

Roosevelt In Good Health Fights Hard For His Ideals

Washington, June 15.—About once in a while some rumor starts that President Roosevelt's health is failing. The report of this sort has stirred up a good deal of gossip in Washington, and the newspaper men and columnists have started making the most searching inquiries. The net result has been to make it clear, more than ever before, that there is no real cause for concern. The President's health, according to everyone's report, is in excellent condition. His faculties for finding out the truth has never been better since he was in the White House. He has been in the White House since he was elected for a slight head cold, which was cured by his recent sojourn at his mother's home at Hyde Park. There has to have been no real cause for the rumor of his illness. A member of the National Press Club circulated the report in the first place. It has been dismissed as a membership in that organization.

The President's recent utterances certainly suggest that his health is in no way impaired. His decision of the Supreme Court in the case of a long vacation, from December, when there are important cases pending, is taken as evidence that Mr. Roosevelt has abandoned his purpose of "resting" the high court. Indeed, he has expressed his belief that his purpose to increase the Court by the addition of six justices will be adopted in the session of Congress.

Important observers do not believe that the President's present intention amounted to serving Congress that he has not abandoned his purpose and is not in any way compromised. The best informed public opinion here is that the President's plan will not come into effect on the floor of either house of Congress. By deferring action on the subject until the session of Congress opens, the President's friends in Congress are hoping to postpone until the next session a complete revision of the Federal taxation system.

Another reason why Congress does not appear to open the tax subject now is the belief that, given a chance, the House of Representatives is going to demand the broadening of the income tax base to include those earning \$15 a week or more.

The President's proposal for Federal regulation of hours and wages has been embodied in bills by the Senate and Representative Black and Representative Clegg. This is another step toward the restoration of part of the old NRA. It attempts to deal with the industries whose products are in the stream of interstate commerce. The NRA codes tried to regulate practically all industry in the country. This is not an emergency measure and its main purpose is to promote re-employment. Fundamentally, the Administration wants to abolish child labor and to put a permanent floor on industrial wages and a permanent ceiling on industrial hours. The expectation here is that the legislation will be introduced at this session. There will be material modifications of the bills introduced, but it is quite likely that a minimum wage of around \$15 a week and a maximum working week of 40 hours may be imposed on all industries whose products enter into the stream of interstate commerce.

Much authority will probably be given the administrative board to authorize deviations from whatever the law is set up in the law to meet special regional or other conditions. This is of particular interest. (Please Turn To Page 2)

TODAY and TOMORROW

FLORIDA . . . year 'round state
In the course of the past few weeks I have traveled, mostly by motor-car, a couple of thousand miles around the state of Florida. In the ten years since I had visited Florida, tremendous changes have taken place. Florida is no longer a "boom state", but is building on the solid foundations of agriculture and industry, into what is destined to become one of the nation's greatest commonwealths.

There are 2 1/2 million permanent residents in Florida. There is room for ten times as many without crowding. Florida is a pioneer state. Only a fraction of its natural resources have yet been developed. I know of a part of America where such opportunities await young men who have the American pioneer spirit in Florida.

And, all things considered, I know no part of our country where living conditions are, on the whole, so comfortable and so healthful, or where one can live so cheaply than around.

FISHING . . . alligators
Did you who read this ever hook a ten-pound black bass? If you are a fisherman and want the thrill of your life, come down to Florida and cast your line in any of the ten thousand fresh-water lakes. Ten-pounders are commonplace. I have seen hundreds of mouth bass weighing up to fifteen pounds, caught in Florida's inland lakes. We hear a lot about the big game sea-fish, tarpon, sailfish tuna and others, but little about the fresh-water fishing of Florida, which is hard to beat anywhere, and costs nothing for the ordinary citizen to enjoy.

It is hard to find a spot in Florida that is more than a couple of miles or so away from good fishing. You drive right to the fishing grounds over smooth, hard-surfaced roads. They tell me that it's the alligators which make bass fishing so good. The gators eat the gars and other fish which prey on the young bass. Florida has just passed a law, at the behest of the sportsmen, for the protection of alligators!

CATTLE . . . breeding in Florida
If cattle-raising is not Florida's largest industry, it comes close to it. One doesn't have to go West to find the open range and the cowboy. On the great plains of southern and western Florida millions of cattle graze under conditions much like those of the Old West. At Kissimmee I saw cowboys complete with ten-gallon hats, flannel shirts, and "chaps" and with "six-guns" slung on the hip, just like the movies. One ranch near there runs 50,000 head.

They are breeding up the Florida cattle into better beef grades. The Brahma bulls, imported from India, have helped develop immunity to the Texas fever tick, and crosses of the old Spanish stock with Herefords, Angus and other beef breeds are bringing Florida cattle into the high-grade class.

Proof of that is the fact that the great Chicago packing houses are building abattoirs and packing houses in Florida.

HATS . . . baldness
More men go bareheaded in Florida than anywhere else I have ever seen. The Florida sun is hot—no denying that. In summer the thermometer rises to higher ranges than Northern folk would think bearable. But Florida men go around bareheaded and nobody ever has sun-stroke! Of course, if a man has no hair on his head, that's another matter. As a great medical authority once wrote, the only way to prevent baldness is to avoid having bald-headed grandparents.

I've never been able to figure out just why one can work under the Florida sun and not feel the effects of the heat, but it's true. "There's always a breeze in the shade" is an old Florida saying.

One of the best small colleges in America, John B. Stetson University at Deland, Florida, was founded by a famous hat manufacturer. I called on the president of Stetson, and found that neither he nor the faculty and students wear a hat.

ORANGES . . . breakfast cereal
Florida orange and grapefruit growers are getting their industry

MISS LAURA KEENER PASSED TUESDAY Improvement Noted In Sylva's Streets

Miss Laura Keener, 65, died at the Hygienic Community Hospital, early Tuesday morning, following an illness of several weeks. Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon, at three o'clock, at the Moody Funeral Home, in Sylva, and interment was in the Keener cemetery. Rev. G. A. Hovis, pastor of the Webster Methodist church, conducted the service.

Miss Keener had made her home with her sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Allison, at Webster, for many years.

Miss Keener was born in Sylva, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John S. Keener.

Miss Keener is survived by one brother, James S. Keener, of Spruce Pine, two sisters, Mrs. C. B. Allison, of Webster and Mrs. Mirnie Canterbury, of Virginia, by a number of nieces and nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.

A greatly improved appearance of the town has resulted from the co-operative plan of cleaning up that has been inaugurated and put into operation by the town government and the citizens during the past two weeks.

Sylva looks as if she had had a "permanent", a "facial" and all, or nearly all her finger and toenails polished.

No longer are the sidewalks, vacant lots, and drainways of the town an eyesore to the people who live here and to the visitors who come to or through Sylva.

In a beautiful setting, close up to the big mountains, Sylva is becoming the beautiful little city that she should be, through the cooperation of her government and her citizens.

SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS START JULY FIRST

Beginning July 1, nine basic articles of food will be exempt from sales taxation, under the provisions of the revenue act passed by the General Assembly of 1937.

The nine articles upon which consumers will pay no tax after the 30th of this month are:

Flour, which means wheat flour, but does not include cereal products other than flour.

Meal, which means corn meal, and does not include grits, flakes or other cereal products.

Meat, which includes fresh and cured meats and fish, but not specialized products in cans, jars, boxes, or cartons for retail trade.

Lard, which includes animal fat and vegetable substitutes, but not oleomargarine, butter or oils.

Molasses, but does not include cane, sugar or maple syrups.

Milk, which includes sweet and butter milk, but not canned milk, evaporated milk, or other milk products.

Sugar, including both plain and granulated sugar.

Coffee, including plain, roasted and ground coffee, but not coffee substitutes.

Bread and rolls, including white, brown, and rye bread, and rolls, but does not include buns, cakes, or other pastries.

DR. HUFF VISITS HERE

Dr. Huff of the Mars Hill College faculty, who is teaching at Cullowhee during the summer school, addressed the Brotherhood of the Sylva Baptist church, Tuesday evening.

Dr. Huff is the father of Mr. Leonard Huff of Sylva.

CANEY FORK PIONEER PASSES

Funeral services for Elihu Coward, 78, who died Saturday evening, were held at the old Coward home, on Caney Fork on Sunday at three o'clock. Rev. Ben Cook conducted the service. Interment was in the Coward cemetery.

Mr. Coward had been ill for some time, but critically ill for about 10 days. He suffered a stroke of paralysis more than a month ago.

Mr. Coward was born and reared on Caney Fork Creek. A son of the late Benjamin Coward, who was born at the same place, in 1812. Mr. Coward was a member of one of the oldest families in Jackson County. Born in 1858, he was the youngest member of his immediate family.

Elihu Coward had engaged in the mercantile business since a young man, and was the oldest active merchant in the county, and a leading cattle-raiser.

His wife, who, prior to her marriage, was Miss Ella Wike, preceded him in death in February, 1920.

Mr. Coward is survived by one brother, Javan Coward, of Cowarts, two daughters, Mrs. Dillard Hooper and Mrs. Luther Stevens, three grand-children, and a large number of other relatives and friends.

Mr. Coward was a good neighbor, who will be greatly missed in his community. For many years he was a member of and one of the main pillars of support of the John's Creek Baptist church.

WILL HOLD QUARTERLY CONFERENCE SUNDAY NIGHT

Rev. W. A. Rollins, Presiding Elder of the Waynesville District, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will preach at Dillsboro, Sunday evening, at 8 o'clock. At the close of the regular evening service, the third quarterly conference will be held for the Sylva and Dillsboro churches.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING TO BE HELD AT OURE HILL

The monthly meeting of the Sunday School organization of the Tuckasee Baptist Association will be held next Sunday, with Paul Buchanan, associational president, presiding.

The program will begin at 2:30, with the enrollment of the Sunday Schools, and their reports. Other features of the program are discussions of the subject: "How can a pastor best cooperate with his Sunday School?" by Rev. H. M. Hecutt, and "How can a Sunday School promote Church work?" by J. T. Gribble, and an inspirational address, by Clarence Vance.

Information Booth Is Opened Here First of Week

The information booth, erected by the Chamber of Commerce, at the corner of Main and Walnut streets has been opened for the benefit of tourists, with Miss Sallie Mac Monteath in charge.

Attention to the booth is attracted by a streamer clear across the Main Street of the town. Here a lot of information about Sylva, Jackson County and Western North Carolina that is asked for will be supplied.

As a part of an inter-city scheme, the information bureau will act as a clearing house for tourists. It is hoped that every hotel, boarding house and private home, that will accommodate tourists, will furnish the Chamber of Commerce with the information as to how many can be cared for and the nature of the accommodations offered. Clearing through through the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce, information will be available each day as to the number of persons who can be cared for in Sylva, Waynesville, Gatlinburg, etc..

BIBLE SCHOOL AT BAPTIST CHURCH CLOSED TUESDAY

The Vacation Bible School at the Baptist church closed Tuesday, instead of continuing through the week, because so many children had planned to attend the Rhododendron Festival in Asheville.

The total enrollment in the school was 56 and the average attendance, 40. The children brought their little offerings each day in the worship service, and the amount received will be sent to Rev. W. H. Fitzgerald at Cherokee to be used in helping to cover the church there.

A brief commencement program will be given next Sunday night at the beginning of the preaching service. The public is cordially invited.

Those helping in the school were Miss Sue Allison, Miss Willa Mae Dills, Miss Edna Allen, Miss Margaret Wilson, Miss Hattie Hilda Sutton, Miss Mary Jane Coward, Mrs. W. A. Cathey, Mrs. Alvin Buchanan, and Mrs. H. M. Hovitt.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED FOR BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

At the annual meeting of the Baptist Training Union held last Sunday afternoon at Zion Hill Baptist church, officers were elected as follows: J. V. Hall, director; Miss Mildred Cowan, associate director; secretary and treasurer, Miss Elva Harris, adult leader, Ed. Curry, senior leader, Miss Kate Stillwell, intermediate leader, Clarence Vance, junior leader, Mrs. Alvin Buchanan; story hour leader, Mrs. J. W. Crawford; chorister and pianist, Dan Cook; pastor advisor, Rev. Fred Forester; librarian, Miss Edna Allen; group leader district number 1, Miss Margaret Wilson; number 2, Wayne Deitz; number 3, Miss Louise Hooper; number 4, Miss Marie Keener.

Lyle Ensley, associational president, presided at the meeting and the principal address was made by Rev. Nathan C. Brooks, State B. T. U. secretary. Plans were made for a B. T. U. revival in all the Baptist church in the county, to be held during the week between July 25 to 31, at which time a group of trained workers, under the leadership of the State Baptist Training Union secretary, will assist in the revival.

OPEN NEW BUSINESS

The Sylva Pharmacy has leased the building on Main Street, until recently occupied by Kaye's Racket Store, and will install a soda fountain, candies, tobaccos, cigarettes, cigars, stationery, druggists' supplies, and the regular line carried by all drug stores, except the prescription department.

The Pharmacy management has not yet decided upon a name for its new or branch establishment.

Painters and decorators have been busy on the interior for the past several days; and soon the fixtures and stock will be installed. The new place will be opened within the next few days.

