

Compromise On Court Measure

Washington, April 21.—By its unanimous decision upholding the Constitutionality of the Wagner Labor Relations Act, the Supreme Court of the United States confirmed the right of workers not only to bargain collectively but also to organize themselves into unions of their own choice, to elect their own representatives to represent all employees in their bargaining agent. In case of an employer who bargains with such conditions the workers can appeal to the National Labor Relations Board, which is required to conduct an investigation and issue orders upon the facts disclosed. Only the workers can invoke the Act. Employers have no right to elect Mr. Lewis' CIO, but the majority of their employees vote to elect the Federation of Labor, as their sole representative in negotiations with the employers, then employers are bound to recognize the union. On the other hand, if majority of the workers decide on a "company union" as their representative, then any outside union is barred from acting for any employees. The principle of the law is that there must be but one union or representative recognized for any business or business establishment. If employers are punishable for the law if they interfere with the union, a union cannot attempt to influence elections, or dismiss a worker for union activities. Of the five decisions upholding the Act, the Court was divided five to four. The issue in the case was not, however, the right of the Federal government to prescribe labor negotiations, but rather in these four cases interstate commerce was involved. Justices Roberts, Stone, Brandeis and Cardozo sided with Chief Justice Hughes in upholding the interpretation of interstate commerce, so that the unanimous decision upholding the Act in interstate commerce applied to all five cases. The battle for Court reform is far from being over, however. It is the intense controversy which has troubled Congress in many years. It is an effective plan to block all important legislative measures until they are out of the way. Both parties in the House of Congress recognize this and members are determined to bring down to the other major decisions awaiting their action. Leaders of both parties in both Houses are seeking a formula for compromise, with the question still in doubt as to whether the President will accept a compromise. The plan favored by the compromisers is an amendment to the Constitution which might have a chance of acceptance by the necessary two-thirds of the House, and would put the issue to the people of the states. The result of the Court proposal has been to turn Senators and Representatives to a closer study of the Constitution of the United States than most of them had ever given to that supreme law of the land. Even among those not sympathetic with the Administration's policies and methods, the feeling is growing that the times call for a more specific definition of interstate commerce than the Constitution now contains. The development of modern industry and transportation tends to wipe out the lines which formerly clearly separated interstate transactions. There is no question of the right of the Federal government to regulate interstate commerce down to the wages paid to workers and their hours of labor. Therefore the purpose of those who believe the Federal gov-

TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Staebbridge) **WORK** . . . for shirkers Justice Butler of the Supreme Court, in the course of an argument on the Constitutionality of the Social Security Act the other day, took occasion to remark from the bench that he had observed in the rural districts of America that there are always a large number of able bodied men who cannot be induced to work. He might have included the cities also. Anyone who has been around much knows that a high proportion of the folk who are now being supported at public expense on the ground that they are unemployed are people who never have worked when they could dodge a job. They managed to "get by" before WPA and the rest of the relief agencies began to hand them money for not working. I do not expect to see the day when relief, either direct or "work relief," will be limited to those who really need it. Too strong political pressure is at the command of those who profit by indiscriminate public alms-giving. **POVERTY** . . . and history Whenever I hear someone croaking that in the United States the rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer, I go back and read history again. For the fact is that for the 150 years of our history, not only the rich but the poor have been getting richer. It may be true enough that a third of our people live below what we now regard as the "American Standard of living," but 150 years ago the vast majority of Americans lived under conditions which most of us would regard as intolerable today. The romantic novelists are largely responsible for the impression that in colonial days everybody lived in rather magnificent comfort, in beautiful mansions. The truth is that not one family in a hundred had anything we would call a comfortable home. Most of our ancestors lived in log cabins or slab-sided shacks. The men and women who settled the prairies began their sod houses. Our national history is the story of a rise of a people from dire poverty to the widest and largest distribution of wealth the world has ever known. And we're still on the way up. **COURAGE** . . . pioneers had it As I go back over the records of our country's growth, what impresses me most is the courage of those who literally took their lives in their own hands to make a place for themselves in a strange, raw country. They had the quality of courage implied in an ancient phrase I often heard in my New England boyhood. It was said of one who essayed a task with which he was unfamiliar that he would "either make a spoon or spoil a horn." Every person who came to America in our early days had to have the courage to tackle the unfamiliar, and face the hazards of the unknown. They not only had to learn a new way of life—they had to invent it. If they failed, they died. They knew that. That is a sort of courage which, I sometimes think, we are in danger of losing. Men who took such chances were gambling their lives against heavy odds. The American willingness to take a chance derives from that spirit. We have got where we are because, as a people, we have not stopped to calculate the odds against us. **LAWLESSNESS** . . . too common Out of my reading of history and sixty-odd years of surveying the American scene, I have come to the conclusion that we are probably the most lawless people in the world. On the whole, I do not worry much about our national habit of calm disregard of laws which run contrary to our habits, customs and beliefs as to what is right and what is wrong. It is another way of saying that we are still individualists. We have more laws on our statute books than any other people in the world. Most of them are pure surplusage. They represent the ideas of people who think that reform can be accomplished by passing a law. It can't be done. It never has been done and never will be. The only laws which are any good are those which reflect a preponderating public sentiment. Laws which seek to change established customs, or to make crimes out of acts which almost everybody regards as harmless, are bad laws. As people, we pay little attention to them. **CRIME** . . . and politics On what constitutes an actual crime

Summer School To Start June 12 At Cullowhee

Cullowhee, April 7.—Rural Life—Social Emphasis will be the theme of the summer session beginning at Western Carolina Teachers College June 12. The same spirit and purpose that pervaded last year's summer session will pervade this one, as the development of an interest in science and a new appreciation of outdoor life will be stressed in classes, chapel, sports, trips, and social activities. But like last year the needs in professional fields will not be overlooked. Education, Arts, and science courses will have their due attention. The executive line-up for the summer session is as follows: first six weeks (June 12-July 23); director, President H. T. Hunt; dean of women, Miss Anne Albright; assistant dean of women, Miss Rosanella Cash. Second six weeks (July 23-August 31) director, Dean W. E. Bird; dean of women, Mrs. Annie Beam Funderbunk. The courses offer during the summer session will include the following: history, business education, physical education, hygiene, psychology, music, mathematics, English, education, art; geology, French, Bible; geography, sociology, home economics, and astronomy. Extra-curricular activities will include trips in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Cherokee Indian Reservation, Cashiers, Highlands, Franklin, Norris Dam, High Falls of the Tuckasee River, Mount Pisgah, Judaella Rock, and Biltmore House. Story telling hour, lectures, musical and dramatic programs, hiking, horseback riding, tennis, swimming, archery and other outdoor activities will provide entertainment and recreation. Also, there will be a number of teas, receptions, lawn parties, and other small gatherings. **BALSAM** (By Mrs. D. T. Knight) Little Betty Bryson, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon Bryson, who fell off the porch at their home, last week, and broke her arm just above the elbow, is improving as well as could be expected. She received medical attention in the Waynesville hospital. Mr. Martin Hoyle, who suffered a stroke of paralysis, while at his work in the field, last week, is slowly improving. Colonel and Mrs. Chester Wilson have arrived from St. Petersburg, Fla. and are occupying their summer cottage here. Rev. A. C. Bryson and Mrs. Bryson and Mr. George Knight spent Monday in Asheville. Mr. J. W. Porter of Hypoluxo, Florida arrived Monday to spend the summer at his home here.

AGED CITIZEN PASSES AWAY

Funeral services for A. B. Cole, 79 years of age and a well known farmer of the Qualla section of the county, were held Tuesday afternoon at the family cemetery, near the home. Rev. Frank F. Deitz conducted the service. Mr. Cole died at 1 o'clock Monday morning, following a long illness. He came to this county from Morganton, Ga., where he was born, while yet a young man, and has made his home here since that time. Mr. Cole is survived by his widow, three sons, W. G., of Marble, C. E. of Charleston, S. C. and H. H. of Asheville; by three daughters Mrs. M. H. Zeigler, of Whittier, Mrs. R. G. Sharff, Asheville, and Mrs. C. D. Futch, of Savannah, Ga., by one brother Matthew Cole, of Rainbow Springs, and by 32 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

SHELL DEALERS BANQUET HERE, AT CAROLINA HOTEL

The banquet given by Cannon Brothers, to the Shell dealers for this district at the Carolina Hotel, Friday evening, April 16, was attended by about sixty people, dealers in this district, which is made up of the five counties of Jackson, Haywood, Swain, Macon and Cherokee. The wives and other members of the dealers' families were guests at the banquet, and the occasion was a most enjoyable one. Mr. Coleman Cannon was in charge and welcomed the assembled guests. Also, as visitors were several Shell Company men, from Charlotte, Mr. Sid Troy, field man for this district, Mr. Jack Leroy, in charge of the operating department and Mr. Marion Killian, who has charge of the special advertising campaign. The banquet is an annual affair for the Shell dealers of this district, given in honor and appreciation of their dealers by Cannon Brothers, and has proven so popular and helpful that the Messrs. Cannon are now considering having these meetings quarterly. The occasion was enjoyed by all who attended.

SERVICE FOR MEN AT BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY

The morning service at the Baptist church next Sunday will center around the work of the man. It will be a regular preaching service, with the public cordially invited, but the men will be given more recognition than at other regular services. The choir will be composed of ladies, but special music will be rendered by a quartet of men. All men and boys of the church are urged to be present, and all men not in service elsewhere are cordially invited.

Qualla Girl and Sylva Boy Win McKee Medal

Fire Does Much Damage To Stores Here Tuesday

A fire that threatened to become serious, and which did considerable damage to goods and fixtures in the Triangle Cafe, Sam Kay's Racket Store, and the Sylva Feed Company, was discovered above the ceiling in the Cafe, about eight o'clock Tuesday morning. The alarm was turned in and the ready and efficient response of the Sylva Fire Department saved several buildings and stocks of goods on Main and Mill streets. The total damage by fire and water, to the buildings and stocks of the three concerns will probably run around three thousand dollars, it is estimated.

Kathleen Patton, of Qualla, who recited "Bobby Shaftoe", and J. B. Parker, of Sylva, with "Wh. Patriots Are", won the Gertrude Mills McKee Medals, at the annual reading and declamation contest, sponsored by the B. E. Cathey Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, at the Elementary School, Wednesday evening as the commencement exercises of the Sylva schools got under way. Miss Sue Allison, chapter president presided at the meeting, and presented the medals to the winners, in the absence of Mrs. McKee, the donor. The judges were Mrs. H. P. Crowell, Mrs. Winnona Hooper and Mr. A. C. Hoyle. This, Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock the seventh grade, assisted by students from the lower grades, will present the operetta, "Midsummer Eve". On Saturday evening, the Senior play, a mystery story, "The Famous Marlboro Necktie", will be presented. (Rev. W. A. Rollins, presiding elder of the Waynesville District Methodist Church, South, will deliver the commencement sermon at 2:30 Sunday afternoon, and Class Day exercises will be held on Monday afternoon at 2:30. Miss Elsie Geisler, valedictorian of the class, and Miss Edith Garrett, salutatorian. Prof. A. C. Reynolds, one of the most prominent educators in Western North Carolina, will deliver the annual address, on Monday evening, at which time diplomas will be awarded to a class of 53 boys and girls.

Emily Palmer Elected May Queen At Cullowhee

Cullowhee, April 21.—Emily Palmer, of Clyde, has been chosen May Queen, at Western Carolina Teachers College. Becca Dee Painter, of Cullowhee, was chosen maid of honor. Other members of the court are: Genevra Allison, Webster; Maude Battle, Cullowhee; Ruth Pugh Canton; Mary Jo Chandler, Walnut; Rachel Coward, Cullowhee; Elizabeth Davis, Charlotte; Mildred Land, Cartersville, Ga.; and Nina Gray Liles, Peachland. The May Day Festival will take place on the Woodland Stage, Friday afternoon, May 7. The peasant idea will be carried out in the costumes of the attendants and the dances. Representatives from several nations will dance to do homage to the queen and will place a jewel in the large crown which will be presented to the queen. Six countries will be represented with their dances as follows: Ireland, "Irish Lilt"; Norway, "Norwegian Mountain March"; Holland, "Dutch Couple"; Sweden, "Oxen Dance"; England, "Sweet Kate"; and America, "Country Dance". Each group of dancers will be dressed in costumes that are native to each of the countries represented. Following the presentation of the crown to the Queen, the annual class Maypole dance will take place. The May Day Committee consists of Carolyn Weaver, Asheville, chairman; Miss Alice Benton, dances; Miss Frances Blakney, costumes; Miss Rosanella Cash, Dot Ormsby, Rockingham; Sallie Mae Monteith, Sylva; Woodrow Patton, Swannanoa; Merle Davis, Murphy; and Weaver Allen, Sylva. Dillsboro, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Shelton and Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Ferguson, visited at Mrs. J. L. Hyatt's, Sunday. Qualla Juniors and Seniors went to Sylva, Friday evening, to attend the banquet. Mesdames J. L. Sitton, W. F. House and Chas. Thomas called on Mrs. J. H. Hughes. Mrs. Terry Johnson of Cherokee visited Mrs. Lather Hoyle. Miss Lucile Long of Glenville and Mr. Wayne Woodard of Els called at Mr. J. L. Hyatt's, Saturday. Mrs. D. M. Shuler spent Sunday with relatives at Els. Mrs. J. E. Battle, Mrs. J. M. Hughes, Mrs. J. R. Messer and Mr. Jack Battle called at Mr. D. C. Hughes'. Miss Polly Springer returned to Hazelwood after a visit to Mrs. Allen.

RELATIVE OF JACKSON COUNTY PEOPLE DIED IN GASTONIA

Billiard Hipps, a native of the Qualla section died at his home in Gastonia, on March 25, according to information received by relatives here. Mr. Hipps, who had been ill several months, spent several months here, with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Cary Allison, last year, in an effort to regain his health. Mr. Hipps, who was 38 years old, had a number of relatives in this county.

QUALLA

Rev. J. L. Hyatt attended the funeral of Mrs. Dover, at Els, Sunday. Rev. McRae Crawford preached the baccalaureate sermon at Almond High School, Sunday afternoon. The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Self Kimsey was buried at Thomas cemetery, April 17th. The Smoky Mountains Power Co. is constructing a power line from Cherokee as far as Melvin Reagan's, at the Camp Ground. The Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. Claude Hughes, Tuesday. Arranging furniture in the home was the subject for the afternoon. A number of Qualla and Whittier ladies were present, with Mrs. Mamie Sue Evans, Home Demonstration Agent. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess. Miss Ollie Hall with a party from Waynesville, and Mr. Oscar Martin of Bryson City called at Mr. J. C. Johnson's. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Stockton, Miss Cora Stockton and Mr. Herbert Stockton of Canton were guests at Mr. Paul Ferguson's, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Watson of

Another Advocate of Disarmament — by A. B. CHAPIN



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