

Economy Talk Proves To Be Dud In Congress

Washington, June 7 (Autocaster). Most of the talk about economy in Government is turning out to be exactly what experienced political observers have been predicting it would turn out to be—just talk.

That goes for Congress and for the Executive branch of the Government as well. It goes for Republicans and Democrats in Congress, for New Dealers and for conservative Democrats as well.

The plain fact is that politicians are not alarmed over the increasing national debt, but are concerned with appropriating more money which has to be borrowed, and distributing the borrowed money where it will do them, personally, or their party organizations, the most good.

Two recent instances indicate this attitude in Washington, where the present Government policy is described as "lending-spending." One is the address of President Roosevelt to the convention of the American Retail Federation. The other is the acquiescence of Senators and Representatives of all shades of political opinion, of every party and faction, in agreeing to add \$400,000,000 to the expenditures for farm relief, without a record vote.

The President's talk to the retailers is regarded here as a statement of the Administration policy in regard to debt and taxes.

The President said, in effect, that there is no need for anyone to be concerned about the growth of the debt, since the people are getting money from themselves and that the borrowed money is being spent for things which benefit everybody and will eventually result in improving business conditions.

Advocated by Eccles

This is substantially the policy which has been advocated by Mariner S. Eccles, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, whose influence with the President in financial matters is now considered to be greater than that of the Secretary of the Treasury.

The Treasury is, however, more closely in accord with the President on the matter of tax revision than it has been for some weeks. The Treasury's attitude has been for a long time that the only way to increase the national income, which means the individual incomes of citizens and business enterprises, is to reap or modify the taxes which prevent idle capital from engaging in new enterprises or expanding old ones.

The President has been strongly opposed to tax reductions which are not compensated for by additional taxes in other directions. How far he will go along with Congress and the Treasury remains to be seen.

There has been a noticeable shift in the atmosphere of political Washington in recent weeks. It can hardly be said that the opposition to the President and his policies within the ranks of his own party has diminished materially, but there are outward signs of a more friendly feeling on both sides.

Expert sign-readers interpret the present situation as indicating that

Henson Re-elected Superintendent of Public Welfare

At a joint meeting of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Welfare Board, held Monday, June 5, as required by law, Mr. G. C. Henson was unanimously re-elected Superintendent of Public Welfare for Jackson County for a period of two years.

Mr. Henson has served as Superintendent of Public Welfare since July 1, 1937, at which time the Public Assistance Program was started in all the counties in the State. Taking into consideration the setting up of the Public Assistance Program in the county, and the many increasing duties of the Welfare Department for the past two years, he has, without a doubt, had one of the hardest tasks ever undertaken by any person in the county.

He has served the county, while in this position, in an efficient manner. He has saved the county a lot of money by using the Federal Agencies as resources in the way of assisting needy families, whenever possible, in getting some type of assistance or employment, thereby keeping them from becoming responsibilities of the county.

Mr. Henson's administration for the past two years has been quite a success. He has made one of the best records in the State in this type of work. The manner in which he has conducted his office, and his fairness to all classes of people, has received both county and State-wide attention.

The President is hopeful of reuniting the Democratic party so as to insure himself a third-term nomination, and that all but a few of his most bitter opponents inside the party are beginning to wonder whether the Democrats have a chance to elect anyone in 1940 except Mr. Roosevelt himself.

If that opinion becomes a conviction, party expediency and the personal political futures of numerous Democratic leaders will over-rule personal antipathies and dictate the support of the President for a third term.

Garner Boom Alive

That is not to say that the Garner boom for the Presidential nomination is dead. It is still very much alive. But Democrats are asking themselves and each other whether it would be safe to put up anybody with a less wide-spread personal following than Mr. Roosevelt himself, to contest against whatever candidate the Republicans may nominate.

Under-cover gossip in Washington is that the scheme in which Postmaster General Farley, as Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, is currently engaged, is not to collect pledges of delegates for himself, as had been whispered, but to insure the backing of the state party machines for the renomination of the President with Mr. Farley as Vice-President.

There are signs that all is not going smoothly in the Republican groups in the Senate and House. That they have not agreed upon a policy to which they can all adhere, is evidenced by the large number of Republican members who voted with the Democrats on the Agricultural bill, which is conceded by practically everybody to have been a barefaced bid for the farm vote, paid for with public funds.

There are indications that the House Republican organization is slipping away from the leadership of Congressman "Joe" Martin and that the boys are beginning to run wild. And in the Senate the revival of the Vandenberg boom for the Presidential nomination has not only threatened the leadership of Senator McNary but is causing disturbance among the friends of Senator Taft.

Jesse Jones Considered

The prospect now is that Administration pressure will be put on Congress for new spending-lending programs, which are not yet fully developed, but which are intended to stimulate business by some



Former President was here Sunday enroute to Smokies

Officers Crack Down On Pin Boards Alleged Bank Robbers Go On Trial Monday

Cracking down on pin boards and slot machines in Jackson county, the sheriff's department and the Sylva police made a clean sweep of the county, last Sunday.

A dozen or more machines, valued up into the thousands of dollars, were taken by officers and stored at the court house. Other machines, the operators or owners evidently learning of the drive that was being made, disappeared before the officers arrived to take them up. It is believed, however, that there is not now a single machine or device of the kind in the county.

A scheme of forcing idle capital to go to work. How this is to be done is not clear. Much will depend upon whom the President names to head the new consolidated Federal Lending Agency.

The most likely prospect is Jesse Jones, head of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, whose record as administrator of a difficult job is considered by almost everybody to be excellent.

The June term of Jackson county superior court will open next Monday morning, with Judge A. Hall Johnston presiding, and Solicitor John M. Queen prosecuting for the State.

For the first time in the history of this county, or of nearby counties, there will be a bank robbery trial. Ted West and Johnny Moore, Macon county youths, just out of the CCC camps, will go on trial for holding up the Jackson County Bank, on April 2, and of kidnapping Lawrence Gage, taxi-driver and forcing him to transport them to Barker's Creek. It is also probably that Solicitor Queen will charge the two with kidnapping the driver of a truck belonging to the Western Carolina Telephone Company.

The two were taken by local officers and possemen, in the mountains, near the head of Nation's Creek, within a few hours after the holdup; and \$853, said to have been taken from the bank by Moore, at the point of a pistol.

It is thought that Moore may enter a plea of guilty and throw himself upon the mercy court; but West has protested his innocence all the while, stating that he knew nothing of Moore's plans, and only happened to be with him at the time.

151 In Graduation Class At Western Carolina College

One hundred and fifty-one seniors received their B. S. degrees. This graduating class was the largest to have been graduated in the history of the college.

Among the students, who received degrees from the college, were twenty-three from Jackson County. They are: Hannah Lou Brown, Janie Bryson Brown, Kathleen Bryson, Belzora Holden, Jessie Pressley, Edith Alley, Alliney H. Bryson, Clara Buntain, Carma Ashe Crawford, Kathleen Fulbright, Juanita Farmer and Bertha Elizabeth Ammon of Cullowhee; Bennie Cowan of Green's Creek; Fannie Green of Cowarts; Sara Belle Hooper of Speedwell; Myrtle Henson, Geneva Turpin, and Edna Allen of Sylva; Elsie Monteith of Glenville; Mary K. Owens, Hanna Cowan, Pearl Madison of Webster; Jonathan E. Brown of Tuckaseegee, and Lucile Long of Erastus.

Miss Hannah Lou Brown, who for the last year has been working on a masters degree in education at Peabody College at Nashville, majored at Western Carolina Teachers College in elementary education and minored in art. She was president of the two year senior class in 1937. She was assistant editor of the college handbook in 1937 and editor of the college handbook in 1938. She was a member of the standards committee in 1937, a commencement marshal in 1938, a member of the student senate in 1937, a member of the debate club for three years, and associate editor of the college annual in 1937. In 1938 she went to Nashville with the college broadcasting group.

Miss Kathleen Bryson majored in primary education. She belonged to the local chapter of the association for Childhood Education. She was a member of the Day Student's Council.

Miss Jessie Pressley majored in education. She was a member of the local chapter of the Association of Childhood Education, and served as program chairman for that club. She was for two years a member of the day students' council. For two years she was the recipient of the Dr. Grover Wilke's Scholarship Fund of fifty dollars.

Miss Clara Buntain, who is at present making her home in Cullowhee, majored in grammar grade education. She belonged to the Columbian Literary Society, Day Students' Organization, International Relations Club, College Chorus, M. E. Church Choir, Woman's Club, and Missionary Society. She was assistant

John M. Queen prosecuting for the State.

librarian in 1924 when she was a student at the college. She is now doing community welfare work.

Miss Elizabeth Ammon majored in science and minored in mathematics. For four years she was a member of the Alpha Phi Sigma and the honor roll. This year she was a member of the science club; Epworth League, and the Columbian Literary Society. She was named in who's who in American Colleges, and received honorable mention to the Dean's List. She was one of eighteen students to be graduated with honor.

Miss Edna Allen majored in business education and minored in English. She was a member of the senate, and was secretary of the Day Students' Council.

Miss Mary Kay Owens majored in primary education. She belonged to the local chapter of the Childhood Education Association, the Dramatics Club, International Relations Club, Epworth League, and the Girls' Athletic Association for which she served as secretary and treasurer in 1938.

Miss Farmer majored in the field of grammar grade education. She was a member of the Glee Club and the Halcyon chorus. She belonged to Alpha Phi Sigma, honorary society, the Dramatics Club, and Standards Committee.

Mrs. Pearl Madison majored in the grammar field. She was one of eighteen students in the graduating class to be graduated with honor.

Information about the extra-curricular activities of some of these students was not listed in this year's college annual, the source from which this information was taken.

The three-day commencement program of Western Carolina Teachers College which began Sunday came to a close today with an address by Dr. W. H. Frazer, president of Queens Chiropractic College at Charlotte.

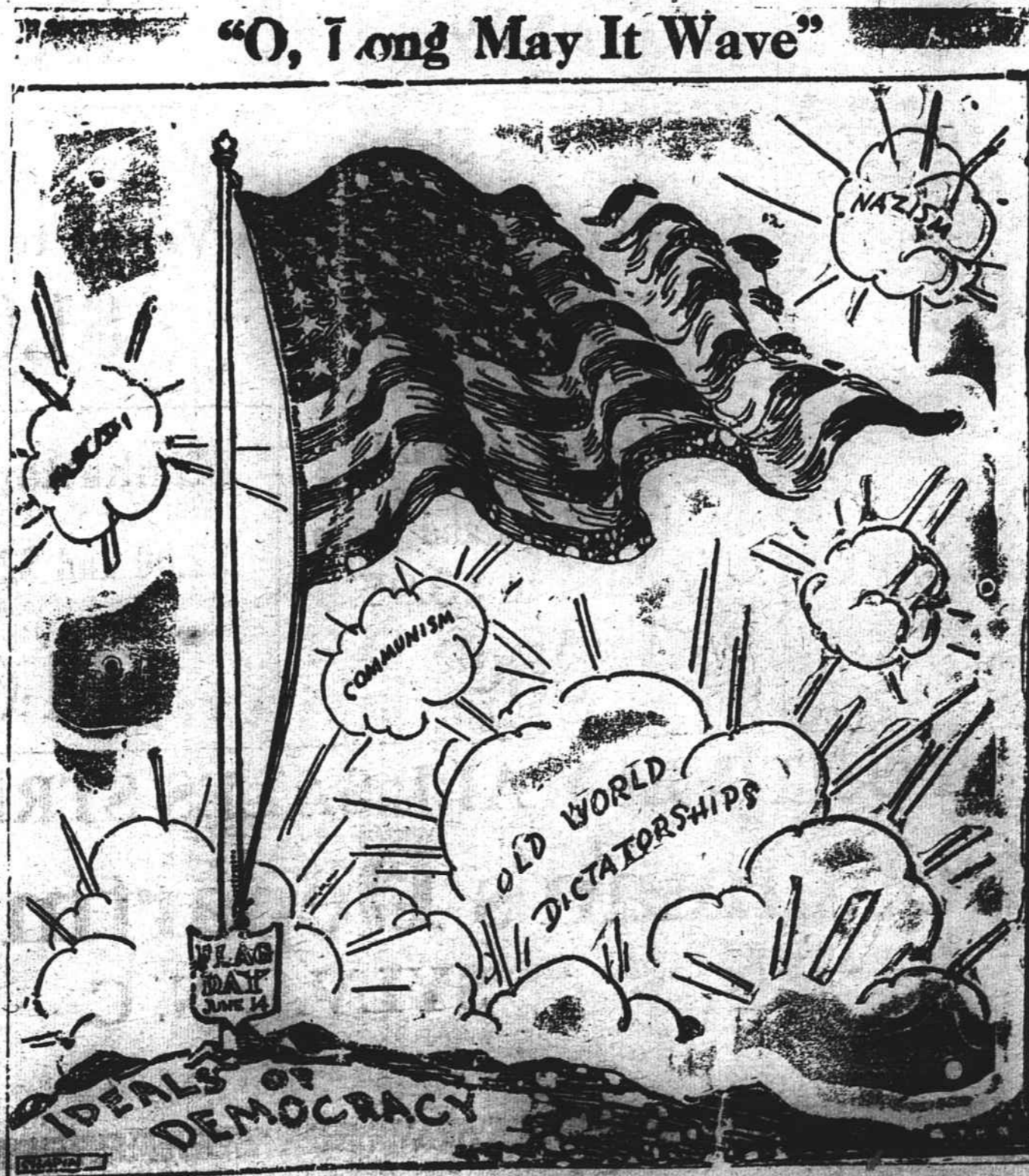
B.S. degrees were conferred upon one hundred and forty-nine seniors by President H. T. Hunter. Four graduates receiving degrees with highest honors were Mrs. Carma Ashe Crawford, Porter Garland, Nancy Linda Haynes, and Carl David Moses. Eighteen students receiving diplomas with honor were Elizabeth Ammon, Agnes Dalton, Bertha Fuqua, Theima Galloway, Helen Gibson, Elvira Greenlee, Sue Haigler, Charles Holoman, Lenore Johnson, Mrs. Selma Young Jolley, Vera Jones, Frances Leatherwood, Mary Anne Leslie, Mrs. Pearl B. Madison, Marion Posey, Mary Elizabeth Preston, Violet Spivey, and Edith Wilson.

Special awards were made by Dean W. E. Bird to six members of the graduating class. Miss Melba Fowler of Glenville received one of the fifty dollar scholarships given annually by Dr. Grover Wilke to worthy Jackson county students, and Ocie Bryson of Cullowhee received the other. The E. H. Stillwell scholarship was awarded to Thurman Perkins of Goldsboro. Miss Deane Frazier of Canton won the hundred and fifty dollar loan fund given annually by the college to a rising senior expecting to become a primary teacher.

Charles R. Holloman of Hookerton, named the best citizen among the boys of the college, was given an award of \$10.00, which is donated annually by Prof. E. H. Stillwell; Miss Edith Wilson of Hayesville, named the best citizen among the girls of the college, was given an award of \$10.00 which is donated annually by Mr. S. W. Enloe.

The Mrs. E. L. McKee service award, given to the student who for two years renders the greatest service to the college, was also awarded to Charles R. Holloman.

A two-year secretarial certificate and a gold medal were awarded to Miss Rachel Louise Bryson of Winstar Haven, Fla.



Record Catch



SYDNEY, Australia . . . A tiger shark weighing 1382 pounds, is shown after it was caught by Lionel Bagnard, off Sydney Heads, N.S.W., recently. This is the world's largest fish to be caught on a regulation tackle.