

The Jackson County Journal

ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

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\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

ECONOMY AND POLITICS CLASH IN CONGRESS

Washington, June 28.—Anything can happen before the present session of Congress adjourns, sometime before Labor day, but it would take the seventh son of a seventh son to predict what particular Congressional wishes will come true. For there are many things which Congress, speaking broadly, would like to do, while it may find impossible because of political considerations and Administration pressure—which means about the same thing.

Congress has really become economy-minded. There is no doubt that, left to follow its inclinations it would make material reductions in Government expenditures, not only for the regular departments and bureaus but for emergency commissions and "administrations." A case in point is the matter of relief appropriations.

The predominant sentiment on Capitol Hill is that Uncle Sam has gone far enough in supporting his nieces and nephews, and that the time has come for the states to take over the job of finding out who is in need of relief, and paying a reasonable share of the cost.

But against this idea pressure is put upon Congress from three directions, to continue the W.P.A. system. It comes from the Administration itself, which wants to continue the handling of relief funds without restriction as to where they shall be spent. That is a natural result of the desire to influence Congressional votes.

The Congressmen who cannot continue to get W.P.A. projects allotted to his district is likely to lose a lot of votes when he comes up for re-election, and every one of them knows it. Therefore, much as they feel—and most of them sincerely do—that relief expenditures should be cut, a great many fear for their own political futures if they take too positive a stand for what they believe.

Then there is the pressure from the Governors of their home states and the mayors of their home cities, who form among them one of the most influential lobbies in Washington. Local governments do not want to take over the load and the responsibility, and they make no bones about telling their Congressmen so. The threat of local political opposition if they don't play ball is more potent, with many Representatives, than even the fear of reprisals from the Executive.

The third pressure group active in opposition to reduction in relief expenditures is the W. P. A. workers themselves. They have become so well organized, especially in the larger centers of population, that they have almost the status of a labor union.

They look upon their relief jobs under W.P.A. as permanent positions in which they have a vested right. This has come about from the fact that Congress, in placing relief funds in the hands of the President in huge lump sums to be used at his discretion, set no limit upon the amount which might be paid as relief wages to any individual.

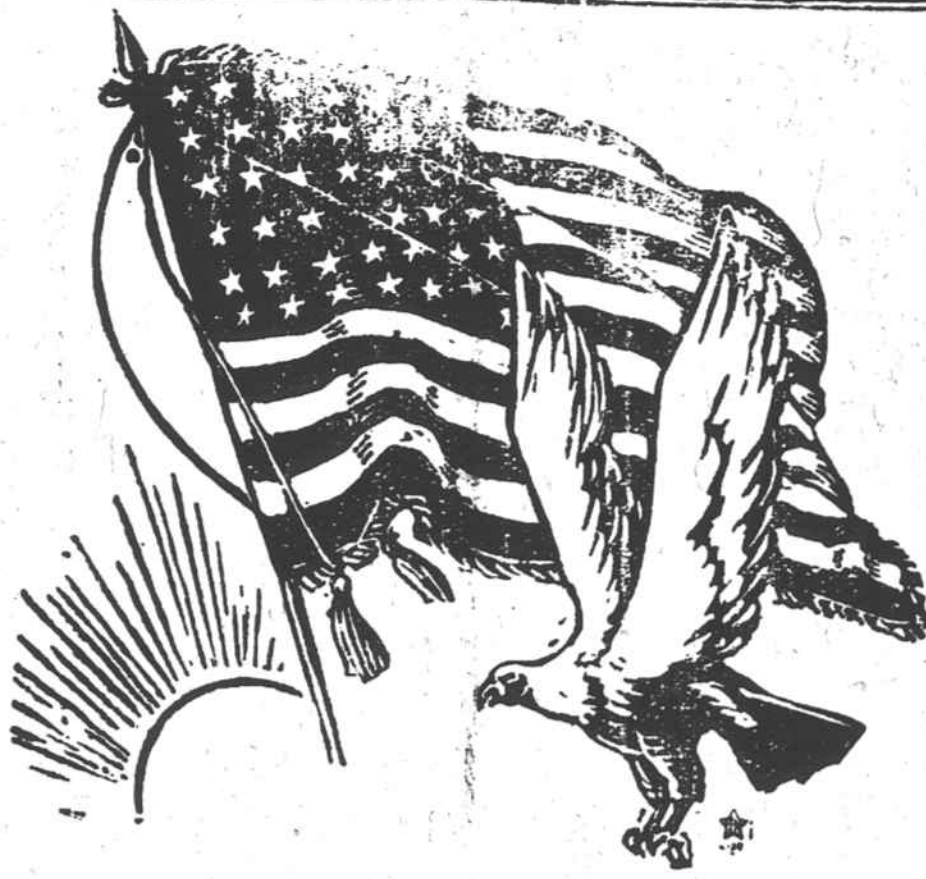
The result is that the Relief Administration has ruled that men on relief work must receive union wages in cities and districts in which the labor unions set the standards. Consequently, where the union scale for carpenters is \$8 a day, that is the pay of "relief" workers employed as carpenters on W.P.A. projects and the same rule goes for workers in other trades.

With the recipients of relief enjoying incomes comparable with those of skilled workers, it is not to be wondered at that they want to hold their W.P.A. jobs, and Congressmen, from many parts of the country are in receipt of intimations amounting to threats, that if they make a move to cut the relief appropriations they will hear from the organized W.P.A. workers at next year's election, in no uncertain terms.

Some of the intimations carry the suggestion that an affiliation between the W.P.A. workers and the C. I. O. is in process of formation. There is no confirmation of this obtainable, but the possibility is giving some members the jitters.

Congress just doesn't know what to do about the Labor situation, but

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An Independence Day Editorial

(By Dan Tompkins)

Our nation, whose birth we celebrate, was conceived in the minds of men who loved their native soil, and was brought forth amid strife and bloodshed; but was dedicated to Peace and human Happiness.

Liberty, Peace, the Rights of people came not without the roar of battle, and hardships and infinite pains and work on the part of patriotic men and women.

It was ever so. It seems to be one of the laws by which the universe is governed that nothing worth while is ever secured without much suffering and hard work. Nobody, no matter how pious or patriotic he may be, has ever been promised a "flowery bed of ease". If any object or objective is worth having or attaining, it is worth working for.

Our country is dedicated to Peace. Of all conditions of mankind, perhaps Peace is the most to be desired—peace of nation with nation, peace between man and man, peace in the mind and heart. And yet, here is a paradox. Peace, sometimes must be fought for. It always requires a great deal of effort to bring peace. The Founding Fathers, who established this nation, desired peace; but they held that there are even more precious things than temporary peace. They wanted peace and were willing to fight for it, to sacrifice for it, to undergo hardship and suffering in order that peace might come to them and their posterity.

Peace is an elusive thing, as are the other intangibles that are far more precious than those things that we can touch and see. "Eternal

vigilance is the price of liberty", it has been well said. It is also the price of justice, of happiness, of any and all things that are of real value.

Today, our world, which twenty years ago thought itself upon the threshold of permanent peace, a peace bought with billions of dollars of money, millions of human lives, and infinite suffering and sacrifice, today finds itself in a position where no man knows but that another day may plunge it again into the debate. We relax our vigilance. We turned our minds from thoughts of heroic sacrifice for the attainment of the precious, intangible jewels, to what were denominated the practical things of life. The results of that folly are staring us in the face.

The principle, the important thing, is to always keep the objectives in view, to cherish the enduring things that we can neither see nor touch, and to continue ever to strive toward the goal of peace. Founded upon ever-greater opportunities of mankind to enjoy the happiness in this life that is their God-given right, and which has, time after time, been taken from them by powerful and selfish forces.

A powerful, democratic nation that refuses to lead along these lines will either be driven from her position or will have to fight to maintain it.

America, founded upon these fundamentals that were cherished by the patriotic men and women who builded and who maintained her through the years, looks the world in the face, calmly and unflinchingly.



MRS. KNIGHT PASSES

Mrs. Betty Kipht died at her home at Speedwell, early Monday morning, at the age of 88 years.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday morning at the Speedwell Baptist church, by Rev. R. C. Shear in and Rev. C. G. Heffner. Interment was in the Hooper cemetery.

Mrs. Knight is survived by three sons, R. L. Knight, Charles Knight and Willie Knight, of Speedwell, by two daughters, Mrs. R. M. Bryson, of Speedwell, and Mrs. T. C. Ledbetter, of Cullowhee, by six grandchildren, and other relatives and friends.

AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Next Sunday morning at the Sunday School hour, it is hoped that A. V. Washburn, Jr., associate secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, will speak to the Adult, Young People's and Inter-

TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)

DISTRIBUTION . . . cooperation
I have been for some weeks traveling around in the South, particularly in Florida, and have become more impressed than ever with the feeling that the principal economic problem which our country faces is that of distribution. We can produce enough to supply everybody with everything he needs. Our distribution system has not kept pace with our productive capacity.

Florida developed a new plan to get better distribution for its citrus fruit, especially grapefruit. The State Chamber of Commerce got the growers and the national chain stores together. Result, practically the entire crop of grapefruit was distributed into sections of the country where grapefruit was almost unknown. Everybody profited and there was no unsold surplus.

One lady in North Dakota wrote to Florida asking how to cook grapefruit. She had boiled it for two hours, she said, and it was still tough! But in all parts of the country co-operators welcomed this wholesome addition to their menus.

SURPLUSES . . . canneries
The only reason why there is even a surplus of undistributed food products is lack of facilities for storing the surplus until the market is ready to absorb it. In the South the problem has largely been one of cold-storage and canning facilities. Now these facilities are available, and the Southern farmer no longer has to depend upon rushing his produce to northern markets before it spoils. What the seasonal market will not absorb, the canneries will take off his hands.

The fastest growing industry I have heard anything about is the citrus-canning industry. It is a practical method of carrying surplus oranges, grapefruit and limes over until the new crop comes in. The cheese, butter and condensed milk industries are other examples of practical ways to store surplus milk for future sale.

Anything which hampers such operation as those is distinctly against the public interest as I see it.

ECONOMICS . . . outside aids
I found in Florida a good example of the way in which business economies are effected. The average man does not think it economical to ship beans from Michigan to be canned in Florida, or fruit from California. But that is just what is happening. The Florida canneries, after their 3 or 4 months season of canning winter fruits and vegetables stood idle the rest of the year. So they are bringing Michigan beans, Iowa pork, and Louisiana molasses to Florida, running the canneries in summer producing canned pork and beans under the label of a New York concern!

And I saw thousands of cases of canned goods coming out of a Florida cannery, bearing the label of a famous California packing company known around the world. The two largest makers of tin cans have established plants in Florida to supply the demand.

You can't tell by the label where the canned tomatoes, apricots or pineapples inside the can were grown.

TRANSPORTATION . . . costs
Of course it would not pay to ship raw products two or three thousand miles to be processed, and then ship the canned goods back to be sold, perhaps, in the very states from which they came, if there were not available a closely-knit, widespread system of transportation.

There is no question that the nation's transportation facilities are vastly swifter, cheaper and better equipped than they were even ten years ago. Railroads are giving better service, but the increase in the volume of long distance freighting by motor trucks is amazing.

I think the signs of the times all point to an increasing coordination of transportation facilities, with steadily decreasing rates as efficiency increases. The big transportation problem in this country is moving freight east and west. North and South it is not difficult, but crossing mountains costs money.

WATER . . . economical

For carrying anything not in a hurry, water transportation is and always will be the most economical way to move people or merchandise. I have lately seen the results of the development of new power in the South. More goods are moving in both directions, at less cost to shipper and

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Howell Succeeds Madison This Year In College Faculty

Prof. Robert L. Madison, founder of Western Carolina Teachers College, and a pioneer educator of this region, has retired from active teaching in the department of English in the college, and has been succeeded by James Howell, who comes to Cullowhee from Red Springs. He holds a Master of Arts Degree from the University of North Carolina, and is a Bachelor of Arts from Guilford College.

Mr. Madison will devote his time to research work for the College, under the provisions of an act of the last General Assembly. Thus the man whose vision, hard work, and sacrifice builded the college at Cullowhee, will continue to be connected with it, in an important capacity, though no longer doing active teaching.

IMPROVEMENTS AT SYLVA SUPPLY COMPANY MARKET

The Sylva Supply Company has just installed a handsome, new display and refrigerating case for meats. The new case is most attractive, is lighted inside, and displays meats to great advantage. It adds much to the appearance of the market, and is designed to keep meats in excellent condition, cold, but pure and sweet, without drying in the least.

QUILLA

(By Mrs. J. K. Terrell)

The text from which Rev. J. L. Rogers preached an interesting sermon, Sunday morning was "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes".

Married, June 23rd, Mr. Roan Cooper to Miss Helen Davis, of Beta.

Miss Ruby Dugan of Cherokee and Mr. Arthur Worley were united in marriage at the home of Rev. J. L. Hyatt, who officiated. They left for Asheville after the ceremony.

Miss Elsie Barnes and Mr. Carl Roper were married by Rev. J. L. Hyatt, on June 19th.

Mrs. Sam P. Hyatt and son, Robert, have returned from a visit at Asheville and Spruce Pine.

Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Ragan visited to Knoxville, Sunday, to visit relatives.

Mr. S. P. Hyatt, who is attending summer school at Cullowhee, spent week-end with home folks.

Mr. C. B. Terrell spent the week end in Bryson City.

Miss Gertrude Ferguson visited Mrs. Ellis Stockton in Canton, Sunday.

Mrs. Ed Parker and children and Miss Mildred Watson, of Dillsboro, visited Mrs. J. L. Hyatt, last week.

Mrs. J. E. Bates called on Mrs. D. M. Shuler.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Ragan of Olivet were Quilla visitors, Sunday.

Mr. Herman Rhinehart and family, of Clade, visited Mrs. Martha Rhinehart, Sunday.

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County Has Check Floating Tourist As Star Boarder

A man, about 40 years of age, giving his name as P. C. Duncan, of Port Arthur, Texas, is a summer boarder at the county's hotel, a Courtland Heights, of which Homer Turpin is manager, and Sheriff Mason's proprietor, following an attempt to pass off reputedly bogus checks on people in Sylva.

He came to town and stopped at a local hotel for the night. He had in his possession means of identification that were apparently unimpeachable, and a check for \$50 on a Port Arthur bank. The check was cashed, but when it got to the local bank, officials checked up on it, and there is no such bank as that upon which the check was drawn.

Members of the sheriff's department put Duncan under arrest, and local checks totaling some \$600 in the head of his hat. They were also cashed checks or certified checks at various banks throughout the county. Duncan is said to have fled to officers that he bought a whole lot in Chicago for \$10.

As the county will have to board him until next October, unless some other state wants him, and that is what Sheriff Mason is trying to find out.

When placed under arrest, Duncan had all of the 50 dollars he got here on the \$50 bogus check, except \$5. That was the amount he was left in Sylva.

SYLVA TO OBSERVE HOLIDAY NEXT MONDAY, JULY FIFTH

Next Monday, July 5, will be a holiday in Sylva, in celebration of Independence Day, which falls on Sunday. All shops, stores, banks, and offices, etc., will be closed for the day.

BALSAM

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Crawford of Burlington were here Saturday. His father, Mr. G. C. Crawford, accompanied them home, and returned Monday.

Mrs. Sara Bryson, Mrs. W. S. Chate, Miss Dorothy Bryson and Mr. J. K. Kenney attended the opera service, at Lake Junaluska Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Foster, Mrs. Phil Crawford and Mrs. L. A. Rock went to Speedwell, Sunday, to see their aunt, Mrs. Bettie Knight, who was very sick.

Miss Catherine Coward, Beulah Bay, Mr. Mack Young and Mr. O. C. Dillingham went to New Gap and Cingman's Dome, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gibson of Franklin were guests of Mrs. Sara Bryson last week.

Mr. Ole Enley and Mr. Fred Enley have just finished painting the Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Lee of Waynesville entertained quite a number of their relatives and friends from Virginia and Tennessee, in their cottage here, last week.

