

The Jackson County Journal

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\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

THIS WEEK IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Washington, Mar. 28 (Autocaster) — There are three distinct groups, one almost might say three parties, into which the Congress of the United States is divided. They are the Republicans, the Conservative Democrats and the New Deal Democrats.

Of the three, the Republican group is the most efficiently organized, under the leadership of Representative "Joe" Martin of Massachusetts. On every question involving political considerations, the Republicans have consistently voted as a unit.

The other two groups are divided and less sharply unified. One branch of the Democrats are thick-and-thin supporters of President Roosevelt and if they do not actually take their orders from the White House they go along on any matter in which he is believed to be especially interested.

The third group, the old-line Conservative Democrats, is a fairly well-knit element, composed of Senators and Representatives who regard themselves as the "real" Democrats and reserve the right to take issue with the Administration on any question which does not conform to their ideas of the best interests of their Party and the Nation.

The real leader of this third group, which holds the balance of power and can by its votes decide the issue on any legislative question, is Vice-President Garner.

Difficult To Agree
All of the Democrats would like to go along with the President, but many of the middle party find it difficult to agree with many of his proposals. Therefore a committee of four Democratic Senators paid a personal call on Mr. Roosevelt a few days ago, to find out just what he really wants of Congress. They reported back to their colleagues that the President wants particularly the following items of legislation:

First, the restoration of the \$150,-000,000 for W.P.A., which was cut out of the Relief appropriation bill against the Presidential wishes.

Then he wants new laws to aid distressed railroads; an expanded farm tenancy program and more aid for cotton, wheat and corn farmers; new income taxes but not to reduce the Government's income; extension of the mortgage-insurance powers of F.H.A. and 800 millions more for slum-clearance work; no change in the Labor Relations law until the Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations have composed their difference; a system of additional credits for small business concerns and the appropriation of the additional \$550 millions for national defense for which he has already asked.

The reaction on Capitol Hill to the report made by the President's visitors was that if that was all he wanted he could have it, all but the \$100,000,000 for W.P.A.

On most of the rest of the President's desires there is substantially no opposition in principle in any of the three legislative groups. There may, and doubtless will be, a lot of partisan quarrelling over details, but Congress felt assured that the program reported by the volunteer committee represents all that the President will ask of this session of Congress, the road ahead for the rest of the year would be clear.

More Defenses Wanted

Hitler's latest move in seizing what was left of Czechoslovakia after he had promised France and Britain that he would go no farther in that direction, has "thrown a scare" into official Washington, and definitely united all elements behind a national defense policy even more exacting than has been so far put forth.

Measures already voted on the process of passage through Congress provide for a modernized Navy of at least equal size to any other, an air force larger than that of any other nation, an increase of 40,000 officers and men in the regular Army, the mobilization of industry to turn out 12,000 planes a year and the necessary arms and munitions to equip a force of a million fighting men.

Estimates of the cost of these preparations for defensive war, if necessary, run to as high as four

Charges Milk Monopoly



WASHINGTON... Willis J. Ballinger (left), economic adviser to the Federal Trade Commission, talking with Dr. Frederic C. Howe, former consumers' counsel of the AAA, who asserted before the Temporary National Economic Committee that the National Dairy Products Corporation and the Borden company with their "allied" dairies, which 70,000,000 Americans should pay for their milk as well as what 3,000,000 milk producing farmers should receive for their product.

QUALLA

By Mrs. J. K. Terrell

The home demonstration club met with Mrs. C. P. Shelton Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Bumgarner announce the birth of a daughter, Shelba Ann, on March 19.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Grady Ward, a daughter, Mattie Helen.

Rev. C. L. Fisher was dinner guest at Mr. C. M. Martins Sunday enroute to Olivet from his appointment at Qualla.

Mr. Rufe Oxner's leg was broken Wednesday morning while loading a truck with logs.

Friends of Mr. Homer Turpin and family welcome them back to Qualla since they have moved to their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Blanton and Messrs. Loftis of Sylva, Miss Margaret Johnson, of Ela, Mr. H. G. and Miss Lillian Ferguson visited at Mr. D. M. Shuler's.

The county agent, Mr. G. R. Lackey and Assistant Mr. Clapp called a meeting of Qualla farmers Monday. A large crowd attended.

Miss Annie Ruth McLaughlin, Messrs. Chas. McLaughlin and Harry Martin of W. C. T. C. spent the week end with homefolks.

Miss Jennie Cathey was guest at Mr. Golman Kinshad's Sunday.

Mr. D. M. Shuler called on Mr. J. R. Messer Sunday.

billion dollars over the next two fiscal years.

The very sharp note sent to Reichsfuehrer Hitler by our State Department, protesting against the seizure of Bohemia and Moravia, reflects an almost unanimous feeling in Washington that international events are drawing the United States more and more toward war, war for the preservation of American ideals of liberty and human justice and war for the insurance of American rights throughout the world.

No stronger case of indignation and protest has been known to a foreign nation since that which Under-Secretary Sumner Welles sent to Hitler after consulting with the President.

It was followed up by an order from the State Department increasing by 25 percent the duties imposed on the importation of all merchandise from Germany. That and the note are among the "measures short of war" to which President Roosevelt recently referred as a means of bringing dictators to their senses.

Tax Shows Decline

The preparedness program is necessarily having a serious effect upon the economy program. The tax-shaping committees of both houses are getting under way, but they are facing a very difficult problem. The early estimates of income tax returns showed a decline of revenue from that source of about 250 million dollars.

There is an earnest desire to revise the tax laws so as to remove some of the handicaps to business enterprise which the present laws have created; but how to do that and at the same time bring in enough revenue to keep the government machinery running is a tough problem.

Community House Benefit To Be Given

A benefit party, to help clear the indebtedness on the Community House, will be held, at the Community House, on Monday evening, April 10th, beginning at 8:00. Various games will be provided for the entertainment of those present, but parties may make up tables and choose their own games. An admission fee of fifty cents per person will be charged and it is hoped that a large number of people will attend and help to wipe out the debt on the Community House.

Fireman to Meet Monday Night

The regular meeting of the Sylva Firemen will be held Monday evening, April 3, at 8:00 o'clock, at the Community House, instead of at the City Hall.

BALSAM

(By Mrs. D. T. Knight)

The closing exercises of the Balsam elementary school were held Thursday evening. As usual, the entire program was very interesting, but the ever popular Tom Thumb wedding received the greatest applause.

The graduates were: Misses Katie Lee Coward, Mildred Culberson, Margie Ensley, Bernice Hoxit and Maudeline Bryson.

Mrs. Ida Laney who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. G. C. Crawford, has returned to her home at Ela.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wood have moved to Brevard.

Mrs. Ethel Bryson who was operated upon in a hospital in Greenville, Tenn., recently is recovering nicely and is visiting her sister, Mrs. Roy Duncan in Glade Springs, Va.

Mrs. D. T. Knight and daughter, Miss Nannie, have returned from Orlando, Fla., where they spent the winter with Mrs. Knight's son, Mr. John P. Knight and family.

The population of Balsam has increased so much since I left last Thanksgiving that I wish to announce the new arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hoyle, a girl, Mildred Ann, in Dec.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hyatt, a girl, Bettie Jo, Jan. 4; Mr. and Mrs. George Knight, a son, Melburn, Jan. 15; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Arrington, a son, in Feb.; Mr. and Mrs. John Conner, a girl, Helen Louise, in Feb.; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ensley, a girl, Barbara Isabel in Feb.; Mr. and Mrs. James McClure, a girl, Mary Teletta in March.

Mrs. R. L. Pearson has returned from a visit to relatives in Spartanburg and other places in South Carolina.

Mrs. John H. Smith Dies At Son's Home

Mrs. Frances M. Smith, widow of Mr. John Hamp Smith, died at the home of her son, Mr. W. H. Smith, at Tuckasee, on Friday morning, March 24. Mrs. Smith was born on March 27, 1861, and was, therefore, 78 years of age. She was born in Jackson county and lived here all her life.

Funeral services were held at the Tuckasee Baptist church, of which Mrs. Smith has been a member for more than 60 years at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, and were conducted by Rev. W. N. Cook, of Webster. Interment was in the church cemetery. Pall bearers were D. M. Hooper, J. K. Hooper, J. A. Haskett, J. H. Middleton, F. M. Parker and Charles Brown, all of Tuckasee.

Mrs. Smith is survived by five sons: James and William H. Smith, of Tuckasee; Thad D. Smith, of Highland; H. E. Smith, of Wolf Mountain; and John B. Smith, of Robbinsville. Surviving also are one brother, J. M. Wood, of Waynesville; 15 grand children and 10 great grand children. Jesse C. Smith, a grandson, lives in Sylva.

Sylva Baptist Sunday School Growing

By Rev. H. M. Hocutt

The S. S. of the Baptist church has shown unusual growth for the first three months of this year over the same period of last year. The average attendance for the first quarter of last year was 117, but this year it has been 131, a gain of 14. For March the average was 151, but the goal for April is 175. An effort is being made to reach a 10 percent increase over last year. That has been done for the past three months. With everyone helping we can reach the goal of 175 for April and hold the 10 percent increase. All members are urged to be present next Sunday. Let's start in a good way with 200 next Sunday morning.

Money From Hogs

A group of Robeson county farmers sold four cars of fat hogs last week at top prices of \$7.20 a hundred and grossing \$4,306.83 for the shipment. These small cooperative markets organized to serve the farmers have been used as a ready source of cash income and to stabilize the local market price, report county farm agents.

Lower

The farmer is paying a lower average interest rate on his farm mortgage today than at any time on record, according to the Farm Credit Administration.

Election Of Town Officers To Be Held

At a special meeting of the board of aldermen of the town, on March 21, an election was called, to be held on May 2, at which time a mayor and five members of the board of aldermen are to be elected. Candidates for these offices may file at any time between now and 6 P. M. April 8.

Miss Jane Coward was appointed registrar and Dan Tompkins and S. H. Monteith judges of the election. The registration books will be open on April 8, 15, and 22.

Mayor H. Gibson, aldermen W. J. Fisher, W. T. Wise, W. H. Conley and Harry Evans have filed to re-election. Raymond Glenn, the fifth member of the board, is not a candidate for re-election and Walter L. Jones has filed for the office.

Sunday School Convention At Scott's Creek Church

The Tuckasee Baptist Sunday School convention will meet with Scotts Creek church Sunday afternoon, April 9, 2 o'clock.

Every Sunday school in the association is urged to send a large delegation.

The following program will be given:

Congregation singing; devotional, by D. A. Norman; special music by East Sylva quartette; rolls call of Sunday schools and business; talk, the training program in our association by Rev. H. M. Hocutt; special music by Zion Hill choir; talk, the characteristics of a good Sunday school teacher by Rev. Floyd Womack; demonstration by Juniors of Scotts Creek Sunday school in charge of Mrs. W. G. Dillard; song; adjournment.

Cathey Chapel U. D. C. To Meet Thursday

The B. H. Cathey Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet Thursday afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. E. L. McKee. Mr. B. H. Cathey has been invited to be the speaker for the afternoon.

Mrs. Allison, Mrs. Morris U. D. C. Hostesses

Mrs. Eugenia Allison and her daughter, Mrs. John H. Morris will be joint hostesses to the W. A. Enloe Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy at the home of Allison at the April meeting, which will be held on Thursday afternoon, April 6.

TODAY AND TOMORROW

By Frank Parker Stockbridge

HISTORY

The only way to understand what is going on in the world today is to study what went on in the world in the past. What we regard as "new" problems are really very old problems indeed. Human nature has not changed since the earliest recorded times, and people acted from the same motives a hundred, a thousand or ten thousand years ago as they do now.

The only things that change are the material environments with which we are surrounded. What every generation regards as "progress" is the effort, not always successful, to find new answers to problems which have baffled humanity from the beginning of time.

The main problem which mankind has always faced is how to live in comfort and safety with the minimum of labor. In our time we have come nearer to finding the answer to that problem than any people ever did in the past.

But it is rather doubtful, it seems to me, that with all our machines and inventions we have found the road to the supreme goal of life which is happiness. The ideal of every social organization must be the great happiness of the greatest number of its members. We are still far from that.

DEFENSE

"This or any other nation, to preserve peace, must be ever ready to defend its rights and protect its interests and its honor." That quotation sounds like something which might have been said in Congress yesterday. It was said in Congress in 1839, just a hundred years ago.

Representative W. C. Johnson of Maryland, pointing out that the European situation was far from satisfactory and the French fleet was blockading the coast of South America, pointed out that "the best way to preserve peace in this age, and perhaps in ages to come, is to be formidably prepared for war."

What Mr. Johnson advocated was the enlargement of the Navy by building more steam vessels. He pointed out that there was only one steam-powered craft in the whole Navy, and expressed the belief that steam had come to stay. The old admirals of the sailing ships didn't agree, just as some old officers of the Navy today think aircraft is all nonsense.

NEWS

Anyone who thinks that world conditions have changed greatly in the past century might profit by scanning the papers of a hundred years ago, as I have been doing lately. On noted British journalist wrote in 1839 that "At a period when our country is threatened with hostilities by more than one of the continental powers it is worth while to consider the state of our colonial possessions."

That might have been written yesterday. The English people were as concerned then as they are now, a hundred years later, over the present danger of war.

Then, as now, the threat to Great Britain was the loss of her colonial possessions bordering on the seven seas. "It is more than probable," the English newspaperman wrote, "that the loss of several colonies would be the result of those hostilities with which, according to the warlike preparations of the present ministry, we are threatened." That is the major concern of the British people in the present European crisis.

TRANSPORTATION

In 1839 the first proposal was made in the Congress of the United States for a canal across the Isthmus of Panama. A resolution was adopted instructing the President to consult with other nations involved as to its feasibility.

At that time the United States extended only to the Rocky Mountains, but we had a great shipping trade with the Orient and ships had to make the perilous voyage around the tip of South America.

It was more than sixty years before anything serious was done toward digging the Panama Canal, more than 75 years before the canal was finished.

The Bridge Club



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