

The Jackson County Journal

ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

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\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

Congress Is Working For An Early Adjournment

Washington, March 3.—With the new farm aid bill out of the way Congress is trying to get down to a working schedule that will let its members get away before the political convulsions of a dozen or so highly controversial proposals, however, are bound to come up for discussion, and nobody can guess very accurately as yet what the outcome is going to be.

Senator Robinson, the Administration's leader in the Upper House, has announced that there are seven measures which he calls "five bills" whose consideration has been agreed upon by the Senate leaders. One of them is the rural electrification bill.

There probably will be even more excitement when the bill to regulate chain stores gets on the floor. This would prohibit producers and distributors of merchandise from selling to individual retailers. It is one of Senator Robinson's pet bills, with Senator Patman actively interested. It will meet with strong opposition not only from the chains and from manufacturers, but from consumer groups and from newspapers. It has about a 50-50 chance of enactment as things stand now.

Mr. Coolidge's bill to tighten the laws against the sale of firearms is another measure that is being pushed. It has a 50-50 chance. The other four "five" bills, as the Senate leader sees them, are the Capper stockyards regulation bill, Senator Gore's Panama canal bill, Senator Fletcher's bill to increase the capital of the Commercial Credit Corporation to aid the marketing of agricultural products and another Fletcher bill exempting from taxation all securities of banks held by the RFC.

Since the passage of the bonus bill, the so-called "pressure groups" and their influence on legislation. "Pressure group" is a fancy word for lobbyists. It does not imply bribery, necessarily, but pressure groups work effectively upon the members of Congress that they will not be reelected if they don't give these groups what they demand.

A short time ago one of the strongest pressure groups was the currency inflation bloc. It seems to be losing influence and its particular measure, the Frazier-Lemke farm mortgage bill, looks to have a slim chance. The silver bloc, which was a very strong pressure group a year ago, is not so strong now.

Father Coughlin, who has been the spearhead of inflation, is not the influential figure that he formerly was. He was a powerful influence before the extent of his following was known. Now Congressmen generally pooch-pooch the notion that he is actually able to influence any important body of voters, sufficiently concentrated in particular states or districts to influence the election of particular Congressmen or Senators.

The Townsend old-age pension bloc is a case in point. Outside of a few spots on the map its strength is not yet sufficiently concentrated, or at least so the leaders in Congress believe. The impending Congressional investigation into the Townsend movement is expected to disclose its real strength. But it will have the effect of postponing any possible action along Townsend plan lines until next session, if ever.

One of the shrewdest political observers here remarked the other day that the old pressure group which seems to be missing is the "economy bloc." Congress wants to keep on spending money, but shies like a frightened cat from the shadow of tax projects necessary to provide the money to spend. The boys on Capitol Hill all know that they have got to enact some new tax measures this session, and how they dread it. Congress has to appropriate a lot more cash for direct relief on top of WPA. The strongest pressure group of all is perhaps the one composed of governors of states and mayors of cities who insist that they cannot care for the destitute without Federal aid after April 1, when direct Federal relief theoretically comes to an end.

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TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)

AMERICA . . . Liberty

Every once in a while I feel like waving the American flag and giving three cheers for Uncle Sam. What set me off this time is the last two or three decisions of the Supreme Court, especially the one in which the Court reasserted the right of the press to free expression without restraint by any governmental authority.

Of course, the press is responsible if it prints libels or scurrilous matter of any kind; but the court pointed out again that no power exists, either in Congress or the states, to say in advance to any newspaper, "You may not print that."

It seems to me that the very roots of all our liberties are bound up in this liberty of the press. The first thing a dictator does is to suppress or regulate the newspapers. We will never lose our liberties as Americans so long as anybody can set up a printing press and tell the truth about what is going on.

RADIO . . . rights

I agree with my friend David Lawrence that radio broadcasting should be as free as the newspaper is. As things now stand, there is a Federal commission in Washington which has power to say what may and may not be broadcast. I don't believe that that power has ever been abused, but it ought not to exist.

Radio, like the press, ought to be permitted to say anything it wants to say—and should be punished, like the press, if it uses indecent or profane language or utters a libel reflecting falsely against the character of any person.

In the long run truth always prevails. Sooner or later those who try to deceive people are found out. In the meantime, I am for letting them all talk as long as anybody wants to listen.

OPPORTUNITY . . . today

One thing that makes me feel patriotic is the frequent instances I encounter of young folk who have found opportunities to get ahead in the world and make something of themselves when all around them folk were wailing that there were no opportunities left for the young.

There are greater opportunities than ever for young people of character, who are willing to work. Six young friends of my daughter, all of them under thirty, were at the house the other night. All of them have had to make their own way in the world, and all have made good in spite of these years of depression. One girl is breeding dogs and making a good living at it. One young man is getting along by collecting and selling metal from discarded automobiles. Two of the girls started a laundry three years ago, specializing in washing baby clothes. They run three delivery wagons now. Another boy and his brother have turned their taste for amateur photography to good account and do a good business photographing business men in their own offices.

HISTORY . . . and us

At a dinner party in New York, the other evening one of the guests, a Frenchman, asked me a question about American history, which I was, fortunately, able to answer. "I've been in your country two years now," he said, "and the longer I stay, the more I am impressed with the durability of your institutions. You've been running now for 150 years or so under a system of government which has enabled you to become the greatest people in the world. Over in Europe we have changed every principle of government many times. I'm still a Frenchman, but I like your system better than my own country's." "Since Washington became president of the United States, France has had five different kinds of government. Our present Republic is only sixty years old. We throw out our Cabinet and President every little while. We think we know a lot, but one thing which we haven't learned and Americans have is how to govern our-

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Proves Washington's Throwing Feat



FREDERICKSBURG, Va. . . . "Big Boy" Walter Johnson, one of baseball's pitching immortals, proved that the legend of George Washington having thrown a silver dollar across the Rappahannock river here when 11-year old, was not only possible. In two out of three attempts here on Washington's birthday, Johnson threw silver dollars across the 272 foot stream. His best throw was 317 feet.

DISTRICT CONTEST HERE NEXT SUNDAY

The temperance recitation and declamation contest for high school boys and girls, sponsored by the Methodist Women's Missionary Societies of the Waynesville District will be held in the Methodist church in Sylva, next Sunday afternoon, March 8, at two o'clock.

The speakers come from all parts of the District, and are winners in elimination contests, first in their local churches, and then in zone contests. The winner here will participate later in a conference-wide contest.

The public is most cordially invited to this contest, which is a part of the temperance education program, being conducted by the Methodist women of the South.

SYLVA HIGH BECOMES OWNER OF PERMANENT CAGE TROPHY

Sylva High school, by winning the basketball tournament at Mars Hill, last week, became the permanent owner of the full-size, silver basket-ball, the tournament trophy, which has passed from school to school for the past eleven years.

The rules of the tournament were that any school that won the tournament three times would become the owner of the trophy. Sylva won in 1926, in 1928, and again in 1936.

In the finals Sylva met and defeated Fines Creek by a score of 24 to 12.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION

The Republican County Convention will be held at the Court House in Sylva at 1:30 p. m. on Sunday, the 14th of March, according to word made today by E. P. Stappell, the Republican county chairman, and Cyrus H. Nicholson, secretary.

The convention will elect delegates to the State, Congressional and judicial conventions.

The call also provides for the calling of township meetings.

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TOURNAMENT AT W. S. H. S. POSTPONED FOR TWO WEEKS

The Western Carolina Institution Basketball Tournament, scheduled to be held at Cullowhee this week, has been postponed for two weeks because of the prevalence of influenza at the College, and in many communities. The tournament, if it is an indoor, will be held on March 19-20 and 21.

ELBERT WATSON IS 83

Elbert Watson, well-known citizen of this county since long before the most of the inhabitants of the county were born, celebrated his 83rd birthday, at his home near Glenville, Monday.

Mr. Watson, a veteran of the Confederacy, has good health, and still does much of the work about his home and farm.

Hotel Here Will Open Fifteenth Of Next Month

J. J. CRISP RITES HELD YESTERDAY

Funeral services for C. J. Crisp were held at his home near Sylva, yesterday afternoon at one o'clock, conducted by Rev. H. M. Hocutt, pastor of the First Baptist church of Sylva, and Rev. T. E. Wolfe, preacher in charge of the Sylva Methodist church. Rev. Thad. F. Deitz, and Rev. Nale Starnes, of Asheville. Interment was at Zion Hill, the old home of the Crisp family.

Judson Crisp died at noon on Monday, following a brief illness of pneumonia. He was 35 years of age. Was unmarried. Was the youngest son of the late W. T. Crisp and Mrs. Crisp. A young man of sunny disposition and many sterling qualities, and was popular with a large circle of friends.

Until recently he had been prominently connected with ERA and WPA work in this county. A few weeks ago he opened the Cope Creek Store and Mill, just outside the town limits of Sylva, and had already built up a splendid and increasing patronage.

The suddenness of his death was a shock to his friends, many of whom did not know of his illness; and many expressions of sorrow were heard on the streets and the business houses, where men meet.

Mr. Crisp is survived by his mother, Mrs. W. T. Crisp, five brothers, Frank Crisp, of Franklin, H. G. Crisp, of Highlands, G. C. Crisp, of Candler, Luther Crisp, of Alachua, Fla., and N. E. Crisp, of Newport News, and by two sisters, Mrs. Myra Loftis, of Sylva, and Mrs. J. M. Smith, of Candler.

Active pall bearers were: N. Don Davis, Dan Allison, Phil Stovall, Claud Cowan, J. D. Cowan, R. U. Sutton, Vernon L. Cope and Oren Tallent. Honorary: C. C. Mason, Walter Ashe, M. D. Cowan, J. A. Turpin, E. L. Wilson, W. E. Grindstaff, J. J. Hastings, H. P. Cathey, Fred Hooper, Dr. A. A. Nichols, Dr. C. Z. Candler, Dr. W. H. Madison, Dr. D. D. Hooper, Dr. W. K. Chapman, Dr. W. P. McGuire, John R. Jones, D. D. Davis, Vinson Hall, H. Gibson, E. L. McKee, Raymond Glenn, H. G. Bird, J. C. Allison, L. A. Buchanan, Gilbert Bess, H. E. Battle, S. C. Cogdill, Frank Henson, A. B. Smith, Walt Cope, Homer Cope, Harley Shuler, Frank Winkler, H. E. Monteith, Dillard Coward, C. T. Mordy, and Charles Cathey.

It is understood on good authority that John J. Hastings and his associates, who recently purchased the New Jackson hotel property, have leased the hotel to C. B. Thompson, and that it will open about April 15, under a new name, and his management.

A great deal of work in repairing, remodeling, renovating and redecorating the interior, is now in progress, and when the hotel is opened, next month, it will be new and modern in all its appointments.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are well and favorably known to Sylva people, to the traveling public and to many of the tourists, as excellent hotel folks. For some time they have been operating the Poinsett hotel and grill here.

MOTORIST SHOOTS AT COP

Patrolman Jones was the target of some six or seven shots, from ambush, Sunday night. Officer Jones had been trailing an automobile, in the Norton settlement, Hamburg township, this county. The car rounded a turn and went up a side road. The occupant extinguished his lights, and when Jones, a State Policeman, turned the curve on his motorcycle, he was met with a fusillade of shots from the darkness.

Two shots struck and demolished his headlight. Another struck the seat upon which he was sitting. Another went through his glove and coat sleeve, while others struck the machine at different places.

He was able, by use of his spotlight, to come to Sylva on his machine; and officers have since been seeking both the identity and the person of his assailant.

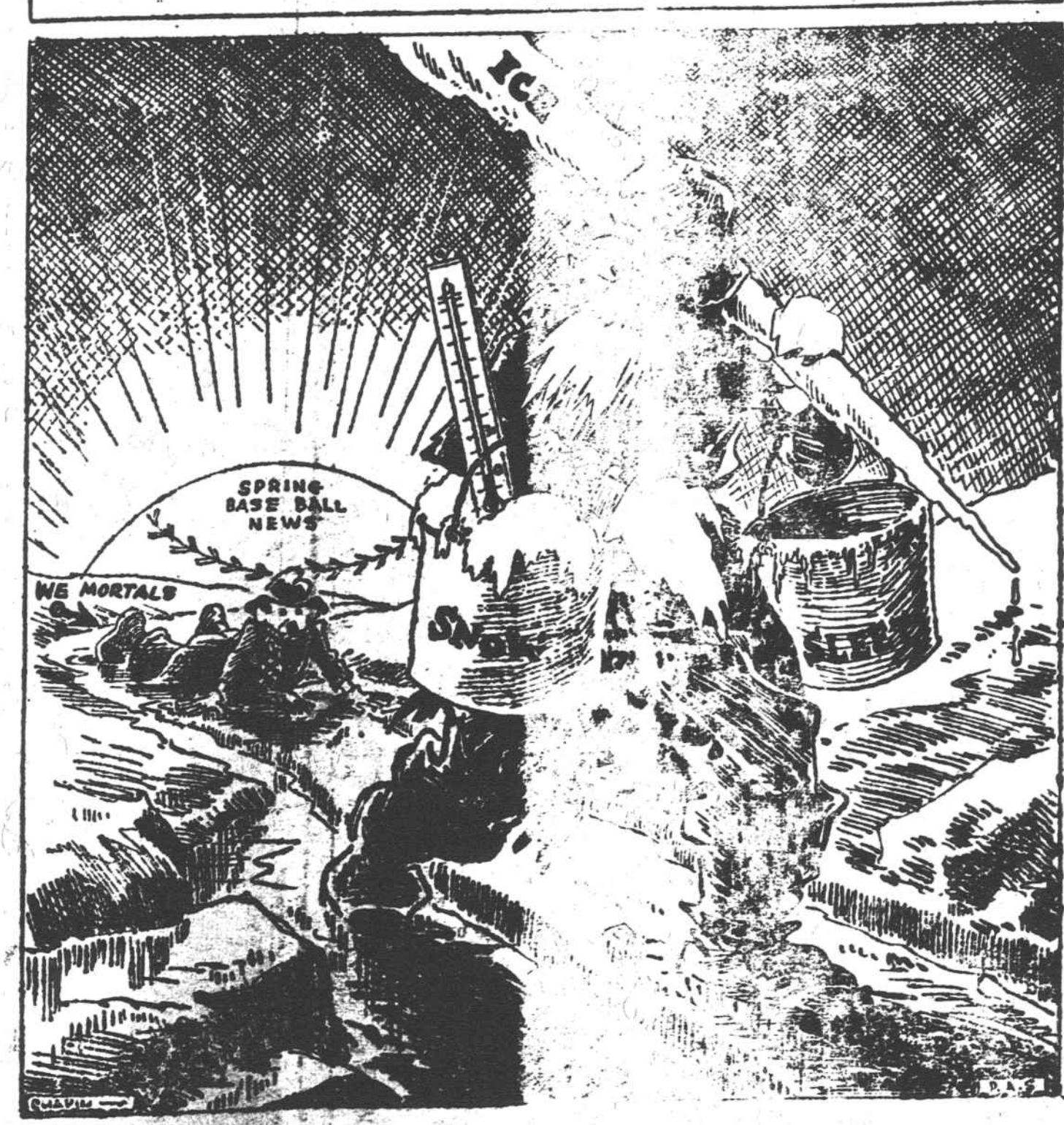
HOME AGENT ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE FOR MARCH WORK

Mrs. Mamie Sue Evans, home agent for Jackson county announces her meetings for the month as follows:

- 2nd: Office in the morning. In the afternoon, Mrs. Evans addressed the Woman's Club in Bryson City on gardening.
- 3rd: Cullowhee-Speedwell club at the home of Mrs. Lee Hooper.
- 4th: Green's Creek Woman's club at Savannah church.
- 5th: Glenville Woman's club at the home of Mrs. Mack Fowler.
- 6th: Cashier's Woman's club at the school building.
- 7th: Office.
- 9th: Sylva club at the home of Mrs. Garland Lackey.
- 10th: Addie club at the home of Mrs. Frank Terrill.
- 11th: Beta Club at the home of Mrs. Doc Harris.
- 12th: Lovedale club at the home of Mrs. Mack Ashe.
- 13th: Willets-Balsam club at the home of Mrs. George Knight.
- 14th: Meeting of the County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs in Sylva.
- 16th: Webster club at the home of Miss Lucy Hedden.
- 17th: Qualla club at the home of Mrs. Jessie Cordell.
- 18th: John's Creek club at school.
- 19th: Mr. W. I. Clevinger, Dairy Manufacturing Specialist for North Carolina will be in this county to conduct two butter-making demonstrations. One will be given at Speedwell, and the other at Qualla. All women in the county who are interested in this demonstration should notify the home agent in order that arrangements may be made for transportation.
- 20th: Pressley Creek club at the home of Mrs. Jake Pressley.
- 21st: Office.
- 23rd: Dr. C. N. Siak, tri-county health officer, and Miss Lillian Fowler, county nurse, will conduct the 4-H health examination of members of the Webster 4-H Club. The home agent will be with them on this date.
- 24th: 4-H health examination at John's Creek.
- 25th: 4-H health examination at Qualla in the morning. In the afternoon the agent will meet the Waynesville club at the home of Mrs. Densie Moore.
- 26th: 4-H health examination at Beta.

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COMES THE DAWN by A. B. Chapin



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