

# The Jackson County Journal

ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

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ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

## Congress Gives Thought To Relief Of Business

Washington, November 24 (Auto-News)—All branches of the Federal Government, Legislative, Executive and Judicial, are giving serious attention to the problem of how to relieve private business from the burden imposed by too much Government restriction and taxation. The sudden slump in business activity has come as a surprise to many Government officials and a shock to business men. For political reasons, no less than economic, it has alarmed those who are concerned with election results and who are keenly aware that the Congressmen stand for re-election less than a year. Something must be done before then to start the wheels of business and industry turning again.

### POWER COMPANIES ON SPOT

The problem of how Government help business has even reached the Supreme Court in one of its cases. In response to representations that the electric power companies were ready to spend several million dollars in extending and improving their service, provided Government would refrain from competition and in general ease up on restrictions which make capital about utilities investments, President Roosevelt said he would take such a course by Government owned power companies would adjust their rates in accordance with the actual investment in their plants. The practice of valuation utilities at what it would cost to build their plants, and basing rates upon the interest return on such investments, has been upheld by the Federal courts since 1889. But now the Supreme Court decisions, which would open the door for the President's attempt to cooperate with the power companies, and so put it up to them to make good on their assurance that they are ready to spend a lot of money and put a lot of men to work for the Government ease up on restrictions.

### CONGRESS WEIGHS BUSINESS "RELIEF"

As an aid to business and industry in general, Congress seems to be greatly impressed with the desirability of lessening the tax burden on corporations and on the earnings of private capital, to encourage wider investment and business expansion. It seems a safe prediction that some measure of relief will be enacted at this session of Congress, before it gets around to the first item on the President's program, farm relief. The belief of most experienced observers here is that it will be Congress, not the President, which will decide what to do first and how to do it.

### WORKERS' MONEY TO FINANCE WORK

Action by Congress is not needed to carry out a broad plan of cooperating with business and capital in trying to stimulate the building industry. There is already sufficient authority in the laws creating the Federal Housing Administration and Reconstruction Finance Corporation to enable the Administration to put into effect a plan of not only insuring loans by private capital to finance new building construction, but also making direct loans of Federal funds to organizations engaged in building projects. The latter plan under serious discussion is that the money collected in income taxes on the wages of workers, under the Social Security Act, instead of being mingled with the Treasury's general funds, should be earmarked for building loans. This would put money to work with money contributed by workers, and that seems to many persons here a just and equitable way to use the Social Security fund.

### LABOR SQUABBLE DISGUSTS CONGRESS

A strong reaction is noticeable in Congress against any plan for regulating hours and wages of labor by Federal law, unless the Labor organizations are prepared to quit their opposition to any legislation which would place them under

## Kircher Speaks At Forestry Banquet

Joseph C. Kircher, regional director of the National Forest Service, speaking before a dinner tendered the forestry service by the Sylva Rotary Club, Monday night, pictured Western North Carolina as the finest recreational center in the east. He traced the national forest movement from its infancy, and pointed out that it is to conserve water power and timber as well as to provide recreational facilities. He pointed out that during the year 285,000 trout have been placed in the national forest streams near here, and a hatchery established near Walhalla. Highway Commissioner E. L. McKee, president of the Rotary Club, presided at the meeting as toastmaster, Guy Houck, of Franklin, presented the principal speaker.

The dinner was served at the Community House by the women of Sylva. Music was by the Swing Time Band, led by Mrs. Helen Dillard. J. Dale Stentz, of Waynesville, led in singing, and invocation was by Rev. P. L. Elliott, of Cullowhee.

Robert O. White, of Administrative Staff of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, represented Superintendent W. Ross Eakin, who was unavoidably detained from being present.

Short talks were made by Verne Rhodes, and Reuben Robertson, Jr.

### BALSAM

Fred, fourteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gill Hoyle, fell from a tree Saturday and fractured his skull, cut his lip, broke out several teeth and broke one arm. He had climbed a tree to help his brother-in-law, Mr. Wayne Hyatt, put up a radio aerial. He said his hands became so cold that he could not hold to the limb any longer. He was taken immediately to the Waynesville hospital and is resting as well as could be expected.

Mrs. J. M. May of Hayesville visited her sister, Mrs. Sara Crawford, Sunday.

Mrs. George Bryson went to Waynesville Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Knight went to Waynesville Friday.

Mrs. R. L. Pearson, who has been visiting friends and relatives in Spartanburg and Greenville counties, S. C., returned home Monday.

We are having snow and very cold weather, mercury at 8 above, Sunday morning.

responsibility equal to that of employers. There are many indications that Congress is less inclined to one-sided Labor legislation, and somewhat disgusted over the quarrel between the two big Labor organizations, the Federation and the C. I. O. Both organizations have lost a great deal of their political prestige and influence in the past few months.

Much criticism is being levelled at the Secretary of Labor, Mme. Perkins, for her failure to reconcile the differences between the two wings of Organized Labor. Both any other system of government, she would be forced to resign. The personal friendship of Mrs. Roosevelt is believed to be a strong factor in her sides in the Labor controversy show so little confidence in her that, in retention in the Cabinet.

### BUDGET BALANCING A QUESTION

That the business recession will put a damper on any effort to reduce W. P. A. spending is taken for granted here. More men out of jobs means more relief expenditures. That will make it so much more difficult to balance the fiscal year 1939. The determination to do that is strong, both in the White House and on Capitol Hill. How it can be done is another question. It would require, keen analysts say, higher taxes and curtailment of Federal expenditures, in ways which would be politically risky.

The budget cannot be balanced unless the plan of increased cash subsidies to farmers is abandoned. New Federal power projects would have to be dropped, there could be no reduction of H. O. L. C. interest rates, and no great new projects for direct spending of Government funds. How far Congress and the President will see alike on specific curtailment of Federal spending is the question.

## Launch Drive For Uniforms For Golden Hurricane

By upsetting Canton High's previously undefeated team, here, last Thursday, Sylva High finished its season, as the only undefeated high school team in Western North Carolina.

In the most brilliant football game ever played in Sylva, and one of the fastest possible between high school teams, Sylva's victory of 19 to 7 over Canton, was witnessed by more than 1,000 people from various parts of Western North Carolina.

The entire Sylva team clicked like clock work, showing rare football aptitude and careful and intelligent coaching.

The game was the talk of the town, and of this section for days.

The Journal wishes to launch a movement for the raising of funds for the purpose of outfitting Sylva High's Golden Hurricane, with new golden suits, with which to start the season next year.

Now, while the interest is high is the time to make the contributions. Mr. Raymond Sutton has agreed to act as treasurer of the fund, and Cannon Brothers have started it off with a donation of \$25.00. Make all checks payable to R. U. Sutton, treasurer, and mail or deliver to him.

A good football team and a good coach are worthy of the support of the people. Sylva has both, as was demonstrated last Thursday and during the entire season.

### Whittiker Rites Held Thursday

Funeral services for Alex Whittiker, 56, who died at his home, last Wednesday, were conducted at East Sylva Baptist church, Thursday afternoon, by Rev. R. F. Mayberry. Interment was in the Keener cemetery.

Mr. Whittiker, who came here from Pardee, Va., 18 years ago, has been employed ever since as an engineer on the T. and S. E. Railway.

He is survived by his widow and six children, Mrs. Lawrence Monteith, Mrs. Charles Hurst, Roy, Lane, and Alex, Jr., all of Sylva, and Mrs. C. W. Fowler, of Columbia, Tenn.

Active pall bearers were Andy Edwards, H. A. Buchanan, R. V. Lee, William Paxton, Luther Parker, and William Ballew. Honorary, V. R. Riley, N. M. Davison, B. T. Ingles, B. B. Brown, R. B. Mikles, William Chester, Grady Smith, William Allen, and Dr. A. S. Nichols.

### POSTMASTER IS ILL

Postmaster Charles N. Price is ill at his home near Sylva. His friends wish for him a speedy recovery.

## TODAY and TOMORROW

### BRAZIL goes Fascist

The news that the new President of Brazil has promulgated a new Constitution which puts the power in the hands of the President and relegates the Brazilian Congress to the background is of interest to Americans because it seems to be the first definite establishment of a Fascist form of government in the Western Hemisphere. President Getulio Vargas refers to the new government as a "corporative state," which is exactly what Mussolini calls his Fascist government in Italy.

The importance of this leap of Fascism across the Atlantic at this time is what it may signify in the light of the close alliance of the Dictator-governed nations of the world. Italy and Germany have taken Japan into their alliance with the avowed purpose of opposing the spread of democracy. I have no idea how closely Brazil's new dictator is in league with those three powers, but that there is a tie is more than possible.

Italy, Germany, and Japan demand more of the earth than they have, for their surplus population. All of them have been planting colonies of their nationals in Brazil for years, particularly Germany. The United States is bound by the Monroe Doctrine to maintain the independence of the South American states. The Brazilian situation may make trouble for us.

### MONROE "hands off"

President James Monroe sounded his warning to Europe to keep hands off South America in 1823. In a message to Congress he wrote:

"The political system of the allied powers is essentially different from that of America... we should consider any attempt on their part to extend their system to any part of this hemisphere as dangerous to our peace and safety... The American people, by the free and independent condition which they have assumed and maintain, are henceforth not to be considered as subjects for future colonization by any European powers."

That doctrine was aimed at a different system of European government than exists today, and at an alliance far different from Fascism. But it has served as a "hands off" notice to the world for 114 years, has been maintained as the consistent policy of the United States and respected by the rest of the world.

If the present extension of a European system of government to Brazil has the backing of the Fascist states, or results in an alliance with them, it certainly will be up to our government to take notice and do something to protect and maintain our Monroe Doctrine.

## Sylva Streets Now Being Decorated For Christmas

### QUALLA

We read in the last Journal about the secondary "farm to market" roads being put in good condition. Well, this is fine and as it should be. But how about some of the third class "Farm to market" roads that have hardly had a decent working for perhaps forty years, or more. Wonder why?

It has been announced that there will be a baptizing in Soco Creek next Sunday afternoon.

Rev. McRae Crawford preached at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon. His text was "Watch and Pray lest ye enter into temptation." Several visitors were present. He was guest at Mr. J. K. Terrell's Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Shelton were guests at Mr. P. H. Ferguson's Sunday.

Mr. Clyde Marcus and family of Ela were Qualla visitors Sunday.

Rev. Ben Cook, Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Hyatt, Mrs. P. H. Ferguson and Mrs. C. P. Shelton called on Mrs. J. H. Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Battle visited Mrs. D. C. Hughes.

Miss Lillian Ferguson was guest of Miss Alma Freeman Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Terrell visited at Mr. H. G. Ferguson's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bird, of Cullowhee, visited at Mr. H. G. Bird's.

Mr. W. E. Bird, of Cullowhee, stopped at his Qualla farm Saturday.

### EMPIRE of Brazil

At one time, Brazil was still under a monarchy. Many now living can recall seeing the last Emperor of Brazil, Don Pedro II, at the Centennial of 1876 in Philadelphia. He was a tall, handsome old man with the longest, thickest white beard ever seen. He was a good ruler, but the people of Brazil took the government into their own hands in 1889 and demanded his resignation. They adopted a constitution almost an exact copy of ours, with 20 provinces federated as the United States of Brazil.

Simon Bolivar, "The Liberator," had successfully incited the Spanish colonies of South America to declare their independence half a century earlier. Brazil, being Portuguese instead of Spanish, did not come under Bolivar's influence and was quite content to be ruled by a member of the Portuguese royal House of Braganza.

Indeed, Rio de Janeiro was for a short time the actual capital of Portugal, when the events of the Napoleonic wars forced Don John VI, the Portuguese emperor, to move himself and the royal court across the Atlantic in 1808. Brazil's history is indeed curious and colorful.

By the first of next week Sylva will be beautifully decorated in holiday attire, for the Christmas season, for the first time in its history. Beginning with two trees, one on each side of the street at the Scott's Creek bridge, and culminating with a large tree at the Memorial Fountain, and a bright star on top of the courthouse, Main street will be strung with varicolored lights.

It is hoped, by the Chamber of Commerce, which organization is sponsoring the Christmas decorations, that Sylva will be the most beautifully decorated town in Western North Carolina. The lights will extend from the bridge to the Poinsett hotel, at Walnut street. The Dillsboro and Sylva Electric Light Company will donate the electricity for the Christmas decorations, the officials of the county, including all departments, will have the star placed on top of the State of Justice on the Court House, and the following firms and individuals have made possible the installation of the lights, and the erection of the trees:

Cannon Brothers, Economy Auto Parts, Hooper Motor Company, Standard Service Station, Allison Motor Company, Dr. W. P. McGuire, Mashburn's Shoe Shop, Sylva Supply Company, Blue Ribbon Shoe Shop, Coca Cola Bottling Company, Raymond Glenn, Sylva Billiard Club, Moore's Cleaners, W. H. Smith, Sylva Laundry, Pay and Take, Jackson County Journal, Jackson County Bank, Velt's Cafe, Army Store, Print Shop, Jackson Hardware Company, Builders' Supply and Lumber Co., Lyric Theatre, Hale's Stovall's 5c, 10c and 25c Store, Jackson Furniture Company, Stovall's Cafe, Masei Furniture Co., Carolina Hotel, Cogdill Motor Co., Joines Motor Co., H. Stein, Jackson Motor Co., C. C. Buchanan, Dr. Grover Wilkes, Moody's Funeral Home, E. P. Stillwell, Dan K. Moore, Dr. W. K. Chapman, Sylva Pharmacy, Schulmann's Department Store, Dave Karp's Department Store, The Leader, Clouse and Warren.

It is the hope of the Chamber of Commerce that the people will cooperate in decorating the town, by lighting their homes and lawns with Christmas lights. A prize will be awarded for the best decorated lawn in town. Workmen are now busy preparing to string the street lights, and it is believed that they will be ready to be switched on, Monday night.

### MRS. WILKES RECOVERING FROM SPRAINED ANKLE

Friends of Mrs. Grover Wilkes will be glad to learn that she is out again, after having been confined to the house for a week, on account of a sprained ankle. Mrs. Wilkes slipped on a floor in her home and sprained her ankle.

### ECONOMICS the reason

At the bottom of the Brazilian dictatorship is the low economic state into which the country has fallen. Probably the richest agricultural territory in the whole world, Brazil has few of the mineral resources found elsewhere in South America, but prospered for many years by building up almost a world monopoly of coffee-growing.

Brazil's coffee "valorization" plan is the oldest and until lately the most successful scheme of governmental crop control and state subsidized agriculture in the world. By limiting planting, burning up surplus coffee and controlling exports the Brazilian government was able to feed coffee into the world markets in doses measured by the demand, at highly profitable prices; but if other nations tried to market coffee Brazil could, and did, undersell them and practically ruin their coffee-planters.

The collapse of Brazil's coffee-valorization system, due to the world's reducing purchasing power and the government's inability to borrow money enough to pay its debts on the security of warehoused coffee, broke the world's coffee market in October. The financial panic and unemployment that followed was the excuse behind President Vargas' seizure of dictatorial power.

### PEOPLE seek leader

Progressive, courageous, independent and intelligent as are the Portuguese people, in Brazil the old Portuguese stock is very thinly diluted. The government of Brazil, therefore, while nominally a democracy, has been since 1889 a government by a

