

The Jackson County Journal

ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

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ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

Congress Began Extra Session Last Monday

Washington, November 17, (Auto-... Congress begins its extra session in an atmosphere of political confusion and dissension which subverts any attempts to forecast results with any degree of accuracy. The best opinion is that the acts of the special session will be governed more by the members' own judgment of national needs than by the desires of the Administration for the further promotion of social and economic reforms.

Business Troubles First
The first need, as many leaders in both Senate and House see it, is to encourage business. There are indications that the Administration, too, is keenly aware of this need. When the Congress in special session called President Roosevelt did not list tax amendments in the immediate program of legislation. Farm legislation was No. 1. But that was several weeks ago, and in the interval a general business depression has appeared, with breaks in the stock market and other signs of business distress.

While the Administration does not accept full responsibility for the present slump, aggravated by the war situation and other economic factors beyond American control, it takes it seriously enough to try to make a careful study of the facts.

TAXES ARE BLAMED
The first remedy upon which there seems to be wide agreement among the members of Congress is for repeal or amendment of tax laws which have been found, in practice, to slow down the operations of business and industry.

The two tax laws most severely attacked by business men are the capital gains tax and tax on undistributed corporation earnings. The capital gains tax is of pre-Roosevelt vintage. It taxes as income certain increases in an individual's capital. It taxes gains property, tangible or intangible, his profit, if any and certain exceptions, is taxed as income for that tax year. In high-income brackets this tax is so steep as to amount to practical confiscation.

WHY THE SPECULATOR
This is naturally discouraging to the speculator who usually risk funds to launch new enterprises. Such risks are necessary. Without proof that a new business will be profitable, the public cannot honestly be invited to invest. The speculating investor loses, the public has been safeguarded. If he succeeds, he expects adequate rewards in the form of profits.

But with the Government taking as high as 75 per cent of earnings, the man who has capital to invest usually decides to play "safe" and put his funds into Government bonds. This strangles new business, retards expansion of business already in the way.

The other tax which is blamed for a share in the business recession is the undistributed profits tax, first written into the 1936 Revenue Act at the urgent insistence of the President. It provides that corporations earning profits in any year must distribute them to their stockholders as dividends in that year, instead of holding them as reserves or using them to expand or to pay off bonded debt. Corporations failing to make such distributions are taxed up to as high as 26 percent of the amount.

SOAKING THE "BAD BOYS"
The purpose of the undistributed profits tax was two-fold. In part it was designed to punish a few large corporations which had built up large reserves for future expansion, but whose controlling management had incurred the displeasure of the Administration. The economic justification was the assumption that, by paying out surpluses in dividends, the incomes of stockholders would be increased and could be taxed at higher rates, thus bringing additional revenue into the Treasury. It was estimated that this tax would produce \$800,000,000 a year of new revenues.

It not only has failed to produce anything like the anticipated revenue but, according to the hundreds of business men, industrialists, investors, bankers and economists who have appeared before the sub-committee of the House which is studying tax matters, the undistributed profits tax has proved a serious obstacle to business improvement and expansion. The way in which all business enterprises have developed in the past is by "plowing back" profits into the business, and the present tax penalties that

TODAY and TOMORROW

Power . . . to be reckoned

Organized Labor tested its political power in several local and municipal elections this month. The American Labor Party, in New York City, proved itself to hold the balance of power. It did not run its own candidate but endorsed the Republican candidate, Mayor F. H. LaGuardia, and elected him. Polling nearly half a million votes, the Labor Party could have elected the Democratic candidate.

In Detroit, where the C. I. O. ran its own third ticket on a platform calling for complete acceptance of the C. I. O.'s right to control work and wages in industry, Labor was badly defeated, though it cast more than 140,000 votes.

Those results were to be expected. Voters as a whole are not ready to turn over their municipal governments to out-and-out labor leaders. Political Labor's tactics, to be successful, will have to follow the line adopted in New York, at least for a time. But by demonstrating ability to muster a block of votes large enough to decide an election, Labor has increased its power to make politicians listen to its demands.

UNIONS . . . class vs. mass

The sudden rise of Labor to political power is due to the success of John L. Lewis in organizing unskilled workers and working groups previously unorganized on the "One Big Union" plan. The Federation of Labor is composed of craft unions, enlisting the skilled workers in distinct trades. The C. I. O. plan takes into one union everybody who works at any trade or no trade at all, in a given industry. The same idea was back of the "Wobblies," or Industrial Workers of the World, the labor movement which was making great headway before the World War. Under the Federation plan labor unions are a sort of aristocracy of skilled workers. Under the C. I. O. plan the unskilled rank and file are brought into fraternity with the most highly paid. The two organizations are bitterly fighting each other. I have no idea which will win or whether both can survive.

I am quite certain, however, that unless the Federation itself goes into politics, the C. I. O. will entrench itself in our political system by the power of its mass.

DANGER . . . from irresponsibility

The danger which many fear from the sudden political rise of Organized Labor is that there is no assurance that the rights and liberties of other than union members will be respected or protected, once Labor is in the saddle. I personally know many leaders in finance, business and industry, but I do not know one now living who can honestly call an enemy of Labor.

All recognize the right of workers to organize, to strike for higher pay or better working conditions, and to receive as high a proportion of the earnings of the concern they work for as the business will stand. But many recent activities of Organized Labor have savored so strongly of lawless disregard of the rights of everybody else and readiness to resort to violence to gain their ends, that the feeling is growing among thoughtful Americans that it is time for Labor organizations to assume responsibility which they now refuse to accept.

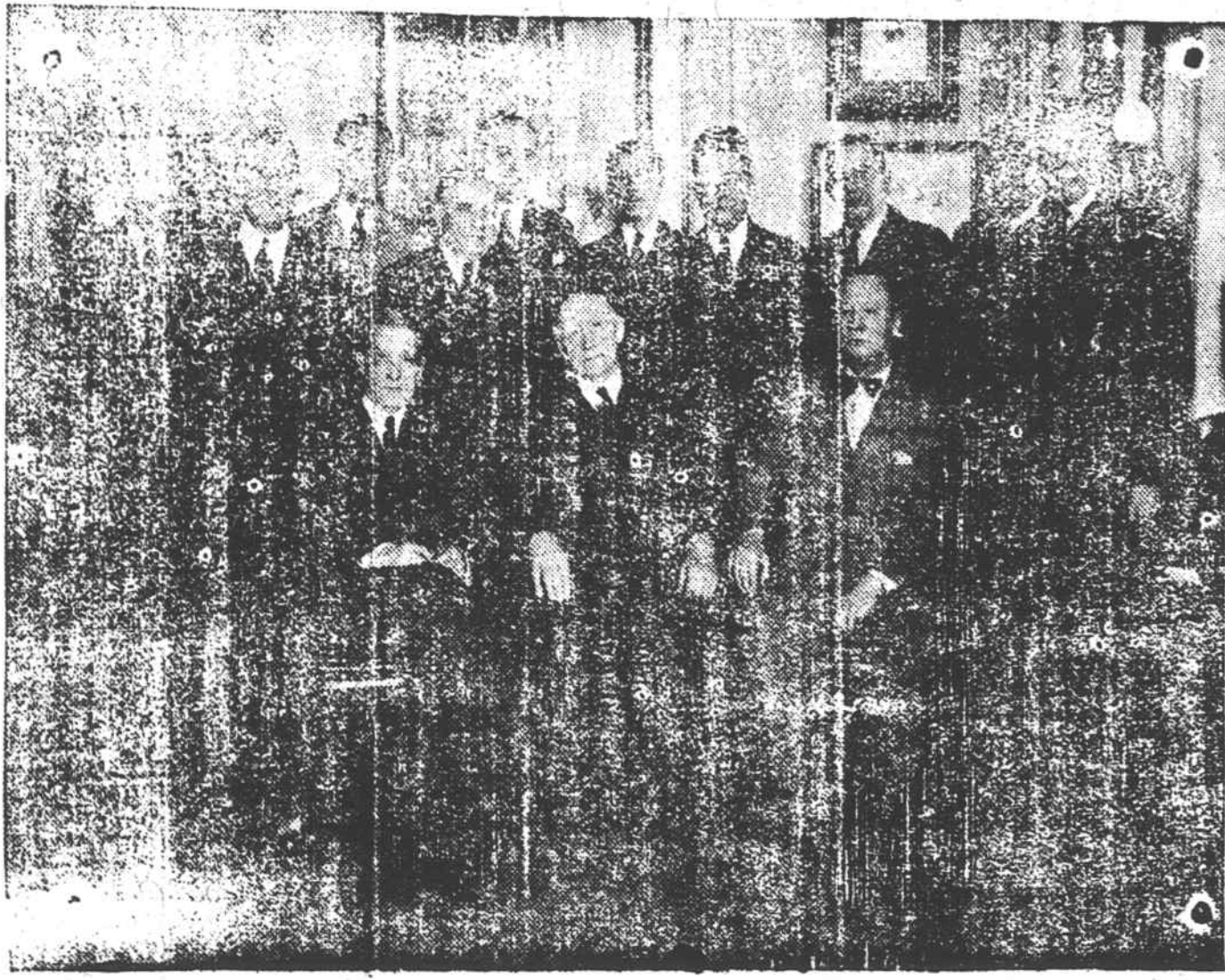
RULES . . . should be equal

In all other business affairs except the relations between organized workers and employers there is equal responsibility on both sides. If either party fails to carry out his part of a contract, there are well-established laws and practices to compel him to live up to his agreement or to pay a penalty. If an individual by his actions causes damage or loss to another's property or business he can be punished or made to pay for the damage done.

No such rules apply when one of the parties is a Labor organization. The employer, whether an individual or a corporation, can be held to his agreement. There is no redress if a union violates its agreements.

If Labor is to become a dominant force in politics it ought to be willing to stand on an even footing with

N. C. Delegation To Congress



Left to right: W. B. Umstead, Graham A. Barden, Harold D. C.oley, J. H. Kerr, J. W. Lambeth, J. Bayard Clark, Lindsey C. Warren, Frank Hancock, A. L. Bulwinkle, Zebulon Weaver.

Seated: J. W. Bailey, R. L. Doughton, R. R. Reynolds.

ALEX WHITTAKER DIES

Alex Whittaker, Railway man on the T & SE; died at his home in Sylva; yesterday after a long illness.

Settlemyre Reunion Sunday, Nov. 14, 1937

A gathering of the four Settlemyre brothers was held here today at the home of John Settlemyre, of Wilmot, John, Eli, Yancy and Nelson and their immediate families—Eli from California; Nelson of Knoxville; Yancy and John, of North Carolina. The meeting was the first time they had been intact for 43 years.

Mr. Eli Settlemyre after an absence 50 years, was surprised to note the development of Western Carolina. The Settlemyre brothers helped build the branch line of the Southern railway from Asheville to Murphy. Dinner was served to a crowd of 42.

Guests included Mrs. Harvey, of Knoxville; Mr. and Mrs. James Dorsey, of Asheville; Mrs. Ester Burgin and sister, of Asheville; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Settlemyre and baby, of Old Fort; Mr. David Settlemyre, of Old Fort; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hawkins and son, Billy, of Wilmot; and Roy, W. K., Eli, Vanney, their wives and children, and a few close friends of the family, including Fred Seigle, of West Virginia, and Fay Snyder, of Wilmot.

Rotarians Will Banquet Forest Officials Here

One and fifty people are expected to be here, Monday evening, at 7:00 o'clock, when the Rotary Clubs of Sylva, Waynesville, Bryson City, Franklin and Andrews will be hosts to the administrative officials of Pisgah and Nantahala National Forest areas. Besides these guests of honor, others who have been invited to be guests of the Rotarians are Ross Akens, director of the Smoky Mountains National Park and his assistants.

Joseph C. Kircher, director of the forestry service, of Atlanta, will be the principal speaker for the occasion. F. L. McKee, president of the local Rotary Club will preside, and Guy Houek, of Franklin, district Rotary Governor, will introduce the speaker.

The dinner will be served at the Community House, by the women of the community and the proceeds will be used for the benefits of the Community House. Mrs. J. Claude Allison is general chairman of arrangements and Mrs. D. M. Hallmis, chairman of the food committee; and has as her assistants Mrs. J. H. Wilson and Mrs. Dan Allison; Mrs. Grover Wilkes heads the decorations committee and other members are Mrs. J. D. Cowan and Mrs. W. K. Chapman; the table committee is composed of Mrs. W. T. Wise, chairman; Mrs. Phil Stovall, Mrs. M. B. Madison and Mrs. T. N. Messie.

Four Hundred Attend Safety Meet Tuesday

BALSAM

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Ashe announce the birth of a fine girl, Crystal Ann, Oct. 14th.

Mrs. Walter Clouse and baby of Gastonia, who have been visiting relatives here, left Monday for their home.

Mrs. George T. Knight and little Miss Georgia who were called to Hypoluxo, Fla., on account of the illness and death of Mrs. Knight's father, James W. Porter, returned home Wednesday.

She stopped over in Orlando and spent several days with her brother-in-law, Mr. John P. Knight and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Queen of Camden were visiting relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. Walter Hyatt, who has been very sick in the Waynesville hospital, returned home Saturday and is improving rapidly.

Mr. Elsie Ensley was badly burned last week while assisting Mr. Elbert Reece in killing a hog. When trying to put the hog in the scalding tub, his foot slipped into the water and was scalded to the knee.

Rev. J. C. Stokes, new pastor for Dellwood, Maple Grove, Elizabeth and Balsam, preached his first sermon in the Methodist church here Sunday afternoon. He was accompanied here by his wife and Mr. Campbell of Dellwood. His subject was "The Power of Jesus and the Wisdom of God."

BISHOP TO PREACH

Bishop Gribben will conduct services at the Episcopal church, in Sylva, Saturday night, at 7:30. The public is cordially invited.

High School To Present Play Tuesday Night

Sylva Central high school will present the play "A Kentucky Belle" next Tuesday evening, at 7:30 o'clock. The play being directed by Mrs. Chester Scott and the proceeds will be used to buy suits for the girls' basketball team. Admission will be 10 and 25 cents.

"Rambling Cowboys" To Be At Beta Friday Night

Cliff Carlisle and his "Rambling Cowboys" will give an entertainment at the Beta school house Friday night, at 7:30 o'clock. The play being directed by Mrs. Chester Scott and the proceeds will be used to buy suits for the girls' basketball team. Admission will be 10 and 25 cents.

SYLVA DEFEATS CANTON IN LAST GAME OF YEAR

Sylva's Golden Hurricane remains undefeated this season; having whipped Canton this afternoon, here, before a crowd of more than a thousand; by score of 19 to 7.

Red Cross Roll Call Is On

The annual roll call of the American Red Cross is now in progress in the county.

Dr. Grover Wilkes is general Red Cross chairman of the county. Mrs. M. B. Madison, is roll call chairman, Solicitors at various points in the county are: Cullowhee, Miss Alice Benton, Sylva, Mrs. J. H. Modlin, Mrs. Dan Moore, Miss Sue Allison; Webster, Mrs. Burch Allison, Dillsboro, Mrs. Wayne Terrell. The publicity chairman is Mrs. E. J. Duckett.

The quota for the county is \$200. Of this 50 cents in every dollar is retained and spent in this county.

Madison Opposes Liquor Petition

Nov. 16, 1937

Editor of The Journal:

I have been informed that a petition is being circulated asking the County Board of Elections to call an election to determine whether a majority of our voters favor the establishment of one or more liquor stores in this county. I fervently hope that the proponents of such an election will fail to get the required fifteen per cent of qualified voters to sign.

The liquor-store advocates are bound to know that the majority of our citizens will vote against their proposal; therefore the cost of the election would be a useless expense for the tax-payers. The people of this county and of this State (as a whole) have overwhelmingly voted dry every time a county-wide or State-wide election has been held.

But if such an election is called, I invoke against this further demoralizing agency the influence and efforts of all men and women who love their homes, their children, and the best interests of humanity.

Revenues from liquor stores do not reduce taxation. Tax-payers' burdens are never relieved by revenues from liquor sales; for the results of increased liquor consumption fill our jails and congest our court dockets, crowd hospitals, increase epileptics and lunatics, multiply orphans and dependent mothers, and lower or destroy men's earning ability. This consideration, however, deals only with the financial side. What of liquor's responsibility for the misery, degradation, ruined homes, tragedy, and despair all over our country?

In the name of high heaven, how will more liquor help our town and county, which is now flooded with beer, wine, and bootleg slop? Our people at large did not authorize beer or wine; its sale was forced upon us by politicians—some misguided and others unscrupulous—who misrepresented their constituents in our State legislature.

Let's get rid of the present liquor-licensing laws and prohibit liquor as we do murder or theft. Prohibition can be enforced as well as any other law.

R. L. MADISON

State Field P. T. A. Worker Will Speak Here Saturday

Mrs. Weaver Mann, State Parent-Teacher Association Field Worker will address the Parent-Teacher Association here, Saturday morning, at 10:00 o'clock, in the elementary school auditorium. Mrs. Mann will also conduct a round-table discussion of PTA work.

Mrs. David M. Hall, president of the local PTA urges every school in the county, regardless of weather it has a PTA organization, to send representatives to this meeting and also urges that every person who is interested in school work, attend.

C. G. Heffner is scoutmaster, Robert Brown, assistant scoutmaster, and John Buchanan, Eagle scout, Junior assistant.

The dinner will be served by the Woman's Club, of Cullowhee.

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