it difficult to understand how a man can personally believe that something is wrong, yet as a judge decide that it was right, or at least not illegal. The ability to take a completely impartial attitude on a legal question is what makes a great jurist; and nobody denies that Justice Brandeis is a great jurist.

It was, naturally, quite embarrassing for Justice Brandeis and even more embarrassing for the President, to have General Johnson blurt out a statement which could be used to talk up a situation that the Administration was playing politics with the Supreme Court. It is a common slur upon that body that "the Supreme Court always follows the election returns", although nothing could be further from the truth. The last thing President Roosevelt desires is to try to have the idea prevail that he is trying to influence it, either directly or indirectly.

Since the belief that the latest indiscretion of General Johnson's was likely to prove the last straw, so the General's graceful exit had been anticipated days ahead.

RESURFACE PART OF 106

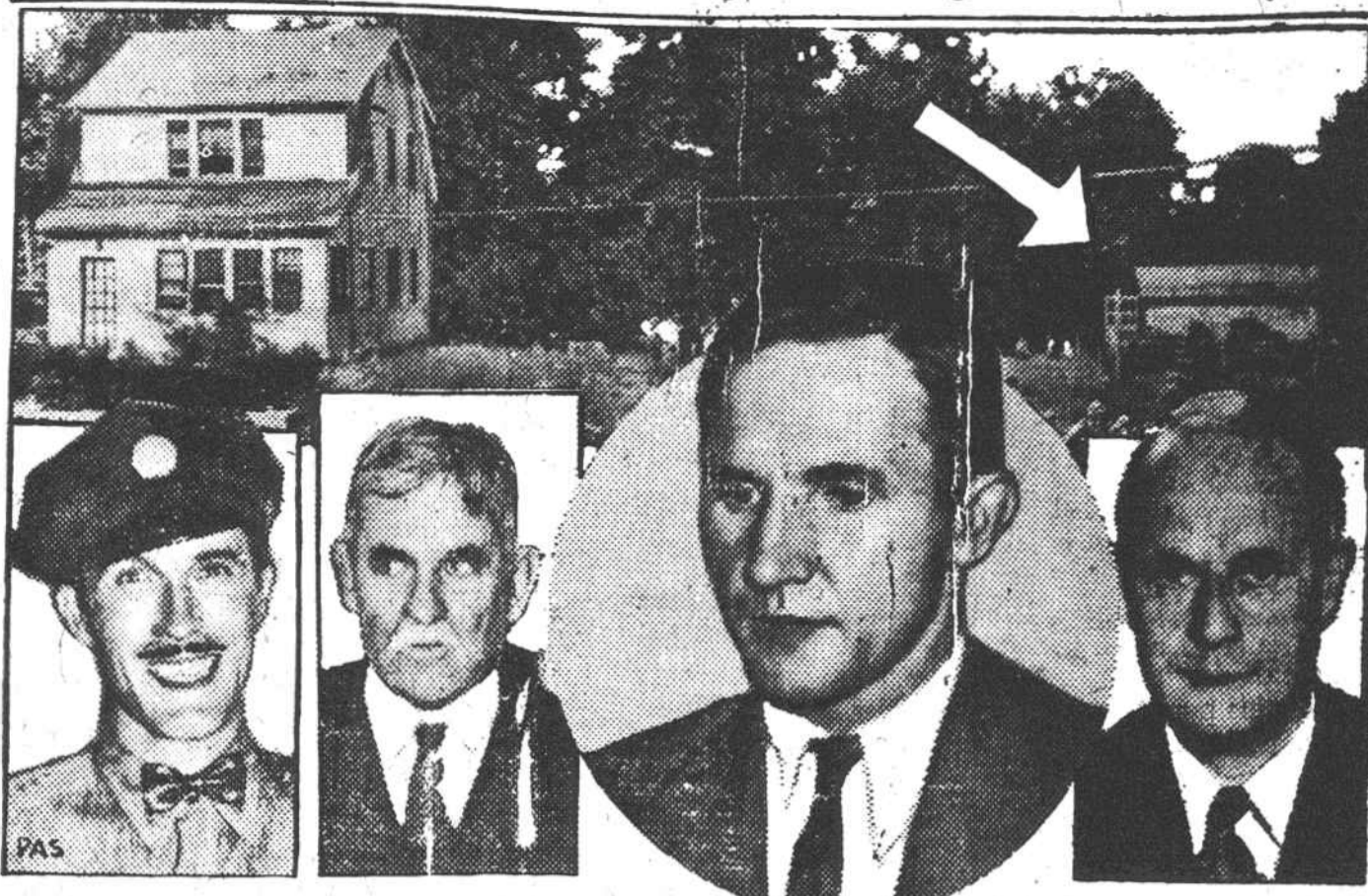
Resurfacing of Highway 106 from the town limits of Sylva to the intersection with Highway No. 10, was done last week. The road was completed and turned over to the State less than a year ago. It soon developed ridges and "bumps" and took on the appearance of a wash board. Highway workers took up the entire paving and replaced it, last week.

THE JONESES TO MEET

The Jones family will meet for the annual reunion at the home of John L. Jones on the second Sunday in October, Oct. 14.

All the Joneses, their relatives and friends, are invited to bring baskets of dinner and come to the meeting.

Principals and Scene in Uncovering of Lindbergh Ransom Money



NEW YORK . . . Above is presented a picture review of the uncovering of \$13,750 of the Lindbergh \$50,000 ransom money and the arrest of the German carpenter, Bruno Richard Hauptmann, in connection with the crime. . . Above, the Hauptmann home on the outskirts of New York City. Arrow points to garage where money was hid. . . Below, left to right; Walter Lyle, gasoline

station manager who took Hauptmann's auto license number when tendered a \$10 gold certificate in payment for gasoline, later resulting in arrest of Hauptmann. (Second) Dr. John F. Condon, the famous "Jafie" who aided Col. Lindbergh in turning over the \$50,000 ransom money. (Circle) Bruno R. Hauptmann. (Right) James M. Fawcett, New York attorney retained to represent Hauptmann by the carpenter's wife.

Price Assumes Duties As Sylva Postmaster

Charles N. Price assumed his duties of Acting Postmaster at Sylva, Monday morning, succeeding W. D. Warren.

Mr. Warren, who succeeded Harry R. Hastings, during the Harding Administration, has served through the administrations of Coolidge and Hoover. His commission expired last June, after having been Sylva's popular postmaster for the past twelve years.

Mr. Price, who won the acting postmastership over a field of ten applicants, is a son of P. N. Price of Tuckaseegee. He has been living in or near Sylva for the past few years, and has been identified with the Sylva Coal and Lumber Company, with his brother-in-law, Mr. V. V. Hooper. He is a veteran of the World War, having served in camps in this country during a part of the war period.

The other applicants for the position to which Mr. Price has been appointed, upon recommendation of Congressman Weaver, subject to confirmation by the Senate when it convenes again, were Mrs. John H. Wilson, Mrs. D. E. Murray, C. J. Crisp, Dan Tompkins, Vernon Cope, Jennings A. Bryson, Charles Evans, Leon Picklesimer and Truman Moody.

BALSAM

(By Mrs. D. T. Knight)

Mr. Jim Barnett and family have returned from Mars Hill where they attended the funeral of his brother, Robert L. Barnett, who died at Aquone last week. Mr. Barnett and son, Hubert, stayed with his brother for some time and assisted in nursing him during his illness, and were with him when the end came.

Mrs. Aileen Watson and two children returned to their home in Detroit, Thursday, after spending some time here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufe Jones, and other relatives. Her father accompanied them as far as Asheville.

On Sunday the 23rd, a party of forty-five visitors from Jonesboro, Tenn., visited Mr. and Mrs. Henderson Jones. They came by motor bringing great hampers of good things to eat. Mrs. Jones prepared hot coffee. A large table was placed at the Buckeye Spring, and a real picnic dinner was enjoyed. Among those present were Mrs. Jones' sisters, Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Bob Hare, and her brothers, Mr. Jesse Bales, and their families, of Jonesboro, and her sister, Mrs. Oat Mull of Canton. Also Mr. John E. Jones and Mr. Sam Jones and their families of Waynesville, and Mr. John Jones and four sons from the celebrated summer resort, "Jones Farm", near Canton. This was a great day at Buckeye Cottage, and the guests from Tennessee were highly enthusiastic over the beautiful mountain scenery.

Mr. Straley Jones, of Elizabethton, Tenn., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henderson Jones.

Balsam Lodge and Balsam Mountain Springs Hotel will close this week, after having had the best season they have had in many years. All cottages were occupied this season. Several families will probably be

Judge Pless Will Preside Over October Term Court

T. F. Dillard Chosen To Head Clan At Reunion

The Dillard clan held its regular family reunion, Sunday, Sept. 16, at the old home place of the late David Dillard. The attendance was large and the occasion a most enjoyable one.

Among the visitors were Mr. and Mrs. John B. Enslley, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Bryson, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bryson, Mr. and Mrs. Carey Allison, Mr. Wilb Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Smith, Rev. and Mrs. T. R. Wolfe, and Rev. Mr. Baynes.

Splendid music was furnished by a local choir. Hon. John B. Enslley, the principal speaker, made a most interesting and informing address, dealing largely with education and the noted progress of the county. Others who spoke were Messrs. Thad and Dan Bryson, Rev. T. R. Wolfe, of Sylva, Ben Parris, of Canton, and R. M. Dillard, of Atlanta.

The following were elected as officers for the ensuing year: F. W. Dillard, president; Garland Dillard, Vice-President and Custodian of Records; Miss Ruby Dillard, Secretary and Treasurer. Frank, Garland, David and John Dillard, and Mrs. Ida Jones were appointed by the president to look after the upkeep of the family cemetery.

The secretary reported the death of only one member, since last meeting: Mrs. Moultrie Dillard.

RE-SURFACING NO. 10

Re-surfacing Highway No. 10 from the city limits to the intersection of 106, is under way. This highway has never been completed into Sylva. A few years ago temporary surfacing was put on it, and has frequently undergone repairs, as holes were rapidly filled in the temporary surface.

It is understood that the surface that is being put down at present is also only a temporary matter; and that some day the highway into Sylva from the east will probably be given a permanent location.

LITTLE CHILD DIES

Betty, the 21 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Love Dillard, died Saturday night at their home in East Sylva. Funeral and interment were held Sunday at the Dillard family cemetery.

INSTALL BARGAIN BASEMENT

The Leader Department Store is having the basement of its building put in good condition, preparatory to opening a modern bargain basement, within the next few days, it has been announced.

The basement will have entrances from the main store and from Mill street with show windows on Mill Street.

Work here until the middle of the month. There were several real estate transfers also, and several new cottages will probably be built before next season.

Judge J. W. Pless, of Marion will preside at the October term of the Superior Court of Jackson County, which begins here next Monday morning, October 8. This is the first time that Judge Pless has held court in this county since his elevation to the bench. He was appointed by Governor Ehringhaus, last summer, to complete the unexpired term of Judge Michael Schenck, who was elevated to the Supreme Court to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Justice Adams.

The term will be for the trial of both criminal and civil causes. The first part of the term will be criminal court, and Solicitor John M. Quarter will prosecute the docket.

The following is the list of citizens from which the Grand Jury and the trial jurors will be drawn, as prepared by the Jackson County Jury Commission:

First Week

J. J. Blanton, Mitchell Melton, J. N. Wilson, Richard H. Hoyle, J. W. Moore, Frank H. Hyatt, Nathan Buchanan, C. B. Fugate, John H. Green, W. A. Sutton, J. L. Dillard, Aaron Hooper, Will Lewis, McKinley Parker, C. W. Fisher, Thomas Barrett, Tom C. Buchanan, W. M. Fowler, Jno B. Jones, John V. Ashe, McKinley Henry, John Broom, L. R. Parker, J. V. Lovedahl, Lucius C. Sutton, J. H. Bryson, Lewis H. Cannon, Sam Beck, E. L. Coggins, S. L. McGuire, Jr., Lyle Jones, E. J. Beasley, F. B. Norton, S. E. Wilson, G. H. Ashe, J. C. McCraeken, A. L. Owen, Jess Parker, J. M. Hooper, R. N. Henson.

Second Week

K. E. Bungarner, Hut Stephens, Roy N. Cowan, P. W. Fugate, R. G. Parker, B. H. Nicholson, B. H. Hooper, Roy E. Buchanan, O. L. Hooper, T. C. Bryson, Jr., Crawford Shelton, J. T. Dean, W. H. Blanton, Bragg Allison, Coot Wood, J. C. Pressley, Monroe Blanton, J. R. Long, Joe C. Middleton, R. E. Raby, M. M. Hoxit, Geo. W. Collins, S. H. Monteith.

ALL PREACHERS INVITED

The pastor of Tuckaseegee Baptist church, Rev. W. N. Cook, states that he has been asked to extend an especial invitation to all ministers in the county to be present at the memorial service and unveiling of monuments to and portraits of Rev. Wash Hooper, Rev. Benny Queen, and Rev. M. M. Brown, next Friday, October 12.

Rev. Dr. Fred F. Brown will be the speaker at the morning hour. The public is invited; but an especial invitation is extended by the church, through Mr. Cook, to the ministers.

GO TO DISTRICT P. T. A.

Nine members of the Sylva Parent-Teacher Association attended the District P.T.A. meeting in Candler, Tuesday. The ladies who went from here were Mrs. R. L. Ariail, Mrs. H. Gibson, Mrs. Joe Deitz, Mrs. W. C. Reed, Mrs. C. Z. Candler, Mrs. F. H. Weller, Mrs. H. P. Crowell, Mrs. J. Floyd Owens, and Mrs. E. L. McKee.

Jackson County Tax Rate Remains Same As Last Year --- Is \$1.31 On \$100

TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)

LOTTERIES . . . and morals
The whole subject of lotteries has been opened afresh by the action of the New York Municipal Assembly in adopting a plan for a city lottery to raise funds for the relief of the destitute.

That is an ancient and still popular way to raise money for public and charitable purposes. It seems to me that there is a decided difference between a commercial lottery and a public lottery in which the bulk of the money paid for tickets goes to a worthy purpose.

The outcry against any form of lottery, which has been embodied in the laws of every state and in the constitutions of some, is based upon the supposed debasing effect upon the voters, and the temptation to the poor to waste their scanty resources in the hope of winning a big prize.

I am not prepared to subscribe to the doctrine that it is a function of government to regulate any individual's private morals.

GAMBLING . . . large and small

Where one should draw the line between lotteries, gambling, speculation and the taking of risks in business is a matter that I have never been able to determine to my own satisfaction.

In some we are all gamblers. We use the term ordinarily to apply to games of chance, in which skill may not have a dominant part. The golfer who bets a ball a hole on his game is as much a gambler as the lady who plays bridge for a prize; no more and no less.

It seems to me that most betting is foolish, because the betters have no control over the outcome of the thing they are betting on.

But most people are foolish, anyway, and so there will always be plenty to bet on the outcome of the World's series or the chance of throwing seven in a crap game.

SPECULATION . . . its scope

The Federal Government has imposed upon the Stock Exchange and the other public markets for securities and commodities, regulations intended to curb speculation. About one million persons, considerably less than one per cent of the population of the country, were engaged in speculation when the big crash of 1929 came. Many got out with profits; those who lost made a lot of noise about it.

The ones who lost had nobody to blame but themselves. They were the "easy marks" who think money can be made by people who don't know how to make it. So sane person would go into the grocery or hardware business without knowing something about it, or expect to make money out of it without giving it his attention day and night. Yet folks who had been successful enough in their own businesses to accumulate a surplus went into the stock market operations without knowing the first thing about the market, and risked their capital in an enterprise over which they could exercise no control.

That sort of speculation is pure insanity. But that doesn't mean that all "margin trading" is foolish or speculative.

LAND . . . and value

I was in Iowa in 1917 when the big farm land boom was rising to its height. Farmers were paying from \$300 to \$600 an acre for ordinary farm land. Sensible men knew that there wasn't an acre in Iowa that could earn interest on such prices, but that wasn't what these buyers were thinking of. They were thinking of selling the land next week at a profit. By and by the crop of suckers failed, and the last buyers were left holding the land.

Much of the distress among farmers has its root in land purchases at exorbitant prices, on partial payments with a mortgage on which the land can never earn interest.

I was in Florida all through the great land boom there. It was the western farm boom over again in a different setting. People bought lots, not because they had any use for

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The tax rate of Jackson county for this year has not been increased over that of last year, but will remain at \$1.31 on the \$100 valuation of property, the same rate as last year.

The rate is compiled thus:

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| General County | .15 |
| Poor Fund | .05 |
| Health | .03 |
| Court | .09 |
| Debt Service | .74 |
| Debt Service, School | .09 |

\$1.31

The tax rate has been reduced on the \$100 valuation of property since 1930. That year the average rate for the county was \$2.00. Following the General Assembly of 1931, the rate in 1932 was cut to an average of \$1.68. Last year it was again cut, this time to \$1.31, in addition to the 10 per cent reduction in valuations, and remains the same this year.

The amount of money that the people of this county are required to pay in taxes on their property, per year, is \$95,000 less this year than it was in 1930. In 1930 the total amount of taxes to be collected was \$212,000. In 1934 it is \$117,000, which makes a total saving to the taxpayers in this county since 1930 of \$95,000 a year. Of the tax rate that is imposed this year all but 32c on the \$100 valuation is for the payment of interest and principal on debts. The budget contemplates \$26,320 for the running expenses of the county, which includes the general fund, poor fund, health service, courts, and all other expenses outside of the payment of debts. For debts, out of the total amount collectable, \$117,000, \$90,690 is for debt service.

Of the bonds that were issued by the county, totaling \$1,790,000, \$300,000 worth were signed by T. A. Dillard, chairman of the board of commissioners, \$250,000 by J. T. Gribble, clerk to the board, and \$529,000 by S. C. Cogdill, chairman, or W. W. Bryson, clerk.

Of the total of all the issues, which came to \$1,790,000, \$60,000 in principal has been repaid.

QUALLA

(By Mrs. J. K. Terrell)

Rev. C. W. Clay preached at the Methodist church Sunday morning on Stewardship. He with Mrs. Clay and little daughter were dinner guests at Mr. P. H. Ferguson's.

Mr. G. C. Cooper has announced that there will be an ice cream supper at the school house Saturday night.

Rev. K. Allen stopped at Rev. J. L. Hyatt's enroute to Ela where he and Mr. Hyatt are conducting revival services.

Among the guests to arrive recently at Green Acres are Mr. and Mrs. Harris Anderson of Atlanta, and Mrs. M. Morrow of Mexico. Mr. Anderson is Educational Director at the C. C. C. camps 1215 and 1211 at Smoke-mont. Mrs. Morrow is a missionary to Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Gass of Almond visited at Mr. D. M. Gass'.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hughes of Cherokee called on Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bungarner.

Mr. H. G. Ferguson with Mr. W. A. Hyatt of Ela, made a business trip to Martha Berry School, last week.

Mrs. Mary Kinsland spent Friday with relatives on Conley's Creek.

Mr. Luther Hoyle spent Sunday at Cherokee.

Mr. C. M. Hughes of Canton visited at Mr. W. H. Hoyle's.

Mrs. Lee Brooks is spending the week at Candler.

Mr. Frank Owen and family were guests at Mr. Glenn Ferguson's, Sunday.

Miss Edna Hoyle of Cherokee spent Sunday with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Kinsland spent Sunday with Mr. Hubert Blanton's.

Mrs. A. C. Hoyle and Miss Edna Hoyle called on Mrs. W. H. and Miss Polly Hoyle.

Mr. Harry Clark and family have returned from a ten days' trip to Chicago.

Mrs. Faye Varner of Whittier visited her sister, Mrs. Lucy Shelton. Mr. and Mrs. Golman Kinsland called at Mr. J. K. Terrell's, Saturday.

Mrs. J. K. Terrell called on Mrs. J. H. Hughes, Mrs. J. L. Ferguson and Mrs. L. W. Cooper, Monday afternoon.