

## CABE CONFIDENT IN LAND VALUES

Bank Cashier Comments  
On Governor's Radio  
Address

## FARM PRICES LOW Gardner Advises People To Buy Well Selected Real Estate

"Farm lands in Macon county now can be bought cheaply enough to allow the farmer to make a fair profit on his crops, even at present price levels," said H. W. Cabe, cashier of the Bank of Franklin, in commenting Wednesday on Governor Gardner's radio address Monday night. The chief executive broadcast the statement that "land is today the soundest investment there is."

"In my mature judgment," the governor declared, "the investment with most likelihood of turning out well is an investment in North Carolina land and real estate at the prices at which it can be bought today. To the man or the woman with money to buy, my advice is to buy land, buy now. Of course, I mean well-located land. Do not buy blindly. Why do I advise you to invest money in land when cotton is selling at six cents and tobacco at eight cents a pound? Because it is cheap I have secured facilities of six radio stations of North Carolina to tell the people that in my judgment land and real estate is a good buy now for the prices at which it will be sold."

**Sees Brighter Future**  
"In every period of depression, of course, there are people so borne down by the present that they never lift their eyes to the future. We have today in North Carolina everything we thought we had when we were rich, except the state of mind that believes we are rich. We have more. I predict that in the next decade the Great Smoky Mountains park will be drawing more than two million visitors to North Carolina every year. Some of them will come to stay; all will leave some of their money with us."

Localizing Governor Gardner's opinions, Mr. Cabe said he believed that prices of farm lands in Macon county at this time well justified their purchase.

"By buying a farm at present low prices," he continued, "a farmer can sell his crop at present low prices and be assured a profit. His investment would not be out of proportion to his income."

### Confident in Farm Values

Mr. Cabe, who through his banking experience is well acquainted with local financial conditions and the value of property, said the main reason why a number of persons in this county have found themselves in financial difficulties is that they bought their land at high prices on long terms. Interest and principal reductions have continued to come around on the basis of high purchase prices and meanwhile the prices of all farm products have dropped. The farmer's income has decreased and although the prices of the goods he buys may have decreased about in proportion, still his interest and principal reductions have continued on the same high basis.

## Mayor Patton Improved After Severe Illness

Mayor George B. Patton was reported Wednesday to be improving after a severe illness at his home on the Georgia road.

## S. A. Munday Reported In Critical Condition

The condition of S. A. Munday, who has been ill at his home for some weeks, was reported Wednesday to be critical. Mr. Munday, proprietor of the Commercial Hotel, has been suffering from a lung affection with complications.

## Food Sale To Be Held By Methodist Ladies

A food sale will be held Saturday in the vacant store between Sloan Brothers & Co. and Joseph Ashear's store on Main street. The sale will be sponsored by the ladies of the Methodist church. Cakes and pies of various kinds, dressed chickens and colored Easter eggs will be on sale.

## NEWS SUMMARY

A Survey of State and National Events Concisely  
Told in Brief Up-to-Date  
News Reports

### Sino-Japanese Peace Basis

Chinese and Japanese negotiators on Monday reached a basis for peace parleys in the formal conference opened by a league of nations commission on Wednesday, the Chinese troops to remain 20 miles from Shanghai and the Japanese to withdraw on a fixed program.

### Held For Old Murder

Oliver Baker and Jack Prince were arrested last week at Robinsville for the 1924 murder of Eagle Rose, whose decomposed body was found near Yellow creek, Graham county. John Gladden was acquitted of the murder in 1926.

### Roosevelt and Hoover Win

Franklin D. Roosevelt won North Dakota's 10 Democratic convention delegates in a record Democratic vote last week, more than doubling William "Alfalfa Bill" Murray, President Hoover won nine of the 11 Republican delegates.

### Erwin Heads Teachers

Clyde A. Erwin, Rutherfordton, was elected president of the N. C. Education association, which held its 48th meeting at Charlotte last week-end, 3,000 attending. Harry P. Harding, Charlotte, was chosen vice-president. A state board of education of seven members was favored to replace the present board and the board of equalization.

**New Cherokee Superintendent**  
R. L. Spalsbury, Lawrence, Kansas, has been made superintendent of the Cherokee reservation in Swain and Jackson counties, succeeding the late Daniel E. Clancy.

**Ex-Governor Is Arrested**  
Accused of embezzling funds of a securities company, Lee N. Russell, former governor of Mississippi was arrested Saturday at New Orleans.

**Earning Slump In 1931**  
Earning of 379 leading industrial firms in 1931 slumped 78.09 per cent from the 1929 earnings, a national audit-firm reports. In 1,389 industrial earnings for 1931 were \$628,341,000, a 61.17 per cent decrease from 1930 earnings.

**4 Die In Plane Crash**  
Four were killed and a fifth injured in the crashing and burning of a passenger plane at Calimesa, Calif., on Saturday.

**Kirby, Crop Loan Inspector**  
Charles W. Kirby, Winston-Salem, is supervisor of field inspectors who will aid county committees in North Carolina in making crop loans for the federal government.

**Killed By Rolling Rock**  
Hazel Glantz, 21, was killed on his farm 12 miles west of Salisbury Saturday when a large rock, he was removing from a field rolled on him.

## Union Service Planned By Churches Easter Night

The bond between all Christian denominations will be expressed in the observation of Easter in the churches of Franklin Sunday. Union services held throughout the week in commemoration of the suffering of Christ have brought all denominations together in unity of devotion. A union service is planned for this Easter at 7:30 p. m. at the Methodist church to be participated in by the Methodist, Episcopal and Presbyterian churches.

Services will be held at all the churches at the usual hours except at St. Agnes Episcopal church, which will be at 6 a. m. on Easter morning. The program for the union service at the Methodist church will include an organ prelude, Overture from Tannhauser, (Pilgrim's Chorus), by Wagner, played by James Porter and an anthem, "Christ the Lord is Risen," by Wilson, will be sung by combined choirs.

Holy Week services started Monday night when the Rev. J. A. Flanagan preached in the First

### \$7,500,000 On New Industries

There were 102 new industrial plants and additions to 76 in the state in 1931, involving an investment of \$7,500,000 the state development commission finds.

### Huge Cotton Crop

North Carolina contributed 750,237 bales to the 17,000,772 bale cotton crop in the United States in 1931, a national crop only exceeded by the record crop in 1926. Last year's great crop was made on 28 per cent less acreage than was planted in 1929.

### Bailey Denies Charges

A firm denial of fraud and irregularity in his 1930 election to the senate was made by Josiah W. Bailey on Monday in his answer to an amended petition by George M. Pritchard, Asheville, Republican candidate who is trying to unseat Bailey.

### Woman Killed In Fight

Mrs. Viola Holt, Asheville woman, ran between W. D. Fowler and Fred Yarbrough as the two exchanged pistol shots in the Holt home last week, and was shot and killed. The men sustained serious injuries in the fight, which was caused by jealousy.

### Auto Deaths Decrease

Only 38 auto fatalities were reported in North Carolina for February, and 328 injured, as compared with 55 killed and 370 injured in January.

### Find Skeletons in Basement

The skeletons of a man and a deformed woman or child were found in a hole in a Charlotte man's basement on Friday. Authorities are at a loss to connect the gruesome find with any unsolved crime. The occupant of the house had just moved in when he made the discovery.

## Boxing and Wrestling Tournament Announced

The Asheville Young Men's Christian Association is sponsoring a Western North Carolina Boxing and Wrestling tournament to be held April 1 and 2. Any amateur boxer or wrestler in Western North Carolina may compete in the tournament. \*Championship certificates will be awarded the winners in each weight. The boxing weights are: 100, 109, 129, 139, 149, 164, 179, and unlimited; wrestling 100, 109, 118, 126, 135, 145, 155, 165, 175, and unlimited.

Lots of interest is being shown and a good tournament is predicted. C. C. Poindexter, formerly of Franklin, is in charge of arrangements. Anyone desiring to compete in the tournament should send applications to him in care of the Asheville Y. M. C. A. as soon as possible. Further information about the tournament will be furnished upon request.

Baptist church on the topic of "The Barren Fig-tree." Tuesday the Rev. O. P. Ader preached at St. Agnes Episcopal church. On Wednesday the Rev. Eugene R. Eller addressed the joint congregation assembled at the Methodist church and in his preaching stressed the human side of Jesus. Thursday night the Rev. Norvin C. Duncan will be heard at the Presbyterian church.

On Good Friday a three-hour service will be held at St. Agnes Episcopal church led successively by Mr. Ader, Mr. Eller, Mr. Flanagan and Mr. Duncan, and attended by members of all churches as well as by those of no affiliation with any church. The three-hour service is commemorative of the three sentences spoken by Christ from the cross and of His suffering and sacrifice for all mankind. The service will open at noon. Those who wish to attend may remain for the whole service or retire at will.

A baptismal service is to be held at the Baptist church Sunday night

## WORK STARTED ON MONUMENT

Will Rogers Invited to  
Visit Franklin For  
Unveiling

## MANY CONTRIBUTE Movement Honors Last of Macon's Cherokee Chieftains

Contributions for the marker to be erected over the graves of Chief Chutasoth and his wife, Kuntikah, in old St. John's churchyard, on Cartoogechaye creek, are coming in steadily, according to reports from Mrs. J. H. Slagle and Mrs. C. C. Cunningham, who are heading the movement.

### Work Started

Work has been started on the marker by A. A. Angel. The monument is to be one of Macon county granite, massive and rough-hewn, inscribed with a quotation from a famous speech by Chief Chutasoth. This speech, eloquent in its brevity, was in answer to the lengthy and forceful arguments of Major James Robinson, who in 1843 was sent to prevail upon the Cherokees east of the Mississippi to join their brethren in the west.

After listening respectfully to the words of Major Robinson, Chief Chutasoth arose, and lifting his hand in a compelling gesture, said: "In sight of that mountain I have lived and in sight of it I expect to die. My talk is ended." It is this last statement that it is proposed to use as his epitaph: "My talk is ended." It is undecided whether it will be possible to carve into the stone the design of a peace pipe of the Cherokee tribes as an emblem of the harmony in which the old chief lived with his neighbors.

**Will Rogers Invited**  
Efforts are being made by Miss Elizabeth Kelly and others to get Will Rogers to come here for the unveiling of the monument. It is (Continued on page four)

## WORK AND FUN MARK MEETING

Cartoogechaye Provides  
Example of What Work  
and Play Accomplish

A community meeting under the 5-10 Year Organized Farm program was held Saturday, March 19 at Slagle school on Cartoogechaye. About 50 people attended and all contributed to making it a mutually profitable and entertaining event.

The program was devoted largely to a discussion of "Better Farm Homes and How to Make Them." Each member of the group, upon answering to roll call got up and gave at least one suggestion for improving the home and living conditions generally in the country. Among these suggestions were the following: Screening the kitchen porch; Building rock gardens; Putting running water in the home; Planting evergreens, and many other ideas equally important to the health and comfort of the country home.

Carl Slagle talked on the farming outlook for Cartoogechaye township for 1932, touching on many interesting points and not leaving off the silver lining to the cloud by any means.

Mrs. H. C. Hunt gave an address on the subject "How We May Economize During 1932."

### Fun Featured

After the business of the day was disposed of the crowd was entertained by Oscar and Ras Lewis, who performed respectively on fiddle and banjo in a truly remarkable fashion.

A relay race was quickly organized in which the ladies challenged the men. Each runner was required to put on a coat, vest and pair of gloves before starting to run. Although the men lost the event they claimed that they were handicapped by Al. Williams, who it is reported, had considerable difficulty in getting into the coat. Pop-corn and syrup candy was the very welcome refreshment to top off this profitable and enjoyable meeting.

## Woman Killed, Many Homes Wrecked as Storm Sweeps Across Northern Georgia

## Holcomb's Prolific Seen As Best Variety of Corn For Macon Farmers

Recommendations are being made by F. S. Sloan, county demonstration agent, concerning the variety of corn known as Holcomb's Prolific, which has proved very desirable for this section. This is a white variety, characterized by its small cob, long ear and deep grain. Observation in Macon county, according to Mr. Sloan, has been that this variety has out-produced all varieties checked against on both rich and poor land.

**Produces Larger Yield**  
Tests conducted at the state test farm at Swannanoa over the past seven years show an average yield

of Holcomb's Prolific of seven bushels more per acre than any of 18 other varieties grown in check plots.

C. W. Henderson of Gneiss planted one and three-quarter acres in Holcomb's in 1931 to check against his regular variety. Land and field conditions were approximately the same and both varieties were given exactly the same fertilization. Holcomb's Prolific produced 116.4 bushels per acre, by weight, while the other variety produced 89 bushels, showing a difference in favor of Holcomb's of 27.4 bushels per acre. In addition to the increased yield, the weight of cobs was much less in the case of Holcomb's Prolific. Mr. Henderson reported that 70 pounds of ear corn shelled out 61 1-2 pounds of grain. Others have found that the average in

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## ALLEGED HOG THIEF CAUGHT

Roy Mason Charged With  
Housebreaking and  
Larceny

Working on information that a hog and other items had been stolen from the Tallent brothers' camp in Nantahala township, Deputy Sheriff George Mallonee got on the trail of the alleged culprits Saturday and after close tracking over a mountain for about three miles arrested Roy Mason, who was charged with housebreaking, larceny and receiving. Mason later was bound over to April term of court under \$1,000 bond.

A hog was killed about 150 yards of the Tallents' camp and dragged and carried away. The camp was entered and a number of items were reported missing. Deputy Mallonee said he found half of a fresh-killed hog in the attic of Mason's house and that a meal sifter, alarm clock, bucket of lard, box of sugar and sack of salt, also missed from the Tallents' camp, were found in the house.

## Local Fertilizer Dealer Enters Chilean Contest

According to an announcement just received, Sam Franks, proprietor of the Farmers' Supply company, local fertilizer dealers, has entered the Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau's dealer contest being held in this state this year.

Mr. Franks said his decision to enter the contest was largely due to his desire to be in position to offer the trade in this area the best of all nitrogen materials, together with the kind of service to which he believes a customer is entitled.

Mr. Franks asks for the interest and support of the fertilizer trade in this area in order that he may realize whatever success his efforts in their behalf may merit as a contestant for the Chilean Nitrate awards.

## Seed Loans Total \$598,971 As Applications Are Filed

More than 3,500 loans totaling \$598,971 have already been made to farmers for crop production this year from the \$50,000,000 fund allocated to Secretary Hyde by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for 1932 crop production loan office said in a communication to The Press.

The figures represent business done by the seven regional offices of the organization up to Friday night (March 28). The average loan is slightly over \$170. Loans are being made from every regional office. These offices are located at Washington, Memphis, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Spokane, Salt Lake City, and Dallas.

## Poultry Sale Nets \$878 For Farmers

The poultry sale held in Franklin on Monday and at Otto Tuesday drew a large number of sellers and netted considerable more than the last sales in this county. A total of 7,311 pounds were disposed of by Macon farmers, putting \$878.29 cash money in their pockets. This represents an average price of a little better than 12 cents a pound and, as a good percentage of this represented roosters at a price of six cents a pound, the average is considered as somewhat better than that obtained at previous sales.

More poultry sales will be held as Spring progresses. Announcement of dates will be made by F. S. Sloan, county farm agent.

## CHECK-RAISING CHARGES HEARD

3 Turtle Pond Young Men  
Accused of Altering  
Pole Tickets

S. R. McCall, Edgar McCall and Ray Green, all young men of the Turtle Pond section, were arrested Friday by Sheriff A. B. Slagle, and charged with raising and forging tickets of M. L. Dowdle & Co., which were later cashed at Joe Ashear's store in Franklin.

The three men were brought before Magistrate George Carpenter Saturday for preliminary hearing. S. R. McCall made bond of \$500 for appearance at April term of court, while Edgar McCall and Ray Green are being held in Macon county jail in default of \$500 bond each.

It is alleged that one ticket for \$6.50 was raised to read \$18.75, another from \$6.50 to \$9.50 and a third forged in the amount of \$18.25.

## Tail Winds of Tornado Do Slight Damage In Macon

## ALABAMA HARD HIT

## High Winds Cut Path Of Destruction In Rabun

A tornado sweeping up from Alabama Tuesday night cut a freakish swath of destruction across North Georgia and spent its fury on the mountainside just below Rabun Gap. In its wake it left rumbled houses, uprooted trees and people too surprised to know what it was all about.

The total death toll was reported Wednesday night to be more than 300, nearly 250 of them in Alabama. The injured were estimated as high as 2,500. Thirty-five were reported dead in Georgia. Others killed were in Tennessee, South Carolina and Kentucky. One woman, Mrs. Sarah Jane Stancel, was killed in Rabun county on Wolf creek.

The storm struck Rabun county about 11 o'clock at night. It came in at the head of Burton Lake, swept on through the section known as Germany, crossed over a mountain, made a shambles of the Sylvan Lake summer community, roared down Wolf creek, crossed the valley between Rabun Gap and Mountain City and then died out on the next ridge.

### Macon Damage Slight

Tail winds of the tornado, with heavy rainfall, were felt in Macon county, but no serious damage was reported. A few chimneys were blown down and window panes smashed in, but the storm had lost its violent force.

Hundreds of people from Franklin went down to Rabun county Tuesday and Wednesday to view the damage. They brought back weird stories of destruction.

A home in which eight persons were asleep was demolished, it was reported, but no one was injured.

The roof of another house was blown off. Sleeping upstairs was a man and his son. They and their beds were blown out of the unroofed room and the amazed men found themselves uninjured in a meadow across the road from their wrecked home.

Half of the barn of John Dockins, prominent farmer, was swept (Continued on page four)

## A. P. Morgan, Of Macon, Dies In Graham County

ROBBINSVILLE, March 23.—A. P. Morgan, 63, of Macon county, died of heart trouble at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon while working on an acid wood job on Bear Creek in Graham county. An inquest was held by Coroner Frank Howell, the jury returning a verdict that death was due to natural causes.

## Dr. C. E. Cunningham Removes to Atlanta

Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Cunningham left Friday for Atlanta, where they will make their home. Dr. Cunningham, formerly on the medical staff of Angel Brothers' hospital here, will be associated with a prominent Atlanta surgeon.

## J. Cecil Holt Hurt in Automobile Accident

J. Cecil Holt, who has many friends in Franklin and Macon county, was injured recently in an automobile accident near Petersburg, Va., according to word received by The Press. The extent of his injuries was not learned.

## Tom Dills Is Given Suspended Sentence

In Magistrate S. J. Murray's court Monday afternoon Tom Dills was tried and convicted of public drunkenness on charges arising from disorder at a basketball game at the Higdonville school Saturday afternoon. Sentence was pronounced as 30 days in the common jail in Macon county. Judgment suspended on payment of costs and during good behavior for six months.