

The Jackson County Journal

A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

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\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

Congress Expects To Have To Revise Income Tax Law To Stop All Loop Holes

Washington, June 21.—It looks like the tax revision, which Congress had hoped to postpone to the next session, may be the issue which this session of Congress will have to deal with. The bill is still in the hands of the Senate, in calling attention to the instances of tax avoidance and asking for certain amendments. The subject of "loop holes" in the tax laws sharply to the fore. The Supreme Court has occupied for more than three months as the main interest in Capitol Hill.

The President has not released from his belief that the Supreme Court needs new blood, it is his opinion here that his plan will not be adopted, at least at the present time. It might be possible for the Senate to pass a measure providing for the addition of six judges to the court through the Senate, though a question still remains as to the House is now regarded as not enough to block action.

At the whole point of the "tax loop holes" is that it values which were provided from the undistributed income tax of last year, have been materialized, and the Treasury is that tax trying to find a way for the use of by blaming the blame of revenue upon men and corporations which have taken advantage of holes in the income tax laws to pay less than the Treasury is entitled to have paid.

There is no direct assertion that anything is done anything illegal, but individuals are not of an "evasion", which is a form of tax avoidance, by which may be morally decried, but which are entirely legal. The trouble is with the laws, and the present effort is to close up the loop holes of the law.

These incomes are so large that the payment of taxes upon it is a burden, and can afford to hire lawyers to show them how they can avoid payment of taxes which they are obliged to pay because of the law, and the cost of going to court to avoid them.

One of the big problems is how to plug the loopholes through which a few rich men can crawl, and how to plug the loopholes through which a large number of taxpayers can avoid paying taxes. The result of the sudden interest in this matter will be to bring out a committee to study the matter, and to report to Congress on who are accused of taking advantage of weak points in the tax laws. Gossip around here is that the Administration will try to show up a large number of "loop holes", several members of a very wealthy family and the heads of large important chains of daily newspapers.

It remains to be seen how far Congress will go in that direction, but it is probable that certain practices which the present tax law permits will be made illegal, and that the pressure for a complete change of the tax laws will become stronger. Tax avoidance alone would cost the government, experts say, for more than \$100,000,000 of the \$300,000,000 of tax this year's estimates, if the law is not changed.

The present bill grows stronger for the enactment of this session of the 75th Congress, which will be in explicit terms just how many hours persons engaged in any occupation are to be required to work, and the minimum amount of wages which they must be paid.

The bill would remove the main objection to the N. R. A. as unconstitutional, that of the excessive hour-making authority to the Executive.

The present bill is that the 40-hour week will be fixed at 40 hours, and the minimum amount of wages at not less than forty cents an hour, or \$16 a week as the minimum wage. There is to be a stiff penalty for any violation of the bill, which would have to apply to labor in the South as well as in the North, and that does not deal strongly to the detriment of labor in Congress.

TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)

CLIPPER giant flyers

I saw a miracle the other day. At least, it seemed miraculous to me to watch one of the great Pan-American clippers come into port at Miami after a 7,000-mile flight from Buenos Aires. At first a tiny speck in the southeast sky, like a distant bird, then gradually growing larger until one could hear the roar of its four great engines, as it circled over the edge of the shore to come down head-to-wind, on the waters of his cayne Bay.

In and out of this, the world's largest international air-port, 122 giant flying boats carry passengers to and from every part of Latin America. Three quarters of a million passengers have been flown over three hundred million miles without a single mishap. The same company operates the trans-Pacific fleet of flying clippers, and I saw the first of the new ships which will run on the new trans-Atlantic service.

All these international flights are over water, and they do not night flying. One can get to Chile in five days, where steamers take a month! That's a miracle.

SIKORSKY air travel

Back in 1913 a young Russian, Igor Sikorsky, got the idea of building a bigger and better airplane than had ever been made. Nobody had any planes then which could carry important weight or be relied upon for more than a few miles.

Sikorsky built a huge plane which flew over Moscow with 72 passengers! The World War set everybody to building speedy but dangerous military planes. Sikorsky kept his faith in big commercial planes. He came to America after the war and is now the foremost designer of huge flying boats. All of the "Clippers" came out of his Bridgeport workshop. The newest ones, now building, will be 130 feet across the wings, and will carry sixty passengers, two or three tons of freight and a ton or more of mail at 200 miles an hour, with gas enough to cover 2,500 miles or more without refueling.

JUNK war

The most active of all the world scrap yards is the trade in junk. Scrap iron and steel is in greater demand than ever before, and at higher prices. In the course of the past few weeks I have had occasion to visit a dozen or so of the important Atlantic seaports, from New York all the way down to Miami. At every port I have seen huge piles of scrapped automobiles, old bridge and building steel and every other imaginable form of junk piled up on the wharves waiting for ships to take it to Europe and Japan. I saw five ships in one day loading scrap at Delaware River ports.

The world armament race is responsible. Modern steel manufacture requires a high percentage of scrap to make the mixture right. England, Germany, Italy, France and Japan are building warships and making guns so fast they have to import scrap from America.

SHARECROPPERS big profits

It is easy to generalize about the pitiful plight of the southern sharecropper, but any generalization is apt to be shot full of holes by the facts. Doubtless many sharecroppers are in distress, but I met one the other day on the shores of Lake Okechobee who was not complaining.

This young farmer rented 40 acres of land on shares last winter, to grow string beans. He agreed to pay the owner of the land one-quarter of whatever he got for his crop. Late in May he sent the last of his beans to market. He walked into the owner's office and gave him a check for \$1,600! He had sold his crop for forty acres for \$6,400. Another tenant farmer, paying from the same owner, made more than \$50,000 this year on tulips and gladiolus, grown in the South for the northern market.

MARRIAGE church blessing

A great deal of fuss is being made by some church people because a minister of the Church of England volunteered to read the marriage service of his church at the wedding

Social Security Act To Go Into Effect Thursday, July 1st

What many students of public affairs believe will prove to be the most beneficial legislation ever enacted in North Carolina, the \$4,700,000 a year Social Security program, will go into effect on July 1, and thousands of indigent aged and underprivileged children will be given a helping hand through its provisions.

After several months of arduous labor, the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, which will administer the two most important features of the statute has perfected an organization known as the Division of Public Assistance, under the direction of Nathan H. Yelton. County organization also has been completed in compliance with the law which was adopted by the 1937 session of the General Assembly.

Applications for old age benefits are filed out only by the County Welfare Department, and only after the department has made investigation and satisfied itself that the prospective applicant is actually indigent and therefore entitled to the benefits of old age assistance, under the provisions of the law. It is pointed out that the act does not contemplate a blanket old age pension, but only intends to extend assistance to persons 65 years of age and over who are actually in needy circumstances.

The State Welfare Department estimates that for the first three months the law is in operation a maximum of 15,000 persons 65 year of age and older, and approximately 10,500 dependent and underprivileged children will be helped, and that the average monthly aid for the aged will be \$12.50 and \$6.00 for underprivileged children.

Estimates recently compiled by the Public Assistance Division indicate that approximately 24,587 indigent aged and 21,837 dependent children in the State will be eligible for aid under the Social Security program.

BALSAM

(By Mrs. D. T. Knight)

Dan Cupid has been busy around here again. Miss Hazel Ashe and Mr. Homer Locust were married in Sylva, Friday the 18th. Mrs. Margaret Ashe and Mr. Marion Ashe accompanied them.

Monday, the 21st, Miss Ruby Ammons and Mr. Ordel Ashe were married in Wayneville. Mr. and Mrs. Ella Ashe and Mrs. Horace Ashe accompanied them.

Mrs. Julia White of Asheville was a guest of her father, Mr. J. K. Kenney, Sunday.

Mrs. L. M. Cripp, who has been sick for some time is now in the hospital in Waynesville.

Rev. Mr. Whidden and wife of Dellwood attended Sunday school in the Methodist church here Sunday afternoon. He made a very interesting talk on "The Story of the Bible." He is on the superannuate list of ministers, and has read the Bible through eighty times.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Jones and their twin babies went to Waynesville, Saturday.

The first dance of the season was held at Balsam Hotel, Saturday evening and was well attended. Every one seemed to enjoy it.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Rasmund of Daytona Beach, Fla., are among the recent guests at Balsam Lodge.

ing of the ex-King, the Duke of Windsor, and Mrs. Wallis Warfield the American divorcee. What the Rev. Mr. Jardine did was not to marry the couple, but to give the blessing of the church to a marriage which had already taken place, when the Mayor of Monts performed the ceremony according to French law.

Valuable Property Here Changed Hands In Big Real Estate Transaction

T. C. Bryson, Jr., has just opened the Greendale Crafts Shop, on the highway at Bala. The shop, housed in a new and attractive building, of rustic and Mission design, will handle mountain and Indian craft, woodwork, basketry, pottery, hooked rugs, and small articles for the tourist and local trade, it is stated.

The shop will be supplied with marketable merchandise from men and women craftsmen in this and other mountain counties.

S. C. and Ray Cogdill of the Cogdill Motor Company, have purchased the popular filling station, "Buck's" Place, from M. Buchanan, Jr., and twelve lots adjoining it, on Mill Street, from B. C. Grindstaff, of Asheville.

The station, which handles Standard Oil Company products, will continue under the name of Buck's Place, with Grayson Cope as manager for the Messrs. Cogdill.

Mr. Buchanan will retire, and Mr. Oscar Baumgarner, who has been with the station for a long time, will go with the Sylva branch of the Asheville Mica Company.

HEAR MISS WILKERSON

Workers of the Recreation Project, had a meeting at the Community House, Monday afternoon to discuss the work with Miss Sara Wilkerson, State Recreation Consultant, of Raleigh, who is spending the week at Hotel Carolina.

The following citizens were invited to be present: Mrs. E. L. McKee, Mrs. J. C. Allison, Mrs. J. D. Cowan, Mrs. D. M. Hall, Mrs. Walter Jones, Mr. Dan Tompkins, and Mr. C. C. Buchanan. The Swingtime Band entertained with a short program.

OPEN ICE PLANT HERE

L. M. Killian of Waynesville and M. C. Sprinkle of Canton have just opened an ice storage plant in Sylva, in the L. P. Allen Building on Highway 106, under the name of the Sylva Ice Company.

The ice, made in Canton or Waynesville, will be stored here in the refrigeration plant, and delivered or sold from there.

Hoyt Moody will be in charge of the plant and sales.

TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY GETS FULL TIME HEALTH OFFICER

Raleigh, June 23.—Transylvania County has joined the ranks of the full-time, organized health counties, effective July 1, Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, State Health Officer, announced here tonight. "This completes the entire western district within the TVA watershed, with the exception of Henderson, Madison and Mitchell," he said.

"It is gratifying in this connection," Dr. Reynolds continued, "to note that all the following counties in our great mountain section are now fully organized from a health standpoint: Cherokee, Graham, Clay, Macon, Jackson, Haywood, Swain, Transylvania, Buncombe, Yancey, Watauga, and Avery, giving protection not only to the inhabitants of these counties, but also to the thousands of visitors who go there every summer."

"Adjacent to these are also Burke, Caldwell, and Rutherford counties, all fully protected as the above."

LIGHTNING DESTROYS COLLEGE DAMAGE

An electrical storm, last Friday set fire to and destroyed the filtration plant at Western Carolina Teachers College. Damage was estimated at \$1,200.

CELEBRATE 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. M. Buchanan celebrated the 75th anniversary of Mr. Buchanan's birth, with a family reunion, at their home here, last Sunday. Present were Mr. and Mrs. M. Buchanan, Jr., and sons, Marcelus III and Francis, of Webster; Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Buchanan and children, Harry Buchanan, Jr., and Pearl, of Hendersonville; Messrs. Carl and Ralph Buchanan, and Mrs. Sadie J. Long.

TWENTY GARDENS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN'S FOOD

Under the W.P.A. there are twenty gardens being operated this year, by Jackson county women, who are paid a small wage by the government, for making and tending the gardens. The food produced will be canned and food raised will be eaten and used for stunted and emaciated children. Officials state that the government make no provision for the cans, and that the projects will have to depend entirely upon private donations of glass jars for the purpose. All presents of jars, large or small, will be appreciated.

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SPEND TEN DAYS AT RIDGECREST

A group of young ladies from the Young Woman's Auxiliary of the Baptist church here, with Mrs. H. M. Heute, left Tuesday for a ten day's stay at Ridgcrest, where the encampment of the Young Woman's Auxiliary of the Southern Baptist Convention is being held. Included in the group that went are Misses Mary Henson, Lela Frady, Mildred Enslay, Hattie Hilda Sutton Rachel Brown, Sara Jones and Miss Amelia Bradley, of Cullowhee.

SAYS MEADOW IS HIS MOST FERTILE FIELD

One of the most productive fields on the farms of Joe Brown in Madison County has not been plowed in 63 years.

It has been reseeded only once, and that was just after a flood some years ago had covered the field with several inches of silt.

This two-acre meadow along a creek running through his farm produces four to five tons of high quality hay every year, and occasionally it is used to pasture cattle over the winter.

Brown told George W. Miller, farm agent of the State College extension service in Madison County that the soil of perennial grass and legumes is so thick that, once the soil has been lost in the past 63 years.

But from time to time when the creek rises, deposits of silt are left on the meadow, and today it has a fertile topsoil several feet deep.

The spongy, porous topsoil will soak up large quantities of rainwater and hold it long after the rain has stopped falling. Brown said. Thus the meadow is little affected by long, dry spells.

Miller commented that this one field is a good demonstration of the value of good land in making productive pastures, and of the importance of soil-conserving crops to check erosion, conserve moisture, and build up fertility.

Pasture is the cheapest form of dairy and beef cattle feed to be found in the State, he continued. Yet many farmers fail to take advantage of the possibilities they may have for making good, permanent pastures. As a result, livestock production costs are higher in North Carolina than in most of the other states.

