

The Jackson County Journal

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\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

L. McKee Nominated To Road Commission By Hoey

L. McKee, Sylva industrialist, appointed Highway Commissioner from this district, to succeed W. Miller, of Waynesville, Governor Hoey, late Saturday, the reorganization plan adopted by the last General Assembly. McKee L. Dunlap, the present acting director of the budget, was appointed chairman of the commission to succeed Capus Waynick, former chairman. Other members of the commission are D. Collin Barnes, Ernest V. Webb, Lenoir; Grady Johnson, Pender; T. W. Ward, Wilson; Samuel W. Caswell; D. B. McCrary, Randolph; Thomas R. Wolfe, Stanly, J. Hackett, Wilkes; and T. Max Rutherford.

The entire commission is new, and each member will represent a highway district under the new law. It is expected that the district commissions will hear the complaints of the people in their districts, and the trip all the way to Raleigh to be heard by the entire commission.

McKee, who has been identified in many years with the industrial and political life of Western Carolina, has interested himself in the highway situation of the State, and is familiar with the situation as it affects each county in the State.

The position is not one that has money rewards. In fact, a commissioner stands to lose much more time taken from his business, than he can possibly receive per diem of \$10.00 a day under the law, for attending upon the meetings of the commission.

Mr. McKee expressed himself as anxious to give his best to the State and the District, which he will represent on the commission. He says he has had no opportunity to confer with Chairman Waynick, and that, hence, no general policy has been worked out. McKee has expressed himself as anxious to see that the highways of the mountain counties be given the consideration to which they are entitled. He stated that the interest in the tourist business incident to the establishment of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park has made it imperative that the State give consideration to the highways in the mountains, as rapidly as money is available for their construction and improvement. This states, in line with the policy of the Administration, which seeks the development of the State as a whole, with especial emphasis upon the mountain region.

McKee has received many letters and telegrams of congratulation from prominent people throughout the State, felicitating the district for having him as its commissioner and the Governor upon having selected him for the important position.

R. P. Potts Died Today

R. P. Potts, 83 year old citizen of Sylva, died this afternoon at 4 o'clock, following a long illness. For a number of years past Esmeralda Potts has been proprietor of the Hotel and a justice of the peace in Sylva township. A native of the county, Mr. Potts has lived in Sylva, Asheville, Whittier, and other points in Western North Carolina, where he engaged in the mercantile and real estate business, before coming to Sylva.

For many years Mr. Potts had been a member of the Presbyterian church. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Esmeralda Potts, the following children: W. P. Potts, of Anderson; Arthur Potts, of Atlanta, Richard Potts, of Danville, Tenn.; Mrs. M. E. Potts, of Atlanta; Mrs. Geo. Zirkle, of Danville, Tenn.; and Mrs. V. S. Stroupe, of Danville, Tenn. He was a member of grand-children and other relatives.

Funeral arrangements have not been made.

Honor Students At Sylva Central High School



MISS EDITH GARRETT SALUTATORIAN

MISS RACHEL BROWN VOTED PRETTIEST GIRL

MISS ELSIE GEISLER VALEDICTORIAN

Class Of Fifty-three Finishes Sylva High

The largest class of high school students ever to graduate at one time in Jackson county, was handed diplomas from Sylva Central High School, by Superintendent M. B. Madison, at the closing exercises of the school, Monday evening.

Prof. A. C. Reynolds, well-known educator of Western North Carolina, delivered the commencement address and congratulated the school upon having so large a class of graduates, the largest, he said that he had seen in this part of the State this year.

Prof. Reynolds was introduced by F. E. Watson, principal of the school. Medals were presented by Senator Mrs. E. L. McKee to Edith Parris and Glenn Painter, for excellency in athletics; to Elsie Geisler and Guy Ensley, for scholarship; and to Frances Allison and Glenn Frady, for extra-curricular activities.

Members of the class are: Elva Rhea, Lewis Green, George McLean, Ruth Parker, Mary Ineson, Harriett Holland, Maude Sutton, Hal Selem, Sarah Gass, Harriett Long, Nellie Matthews, Kate Gross, Virginia Gregory, Mildred Sutton, Elsie Geisler, Kattie Dean McGuire, Edith Garrett, Maggie Dillard, May Sherrill, Gladys Maney, Hattie Hilda Sutton, Ruth Sumner, Nina Moore, Margaret Jones, Grady Galloway, Susie Belle Tatham, Clyde Bryson, Brittan Moore, Martha Jones, Glenn Frady, Olin Ensley, Edith Parris, Rachel Brown, Fannie Moore, J. C. Long, Glenn Cook, Gerleen Dugdill, Virginia Coward, Charles McLaughlin, James Sellers, Isabel Dillard, James Cannon, Annie Wild, Beatrice Stein, Harold Cook, Ruth Smith, Alpha Smith, Virginia Patien, Liljian Hensley, and Maybelle Ferguson.

The "magic" feat of walking on hot coals without getting burned, or lying on a bed of sharp spikes without injury have been duplicated many times by public performers, like all the rest of the Indian "magic". Nevertheless, the belief persists that some persons have magical powers which enable them to defy the laws of Nature. Psychologists say that such beliefs arise from the subconscious realization by most of us of our own inferiority in the unequal struggle with natural forces. We wish we could conquer Nature, and it gratifies our desire, vicariously, to believe that some one can do it.

Perhaps the most widespread phase of mysticism is the belief that the spirits of the dead have power to return from the spirit world and communicate with or reveal themselves to the living. Belief in ghosts is as old as the human race.

So many of the manifestations produced by spiritualist mediums have been proved to be trickery that most persons are skeptical. But in late years large groups of men and women of undoubted intelligence have given serious study to the psychic phenomena of spiritualism, and some have become convinced that they have received messages from another world. The late Conan Doyle, author of the "Sherlock Holmes" stories, was sure his son, killed in the war, conversed with him after death.

Harry Houdini and Howard Thurston, famous stage magicians, promised to return or send messages from the spirit world if that were possible. Both died some time ago, but no message from either has come through.

There is little doubt that many beliefs which cannot be proved are nevertheless true. So far, however, the efforts of scientific investigators to find proof of various kinds of mysteries have gone nowhere.

Miles Holden Dead Large Vote Seen At Speedwell

Miles Holden, 70, prominent farmer and retired merchant of Speedwell, ended his own life with a shotgun, at his home at the foot of Cullowhee Mountain, at 10:30 this morning. Ill health is believed to be the cause of Mr. Holden's rash act.

Mr. Holden is survived by his widow, Mrs. Susan Bungauer Holden, one daughter, Mrs. Bella Wilson, of Canton, one son, Ray, of Speedwell, one brother, Robert Holden of Speedwell, one sister, Mrs. Octa Stillwell, of Webster, and by a number of other relatives and friends.

MECHANIC RIDES ALL WEEK

Edward K. Johnson, advance agent for the Mechanic's Amusement Co., returned to Sylva, Sunday evening, and is putting everything in readiness for the rides, which arrive Sunday from Murphy. Mr. Johnson emphasizes the fact that this is not a carnival because there are no shows and no concessions. Many rides are offered for both adults and children. They include the Heyday, new this season, the Merry-Go-Round, Ferris Wheel, Chairplane, The Whip, and the Kiddy Ride.

SYLVA BOY GETS HIGH HONOR

Claude Henson of Sylva has been given the highest degree in the Alpha Phi Sigma honorary fraternity at Western Carolina Teachers College. Membership in this fraternity is limited to students maintaining a high scholastic rating.

Mr. Henson, who is a son of Mrs. W. L. Henson, is a member of the class.

Large Vote Seen In Town Election

A large number of new registrations indicates a great deal of interest in the biennial town election for Sylva to be held next Tuesday, May 4.

H. Gibson, democrat, and Hugh E. Monteith, republican, are opposing candidates for mayor.

On the democratic ticket, headed by Mr. Gibson, are the following five candidates for aldermen: W. J. Fisher, W. T. Wise, Raymond Glenn Harry L. Evans, and W. H. Conley.

The republican ticket is: Mayor, H. E. Monteith; Aldermen, Dr. W. P. McGuire, W. D. Warren, R. E. Dills, and C. W. Hensley.

The polls open at sunrise, Tuesday morning, and close at sunset.

BIRD MAKES SALES RECORD

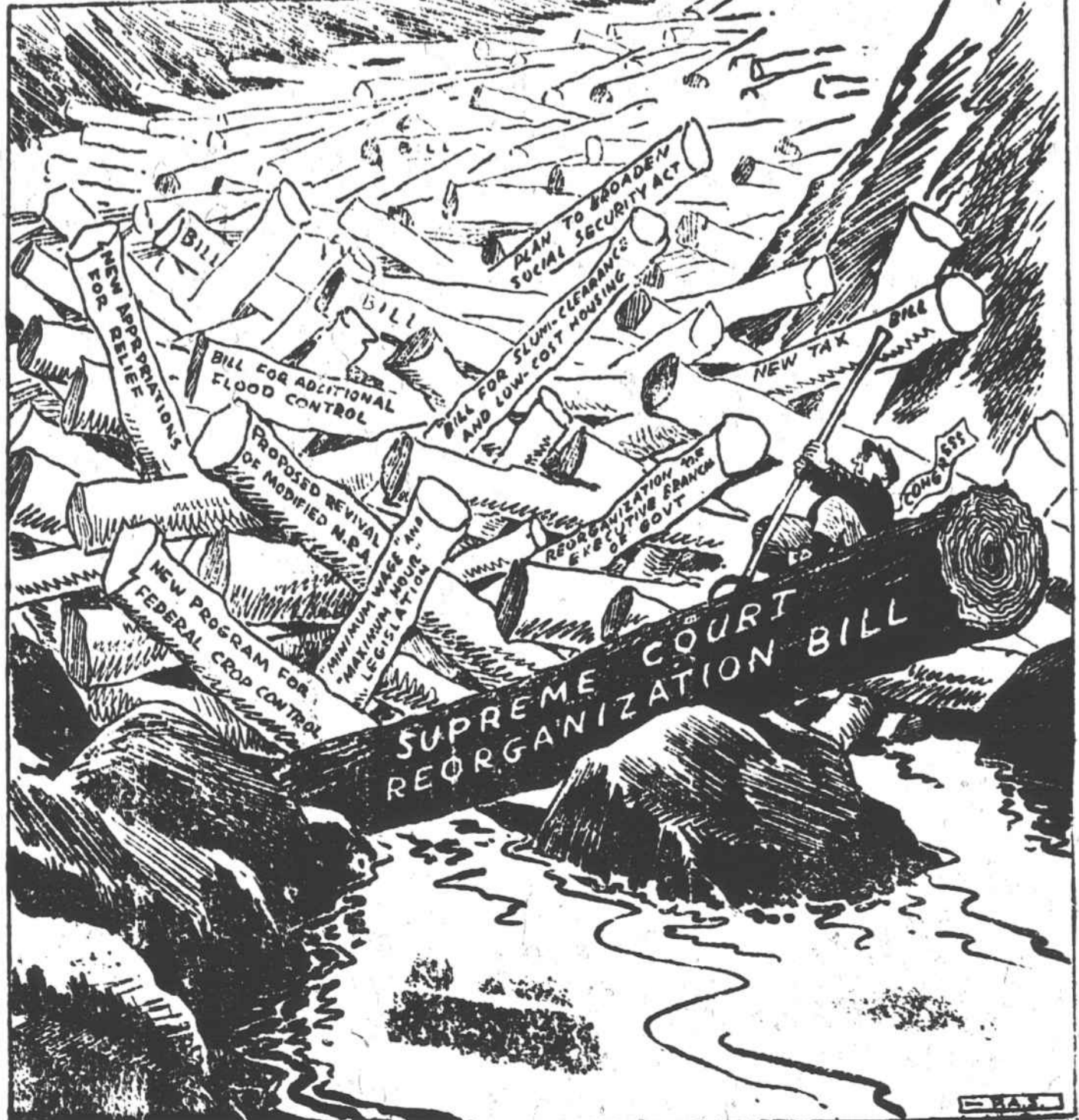
J. T. Bird, of Joines Motor Sales Inc., made the highest record of any Ford salesman in this district, for the period ending April 10. He ranked first in sales of new cars and trucks, and second in sales of used cars, according to figures released by the Ford Motor Company.

The district includes Hickory and all territory in North Carolina west of Hickory. In it are Asheville, Morganton, and other towns larger than Sylva.

BALSAM

(By Mrs. D. T. Knight)
Mrs. L. Wood of Canton visited her sister Mrs. A. C. Bryson last week. Miss Moore and Miss Ragland of Atlanta spent last week-end in Miss Moore's summer cottage here. A large number of Balsamites attended the school commencement in Sylva.

Log Jam by A. B. Chapin



Congress At Odds With Roosevelt

Washington, April 27.—A situation as developing here which, to some observers, seems to be tending to a parallel with the situation which existed in the Wilson and Hoover administrations. In the last two years of his second term Mr. Wilson had a definitely hostile Congress standing between him and his plans, and for three of Mr. Hoover's four years, he had no influence with the majority in Congress.

For the past four years Mr. Roosevelt has had Congress eating out of his hand. It would be putting it too strongly to say that he cannot still force Congress to do what he wants to have done, if he is willing to put on the necessary pressure. But it is fair to say that resistance to pressure is increasing in both houses of Congress, and among members of the President's own party. It can no longer be safely predicted that whatever the President wants Congress will give it to him.

This situation is mainly of the President's own creation. It arises from two definite circumstances. One is the honest and sincere opposition to his proposal for packing the Supreme Court. That opposition is increasing in strength in both Senate and House. It has been strengthened by the demonstration furnished by the Court itself, in its decisions on the Labor Relations Act, that the justices are abreast of the times and fully aware of changing conditions.

The other circumstance which has weakened the President's authority over Congress is the growing resentment felt by influential Senators and House leaders at the readiness with which, as they believe, the President continues to listen to and be guided by counselors who are regarded on Capitol Hill as theorists rather than practical politicians. On these advisers rather than the President himself, his friends in Congress place the responsibility for the failure of the undistributed profits tax law, enacted last summer, to yield the revenue expected. Government income for the fiscal year is short nearly five hundred million dollars of the estimates. That makes the national financial situation even more cloudy and uncertain than it was before.

The President's latest recommendations for economy, if adopted, would cut the expenses of government by about half of this year's deficit. But unless government borrowing is to continue on a huge scale, recourse must be had to much broader and heavier taxes and far greater curtailment of spending. In any event, all hope seems to have been lost of bringing the budget into balance before the fiscal year 1939.

Continued increase in the national debt by borrowing money for current expenditures is feared because it is regarded as the certain road to inflation, with runaway prices for all sorts of commodities. Increased taxation is feared because of political unpopularity. It is realized by most members of Congress that the large accumulations of wealth cannot stand much more taxation and keep on doing business, but they fear their constituents do not realize that, and would resent any new kinds of taxes which appeared to put the burden on the poor. And they fear a reduction of expenditures for relief for the same political reason.

The indications now are that the relief appropriations for next year will be at the rate of two billion dollars or more. Their necessity is being sharply challenged, not only by the Administration's avowed opponents, but by many of its friends. Senator Vandenberg of Michigan has revived the demand for an actual count of the number of unemployed persons, in a letter to the Secretary of Labor, in which he contended that the number of unemployed is actually under three millions, instead of the eight millions or more which the Labor Department estimates.

Miss Perkins, Secretary of Labor, took the lead in exploring the whole Labor situation, in the light of the validation of the Administration's Labor legislation by the Supreme Court, when she called a conference of Labor leaders, industrialists and others to discuss the next steps to be taken and their practicability. Not necessarily as the outcome of the conference, but as a result of the widely held and growing belief...