

The Jackson County Journal

ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

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ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

January 20 (Auto-forecast) It is far too early to forecast what this session of Congress will do in general, or the outcome of particular measures pending or proposed. The developments of the first few days of the session point clearly, in the opinion of most experienced observers, toward certain lines of Administration policy upon which, it is likely, there will be rather general agreement in Congress.

In general, the new policy of the Administration is to play much closer to business than it has heretofore, and to return to economic principles which were discarded in the extravagant days of the New Deal. It is part of the play to do this without sacrificing any of the policies which were discarded in the New Deal, but to return to economic principles which were discarded in the New Deal.

Starting Sheep From Goats

The President drew a sharp distinction between the honest 90 percent of business men and the 10 percent of "big business" which, he believes, needs curbing in the public interest. The "good" element in business should be relieved of too much economic pressure of taxation, he believes, while the monopolistic tendencies and practices of "big business" should be thoroughly investigated, and checked by such new legislation as may be necessary.

At the meantime, honest capital should be encouraged to invest in a building program with a fair degree of profit, and industry should be encouraged to greater production and employment.

At the same time the President issued a warning to Labor against monopolistic tendencies and illegal practices. That was calculated to allay many of the fears of capital industry, which have been doubted how far the Administration was committed to support of high-wage Labor policies enforced by Congress.

Yearly Instead of Hourly Wage

Many observers point out that the President's suggestion that there should be a readjustment of the whole scheme of compensation for labor, toward the eventual establishment of a yearly wage instead of the present hourly wage, and his other recommendations, are in the nature of a return to the economic policies proposed in the beginning of President Roosevelt's first Administration by Professor O. M. W. Sprague, the Harvard economist who was called to the Administration councils from the post he had held for many years of economic adviser to the Bank of England. Professor Sprague and Mr. Under-secretary of the Treasury, Acheson, who was Mr. Roosevelt's first Under-secretary of the Treasury, split with the President in the fall of 1933, in disagreement with the New Deal policies and especially the N. R. A. and both resigned.

Sprague, Acheson Vindicated

Both Mr. Sprague and Mr. Acheson maintained the view that there was no single remedy for economic ills and events have proved them right. Dr. Sprague was especially insistent in his behalf that no tinkering with the currency on any scheme of managed money would do the trick. He proposed going at the root of the nations troubles, one thing at a time. He advocated a building program, starting with an attack on prices of materials through anti-trust acts, if necessary, and the use of all Government influence. He included among his recommendations that labor in the building trades be encouraged to recede from its stand for a high hourly wage, in short, a program of lower prices and normal production.

Those precise proposals were made by the President in his message to Congress, which shrewd observers have evidence of the ultimate triumph of Professor Sprague's economic ideas, in which Mr. Acheson took a part at the cost of his job. It was Mr. Acheson's idea that people and corporations in financial trouble should be encouraged to "go through the wringer," by recourse to bankruptcy and a fresh start.

Administration Holds to Policy

It should not be imagined, however, that the present return of the Administration to those earlier ideas of economics, means that all of the ideas of the ardent New Dealers have been abandoned. On the contrary, a new

TODAY and TOMORROW

MAN 2,000,000 years old

"How old is Man?" That is a question which has been puzzling men of science and religious teachers from the beginning of human thought. A hundred years ago Bishop Usher calculated, from the Bible story, that Man was created 4,004 years before the birth of Christ, and that is the figure which literal believers in the Bible still hold to.

Scientific research, however, indicates that Man is a product of millions of years of evolution. The Biblical account of the Creation is true, scientists hold, only in the broad sense that events happened in the order named in Genesis, with Man as the last finished product. But instead of occurring in seven days, the accepted belief of science is that it took nearer seven thousand million years to create the Earth and make it ready for Mankind's occupancy.

The latest conclusion of science, reported to the American Archeological Association by Dr. N. C. Nelson of the American Museum of Natural History, is that Man, as a thinking, tool-using animal, has been on earth for about two million years.

AIR its composition

"What is air?" That is another scientific question which concerns all of us. Man can live only in an atmosphere adapted to breathing. Science puts it another way. Man is what he is because he is an animal which developed after the contents of the earth's atmosphere became finally settled.

Air is primarily oxygen, diluted with five times its bulk of nitrogen. That has been known for hundreds of years. But research has found small quantities of many other gases in the air, all of which are necessary to the maintenance of life. Helium, neon and argon are the best known of these. They can be extracted from air and used for commercial purposes.

The latest discovery about the air is that it contains a complex gas which scientists call nitrogen pentoxide. The function of this gas seems to be to filter the dangerous ultra-violet rays of the sun, which would make life impossible if they were not toned down.

BRIDGE Bering Straits

"Where did Man first live?" is another question on which a great amount of scientific research has been done. The general agreement among scientists is that Man first appeared in Central or Western Asia, in the general region where the Biblical Garden of Eden was located.

It now seems probable that not only Man but all other forms of animal life started in Asia, and spread over the rest of the world by routes which were afterwards closed. Dr. Ralph W. Cheney of the Carnegie Institution of Washington working with Hsen-Hsu Hu, a Chinese scientist, has found evidence that up to about 15 million years ago the continents of Asia and America were connected by a strip of land, so that migration from one side of the globe to the other was easy. Aleutian Islands are the mountain-tops of this ancient bridge across Bering Strait.

After the bridge disappeared, animal life developed in America along different lines from the rest of the world.

FAMILIES better grade

The problem of improving the human stock has been getting a great deal of attention from scientists lately. The first direct application of science to Man has enormously diminished human suffering and waste of human resources, and science is now beginning to work on the problem of changing human qualities and improving human environment.

"A gradually improving stock is necessary if we are to take full advantage of the possibilities of a gradually improving environment," Frederick Osborn told the American Association for the Advancement of Science the other day.

Mr. Osborn pointed out that the first step would be to discover why some people have large families and others small families, and changing social conditions to encourage larger families among the higher grades of human beings. That would be another step toward the perfect world.

WAR and youth

A couple of years ago a group of students at Oxford University, England met and issued a proclamation declaring that none of them would ever go to war, no matter what danger threatened their country. Nobody in England took their decla-

\$20,000 In Improvement Work Started at Tannery

Funeral Services Held Tuesday For Haynes Ensley

Funeral services for Haynes Ensley, 41, who died in the hospital here, Monday at noon from a shot-gun wound, said to have been self-inflicted earlier in the day, were conducted Tuesday afternoon at Scott's Creek Baptist church by Rev. Thad F. Deitz, the pastor, and Rev. W. N. Cook, and Rev. R. F. Mayberry.

Interment was in Old Field cemetery. Mr. Ensley had been in ill health for a few weeks. No one was at home at the time of the tragedy except the cook and Mr. Ensley's oldest son, Olin. Mr. Ensley is survived by seven children, Miss Helen Ensley, Olin, Mildred, Logan, Mack, Arbra Sue and Bobby Nell, by four sisters, Mrs. Dock Harris and Mrs. William Cook, of Sylva, Mrs. Harlowe Kitchen, of Montecano, Wash., and Mrs. Arthur Hooper, of Longview, Wash., by two brothers, Smith Ensley, of Olympia, Wash., and Spurgeon Ensley, of Montecano, Wash., and by a host of other relatives.

A \$20,000 improvement and expansion program was launched by the Armour Leather Company, at its Sylva plant, this morning, when eighteen men, under direction of W. E. Barton, of Williamsport, Pa., began tearing away old buildings, preparatory to the erection of new.

The leach house will be entirely rebuilt, as will a new machine shop, carpenter shop, and store house. The new leach house will occupy the site of the present one, and the new machine shop will stand on the site of the present boiler room, according to W. T. Wise, superintendent of the tannery.

Mr. Wise stated also that a monorail system, for the transportation of hides, from one part of the plant to another, will be installed.

The work will take at least three months to complete, it is understood, and additions to the crew of workmen will be made from time to time, as they are needed.

Postoffice Will Become Second Class First Of July

Wade West Dies Of Wreck Injuries

Wade West, 22, of Franklin, an enrollee in the CCC camp at Smoke-mont, who was injured in a truck accident Saturday night near Bryson City, died in the C. J. Harris Community hospital here Monday morning at 5:30 o'clock.

Young West suffered a fracture of the spine when the truck, in which four enrollees were riding en route to Smoke-mont from Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., overturned down an embankment when the wheels skidded on ice. The accident occurred about a mile west of Bryson City.

The death of West brought to two the fatalities that resulted from the accident. Robert Jennings was killed when the truck plunged over the 75-foot embankment. The body of Jennings was sent Sunday to Sardis, Miss., his home, for funeral services and burial.

West and Jennings were riding in the rear of the truck at the time of the accident. Neither the driver George H. Manning, of Bean Station, Tenn., nor Thomas Goge, who was in the cab with him, was injured.

Funeral services for West will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Franklin Baptist church. The pastor, the Rev. W. B. Underwood, will officiate. Burial will be in the Franklin cemetery.

West was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles West, of Franklin. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Mann Ray and Miss Estelle West, both of Franklin, and two brothers, Ralph, of Shelby, and Ted, an enrollee in the CCC camp at Smoke-mont.

The Sylva postoffice will become a second class office at the beginning of the fiscal year, on July 1, according to Postmaster Charles N. Price.

The class of a postoffice is dependent upon receipts from sales of stamps, and stamp sales here last year were more than 10 per cent in excess of the previous year.

Thus Sylva postoffice automatically steps up from third class to second class at the beginning of the next fiscal year, and will probably remain a second class office, until, sometime in the future it moves into the first class.

Whittier postoffice also stepped up a notch from fourth to third class, according to Postmaster Price.

All employees in the Sylva office will go under the civil service at the beginning of the year, and will remain in civil service so long as the office holds its present status as a second class office.

QUALLA

(By Mrs. J. K. Terrell)

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Wiggins was buried in Thomas Cemetery January 12th. Rev. J. L. Hyatt conducted the service.

The family of Mrs. Ottmar Roehm wish to express their sincere thanks to everyone, who helped them in any way during her sickness, death and burial.

Rev. McRae Crawford preached a good sermon Sunday afternoon from the text: "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work."

Mrs. R. E. Owen and children have returned to their home near Waynesville after a visit with relatives.

Mrs. Laura Snyder is spending a while with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Snyder at Savannah, Ga.

Miss Hester Owen has been visiting relatives in Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Snyder and Mr. Ottmar Roehm have moved to Hayesville.

Mrs. Fred Sutton, Mrs. Chas. Worley, Mrs. Weaver Freeman, Mrs. W. C. Callahan and Mrs. Melvin Reagan visited school Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Oxner called on Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Shuler Sunday afternoon.

Miss Annie Lizzie Terrell was guest of Miss Getrude Ferguson Sunday.

Mr. George Sorrells, of Clay Co., visited at Mr. W. H. Oxner's last week.

BALSAM

(By Mrs. D. T. Knight)

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hyatt entertained some of their friends at Balsam Hotel Saturday evening. They had music and played various games. Refreshments, consisting of chicken and dumplings, and oysters, etc., were served.

Those present were: Misses Virginia and Isabel Coward, Willa Mae Hyatt, Mrs. George Bryson, Messrs. Junior and Richard Bryson, Gene Brooks, Frank Bryson, Roy Underwood, Louis Green, Charles Beck, Jack Arrington, Vernon and Dewey Bryson, Willis Beck, Willard Burns, Fred and William Coward.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Baines, of Hazelwood, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Crawford.

We had more snow Wednesday, Friday and Sunday morning.

A crew of Western Union men are here repairing wires, poles, etc. Some of the men and their wives are having to board in Waynesville because there is no hotel or boarding house open here at this season of the year. Balsam needs a hotel open all the year. Every few weeks we turn people away for lack of room.

Jury Drawn For February Court

The jury commission of Jackson county, composed of R. U. Sutton, H. H. Bryson, and Dillard Coward, has drawn the following citizens to serve as jurors for the February term of court, which begins on the 21st:

FIRST WEEK

Thornton Cabe, Claude Parker, S. C. Cogdill, J. E. Norman, Terrell Carnes, Q. W. Middleton, S. J. Owens, Lee Fisher, W. H. Conley, J. R. Stephens, T. B. Gunter, J. T. Jones, J. P. Stovall, P. H. Ferguson, C. W. Dills, Robert Cotter, P. C. Buchanan, M. Y. Jarrett, Will McConnell, T. J. Powell, Jim L. Price, J. T. Dillard, John E. Hooper, B. A. Beck, J. R. Woody, Mitchell Melton, A. C. Edwards, H. J. Beasley, H. P. Cathey, J. V. Lovedahl, Carl Allman, Floyd Sumner, Boon Bryson, Herschel W. Ashe, J. Harrison Bradley, R. V. Bumgarner, W. H. Cowan, Roy C. Allison, George Brown, Baxter Matthews, Douglas Bradley, J. B. Parriss.

SECOND WEEK

Everett Smith, M. J. Henry, G. F. Wood, J. D. Shuler, J. R. Long, Sam T. Crisp, E. M. Lloyd, L. M. Sherrill, B. E. Harris, D. H. Stephens, W. A. Watson, C. C. Jones, C. P. Dillard, Frank Bryson, L. A. Parker, Ed Middleton, Allen Sutton, E. G. Lombard, Perry C. Blanton, W. C. Jennings, S. M. Parker, J. C. Bryson, N. C. Brown.

Mack Hooper To Be on Emory Program

Atlanta, Jan. 19.—Charles M. Hooper, of Sylva, will be among the eighteen North Carolina students taking part in Emory university's annual Charter Day celebration on January 25.

This event will mark the 22nd anniversary of the founding of the present university and the 101st anniversary of Emory college.

Charles is enrolled as a freshman in the medical school and is a member of the Theta Kappa Psi medical fraternity.

Emory has attracted 2,000 students from 26 states and five foreign countries this quarter, according to a recent survey of the university register. Sixteen North Carolina towns and cities are represented.

Credit Union Elects Officers

The Credit Union of the Sylva Paperboard Company employees elected C. E. Smith, as president, on January 12.

Other officers are: J. H. Deitz, vice president; Lee Henson, secretary-treasurer. Directors, Geo. L. Painter, W. G. Womack, Floyd Sumner, John C. Brown. Loan committee, R. U. Sutton, W. B. Styles, and C. A. Crawford.

Sylva Couple Married 67 Years

Mr. and Mrs. John Baxter Watson, who reside on the Cullowhee Road, celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary on December 30th.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson, affectionately known as "Uncle John and Aunt Rhoda", were married at John's Creek, on December 30, 1870, by Esquire Levi Brown. Mrs. Watson was, before her marriage, Miss Rhoda Barker. Mr. Watson is 87 and Mrs. Watson 84 years of age. They have four living children, Mrs. R. A. Painter and Mr. L. M. Watson, of Sylva; Mrs. John Phillips, of Canton; and Mr. Etta Watson, of Pantego.

They also have a number of grandchildren and great-grand children.

Ira Barker Has Stroke

Sylva's apple man, Ira Barker, suffered a stroke of paralysis, last week, at his home in Green's Creek town-ship.

Mr. Barker has for year peddled apples on the streets of Sylva, and is known to practically everybody in the county.

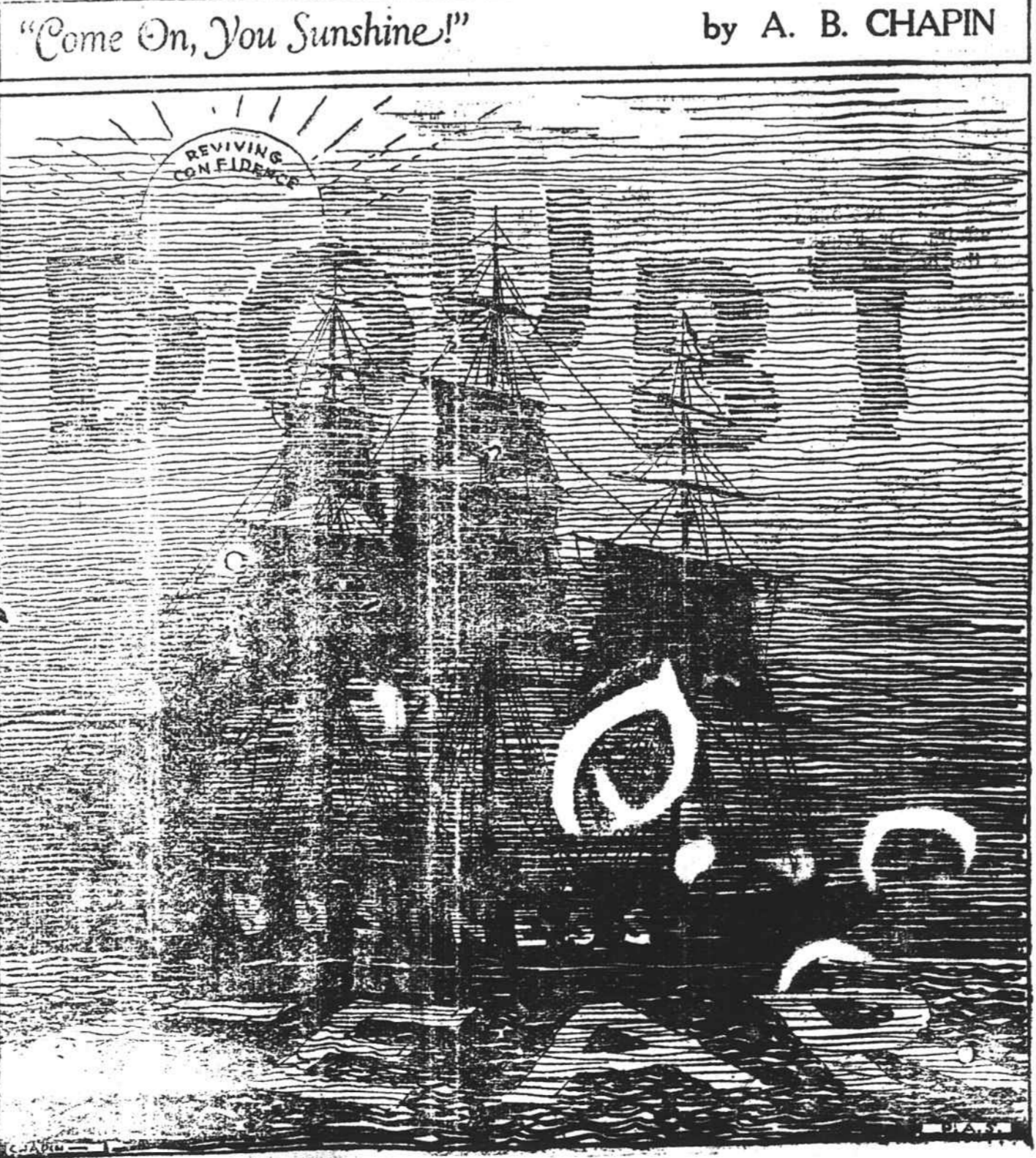
Mr. Barker died, early this morning. Funeral and interments will be Friday morning at 11 o'clock.

James Cabe Dies

James Cabe, elderly resident of the Savannah section of the county, died at his home, Sunday. Funeral services were held Monday.

Mrs. Evans Is Member Of National Fraternity

Mrs. Mamie Sue Evans was in Raleigh last week attending the annual extension conference at State College. Having completed ten years of service, Mrs. Evans was admitted as a member of the national extension fraternity, Epsilon Sigma Phil.



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