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Balsam Folks Want To Secede From Jackson

(By Dan Tompkins)

A large group of citizens at Balsam are attempting to seceed from Jackson county and get themselves annexed to Haywood, according to a petition sent to Senator Chester Cogburn, by John T. Jones, of Balsam and signed by approximately 200 citizens of Scott's Creek precinct No. 3.

Neither the representative from Jackson nor from Haywood has received a copy of the petition, nor have they received any letters regarding it.

The petition follows:

Hon. Chester A. Cogburn,
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir:

We, the undersigned, tax-payers and Legal voters of Precinct No. 3, in Scott's Creek Township, Jackson County, do hereby petition you that you cause to be passed such laws as may be necessary to have Precinct No. 3 annexed to Haywood county, North Carolina. We are much nearer to Waynesville than we are to Sylva, and do most of our trading and other business in Waynesville than Sylva.

Respectfully submitted.

Jack Arrington, Mrs. A. F. Arrington, A. F. Arrington, Carl Woods, Joe Woods, Lee Potts, Mrs. F. L. Potts, F. L. Potts, Mrs. John Blanton, John Blanton, Daniel Blanton, Mrs. Elsie Ensley, Elsie Ensley, Geo. Potts, Mrs. Geo. McCall, Geo. McCall, J. A. McCall, A. W. Hyatt, Arthur Queen, William Coward, Howard Warren, Hubert [illegible], Mrs. [illegible] Ensley, Fred [illegible], Mrs. Fr[illegible] Bryson, Vernon Br[illegible], [illegible] Mrs. Walter B[illegible], [illegible] M[illegible] Can, Mrs. Lewis [illegible], John R. Jo[illegible], Rufus Jones, Mrs. [illegible], Mrs. John R. Jones, Geo. W. Bryson, G. T. Knight, M. E. [illegible], Mrs. Geo. Knight, Mrs. D. T. [illegible], John T. [illegible], John T. Jones, Ve[illegible] Jones, Fred [illegible], J. [illegible] Kenney, Mrs. J. A. Kenney, J. F. Dean, Mrs. M. L. Dean, Miss Essie Dean, N. N. Bryson, Annie Bryson, A. C. Bryson, Roy Potts, Mrs. Roy Potts, Dapiney Potts, R. C. Brooks, Mrs. R. C. Brooks, Tom Bryson, Minnie Bryson, Eibert Reece, Mrs. Elbert Reece, Willard Barnes, Walter Smathers, Mrs. Walter Smathers, Marion Ashe, Mrs. Marion Ashe, Mrs. Mabel Perry, Mrs. Glenn Parris, Glenn Parris, Miss Hulda Foster, Mrs. Bessie Barnett, Robert Bryson, Mrs. Robert Bryson, O. J. Beck, Mrs. Lona M. Green, Mrs. O. J. Beck, Beulah Beck, J. D. Jones, Mrs. J. D. Jones, Mrs. Martin Hoyle, Charlie Hoyle, R. L. Pierson, Mrs. R. L. Pierson, Geo. Smathers, Luther Foster, Mrs. Luther Foster, Oscar Smathers, Mrs. Oscar Smathers, Mrs. E. [illegible] Smathers, Johnnie Woodall, Mrs. Johnnie Woodall, Phillip Smathers, Mrs. Nellie Smathers, Albert Mehaffey, Mrs. Maud Mehaffey, James Coward, Mrs. John Coward, Claud Warren, Mrs. Claud Warren, Mrs. D. M. Kenney, Bascum Queen, Mary L. Queen, Paul Arrington, Mrs. Paul Arrington, Miss Harriett Derrick, W. T. Derrick, Mrs. James McClure, James McClure, Fred Connor, Jim Duncan, Mrs. Jim Duncan, Theodore Duncan, Mrs. C. L. Duncan, Mrs. Libby Duncan, Dewey Bryson, Carl Duncan, Dolly Connor, Mary Ensley, Nelson Beck, Mrs. Wilson, Beck, Mrs. Cyrus Beck, Henry J. Beck, Mrs. Henry J. Beck, F. M. Reece, Mrs. Geo. Coward, J. N. Warren, W. H. Jones, Mrs. W. H. Jones, Bryson Beck, Ed Smathers, Sam Beck, Mrs. Sam Beck, Woodrow Smathers, W. J. Lane, Wanda Lane, J. K. Kenney, Wayne Hyatt, Mrs. Wayne Hyatt, Lewis Shuler, Elsie Shuler, Will Reed, Hettie Cooper, Lon L. Cooper, Charles Hyatt, Louise Hyatt, L. E. Bryson, Bertha Bryson, Roy Bryson, Lida Bryson, Anna Laura Hoxit, C. R. Dean, Martha Dean, Dock Dean, Carrie Fredia, Maggie Fredia, D. M. Gentry, Nellie Gentry, Cicero Crawford, Myrtle Crawford, Mrs. Will Reed, Zeb Bryson, Geo. Coward, Mrs. Zeb Bryson, J. M. Conner, Mrs. J. M. Conner, Eva Conner, S. E. Brady, Geo. W. Hoyle, Belle Hoyle, Fred Norman, N. R. Christy, Mrs. N. R. Christy, Mrs. W. S. Christy, Tallie Pinnion, Mrs. Tallie Pinnion, C. C. Morris, A. C. Crawford, Mrs. Ed Middleton, Ed Middleton, A. B. Bryson.

Girls' Basketball Tournament Starts Monday

Sponsored by the Sylva Fire Department, the Girls Gold Medal Basketball Tournament will get under way, on the court of the Sylva High school, Monday night. The tournament will continue on the nights of Tuesday, the 23, and March 1 and 2. Among the teams which will compete are the Danderidge, Tennessee, Clayton, Ga., Asheville Army Store, Canton, Clyde, Glenville, Webster, Beta and Sylva Firemen.

Bar Association Met Here Monday Night

The district Bar Association held a meeting and were served dinner, at the Poinsett Hotel, Monday night. Dan K. Moore, Sylva attorney, who is president, presided.

J. L. Hair Transferred To Signal Mountain

Mr. J. L. Hair, for several years educational director in Camp 411, Civilian Conservation Corps, at Smokemont, has been transferred to a camp at Signal Mountain, Tenn. Mr. Hair left this week to assume his duties.

Miss Betty Sue Bryson Dies Of Pneumonia

Funeral services for Betty Sue Bryson, 15, of Gay, were held at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning at the Wesleyanna Methodist church at Gay. Interment [illegible] the church ce[illegible]. The [illegible] Methodist pastor of the W[illegible] was in charge.

Miss Bryson died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bryson, of Gay, Tuesday morning at 1:05 o'clock of pneumonia. She had been ill a little more than a week.

She is survived by her parents and two sisters, Hiawatha and Mary, all of Gay.

The active pallbearers were: Hamilton Bryson, Floyd Leslie, Nelson Tatham, Paul Buchanan, and Adam Moses.

Dramatics Club Of W.C.T.C. Meets

Cullowhee, February 22—(Special)—The Dramatics Club of Western Carolina Teachers College, held its regular meeting last night in the recreation room of Moore Dormitory. In the absence of the president, Miss Rachel Orr presided over the meeting.

During a short business session, announcements were made to the effect that the club has recently been made a member of the Carolina Dramatics Association and that the club has been invited by John W. Parker, secretary of the association, to enter a play in the dramatic festival which will be held at the University of North Carolina March 22-25. The dramatics group at Western Carolina Teachers College, according to the sponsor, Miss Winnie Murphy, will be entered in the senior college production contest to compete with players from East Carolina Teachers College and Lenoir-Rhyne College. Tom Wolfe's one-act play, "The Return of Buck Gavin" is the production which will be entered by the Western Carolina Teachers College players.

The cast for Zona Gale's play, "Neighbors", to be given in the college auditorium Tuesday at 1:15, was then presented to the club.

Mr. John Bitzer, former sponsor of the club, who studied at Northwestern University during the fall term, brought greetings to the group.

Mr. George Coggins of Asheville presented the main feature of the evening's program by showing a movie in technicolor of last year's May Day Pageant which was celebrated in the outdoor theatre at Western Carolina Teachers College.

Miss Aline Coggins of Asheville and Mr. Claud Henson of Sylva were also guests for the meeting. Other guests from the college community who were present for the program were Miss Anne Albright, Mrs. C. C. Buchanan, Mrs. Leon Sutton, Mr. George Tracy, and little Misses Linda Mae Sutton and Sara Jean Sutton.

MANY CASES ON CRIMINAL DOCKET

The entire day today, Thursday was used in the selection a jury to try the case of the state against Ray Cogdill, charged with criminal assault, in the February term of Superior Court; which began here, Monday, with Judge Zeb Nettles, of Asheville, presiding. The jury was drawn from a special venire of 100 men.

The case of the state versus Johnny Driver, charged with criminal assault, was postponed until Friday for judgment.

In other cases in court here Judge Zeb V. Nettles, of Asheville, presiding, gave sentences ranging from several months to the five to seven-year term imposed upon S. T. McGinnis.

McGinnis was tried on a charge of breaking and entering and larceny of more than $600 worth of jewelry from the Sylva pharmacy several months ago.

Other sentences included: Carson Harper, breaking and entering, two to three years, Claude Nations and Perry Hall, both charged with violating the prohibition laws and each sentenced to six months on the public roads and given an additional 18 months suspended sentence; Howard Childers, operating an automobile while intoxicated, 10 months; Marshall Buchanan, assault with a deadly weapon, eight months, and Bob Buchanan, larceny, 30 days.

Little Girl Breaks Leg

Dorothy Jamison, seventh grade student in the Sylva schools, suffered a fractured leg, Monday, while playing on the school grounds. She was taken to the Community Hospital where the limb was set and where she is recovering.

[illegible] daughter of Rev. and [illegible].

QUALLA

Mr. J. R. Meaver, who was injured when struck by a falling tree, Saturday, is reported to be improving.

Mrs. Lucy Hall and Miss Annie Lizzie Terrell called on Melba Cordell, who was sick but is improving.

Mrs. S. M. Crisp, Mrs. W. W. Anthony and Mr. Jess Blanton visited Mr. M. L. Blanton.

Mr. Miller Hall and family and Mr. Frank Owen and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kinsland Sunday.

The Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. Golman Kinsland Friday.

Mr. H. G. Ferguson and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gibson called at Mr. D. M. Shuler's Sunday.

Mrs. J. E. Battle and Mrs. James Wiggins visited Mrs. D. C. Hughes Friday.

Some new buildings are being erected and a sawmill moved to the Cooper farm on Highway 112.

W. C. T. C. Students Are In "Who's Who"

Cullowhee—Charles Holloman, of Hookerton; Edith Wilson, of Bryson City; Horace Meredith, of Guilford; Elizabeth Ammon, of Cullowhee; Elvira Greenlee, of Spruce Pine; and C. A. Dandelake, of Raleigh, six students from Western Carolina Teachers College, were chosen recently to appear in a popular publication for students, Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

The six students were chosen because of qualities of character, scholarship, leadership in athletics, society, religion, student government, and potentialities for future usefulness, by the entire faculty from a list of outstanding students which was compiled by the college registrar, Miss Addie Beam, and supplemented with other names suggested by faculty members.

Photographs and biographical sketches of these three girls and three boys have been sent to the editor who plans for the publication to appear sometime in the late spring.

Something like thirty-five hundred students from over four hundred and fifty colleges of the nation were represented in last year's edition of Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges.

THIS WEEK IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Washington, Feb. 22— (Autocaster)—The two important subjects which overshadow everything else in Washington are the President's row with Congress and the necessity for increasing national defense precautions.

There is little difference of opinion on Capitol Hill on the first of those; Congress, especially the Senate, is in a fighting mood and is defying the Presidential wishes.

There is considerable difference of opinion in Congress as to the real need of spending as much money as the Army and navy, backed by the President, think should be spent for increasing the nation's armaments.

Without the backing of informed public opinion, even those who strongly favor heavy increases in armaments feel that it would be unwise to go too far. If the public knew the facts, these members of Congress believe, there would be no opposing sentiment against spending all that might be necessary on our fighting forces.

The facts about the military strength of America and the democracies of Europe, as compared with that of the dictatorships, which were told to the Senate and House Military Affairs committees, are beginning to leak out, and they are making a deep impression upon members who had not heard them and who were inclined to oppose the whole idea that the United States needed stronger defenses.

Craig Gives Figures

As outlined by General Malin Craig, Chief of Staff of the Army, the comparative figures are very interesting. Military men talk of armed forces in terms of Army divisions. A division is a completely self-contained fighting unit of, usually, 200,000 men and officers, equipped and manned to take the field alone if necessary.

The latest figures show that Germany has 90 such divisions, Italy 44, France 38, and England only seven. Japan has 50 army divisions in China, 12 more in Manchukuo and nine at home.

And the United States has only parts of four divisions.

There are 400,000 soldiers on the War Department rolls, including the regular Army, the National Guard and the enlisted reserve; but they do not constitute an effective fighting force because they have not the equipment for war.

The Army has developed at the Springfield Arsenal a new type of infantry rifle which is said to be the best in the world, but there are only 3,000 of those modern rifles to equip the entire army.

There are only 140 of the three-inch field guns which are the main reliance of a mobile army; only two of the modern 105-millimeter guns upon which foreign armies are relying, and less than half the number of machine guns needed to equip what troops we could put in the field if necessary.

General Craig startled the Congressional committee by citing pages of such facts, and especially by alleging that most of the gunpowder the Army has now was left over from the World War and has deteriorated so that it explodes often by spontaneous combustion, sometimes blowing the gun-barrel to bits.

Inclined To Do Something

In the light of such information Congress is more inclined than before to put the nation's defenses into working shape, but is still inclined to be suspicious of being led into entagling foreign alliances.

The real battle between the President and Congress may have only begun. The Senate's refusal to confirm the appointment of Floyd H. Roberts to be a Federal judge in Virginia, by a vote of 72 to 9, was the opening gun. The President's attack upon the ancient system of "Senatorial courtesy" under which no high official can be confirmed if he is personally obnoxious to the Senators from his home state, has opened up the whole question of the power of appointment.

The President insists that it is a power granted by the Constitution to the President alone. The Senate holds that the power of appointment is a dual function of President and Senate together.

Much re-reading of the Constitution is going on on Capitol Hill, and

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Would Lengthen Terms Of County Officers 2 Years

TODAY and TOMORROW
— by —
FRANK PARKER STOCKBRIDGE

TAXATION . . . . benefits

Everybody pays taxes. Nobody ever paid taxes because he liked to pay them. People are willing to pay taxes when they can see that they are getting something for their money. I think the great majority of Americans are getting tired of paying taxes for benefits which they do not get.

I hear protests continually from people who run automobiles, against the diversion of the gasoline tax from its original purpose of highway improvement and maintenance to all kinds of miscellaneous purposes. I am hearing more grumbles about the waste of public funds in maintaining high-salaried officials who do nothing for their salaries.

I look back into history and read the complaints of the American colonists against the taxes imposed on them by the English government, money taken across the ocean to maintain the King and court in royal luxury. And I read about the Declaration of Independence and the Revolution. Then I wonder what we are heading for in America today.

ECONOMY . . . . . waste

Politicians always talk economy before election . Very soldom do they practice it after they have been elected to positions which enable them to spend public money and levy taxes on the people. That is true whether they are town supervisors or selectmen, county commissioners, municipal mayors and councilmen, state governors and legislators, or Senators and Representatives in Congress.

I feel safe in asserting that more than half of the money spent by the 15,000 taxing units in the United States is wasted. The people who pay the taxes do not get value for their money. That goes for the Federal government, most if not all of the state governments, practically every city and county government and the majority of town and village governments.

We are paying, you and I and everybody else, almost a quarter of all that we earn in the form of taxes to maintain our government. The smaller the individual income, the higher the proportion of taxes. The average wage-earner works three months out of the year for the governments he lives under. The joke of it is that he doesn't realize that he is paying taxes at all. He thinks only the rich guys are being soaked

PUBLICITY . . . . voter:

The only way taxes will ever be reduced is for the people who pay them to get together and make such a fuss about them that the politicians will have to stop, look and listen. There is only one thing the average politician is afraid of or will listen to. That is the voters who elected him and can throw him out if he doesn't play ball.

Before there can be any such uprising of the voters they need to know that they are being soaked by the politicians, and how. The greatest need of America today is more publicity about taxes, how they are levied, who has to pay them, and particularly what the money is used for.

There were 967,000 persons on the Federal payroll at the beginning of 1939, not counting W.P.A. workers, but only regular employees. There are probably as many more on the payrolls of state and local governments. That means that nearly two million people are supporting themselves and their families out of what you and I contribute. I think it would help a lot of the names of all of them, with the salaries they get, were made public in some way so their neighbors could see them and judge for themselves whether they are earning their pay.

PRIVILEGE . . . . equality

The least defensible taxes are those which are imposed by politicians for the purpose of giving special favors to one class of citizens, or of punishing another class. They the basis of equal rights upon which

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(By Dan Tompkins)

All officers of Jackson County would have terms of four years under a bill introduced in the House of Representatives by Representative Tompkins of Jackson. The bill, which is similar to the ones that have been enacted for many of the counties of the State during the present General Assembly puts all the officers of the county on a four-year basis, and provides that county commissioners will all be elected at the same time, in the off-year elections. That would leave the Representative, the State Senator, the Congressman, to be elected at the same time that the President and Governor are elected, and at the off-year elections also. The terms of office of the present commissioners, Register of Deeds and Surveyor would be extended for two years, under the terms of the bill. It was referred to the House Committee on counties, cities and towns.

The Jackson County Beer Bill is still before the House Committee on Finance, where all similar bills have been sent. So far not a single bill prohibiting the sale of wine and beer in any county has been reported favorably by the committee. In other words the committee has adopted a policy of killing all county prohibition bills. It is believed, however, that the Tompkins bill for Jackson county has a better chance than the rest, for the reason that it allows the sale of beer and wine in restricted areas in the county, where there is police protection, and where the commissioners have supervision of the sale. It is believed that the reason the bill does not attempt to make the whole county bone dry, is because the introducer felt that such a bill would have no chance in the Assembly, but that the regulatory bill would have a chance of passage, and would remedy conditions in the county.

The Appropriations Bill has been reported out of the committee and will go onto the floor of the House, probably on Friday. That is one of the big bills of the session, and a joint committee has been at work on it for several weeks. It cuts the appropriations to $40,000 each year of the biennium below the Budget Commissions total recommendations. In fact, it ammounts to a cut of one million and eighty thousand dollars below the budget recommendations. This came about by reason of the fact that the budget was set up upon the assumption that the General Assembly and the people of the state would agree to a substantial increase in the tuition fees at the University and the colleges of the state. The committee, after the newspapers, the colleges, the students, and the folks at home had spoken in no certain terms their displeasure at this proposal, knocked these recommedatons out of the budget, which caused them to face a deficit of one million dollars in the estimated needs of the colleges. This was made up in various items in the appropriations.

In order to get the bill under the Budget recommendations, the committee on Tuesday of this week, cut the Adult Education figures from $30,000 to 25,000, slashed the appropriation for advertising, in which Western North Carolina is especially interested, from $125,000 each year to $90,00 each year, and lopped $80,000 off from Vocational Education.

The appropriations for Western Carolina Teachers College, as it is recommended by the committee stands at $85,245 for the first year and $75,660 for the second. The $10,000 for the first year above that for the second, is to provide for the betterment to the water system at the college. Friends of the college state that they will make a fight in the House next week, to get the appropriation increased each year of the biennium by $3,200. No one can say how far they will get since the committee has reported the bill as it stands. However, it is known that the school has strong backing in the House, and it can be said with certainty that the amendment to increase the appropriation will not come from a representative from Jackson or any adjoining county; but from a recognized leader from outside the immediate district of the school. But, every member of the House from the Eleventh Congressional District has agreed to back the amendment when it is ordered, as have other friends of the Cullowhee

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