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County Participation Proves Great Fallacy

(By Dan Tompkins)

Raleigh, January 31.—The idea of county participation in this, that, and other State purposes is one of the things that is keeping the tax rates in poorer counties of the State; that is not checked, will soon raise rates back to where they were before the big cuts in ad valorem taxes were made in 1931 and

does it keep the tax rates in lands in those counties that are able to pay but it also takes the benefits of the various projects in the counties where the tax rates are high below those in the counties with the low tax rates. It is hard to call the entire thing a fallacy because you would be surprised to find how many of these calls for participation there are in the State laws. Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children, for the Blind, Vocational Training, Forest Fire Prevention, Sanitation, all through the State, set up the insidious thing of county participation shows its

comes to Vocational Education, the county-parish plan would raise a large sum of money for this laudable purpose, at the same time it is a burden in the faces of the people in the weaker counties, an additional tax burden on lands in those counties, the tax rate is already too high in those weaker counties, forced to pay, in sales taxes, a part of the vocational fund; but the benefits go to the big counties with

the general assembly's edicts of a State-wide school system, a State-wide highway system, with equal support in the weaker counties, in the matter of the State Education plan, under the State plan, an appeal would most assuredly be made that ideal, in so far as the weaker counties are concerned, the same general treatment, or that effort to stem it, or that effort in the House by Representative Tompkins, regarding the Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children, and Aid to the Blind, which would mean the tax rate for county participation in those objects of Social Security ranges from 3.9 cents on one hundred valuation of property, up and into 20c on the one hundred dollars and above. It is true that the payments to the old and the children in the counties with high taxes for the purpose were much lower, than in the counties paying the low tax rate. If that Mr. Tompkins proposes to prevent the tax rate from being higher than 10c in any county, Social Security, would require the tax rate to be uniform and would mean the taxes in the weaker counties, and increase the pension for the old people. It is proposed in the bill that the equalizing of Social Security be increased to take care of the lower tax rate and the increase in the

State's checks. The bill, requiring that preference be given to veterans in employment by the State, its institutions, departments and their agents has passed both houses and is now the law. It applies to all veterans; both World War and Spanish American War, and their wives and the wives of disabled veterans. It was one of the State-wide bills of any importance to be introduced, and was one of the first to be ratified. Having heard every department and institution of the State Government, the folks who spend the tax money, as to their needs; and having the butcher, the baker, and the candle stick maker, the folks who pay the taxes, as their inability to pay any more, the two money committees of House and Senate, Finance Appropriations have gotten down to the consideration of the bills which will collect and spend the money for the next two years. The Appropriations recommendations, as set out by the Advisory Budget Commission, contemplate that it will spend five million dollars more in the State's business next year than was appropriated for this, and to meet this deficiency, there is the bill to dip deeper into the gas tax money and take it from the highway funds and put it into the

Mrs. W. J. Fisher Died Last Friday

Mrs. William J. Fisher died at her home near Beta last Friday after an illness of pneumonia. Funeral services were conducted at Scott's Creek Baptist church on Sunday afternoon by Rev. T. F. Deitz, pastor of the church, and interment was in Old Field cemetery.

Mrs. Fisher is survived by her husband.

Rotary Club Entertains Rotary Anns

The Sylva Rotary Club observed Ladies' Night on Tuesday evening the meeting being held in the social room of the Cullowhee Methodist church. The room was attractively decorated for the occasion, a color scheme of blue, silver and white being effectively used.

Mr. Clarence Walker, of Asheville was the speaker of the evening. Dean W. E. Bird, of Western Carolina Teachers' College, was toastmaster. A bountiful dinner was served, by the Cullowhee Methodist Missionary society.

About sixty people attended the affair.

Specialist Will Attend Jackson Clubs

Miss Pauline Gordon, Extension Specialist in Home Management and House Furnishing, will give a series of demonstrations in the county next week on Kitchen Equipment. She will use a film strip to illustrate her lecture. The meetings are scheduled at 2 o'clock each afternoon. The Sylva Club will meet with Mrs. M. B. Madison Monday, February 6, at Cullowhee-Sylva, with Mrs. J. J. Ammon, Tuesday, Feb. 7, at Asheville. Mrs. L. J. Jones, Wednesday, Feb. 8, at Sylva. Mrs. W. E. Bird, Thursday, Feb. 9, at Sylva. Mrs. W. E. Bird, Friday, Feb. 10, at Sylva. Mrs. W. E. Bird, Saturday, Feb. 11, at Sylva. Mrs. W. E. Bird, Sunday, Feb. 12, at Sylva. Mrs. W. E. Bird, Monday, Feb. 13, at Sylva. Mrs. W. E. Bird, Tuesday, Feb. 14, at Sylva. Mrs. W. E. Bird, Wednesday, Feb. 15, at Sylva. Mrs. W. E. Bird, Thursday, Feb. 16, at Sylva. Mrs. W. E. Bird, Friday, Feb. 17, at Sylva. Mrs. W. E. Bird, Saturday, Feb. 18, at Sylva. Mrs. W. E. Bird, Sunday, Feb. 19, at Sylva. Mrs. W. E. Bird, Monday, Feb. 20, at Sylva. Mrs. W. E. Bird, Tuesday, Feb. 21, at Sylva. Mrs. W. E. Bird, Wednesday, Feb. 22, at Sylva. Mrs. W. E. Bird, Thursday, Feb. 23, at Sylva. Mrs. W. E. Bird, Friday, Feb. 24, at Sylva. Mrs. W. E. Bird, Saturday, Feb. 25, at Sylva. Mrs. W. E. Bird, Sunday, Feb. 26, at Sylva. Mrs. W. E. Bird, Monday, Feb. 27, at Sylva. Mrs. W. E. Bird, Tuesday, Feb. 28, at Sylva. Mrs. W. E. Bird, Wednesday, Feb. 29, at Sylva. Mrs. W. E. Bird, Thursday, Feb. 30, at Sylva. Mrs. W. E. Bird, Friday, Feb. 31, at Sylva.

general fund. There is a big fight which will not be finished until the revenue bill has finally passed both houses, for it is certain that no matter what course the Finance Committee will take, the other side will fight clear on through both houses. The real question is as to where the money is needed the worst, whether in the public schools or on the roads. In other words, whether the teachers will get it, or the highway engineers will spend it.

Just where the fight will conclude and the General Assembly pack its bag and go home, is a problem. Following the recommendations of the Budget Commission, and this will probably be a short session. Refuse to use gasoline money for the schools and other general State purposes and the members will be in Raleigh still trying to find five million dollars, when the folks back home are hoeing corn.

After all, it is every cent the State's money, and the real question, regardless of how the waters may be muddied, is where the money is needed to be spent the worst, or as to where its expenditure brings the greatest good to the greatest number.

It was brought out in Appropriations Committee the other day that if the General Assembly should decide to add grade number twelve in the public school system, it would not all be done at once; but the school people would make the addition gradually, as money was available, and conditions permitted. In other words the big counties would get their 12th grade before the rest of us, and maybe a long time before. It wasn't said, but it is very probable, the matter of county participation would be injected in the school system at this point, as it has in vocational education and elsewhere.

Would Abolish Aberrant Votes? The representative from Sylva, Tom Bryson, from the State, has introduced this to abolish the aberrant voting laws in their counties. These bills all went to the Committee on Election Laws, which is striving to draft a bill that will leave the valuable provisions of the law intact, and do away with the charges of fraud and corruption that have been rampant in the State.

Superlatives Are Named By Webster High School

Webster, Jan. 28.—The senior class of the Webster high school has selected its superlatives. They are:

Prettiest girl, Edna Frizzell; best looking boy, Winston Cabe; sweetest girl, Nan Buchanan; sweetest boy, Robert Lominac; quietest girl, Lucille Frizzell; quietest boy, O. M. Blanton; neatest girl, Gladys Ashe; neatest boy, Richard Morgan; best all-around girl, Ulah Buchanan; best all-around boy, Winston Cabe; cutest boy, J. D. Morgan; laziest girl, Pauline Alexander; laziest boy, Lyle Jones; man-hater, Helen Frizzell; woman-hater, Wayne Buchanan; office boy, Robert Lominac; teachers' pet, Ulah Buchanan; eighthawk, Faye Turpin; wittiest, Doris Jones; wittiest boy, Leo Cowan; best sport girl, Gladys Ashe; best sport boy, Winston Cabe.

Most dignified girl, Lavenia Rogers; most dignified boy, Richard Morgan; most religious girl, Geneva Hunter; most religious boy, Wayne Buchanan; most studious girl, Helen Frizzell; most studious boy, James Potts; most conceited girl, Lavenia Rogers; most conceited boy, Leo Cowan; most polite girl, Hiwatha Bryson; most polite boy, Roy Buchanan; most athletic girl, Ulah Buchanan; most athletic boy, J. D. Morgan; most popular girl, Marie Barron; most popular boy, Roy Buchanan; most musical girl, Velma Buchanan; most musical boy, O. M. Blanton; best natured girl, Edna Owens; best natured boy, James Potts.

Class baby, Wilma Turpin; class monkey, Leo Cowan; class tomboy, Edna Cabe; class sissy, Roy Buchanan; class flirt, girl, Marie Barron; class flirt, boy, Roy Buchanan; class poet, Doris Jones; class artist, Leo Cowan; class actress, Ruth Buchanan; class actor, Leo Cowan; loudest girl, Wilma Turpin; loudest boy, Leo Cowan; class song bird, Marie Barron; class Romeo, Richard Morgan.

The seniors also selected Mrs. D. D. Jones as sponsor. The class officers are: Class president, Leo Cowan; class secretary, Edna Owens; class treasurer, Leo Cowan.

The class motto is: "Where there is a will, there is a way."

Missing Negro Found In River

Eff Lackey, 34 year old Negro, missing since Monday, January 15, was found Thursday afternoon, Jan. 19, in the Tuckasee river, near Webster. Lackey's neck had been broken and officers arrested and lodged in jail Tom Bryson, Webster Negro upon suspicion of being implicated in the death of Lackey.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Hal Keener, on Friday, January 13, a son, who has been named Hal, Jr.

Brother Of Mrs. F. A. Brown Passes

Mr. Mark M. Bowen died at his home in Hendersonville, Wednesday afternoon and was buried at 3:30 this afternoon with funeral services being conducted at the First Baptist church in Hendersonville. Burial was in Oakdale cemetery in Hendersonville.

Mr. Bowen, who was 82 years of age, was a brother of Mrs. F. A. Brown and had been, during his active life time, connected with newspapers in Western North Carolina. He was at one time a resident of Sylva, and was with The Journal. He had been in ill health for several months.

Applications For Crop And Feed Loans Now Being Received

Applications for emergency crop and feed for 1939 are now being received at Court House, S. S. Williams, Field Supervisor of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Section of the Farm Credit Administration.

The loans will be made, as in the past, only to farmers whose cash requirements are small and who cannot obtain credit from any other source. The money loaned will be limited to the farmer's immediate and actual needs for growing his 1939 crops or for the purchase of feed for livestock.

Farmers who can obtain the funds they need from an individual, production credit association, bank or other concern are not eligible for crop and feed loans from the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Section of the Farm Credit Administration. The loans will not be made to standard rehabilitation clients whose current needs are provided for by the Farm Security Administration, formerly known as the Resettlement Administration.

As in the past, farmers who obtain emergency crop and feed loans will give security a first lien on the crop loaned, or a first lien on the livestock to be used to produce or purchase feed for livestock.

Where loans are made to tenants, share landholders, or other having an interest in the crops loaned or the livestock to be fed, are required to have their claims in favor of a lien to the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration until the loan is repaid.

Checks in payment of approved loans will be mailed from the Regional Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Office at Columbia, S. C.

Marriage Licenses Issues In January

License to wed was issued the following persons, during the past three weeks, by Register of Deeds Glenn Hughes: Cling Pressley to Mary Pierce; Glenn Holden to Gertrude Coggins; Guy

Sunday School Convention To Meet At Sylva

The Tuckasee Baptist Sunday School Convention will meet with Sylva Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, February 12th, at 2 o'clock. A large group from the Sunday schools of the county is expected to be present at this meeting. Reports from the recent Sunday school meeting at Winston-Salem will be heard and other interesting features will be on the program. The following program will be given:

Congregational singing
 Devotional, by Hayes Beasley of East Sylva

Special music, by Sylva quartette
 Secretary's report, roll call of Sunday schools and business

Special music, by R. F. Jarrett Dillsboro
 Sword Drill, by Juniors of Sylva Sunday School

Discussion, What the Lord's Acre Plan can do for our Churches, by Tom Henry Simpson, of Cullowhee

Special Music, by Sylva quartette
 Report on Winston-Salem Convention, by Rev. W. N. Cook, and Rev. Fred Forrester.

Plans For More Class Rooms at W. C. T. C. Are Made

Cullowhee, Jan. 30 (Special)—Lindsay A. Gudger, Asheville architect, inspected the old training school here, at Western Carolina Teachers' College, today, and conferred with heads of various college departments, in order to complete plans for remodeling the building for use as college classrooms.

Changes in the training school are part of the \$600,000 expansion program now under way. An allocation of \$25,000 for structural alterations and \$5,000 for new equipment has been made by the State Legislature and the PWA. The greatest change in the building will be the conversion of the present auditorium, used by the college since the training school was started in 1922, into a large classroom. These classrooms and a large lecture and forum room.

Mr. Gudger stated that the contract for the work will be awarded in the very near future, in order to have the building ready for use at the beginning of the regular session, in September of this year.

Cuberson to Mae Belle Davis; Lemon Bennett to Edna Woodard; Mode Cogdill to Fay Pannell; James Carter to Frances Bennett, all of Jackson county; Clarence Putnam to Helen Jenkins, of Haywood; Willard Stephenson to Jaunita Inman, of Swain; Dock West to Margie Freeman, Negroes, of Jackson.

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Feb. 2 (Autocaster)—The new Congress is already beginning to feel the pressure of organized lobbyists who want Federal funds spent for their pet projects.

It is too early to predict whether the present Congress will prove more immune to such pressure than its predecessors have been, but if history repeats itself, as it usually does, the determination to economize with which the 76th Congress started out will go the way of most New Year resolutions.

There is no question about the intense desire of that block in Congress, which is composed of anti-administration Democrats and the 71 Republican members of the House, to cut down Government expenditures. But it is extremely difficult for any Congress to resist appeals which purport to come from a preponderant mass of their constituents.

The first illustration of the way in which public sentiment is manufactured for the national legislators, as made for the benefit of the members of this new Congress on a matter which did not concern the subject of spending, as it happens in response to a radio speech by Father Coughlin literally hundreds of thousands of telegrams and letters were received by Senators and representatives, urging them not to repeal the embargo on munitions shipped to the participants in the Spanish Civil War.

Received 12,000 Telegrams
 One of the new Republican Senators reported that he had received some 12,000 telegrams and more than that number of letters from voters in his own state, urging him to follow Father Coughlin's advice.

It so happened that he was opposed to lifting the embargo, anyway, so these communications were so much wasted ammunition.

But this Senator's comment, based on wide political experience and intimate understanding of the people of his state, was that he was certain that the question of the Spanish arms embargo was one to which his constituents were entirely indifferent and that this was an attempt to fool him into believing that the voters were all stirred up about it.

The demand for "liberalizing" Old Age Pensions is likely to be one of the most hotly-debated and long-drawn-out discussions on record, before this Congress adjourns.

The hearings on the Social Security Act amendments, concerning which there is as yet no general agreement except that the law as it stands is clumsy and difficult to administer, will become the forum for the discussion of the Townsend Plan and probably other plans to give everybody over a given age a liberal living pension at the expense of the taxpayers.

Will Study Schemes

Enough pressure was put on candidates during the election campaign to induce many of them, Republicans and Democrats alike, to commit themselves to at least a study of these various pension schemes. The extent of public sentiment in the nation for Federal assumption of responsibility for the support is unknown, but that efforts will be made to represent to Senators and Representatives that they will forfeit their political futures if they do not fall in line with the Old Age Pension program is not doubted by any experienced Washington observer.

The Townsend Plan lobby is rapidly becoming one of the most powerful pressure groups in Washington. Old-timers liken it to the anti-Saloon League lobby, which outwore the Prohibition amendment. It operates in much the same way, with local clubs or groups exerting pressure in their respective States and Congress districts upon legislators.

They are not yet as well organized as was the Anti-Saloon League, and they have no such astute political leader as the late Wayne B. Wheeler, but everybody who watches what is going on under the surface of things in Washington concedes they are making headway.

Aside from the Old Age Pension group, the only one of the pressure blocks which is demanding increased government spending is the W.P.A.

The largest demand for additional spending, aside from pensions and relief, so far, has come from the Administration. In addition to the billion and a third included in the President's national defense budget,

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The Shadow

