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Revolt Against Sale Of Wine And Grows, In West

(By Dan Tompkins)

Is the west about to become an arid desert? This is the question that is frequently asked members of the General Assembly from the Mountain counties. And, the folks, who like their wine and beer are beginning to get their wind up. Last year going around, certain counties, and townships were declared bone dry territory by the General Assembly. The tendency up in the mountains to get out from under Senator Roy Francis' beer and wine bill 1933, is decidedly more pronounced this year than it was two years ago. Senator Curtis proposed a bill to make Ivy Hill in Buncombe dry. Representative Bailey, of Madison, came forward with bill to dry up Mars Hill. Then, Senator Bowers of Avery came right back with a bill that would prohibit the sale of beer and wine in either Avery or Madison. It is generally known that the Representatives from Jackson has been preparing a bill to make all of Jackson county bone dry, except inside incorporated towns, and to provide that even there beer and wine must be sold under very strict regulations with the county commissioners and with the county aldermen having power to issue any license they see fit and to revoke any and all licenses at any time they think it proper to do so. Representative Penland, of Clay has been petitioned to put the sale of wine and beer out of Hayesville, and so the revolt against beer and wine grows in the mountains. None of the bill dealing with the vinous and malt liquors or beverages have been passed this session. They are still reposing in the committees; but they are coming out soon, for the folk here home are writing and wiring the Representatives and Senators. Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches and organizations are besieging the members of the General Assembly insisting that these bills be passed. And, the opinion that is on the other side of the argument is also making itself heard.

Another thing that is to be taken into consideration is the fact that, as a whole, the membership from the West is drier, both personally and politically, than it has been for several years. But, the Easterners, who haven't the same pressure against beer and wine that is felt in the West, object strongly the continuation of this kind of legislation, as the whole State gets the money from the beer and wine tax, and they say that it isn't for them to pay it, and much of the west not pay a cent, while getting the money spent on its schools and its institutions.

Since he was appointed as a member of the House sub-committee to write the new school bill, this writer has been besieged with letters from teachers all over North Carolina, insisting that their so-called five point program be written into the law. Of course, the whole matter depends upon how much money the finance committee can raise from the taxpayers, and how much of the sum estimated to be raised is allotted by the committee on appropriation to the public school system. The sub-committee will try to do the best by the people that it can with whatever amount of money it is given to understand is to spent on the public school education during the next two years. The bill will be written by five members of the House of Representatives and three Senators. After that it will be submitted to the House Committee of Education as a whole, for approval. Then it goes to the House of Representatives, and if it passes there, will go over to run the gauntlet in the Senate, before it can finally become law.

Another thing that the people have been writing to me about is the Japanese beetle bill. It is proposed to appropriate \$30,000 out of the general fund of State to be used in the extermination of this latest pest that has come into North Carolina from the Orient, via Yankeeedom. The beetle attacks all kinds of growing crops, including flowers, vegetables, fruit trees, and pastures. Pastures and lawns where the beetles have been at work soon disappear and nothing is left except the bare ground. Experts from the United States Department of Agriculture have found infestation of this pest in various parts of North Carolina. The State authorities are threatening to quarantine this state, which would

Prominent Citizen Of Jackson Dies

Mr. H. B. Picklesimer died at his home in Whiteside Cove on Monday, Jan. 30, after having been ill for several weeks. Funeral services were conducted at the home on Tuesday afternoon, by Rev. W. F. Beadle, pastor of the Methodist church at Highlands and interment was in the family cemetery, at Whiteside Cove. Pallbearers were Turley Picklesimer, Herman Alley, Eugene Alley, Tom Alley, Kay Bumgarner and Frank Bumgarner.

Mr. Picklesimer, who was 70 years of age was a substantial citizen of upper Jackson Co. where he had lived all of his life. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Effie Alley Picklesimer; six daughters, Mrs. Edward Bryson, of Cullowhee; Mrs. Ivey G. Willis, of Williston; Mrs. P. H. Cline, of Knoxville, Tenn.; Mrs. Claude Jones, of Sylva; Mrs. Charles Fogeland, of Fort Madison, Iowa; and Miss Gladys Picklesimer, of Raleigh; three sons, Haywood Picklesimer, of Douglas, Wyoming; Thomas and Lewis, of Whiteside Cove; and by several grandchildren and by one brother, D. C. Picklesimer, of Highlands, and four sisters: Mrs. C. L. Dillard, of Mills River; Mrs. W. S. Alexander, of Grimshaw; Mrs. George Alexander, of Toxaway, and Mrs. Louis Carr, of Alamagorda, New Mexico.

Zone Meeting Held Here Last Saturday

The Zone meeting of the Missionary societies of the Waynesville District, of the Methodist church, was held at the Methodist church here Saturday afternoon, Mrs. David H. Brown, of Cullowhee, Zone president presiding.

The devotional was led by Rev. A. P. Rattlege, who used as his topic "Widening Horizons." Miss Jane Stentz, of Waynesville, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. J. Dale Stentz, sang a solo.

Mrs. F. F. Branson, of Canton, district secretary, made the principal address a resume of the year's work of the societies. She pointed out that the Sylva society was the only one in the district which has reached the efficiency aims. Mrs. Branson stressed the goals for 1939, and stated that the pledge for the societies of the district had been raised to \$2,250.00.

Following Mrs. Branson's address, the meeting was divided into groups for special discussion. The officers' training group was led by Mrs. Branson; Christian Social Relations group, by Mrs. Carrie Bryson of Cullowhee; Spiritual Life group, by Mrs. George Hampton, of Canton; Children's Work, by Mrs. C. G. Hefner, of Cullowhee, and Mission Study group, by Mrs. James Atkins, of Waynesville.

Reassembling, the members of the societies discussed various questions relative to the work, and the program closed with a talk, "Christianizing All Areas," by Mrs. Branson. A committee to nominate officers was appointed, with Mrs. Frank H. Brown, of Cullowhee, chairman, Mrs. James Atkins, of Waynesville, and Mrs. Dan Tompkins, of Sylva.

The fall meeting of the Zone will be held at Wesleyanna church. After the program refreshments were served by the members of the Sylva society.

mean that no apples, cabbages, beans, potatoes, peaches, bulbs, flowers, strawberries, nursery stock, or other vegetable growth could be taken or shipped out of North Carolina until it had been inspected by federal agents, and the crates and trucks sprayed by them. This alone would work inestimable hardships upon the vegetable and fruit growers of Western North Carolina, and in fact the whole State. The federal authorities give assurance that if the State will not put up the \$30,000 to buy poison, the United States Department of Agriculture will furnish all machinery and labor and put on a campaign of extermination of the Japanese beetles in this State before the infestation spreads, and that the quarantine will not be put on the growers in this state. So far but one beetle has been found West of the Blue Ridge, and that was in the vicinity of Asheville; but should the quarantine be invoked, it would affect the whole state. It was to ward

Freshman Class Has "Amateur Night" Program

Cullowhee, February 3 (Special) The Freshman Class of Western Carolina Teachers College was host to the upper classes tonight in an Amateur Program which drew everything from mild applause to old-time foot-work accompanied to Vera Jones' Negro Mammy version of "St. Louis Blues".

Howard McDevitt of Marshall played the major Bowes role of master of ceremonies and introduced the eleven contestants. Mary Kathryn of Asheville appeared first to sing, "Lost", for the heart-broken girls on the campus. Bertha Beibinger, also of Asheville, followed with tap dancing. Katherine Brown of Cullowhee was next in order with impersonation of the W.C.T.C. faculty members. The house was apparently delighted and Miss Brown's encore was a *Red Burns* monologue. The next contestant was Katherine Sandlin of *Waynesville*, who sang the *Tommy Donny* theme, "I'm Getting Sentimental Over You." Gertrude Carter of *Waynesville* followed with a reading, and *Miss Harrison* of *Bakersville* went through an old-fashioned buck dance to the accompaniment of harmonica music by Professor John S. Seymour. Mary Elizabeth of *Winston-Salem* then suddenly interrupted the proceedings with infectious laughter which gradually spread through the audience until the house was in an uproar. Miss Preston advanced the reason for her hilarity, which was that she had been informed that there was no Santa Claus. Her presentation was the seventh number.

Florence Leigh of Ohio was the next contestant. She gave a violin solo "Ah Sweet Mystery of Life." Probably the most unique number on the program was the rendition of "Dixie" by Professor R. L. Madison, who placed a pencil in his mouth and produced the melody of the song by tapping the pencil with his fingers. His second number was a solo with guitar accompaniment.

Following Professor Madison was Alice Stafford of Asheville, who gave a toe strut. Then John E. Cruthfield of Charlotte and Tom Mallonee of Jandler appeared as the "Bookstore Boys", and sang a comic duet "Two Sleepy People".

Vera Jones of Cedar Mountain closed the program with Sophie Tucker version of "St. Louis Blues." Miss Jones "swung it" so effectively that the audience joined with hand and foot work.

First prize of \$5.00 was awarded to Miss Katherine Brown of Cullowhee for her impersonations of the college faculty; second prize of \$2.00 to the "Bookstore Boys" for "Two Sleepy People", and third prize of \$1.00 to Barbara Beibinger of Asheville for her tap dancing.

Judges chosen from both the faculty and the student body were Miss Minnie Alice Murphy, Mr. John Bitzer, Mr. James E. Howell, Buelda Mays, Nell Bradley, Gene Francis, and Everett Well.

The prizes for the contestants were contributed by Professor and Mrs. Seymour.

Chairman for arrangements was John Jordan of Cherokee, who is president of the Freshman class. He announced that the door receipts for the program will be applied on the annual freshman dance to be held in the spring.

Methodists of Waynesville District Have Study Course

A study of the book, "The Invincible Advance" by Watson, was conducted by Rev. C. G. Hefner, pastor of the Cullowhee Methodist church, last week, one session being held at the Methodist church in Waynesville, on Wednesday night, when inspirational talks were made by Rev. J. G. Huggin, pastor of the Waynesville church, and Rev. W. L. Hutchins, presiding elder of the Waynesville district. The concluding meeting was held at the Sylva church, on Thursday evening.

off the immediate threat of quarantine, and also to try to stop the infection from spreading to our part of the state, the writer introduced the 30,000 appropriations bill. Support for it has been pouring into Raleigh from the vegetable and strawberry growing sections of the East, the peach country of the sandhills, and the nursery region of the piedmont. So far, the West hasn't been heard from, although it was for the protection of the farmers of the West that the bill was

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Quarterly Conference At Dillsboro

The Quarterly Conference of the Waynesville District, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will be held on Sunday evening, at 7:30 o'clock, at Dillsboro.

P.T.A. Observes Founders' Day

Founders' Day was observed by the Sylva Parent-Teacher Association, Tuesday afternoon, the meeting being held in the elementary school auditorium.

Miss Edith Buchanan, of the high school faculty, was the principal speaker and paid tribute to Mrs. Bynney and Mrs. Phoebe Hurst, the originators of the association. Miss Buchanan also called attention to the objectives of the organization.

Two musical numbers, a piano solo, by Wallace Evans, and a trio, "Would God I Were a Tender Apple Blossom", sung by Annie Nell Brown, Kathleen McGinnis and Ethel Reed, and accompanied by Miss Sallie May Monteith, of the high school faculty, were features of the program. Miss Myrtle Henson room and Principal Crawford's room won the attendance prize, for the elementary school, while the prize for the largest attendance of parents of high school students went to the tenth grade. The association went on record as supporting the efforts of the elementary school to raise the standard of the school library to the state requirements for standardization.

Mrs. Raymond U. Sutton, president of the association, presided.

After the program and business session the association adjourned to the school cafeteria, in the high school building, where refreshments were served.

QUALLA

(By Mrs. J. K. Terrell)

The body of Mr. W. R. Clements, of West Asheville, was brought to Sherrill cemetery on Jan. 31, for interment. The service was conducted by Rev. C. L. Fisher and Rev. J. L. Hyatt. Mr. and Mrs. Clement have a number of relatives in the Olivet section.

Mrs. Fanny Fisher, who recently died, at Beta, was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. T. K. Welch, a prominent family, whose home was in Qualla.

Rev. W. L. Hutchins, of Waynesville, preached a splendid sermon at the Methodist church Sunday morning. His text was: "If any man shall do his will he shall know."

Mr. and Mrs. General Rhoades, of Enka, are visiting Mrs. W. R. Freeman. Mrs. Rhoades was formerly Miss Bonnie Freeman.

Messrs. B. T. Maples and C. B. Terrell, of Glenville school faculty, spent the week-end at Mr. J. K. Terrell's.

Mrs. C. A. Bird, of Cullowhee, has been visiting Mrs. T. W. McLaughlin.

Mr. Earl Battle has returned home from Community Hospital, where he spent several days for treatment. He is improving and hopes to return to Sylva high school in a few days.

Mrs. Tyler Buchanan and children of Webster visited at Mr. D. M. Shuler's Sunday.

Melba Cordell has been sick for several days. Miss Lillian Ferguson has returned from a visit with relatives at Bethel.

Deadline

Growers of spring wheat who want to insure their 1939 harvests under the "all-risk" wheat crop insurance program must have their applications on file in county AAA offices by the first of March.

Drop

The Government index of prices for farm products dropped two points during the past month, falling to 94 per cent of pre-war in mid-January as compared with 96 on December 15 and with 102 on January 15 a year ago.

Protatable Hogs

The cooperative livestock association at New Bern shipped five cars of fat hogs last week with the 336 animals weighing 64,000 pounds and bringing \$4,662.46. There were 209 hogs in the shipment that were classified as tops.

No Controversy Over Great Mass Of Work In Congress

Mrs. Avery Mashburn Dies After Long Illness

Mrs. Avery Mashburn, aged 30, of Cullowhee, died in an Asheville hospital Monday night, after an illness extending over a period of several months.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Fred Forester, the Rev. C. G. Hefner, and the Rev. P. L. Elliott.

Mrs. Mashburn is survived by her husband; three children, Richard, Loaine and Harriet Ellen, all of Cullowhee; one sister, Mrs. William Crawford, of Cullowhee and three brothers, Lyle Higdon of Norris, Tenn.; L. H. Higdon, of Cullowhee, and Leo Higdon, of California.

Six members of the Gings Daughters Sunday school class, of which she was a member, were the flower girls, Mrs. Alvin Crawford Mrs. Sam Pickle, Mrs. Mack Adams, Mrs. John Crawford, Mrs. Carl Phillips and Mrs. Fred Forester.

Pallbearers were: Ruben Garrett, J. B. Painter, R. D. Phillips, Mack Adams, Glenn Hughes and Paul Hamilton.

Interment was in Cullowhee cemetery.

Mrs. Fannie Burr Welch Fisher

Funeral services were conducted for Mrs. W. J. Fisher, aged 69, at the Scott's Creek Baptist church, on Sunday, January 29, at 11 o'clock, Rev. T. F. Deitz and Rev. W. N. Cook. Mrs. Fisher died Friday morning, January 27, after a few days' illness of pneumonia.

Mrs. Fisher was the daughter of Dr. Thomas Welch and Pollie Hyatt Welch. She was born in Qualla township, on May 5, 1869, a member of one of the most prominent families of Jackson County. She joined the Bryson City Baptist church in early womanhood. She was loved by a large circle of friends for her kindness and cheerfulness for her visits to the sick.

She was first married to Mr. Jack Elmore, of Bryson City, in 1889. After the death of Mr. Elmore, which occurred in 1913, she spent her time in Bryson City, Hendersonville and Addie, On December 30, 1930, she was married to Mr. W. J. Fisher, of Beta, by whom she is survived. Surviving, also, are some first cousins: Mrs. Dolph Patterson; Messrs. Coot, Ute and Bud Hyatt, of Bryson City, and Mr. R. R. Fisher, Sr., of Addie. Acting as pallbearers were cousins of Mrs. Fisher and nephews of Mr. Fisher. They are: Frank Hyatt, Robert Fisher, Jr., Clyde Fisher, Joe Clyde Fisher, Joe Davis and Guy Fisher.

Honorary pallbearers were: Dr. C. Z. Candler, Dr. D. D. Hooper, D. G. Bryson, T. C. Bryson, Sr., Joseph Mallonee, J. Claude Allison, J. O. Fisher, Harry Fisher, Lawrence Watson, R. B. Fisher, Sr., Robert Hyatt, Fred Hicks, Bud Hyatt and John C. Allman.

Nieces of Mr. Fisher acted as flower bearers.

John R. Jones III

John R. Jones, prominent citizen of Sylva, has been quite ill, for the past several days, at his home here.

Smiths on Way Home From India

Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson Smith and young son, of Calcutta, India, are on their way home and are expected to arrive in about three weeks, for a visit to Mrs. Smith's parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Candler.

Former Sylva Man Earns Distinction

Fred L. Bryson, of Marion, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Bryson, of Beta, has qualified for the highest honor that the field office of Jefferson Standard Life Insurance can earn, that of membership in the 1939 Julian Price Club. Membership in the club requires at least two years of service and a large production of new insurance, a high percentage of which remains in force.

Announcement of this honor to Mr. Bryson has just been made by the company.

Washington, Feb. 6 (Autocastory)

While there are many questions to come before this Congress on which there will be sharp differences between the Administration forces and the already well-organized Coalition Opposition, there is a great mass of work ahead on which there will be little or no controversy.

To do all that must be done before this first session of the 76th Congress adjourns probably will keep Senators and Representatives busy until well past midsummer, though some of the things which must be attended to call for action before then.

There is a great list of laws which expire by the limitations written into them, some of which must be renewed this Spring if the purposes for which they were enacted are to be continued.

For example, the authority of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to make loans to states and municipalities to aid in financing projects under local laws expires on March 20, this year.

Since this is generally regarded as one of the soundest phases of Government financing there is little doubt that the authority will be renewed for another year or more, but Congress will have to act quickly.

At the end of June, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation itself goes out of business unless Congress renews its charter by that time.

On the same date the Federal Reserve System loses its authority to issue Federal Reserve notes against Government bonds, unless Congress acts.

Other Powers Expire
At the end of the Federal fiscal year, which is June 30, other powers and authorities which expire by limitation include that of the F.I.A. to insure rehabilitation loans, and the guarantee by Government of F.I.A. debentures; the authority of the U. S. Housing Administration to issue 500 millions of bonds; and the existence of the Federal Service Commodities Corporation.

More important than any of the foregoing is the necessity for this session of Congress to enact a new revenue law or reaffirm the present one so far as it refers to taxes on corporations; for the law passed last year specifies that the corporate income taxes for which it provided shall not apply to any corporate fiscal year ending after Dec. 31, 1939.

The whole tax question is likely to take up a great deal of the time of Congress. It will be easier to handle, in one respect, since for the first time in sixty years all of the Federal tax laws have been codified, indexed, classified and printed in a single volume.

Heretofore there have arisen at every session questions as to what the existing tax laws really are, whether a previous Congress repealed this or that tax provision, and nobody, not even the tax experts of the Treasury, could give a final answer without going through dozens and scores of bills and records.

Record of Laws
The other day a bill which no member has ever read passed both houses of Congress, without an opposing vote. It was about the longest bill ever passed by Congress, running more than 500 printed pages. It was the Federal Tax Code, which now sets forth in legal form precisely what the tax laws are, so that members considering changes in the laws can refer to a particular page and section of the Code and every other member will know just what it is all about.

Experts lawyers employed by Congress and by the Treasury and the Department of Justice worked out the Code and checked it and rechecked it, so it may be taken as a complete and accurate compendium of all the legislation now in force on the subject of taxes.

The Treasury's foremost expert on tax matters, Herman Oliphant, died unexpectedly during the Christmas holidays, and no one as well qualified has yet been found to replace him. He was considered to know more about tax legislation

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