

# The Jackson County Journal

A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

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\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

## Labor Situation Puzzles Officials In Washington

Washington, April 6.—President Roosevelt came back from his Warm Springs vacation to find a confused and difficult matter of public policy demanding immediate attention. That labor situation, which presents many angles that it has called for White House conferences and a public conference before the President, to which labor and labor leaders will be invited. No one can do more than look as if a real national policy were in the making.

That that policy will be decided by the Federal government has been the opinion of the Government work is being done in the cases pending in the Supreme Court. The Wagner Relations Act has been handed down neither Congress nor the President knows how far the legislation on Labor. At any rate the Court's decision will clear up some extent.

However, are less questions, a Government program than are political controversies. There is no general agreement with Madam Perkins, the Secretary of Labor, who has said that "sit-down strikes may be legal. They are a matter of state laws, but the failure of state authorities to enforce the law raises the question whether, in cases, it is the duty of the Federal government to intervene. If a labor effort to enforce the law by sit-down strikers should result in a situation beyond the power of state authorities to control, then the question, legal authorities should be called upon to respond to a call from the Governor. But that would give the labor situation the same as a civil war, or at least of a rebellion to be put down by military force on condition all concerned desire to avert at any cost the President could, if he were to order, on the ground that under the feet of the C. I. O. program of sit-down strikes, regarded as quite certain. But if it were to incur the active support of John Lewis, the C. I. O. leader, who collected from his United Workers and other unions \$480,000 for Mr. Roosevelt's Presidential campaign last year, the largest amount of contribution from any source on the other hand, the President cannot exhibit too much sympathy with Mr. Lewis and his program, without incurring the hostility of the American Federation of Labor, whose president, William Green, has spoken to his three million or so organized members in denouncing the sit-down tactics of the rival Lewis organization.

The Federation's chief enjoys a special prestige and respect which Lewis envies. He would like to be invited to the White House oftener than it is said by newspaper men. It is said by newspaper men that Mr. Lewis has seen the President only twice since election, and that he has been welcomed a dozen times or more, and never has to wait for an appointment when he expresses a desire to see Mr. Roosevelt.

The feeling is gaining ground rapidly that the sit-down strikes and the threat of further labor disturbances have forced the government's hand to take some kind of clarifying action. The government's Labor policy has taken precedence over almost all other public business. How to shape a policy without giving either labor or a slap in the face is a problem. The President is said to feel that a way must be found to give the labor organization a chance to "save its face" by appearing to ditch the sit-down strike policy voluntarily. Then, whatever shape new Labor legislation takes, it is certain that it will be based on the absolute right of collective bargaining, but it is probable, some believe, that the right of labor to strike without warning will be included, and also the right to invoke Government mediation will be given to employers.

The plan credited to Donald Riechers, former N. E. A. Administrator,

## TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)

**ENGINEERS . . . facts vs. theories**

Dr. Karl T. Compton, president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, says the nation would be better off if control of industry and of government were in the hands of engineers rather than of bankers and lawyers.

I agree with Dr. Compton that an industry run by engineers is more likely to serve society than is one run by and for bankers. I have seen some great enterprises fall because the emphasis was placed on profits rather than on quality of the product. I have seen others succeed greatly because all of the intelligence and effort was devoted to making things as well as they could be made and selling them as cheaply as they could be sold.

In the long run, it is facts, not theories, which control the progress and destinies of nations. Engineers deal in facts. That is seldom true of politicians.

**EDUCATION . . . criticism**

It is a good sign that so many people are coming out with criticisms of our educational systems and methods. Everything which affects the public welfare needs to be challenged every so often. If it can't stand up under scrutiny, it should be reformed or abolished.

The latest criticism of American educational methods is that we have followed too blindly the European tradition that education is intended to create a superior culture which only a few can acquire. I have long believed that one of the failings of American schools is that they tend to impose upon youthful minds the idea that education has no relation to the realities of life.

There is only one educational purpose which justifies taxing the whole people for it. That purpose is to enable those who get an education to understand life, not a different kind of life, but the life of their environment and upbringing, and as to be more easily into the actual life of their people and their times.

**FEVER . . . new cures found**

Several years ago I was lurching at Schenectady with Dr. Willis R. Whitney, who told me that he had just discovered in the General Electric laboratory that very short radio waves passing through the body would set up a fever, which ceased when the waves stopped. "It has interesting possibilities," he said, "and we're having some medical experts look into it."

Out of that accidental discovery has grown an entirely new medical technique for the treatment of many diseases. Physicians had discovered that malarial fever would cure certain types of insanity, but malaria itself was nothing to fool with. Now they are using the short radio waves to would provide for a "waiting period" between any Labor demand and action by either party to a labor dispute. In this waiting period it would be illegal for workers to strike or for employers to lock them out.

The intense interest Washington is displaying in the Labor question arises from a growing feeling that the militant Labor movement initiated by the C. I. O. is rapidly getting out of hand. Mr. Lewis and his lieutenants are finding it more and more difficult to keep their more hot-headed followers under control, thus creating a situation which has already started whispers of "revolution." That anything like a revolution is imminent no one in Washington seriously admits, but the danger in the Labor crisis is admitted on all sides.

Budget planners learned with a bit of a shock that the income tax collections of March 15 were far behind the Treasury's calculations, and on the basis of returns already filed, it looks as if the deficit at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, would be five hundred million dollars more than had been estimated. The new tax in undistributed corporate earnings, enacted last Summer, has not yielded nearly as much as had been anticipated. With a deficit for 1937 of three billions, Congress is faced with the imperative need for economy in the 1938 budget or for more taxes. It is anybody's guess which course will be taken.

## WPA SPENT LARGE SUM HERE POLITICAL PARTIES FILE TOWN CANDIDATES

During the two years from January 15, 1935, to January 15, 1937, the Federal Government, through the Works Progress Administration, has spent a total of \$175,135.15 in Jackson county. Of that amount \$155,878.88 has been paid out for and to labor. The rest has gone for the purchase of materials. The school districts, county, municipalities and other sponsoring agencies have expended 20 per cent of that amount.

These figures were released to The Journal yesterday, by an official of the WPA of the Asheville office.

set up artificial fevers, and I saw a report recently of successful cures of arthritis, asthma and even more serious diseases by this method.

**FLYING . . . trans-Atlantic service**

Just as everything seemed all set for the early starting of a trans-Atlantic air mail and passenger plane service, a dispute has arisen between British and American interests as to whether New York or Montreal should be the terminal at this end. No matter how that is settled, however, there will be a new air service across the Atlantic this year.

Our own trans-Pacific flying clippers are running on schedule and one can fly to China in five days from San Francisco. Now one of them is pioneering the flying route to Australia, by way of Samoa. Flying to South America has become a commonplace.

**MASONRY . . . here and abroad**

Two news items in the same paper caught my eye. One was the announcement of the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the New York Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons with a ceremony in a New York city church. The other was a dispatch from Bucharest saying that armed soldiers had been posted in front of every Masonic Lodge chapters in Roumania, as a means of enforcing the government's decree for the dissolution of Masonic organizations.

The reason a highly respected and useful institution is exalted in America and suppressed in part of Europe is, chiefly, that some European Masonic organizations have taken an active part in politics in opposition to the government now in power, while American Freemasonry has never been a political organization, although for awhile, in the 1820's, there was an anti-Masonic political agitation in the East.

Freemasonry sets up a code of moral principles by which its members may rule and order their individual lives. And the hater of tyranny who led the American Colonies in the Revolution, from George Washington down, were mostly Masons.

## Dillard Elected Head Of County School System

Odell S. Dillard was elected County Superintendent of Schools, by the Board of Education, at its first meeting, last Monday, and will take office on the first Monday in July.

Mr. Dillard, who succeeds M. B. Madison as county superintendent, is at present principal of the Candler High School in Buncombe county. He is a native of Jackson county, was reared and educated in this county, has taught here, and was county superintendent of this county for four years, in 1921, 1922, 1923, and 1924. After his term here he was county superintendent in Madison county, and has taught in Madison and Buncombe counties. T. B. Cowan was elected chairman of the new board of education. The other members, nominated last year in the Democratic primary, and elected by the General Assembly, are Garland Dillard, of Sylva, L. A. Buchanan, of Cullowhee, John Bumgarner, of Mountain, and Hutt Middleton, of River. Mr. Cowan's home is in Webster, and he is the only member of the old board of education who is also a member of the new.

It is understood that Mr. Dillard was elected on the first ballot, receiving three votes, and that one vote each was cast for M. B. Madison and Adam Moses.

After the election of the county superintendent, the board proceeded to elect district committeemen for the six school districts of the county. The committeemen are:

District No. 1, Sylva, M. D. Cowan, N. C. Brown, A. S. Sutton.

District No. 2, Qualla, Jode Holcombe, Crawford Shelton, J. C. Hayes.

District No. 3, Cullowhee, Jimmie Craft, Thomas Wike, Victor Brown.

District No. 4, Glenville, Frank Fugate, Will Fowler, Elbert Moss.

District No. 5, Webster, James Cowan, John H. Morris, Frank Tatham.

The board, in going over the new School Machinery Act, pointed out the following important changes:

The principals are to be elected by the County Superintendent and the local committeemen.

Teachers are elected by the principals and the local committee, with the approval of the County Superintendent.

Teachers who desire election or reelection must make application in writing to the County Superintendent and must sign contracts before they can draw pay.

The act carries forward the provision that has been in force for several years, renewing all teachers' certificates without the necessity of attendance upon summer school.

**TROUT SEASON OPENS HERE NEXT THURSDAY**

Local devotees of the piscatorial art and fishermen from afar are looking forward to the opening of the trout season, on next Thursday. Reports are to the effect that the game fish are plentiful in the streams of Jackson county this spring, but that violators of the close season and trespass laws have been busy depleting the streams.

**LING Y. W. A. MEETING**

The Ling Young Women's Auxiliary of the Baptist church will meet in the Y. W. A. Room at the parsonage, Monday evening, April 12th, at 7:30 o'clock, with Amy Cogdill as hostess. Edna Allen will have charge of the Window Program and Eloise Mashburn will lead the devotion.

Every member is urged to make a special effort to be present for this meeting.

The Conference of Baptist Ministers of the Tuckasee Association was formed at a meeting held in the First Baptist church, in Sylva, Monday morning.

R. C. Shearin was elected president, H. M. Hoult, vice-president, and W. N. Cook, secretary.

The association will meet in Sylva on the Mondays following the first and fourth Sundays in each month.

**EPISCOPAL SERVICES**

St. John's Church  
Rev. George Emanuel Granger  
SUNDAY SERVICES  
10 A. M. Holy Communion and Sermon.  
All most cordially invited to the service.

## QUALLA

By Mrs. J. K. Terrell

Rev. McRae Crawford preached at the Methodist church Sunday morning. His subject was "Nailprints"—"Do you or I bear in our body the mark of the Lord Jesus?" He was a dinner guest at Mr. T. W. McLaughlin's enroute to Echota.

Mr. Horace Hyatt, postman on Whitier Route 1, is ill with pneumonia, but is reported to be slightly improved at this writing.

Mrs. A. C. Hoyle, who has been sick for the past week is improving.

Mrs. J. H. Hipps is only slightly improved, after an illness of several weeks.

Mrs. J. H. Reagan, who has been visiting in Brandy, Va., for the past two weeks returned home Saturday.

Mr. Henry Davis, of Southern Pines, was a guest of Mr. Wayne Ferguson, last week.

Misses Pearl Hayes, Ruth Turpin, Jessie Reagan, Charlotte Queen and Mrs. Clyde Harris visited in Bryson City, Sunday.

Mrs. Will Springer is visiting relatives at Clyde.

Mr. Doek Snyder, of Spring Creek, spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. Laura Snyder.

Mr. Jess Blanton has returned from a business trip to Greensboro.

Mr. Chas. Ward and family spent the week end with relatives at Thomsville.

Miss Mary Emma Ferguson is at home since finishing her school at Bethel, where she has taught Home Economics for the past two years.

Miss Mary Battle has returned home since the close of her school, in Swain county.

Miss Hazel Edwards, of Whiteside Cove, spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. H. G. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kuykendall and Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Ferguson called at Mr. D. M. Shuler's, Saturday.

Mrs. Dewey Ensley and son, of Beta, and Mrs. W. W. Anthony called on Mrs. W. H. Hoyle, Tuesday.

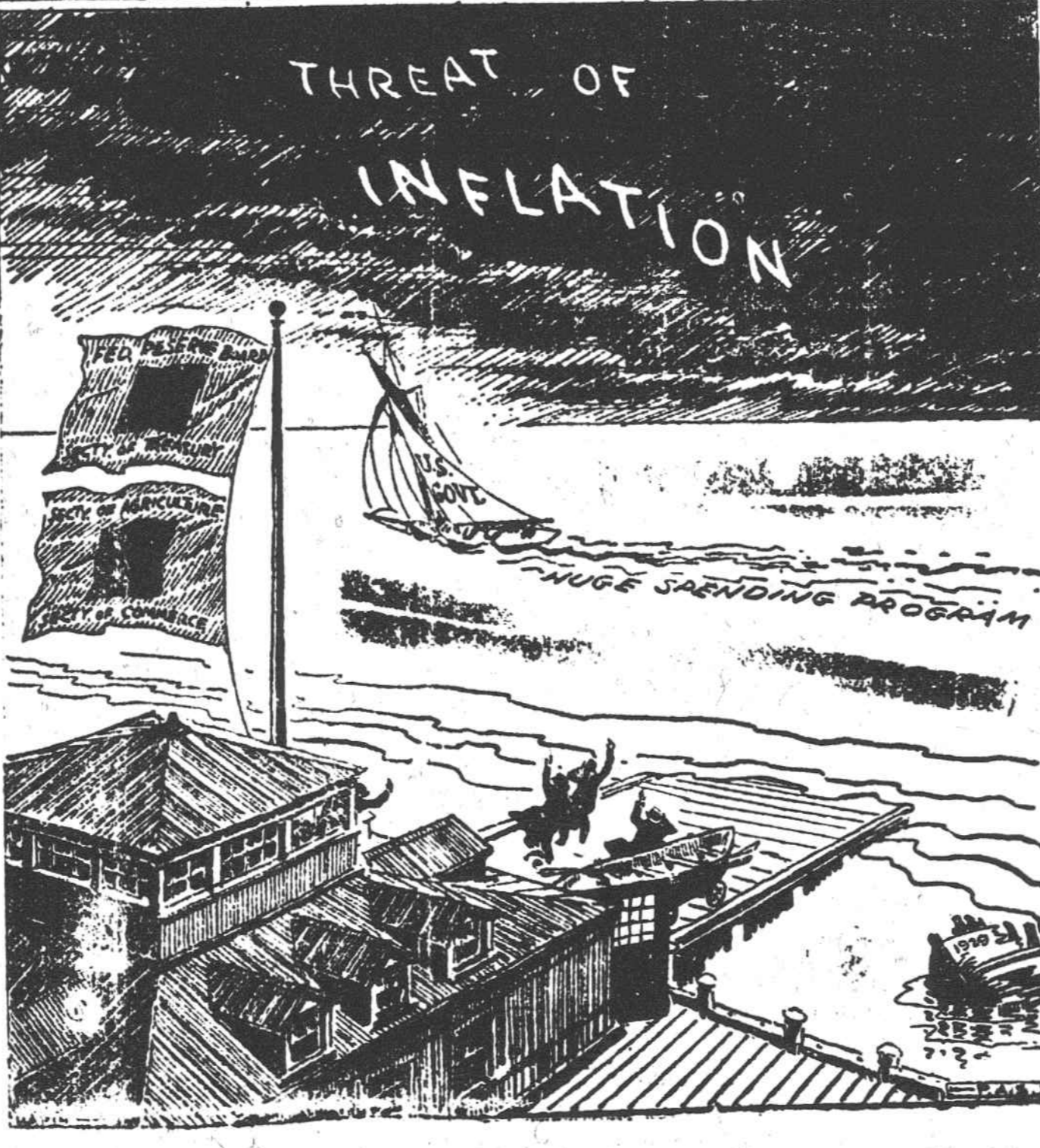
Mrs. D. M. Shuler called on Mrs. J. H. Hughes.

Mr. Frank Allison returned home, Saturday, from Williamsport, Pa., where he has been enrolled in the C. C. C. for the past few months.

Mrs. Clyde Harris, of Greensboro, has returned home, after a visit with relatives.

Mr. Frank Hall and family, of Enka called on Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Hall and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hayes, Sunday.

## STORM SIGNALS—by A. B. Chapin



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