

## MAY REVISE PLANS FOR HOME BUILDING IN THE NEAR FUTURE

Washington, Dec. 12. (Special)—The President's efforts to iron out the rival housing programs resulted in a temporary truce between the FHA Administrator Jim C. Hoge and PWA Administrator James B. Glavin, but the whole matter is a tangled mess that it is hard to look as if some entirely new plan will cover the entire Government scheme of stimulating the building industry, will have to be developed before the return to the President's sponsor of the FHA plan to provide private capital to put money into building repairs and construction to guaranteeing investors.

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## School Building At Whittier Dedicated

A large crowd of people from Whittier and its surrounding countryside assembled last Friday afternoon for the dedication of a new \$40,000 school house.

Mr. S. W. Black, chairman of the Swain county board of education presented the building, and it was accepted by L. H. Swain, the principal.

Said Mr. Black: "I have seen the educational program grow in Western North Carolina; and so, on behalf of Swain and Jackson counties I want to present this school building to this community, to the local school board, and to the boys and girls. In presenting this building, I want to present it as a monument to courage and belief in public education."

Mrs. E. L. McKee, chairman of the Jackson County Board of Education said: "I didn't think it could be done. I want to congratulate you. This should really be called 'a house of faith' for regardless of opinion you believed you could get this building. It was a test of your county officials and citizens that deserves recognition. This building stands today as a direct result of the tenacity of purpose and perseverance of Swain county. It is a most notable achievement in Western North Carolina education."

The school building at Whittier was burned nearly two years ago, and despite the heavy indebtedness of the county, and consequent cloudy skies in both Washington and Raleigh, the citizenship of Whittier and the officials continued their battle, and today Whittier has one of the finest school buildings in all Western North Carolina.

## R. L. WARD DIES IN WEST

Funeral services were held Sunday at Wilnot for R. Louis Ward, a former citizen of Wilnot, who died in a hospital in Seattle, Wash., December 1, after a long illness.

Mr. Ward, who was 35 years of age and unmarried, was a son of the late H. W. Ward and Mary Monteith Ward. He had spent the past fifteen years in Washington state. He made his last visit to this county in 1924.

He is survived by two brothers, O. E. and Clifton Ward of Wilnot, four sisters, Mrs. F. D. Nation of Athens, Ga., Mrs. C. A. Foster of Nehalem, Ore., Mrs. George Sherrill and Mrs. Berlin Nation of Wilnot, his step-mother, his grandmother, and a number of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. C. Reed, and interment was in the Bumgarner cemetery, near Wilnot.

Senator Joe Byrnes of Tennessee, who is the most active candidate for the Speakership.

Active lobbying is going on already among the returning Senators and members of Congress for the immediate payment of the Veteran's bonus, and there are some signs that the Administration may yield a point and propose some compromise plan, which would provide for an issue of new currency to take care of this demand and remove the matter from the public arena.

That would involve a moderate amount of currency inflation. The extreme inflationists are withholding their program for the present. Senator Elmer Thomas, of Oklahoma, leader of the inflationists, says they will not make any new demands unless they think further devaluation of the dollar, another increase in the price of silver, and perhaps some printing-press money, are essential to speedy recovery.

## PROTECTIVE LEAGUE OPPOSES DIVERSION OF HIGHWAY FUNDS

"Benefits from North Carolina's highways are tremendous!"

This thought was expressed today in a statement issued by the Highway Protective League.

"No one is immune to the good influences of our highways," said the statement. "Either directly through personal use or indirectly through others' use; they eventually carry some sort of profit to everyone."

"Life itself has been made more pleasant because of them, as evidenced by our churches, schools and the homes in which we live, all the result of our fine highways making transportation and travel easier, swifter, surer and more complete."

"It follows, too, the greatest good flows from and over the highways most used. Greatest good to the traveler in decreased car operating cost and riding comfort; greatest good to others in decreased transportation costs, promptness of delivery and steady employment. Why, then should not those highways most used be the most improved?"

This most important question, coupled with the fact that the state's remarkable advance in the past ten years, commercially and socially, is directly due to the highways as a major factor led the Highway Protective League of North Carolina today to seek popular approval of its campaign for the following:

To properly maintain the present system of highways and to provide additional improvements where necessary for the promotion of safety on highways and greater efficiency in transportation.

Safeguard present highway funds. "North Carolina's highway system is far from complete," the League's statement said. "Only 26,000 miles of the state's 57,000 miles have been improved; only 10,000 miles have high type surfaces and 32,000 miles are still muddy or dusty. New roads are needed in mountain districts; roads and bridges are a necessity in the low coastal lands; better surfaces, widening and many grade separations are required on the more heavily traveled routes; county roads require grading and drainage."

"There is much work to be done. Thousands of men need this work. Present gas tax and license fees are sufficient to pay for it."

"But the Legislature prohibited construction for the present biennium and \$2,000,000 of highway funds were authorized transferred to the general fund. The next Legislature must be urged not to reenact the statutes providing for diversion and prohibiting construction. Proper maintenance of our highway system must be provided. Diversion must be stopped."

## WEBSTER P. T. A. SPONSORS NEW BUILDING MOVEMENT

Approximately two hundred patrons of Webster and adjoining districts met at the school auditorium Friday evening in the interest of procuring a new high school building for Webster.

The following county officials were present: M. B. Madison, Supt. of Schools; P. N. Price, T. C. Ledbetter, T. B. Cowan, C. G. Turpin, and W. M. Norton. All members of the local school committee were present. The principal speakers were Prof. J. S. Seymour and Prof. R. L. Madison, both of W.C.T.C.

All officials spoke in favor of the movement. It was pointed out that all standard high schools in the county were housed in fire-proof and modern structures except Webster, which is one of the oldest institutions of its kind in the county.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM NEXT WEDNESDAY AT SCHOOL

A Christmas program will be held by the younger children at the elementary school, next Wednesday at 10:00. Patrons of the school and the public generally have an invitation to be present.

## Farmers' Federation To Open Warehouse

The Farmers' Federation Warehouse for Jackson County will open for business, in its quarters in the Rhodes Building on Main Street, Saturday morning, it has been announced.

Ed Hooper of East Lenoir, who has been manager of the stores for the Blackwood Lumber Company, for several years, will be in charge as manager. Miles Parker, former deputy collector of internal revenue, will be assistant manager.

Located upstairs at the Main Street entrance, will be the store, where the federation will carry farm supplies and serve as a connecting link with its marketing department for the marketing of the products of farm and forest.

A grist mill and hammer mill will be operated in the basement.

Working capital for the federation in Jackson county has been obtained through the sale of stock to Jackson county folks. Following an organization meeting held in Sylva on August 18, solicitation for the sale of stock has been going forward, with Mr. Parker in charge, assisted by Mr. Hooper, R. C. Crowell, of Bancombe, vice-president of the federation, and others.

The federation operates 12 other warehouses in Western North Carolina.

The marketing department uses the warehouse as one means of assembling Western North Carolina farm products for resale to stores and to institutions. A poultry dressing station is operated at Asheville, as well as storage and delivery facilities for vegetables, eggs, and other farm products. The production of many small farms is pooled and graded into shipments large enough to fill large orders. The marketing department maintains its own delivery trucks and has its own salesmen calling on the trade at regular intervals.

## SALES OF SEALS STARTS

The sale of Christmas seals here begins tomorrow, Friday, under the auspices of the Twentieth Century Club.

The entire amount realized from the sales of the seals is used in the battle against tuberculosis, and half of the receipts here will be kept in the county to be used locally for that purpose.

## COGDILL HEADS MASONS

S. C. Cogdill was elected Worshipful Master of Unaka Lodge, A. F. and M. M., at the meeting held last Monday night. H. G. Bird was elected Senior Warden; W. W. Bryson, Junior Warden; L. P. Allen, treasurer, and Ben Queen, Secretary.

These officers, and the appointive officers, who will be announced later, will be installed on the first meeting night of the Lodge, in January.

## COUNTY TEACHERS TO MEET

The teachers of the public schools of the county will hold their fifth meeting, in the auditorium of the elementary school in Sylva, Saturday at 10:30.

A study of proposed changes in the curriculum of the public schools in North Carolina will be made at the meeting, and discussions will revolve around that theme.

Special piano selections by Mrs. Grover Wilkes, and vocal solos by Miss Dorothy Moore, have been arranged.

## COURT OF HONOR TO MEET

A session of the Court of Honor for the Smoky Mountain District of the Boy Scouts of America will be held December 17 at 8:00 P. M. at the Methodist church in Sylva. Mr. H. P. Crowell, Chairman of the District Committee, states that parents of Scouts and all others interested are urged to attend.

## BALSAM

Mrs. Jane Queen, who fell some time ago and broke her leg near the hip is still confined to her bed.

Mrs. Ferrell Brown of Canton is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Coward.

Mr. John T. Jones has a trench silt and is very much pleased with it.

The snow was about two inches deep here Saturday morning. Much of it melted Sunday but it snowed again Monday. Tuesday the ground was covered with snow, wind blowing snow and mercury at 7 above zero.

## Delegation From County Will Go Before Waynick In Raleigh Next Tuesday

### TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)

#### ANIMALS . . . and children

It was Sidney Smith, the famous English wit of a century ago, who said: "The more I see of men, the better I like dogs." The reason why every normal human being finds the lower animals interesting, it seems to me, is that when you come to know them you can always count on their attitude toward any situation. That is decidedly not true of mankind, except in rare instances.

Some of the finest friendships I have ever known have been between children and their pet animals. Children seldom understand grown-ups, who live in a different kind of world and do the most unexpected things, from the child's point of view. But a dog or a cat or almost any other animal meets the child on a level of equality. Neither is concerned with any problems except those of the moment. What the future has in store for them doesn't worry them, because the idea that there is any future finds no lodgment in their minds.

When a man or a woman gets too self-centered to be interested in animals and their ways he or she is out of balance. I would hate to trust a child to the care of anyone who did not like the little beasts of the hearth and the fields.

#### MICE . . . they sing

Did you ever hear a mouse sing? My own old ears are not keen enough but several of my friends have told me of singing mice in their homes, and I heard the other day of one gentleman who succeeded in taming one of the little creatures so that it would come every night and share his late supper of bread and cheese, singing between bites. The notes are like a canary's only very low and faint. A French scientist contends that all mice sing, if we could only hear them.

I have one friend with ears sharp enough to hear the bats talk to each other as they pursue mosquitoes on summer nights. He says that they, too, sound like rather squaky canaries, with a range of several notes.

As a boy I used to catch bats and try to tame them. One became an interesting pet. He slept all day, hanging upside down, suspended by the hooks on his wing-joints from the picture-molding in my bedroom. But a conscientious maid-servant, who believed the old superstition that bats carry bedbugs, and are bad luck anyhow, killed him with a broom one day.

#### FOXES . . . in U.S.A.

I feel sorry for city children, who grow up without seeing any animals except dogs, goats, cats and horses, unless they go to the Zoo. To them all other animals seem dangerous because they see them only behind the bars of their cages.

The other day a little gray fox from the Long Island woods strayed into a New York suburb, and women and children ran shrieking into their houses, crying "Wolf!" The police finally captured the frightened beast and took him to the city zoo.

Probably nobody concerned realized that the gray fox, which is becoming rarer and rarer in the East, is the only native fox south of the Canadian border. The common red fox was unknown in America until about 200 years ago, when a group of sportsmen, trying to introduce their English sport of fox-hunting into the colonies, imported a few pairs of red foxes from England and turned them loose on Long Island. Now their progeny have driven the gray foxes back into the deep woods, all over New England, New York, New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania.

#### ASK FOR SWIMMING POOL

The Sylva Rotary Club and the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce have both appointed committees that are cooperating in an effort to secure the construction of a swimming pool in Sylva.

The plan is to ask the Board of Aldermen to apply for PWA funds with which to buy the materials and pay for the labor. It is understood a meeting of the board, at which the committees will present the matter, will be held within a short time.

A delegation, representing the citizenship of Jackson county, and the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, will go to Raleigh early next week, to again present the claims of the county for the immediate construction of Highway 106 in its entirety, at a meeting of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, on Wednesday morning, December 19.

Assistant chairman, Capus Waynick, who is acting during the illness of Chairman Jeffress, has stated that he will welcome the delegation from Jackson. In a letter to Dan Tompkins, chairman of the committee of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Waynick said, yesterday: "Dear Mr. Tompkins: Despite the fact that I have seen you since you wrote your letter of December fourth to the Highway Commission, I am acknowledging receipt of that letter and confirm my understanding that you will appear on December nineteenth before the Commission with your petition for immediate consideration of the improvement of Highway 106.—Yours very truly, Capus M. Waynick."

The Chamber of Commerce has been working on this project for a long time, and is especially anxious that as large a delegation of Jackson citizens as can do so be present at the hearing before the commission on next Wednesday.

## 40 YEARS AGO

Tuckaseige Democrat, Dec. 11, 1894

Mr. E. D. Davis was here Monday. Mr. F. H. Leatherwood was here this week.

Miss Lena Smith, of Painter, was here today.

Mr. J. T. Wike, of East La Ports, was here Friday.

Mr. H. M. Hooper, of Glenville, was here, on business, Friday.

Mrs. F. H. Leatherwood, of Webster, is visiting at Mr. M. Buchanan's.

Messrs. John A. and Baxter Hooper of Tuckaseige, were here, Friday.

Mr. J. B. Taylor, of Glenville, was among the visitors to Sylva, Friday.

Mr. Daniel Clayton, of Addie, lost a little child about a year old, Monday.

Born, on Monday, Dec. 10, to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Divilbiss, of Biltmore, a son.

Mr. M. H. Morris left for Charleston, S. C., Saturday with a car load of cattle.

Mr. Thos. Wilson, of Big Ridge, was here yesterday, attending to the shipping of some cattle, turkeys, etc.

Mr. W. B. Morris, who has been ailing for some time, is, we regret to have to state, no better.

W. B. Fisher has been appointed postmaster at Andrews, Cherokee county, vice T. W. Tatum, resigned.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sawyer returned Saturday, and will soon begin housekeeping in the house now occupied by Mr. A. M. Parker.

Since the 1st of August there have been shipped from this station thirty-two car loads of live stock, cattle, sheep, hogs and poultry.

Rev. Messrs. Pruitt and Caldwell, of Graham county, are holding an interesting meeting at Mount Pisgah church, on Scott's Creek.

Sylva's population keeps increasing, the latest arrival being Marcellus Buchanan, Jr., who came Monday evening, and expects to make this place his home indefinitely.

Mr. P. W. Mitchell, late of Haywood county, has within the last several weeks become a citizen of this county, having purchased the Monteith farm, near Scott's Creek church. Jackson is always glad to receive good citizens like Mr. Mitchell, and if Haywood has any more of the same sort to spare, they may be sure of a cordial welcome here.

The shining countenance of the familiar old Tuckaseige Democrat beamed in on us again last week, after a three weeks' suspension. Its obituary was briefly noted in all the neighboring papers and everybody thought it was dead, but now it seems that it was only a swoon or trance, and it has been revived and promises to be more alive than ever. Profiting by the experience of the past, Bro. Luck announces that the paper will be conducted on the pay in advance system. We trust it will have good luck in the future and live long to plead the cause of Democracy.—Franklin Press.