

It Happened This Week

License Bill Passes
New Debt Plan
More Crop Loans
Building Activity Drops

WOULD LOWER CAR LICENSES

The lower house of the general assembly passed, on Monday night, a measure to reduce license fees on passenger automobiles from 55 cents a hundred pounds to 40 cents.

BRITISH PLAN DEBT LUMP

Sir Ronald Lindsay, British ambassador to the United States, has returned to England and is reported to have presented a plan for final settlement of the war debt by making a lump sum payment to this country, the sum mentioned ranging from one to two billions.

AUTHORIZE CROP LOANS

President Hoover, on Saturday, signed the bill authorizing \$90,000,000 in loans to farmers for production of 1933 crops, the loans to be secured by crop liens.

N. C. BUILDING DECLINES

In 21 large cities of the state, the cost of building operations in 1932 declined 47.5 per cent from the 1931 total, or from \$5,386,600 in 1931 to \$2,827,594 in 1932.

MUTINOUS CREW TAKES CRUISER

A mutinous native crew of Sumatra sailors overpowered the officers of the Dutch cruiser, De Zeven Provincien, and steamed away to sea. By wireless they said the mutiny was a protest against a wage cut and that the warship would shortly be turned back to the officers.

PICKING LITTLE CABINET

While President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt steams through tropical waters in a vacation aboard Vincent Astor's yacht, James A. Farley, national Democratic chairman, and his lieutenants met this week in Miami to consider names for the many unimportant under-secretariats in the federal departments.

CONGRESS HONORS COOLIDGE

Congress on Monday honored the memory of Calvin Coolidge with senate and house in joint session receiving President Hoover, high officials of government and the diplomatic corps present to pay homage to the late president.

ROAD PATROLMAN BEATEN

Road patrolman James Merritt was attacked by five white men near Fayetteville, Sunday, when he attempted to arrest one of them. He was so badly beaten about the head and body that his recovery was despaired of for a time.

ANNOUNCE CABINET MARCH 3

President-elect Roosevelt has announced he will follow Woodrow Wilson's practice, and reveal the names of his cabinet officers on March 3, the day before his inauguration.

SAYS UNEMPLOYMENT MOUNTS

Supporting a bill to open up all resources of the reconstruction corporation for relief of the unemployed, Edward F. McGrady, representative of union labor, told the senate's banking committee on Friday that over 12,000,000 are unemployed, 9,000,000 are on part time, 45,000,000 Americans are living in poverty, 15,000,000 of them existing only with the aid of charity.

McLEAN CALLS FOR FARM AID

Angus W. McLean, former Tar Heel governor, was one of several witnesses to tell senate committees at Washington, Friday, that substantial aid must be extended to agriculture if serious consequences are to be avoided. McLean urged a two-year moratorium on farm mortgages.

PRITCHARD CONTEST ENDED

George W. Pritchard's contest of the 1930 election of Josiah W. Bailey to the United States senate, was dismissed by the senate, Friday, approving its elections committee report that charges of irregularities had not been sustained. Pritchard, former congressman from the 10th district, will be reimbursed \$12,000 expense money.

SENATE SUSPENDS OFFICER

"There are not many senators or representatives who sell their votes for money, and it is pretty well known who those few are," wrote David S. Barry in the New Outlook magazine. The senate, on Friday, suspended Barry from his post as sergeant-at-arms, when he said he could not name any members of congress who had accepted bribes.

BIG LESPEDEZA ORDER PLANNED

County Agent Urges Farmers Desiring Seed To Notify Him

FEB. 18 IS TIME LIMIT

Lespedeza Seen as One of Best Crops for Soil Improvement

F. S. Sloan, county farm demonstration agent, announced this week that he was planning to make a big pool order for lespedeza seed on Saturday, Feb. 18, and urged that all farmers desiring to enter the pool notify him as soon as possible. He pointed out that by ordering in this way the farmers of the county can save considerable money. Current lespedeza seed prices are very good, he added, but are guaranteed only until February 18.

Commenting on lespedeza, its advantages and the way it should be planted, the county agent said: "Common lespedeza should be sown on small grain as soon as possible. The Korean variety may be sown a little later than the common; but by the time the seed may be obtained, it will be time to sow either variety. The common is the best all-round variety. It makes good yields of hay and seed, and reseeds itself in pastures better than the other varieties.

Korean Lespedeza
"The Korean makes a heavy yield of both hay and seed under favorable conditions. It is not adapted to as wide a range of soils as the other varieties. The Korean is a month earlier than the common. The leaves are larger and the stems coarser than those of many of the other varieties. The seed are all borne at the ends of the stems, in the midst of cluster of leaves, resembling small pine cones."

Mr. Sloan gave several interesting points on the uses of lespedeza. "Hay yields run from 1,500 to 6,000 pounds to the acre, sometimes more," he said. "Indigestible protein lespedeza is between red clover and alfalfa hay. It is higher in digestible carbohydrates than any other legume hay commonly grown in this state. Lespedeza hay is relished by all kinds of livestock, and is eaten with little waste.

Fine for Soil
"As a soil improver lespedeza is in the front ranks. Out of eight tests, made by the state, turning under lespedeza for corn gave an average yield of 44.1 bushels of corn to the acre where the lespedeza was turned under, and 21.3 bushels in the same field where no lespedeza was grown; being an increase of 22.8 bushels. It is almost impossible to remove a crop of lespedeza so completely as to prevent it from improving the soil. This is because a large percentage of the plants is below the height of mowing. Of course the larger the growth turned under, the greater will be the benefit to the soil. The nitrogen gathering bacteria of lespedeza are present in practically all North Carolina soils, being the same as those of cowpeas, velvet beans and peanuts.

"Lespedeza's chief value for grazing is that it affords good pasturage during the hot summer and fall months when most other pasture plants are dormant. The Korean may be grazed from June 1 to October 1, and the other varieties from July 1 to November 1. The common variety is best for general pasture use, as it will reseed itself even when grazed down to one inch in height.

"Lespedeza should be sown on small grain in February or March so as to get two crops per year. Korean lespedeza germinates in about two weeks, the other varieties in four to five weeks. When broadcast at least one bushel, (25 pounds), of seed should be sown to the acre. It should be covered lightly, as with a weeder, unless sown very early. A lespedeza field should be clipped in late June or early July to retard the growth of weeds, since no variety except the Korean makes much growth before July."

Box Supper To Be Held at Patton School

A box supper will be given at the Patton school house Saturday night, February 18, for benefit of the West End baseball team. Music will be furnished by a string band.

Highlands One of Wettest Points in U. S.

Highlands, which enjoys the reputation of being the highest incorporated town in point of altitude west of the Rockies, also is one of the wettest, if not the wettest, in point of rainfall, in the United States.

The precipitation gauge kept by Barry Hawkins, United States weather bureau observer, at the Rock House station in Horse Cove, near Highlands, registered nearly 97 inches of rainfall last year. The exact measurement was 96.96 inches. Some years ago, it is said, Highlands had 127 inches rainfall over a period of 12 months. Figures are not available on precipitation in other sections of the country last year, but Highlands is thought by weather experts to rank close to the top.

ELECTION HELD BY RED CROSS

J. E. Lancaster Is Elected Chairman; Reports On Work

J. E. Lancaster was unanimously elected chairman of the Macon County Red Cross for the ensuing year at a meeting of the chapter in the courthouse Saturday afternoon. Mr. Lancaster has been serving as chairman of the relief organization since last fall, when he was appointed to the position after Miss Elizabeth Kelly, who had been chairman for two years, became too ill to carry on the work.

Other officers elected by the chapter were J. C. Mell, of Highlands, vice president, and Mrs. Claude Russell, Franklin, secretary and treasurer. Mrs. Russell, who was reelected to her position, reported that the county chapter had collected \$204 in membership fees and donations last year, besides a quantity of clothing and food. The Highlands chapter, which since has been consolidated with the county organization, collected \$499.5 last year. Mr. Lancaster, in accepting election as president, said he felt it was more of an honor than election to public office and expressed his sincere appreciation for the trust imposed in him. He reported that the chapter, cooperating with Miss Rachel Davis, welfare superintendent, had helped in administering relief last year to 900 men, representing 650 families, and had distributed the following food and clothing to needy persons: Four carloads of flour, 17 dozen overalls, three dozen jumpers, 96 dozen pairs of hose, 48 dozen suits of underwear, 58 dozen sweaters, two dozen play suits, 1,850 yards of flannel, 1,630 yards of prints, 125 garments made by church women.

Joseph Elliott, 52, Iotla Farmer, Dies

Joseph Elliott, 52, died at his home on Iotla Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock after an illness of several months.

Funeral services were held at the Holly Springs Baptist church Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock with the Rev. A. S. Solesbee in charge.

Mr. Elliott was a farmer and had made his home on Watauga most of his life. Surviving are his widow, who was Miss Hester Patterson, of Watauga, two sons, Eugene and Lester; two daughters, Elizabeth and a small child; his father, William Elliott, of Franklin, Route 4; 5 brothers, Charles Elliott, of Route 4, Henry and John of Cherokee county, Sam and Thomas, of the State of Washington.

William B. McGuire, Jr. Passes Bar Exam

William Bulgin McGuire, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McGuire of Franklin, was among the 68 applicants for law licenses who passed the state bar examination Monday of last week, it was announced Saturday by the Supreme Court. Mr. McGuire is a student in the Duke university law school.

SHOW SUCCESSFUL

The lantern slide show sponsored by the Methodist church at the auditorium last Friday night was quite a success, a good crowd attending.

Atlantic Monthly Carries Poem by Franklin Resident

A poem by Robert W. New, who came to Franklin with his family about four months ago after spending some time in Germany, was published in the January issue of The Atlantic Monthly.

The poem, entitled "Vermont Farm," follows:
And all the love that there ever was
Between Granville Hill and the Valley of Flood
Is burned out now and gone and dead.

And the valley road is lost in weeds
And the cellar holes are caving in.
The same old brook runs across this road
Though its gully is choked with logs;

Occasional young stock nibble the grass
On Granville Hill that looks across
The ruined vale to the wooded peaks.
And so the slope has a cozy air,
Inviting to lie on in spite of the weeds

And dream of New England of former days.

Nobody drives on the narrow road,
Nothing alive but occasional flies
Mars the quiet of this old place.

Meeting Called Methodists To Form Organization

A meeting of the officials and leading laymen of the Methodist churches of Macon county has been called to take place at the Methodist church in Franklin at 7:30 p. m., Wednesday, February 15. The purpose of the meeting, it was announced by the Rev. O. P. Ader, pastor of the Franklin church, is to organize a county-wide group.

After a devotional service to be led by the pastor an election of officers will be held. Then a service will be conducted by the Rev. G. N. Dulin, pastor of the Franklin circuit, with a discussion of the question: "What is a Christian; am I a Christian?"

Subsequent monthly meetings are planned for the county-wide Methodist organization, rotating between the various churches in the county. A joint meeting of the Waynesville, Asheville and Marion districts of the Western North Carolina conference of the Methodist church has been called to convene at 10:30 a. m. Friday, February 10, in Central Methodist church, Asheville. The program includes addresses by Bishops Mouzon and Kern. All presiding elders, pastors and certain laymen from each charge are urged to attend, but the meeting also will be open to all others who wish to be present.

Rev. J. A. Bryson Prominent in Missouri

The following news item is clipped from a Missouri paper:
"Rev. J. A. Bryson recently returned from Southwest Baptist college, Bolivar, Mo., where he delivered a series of 11 sermons on Stewardship and held conferences with ministerial students. This work was achieved under the direction of the Missouri Baptist General Association."

Mission Group Plans 'Jitney Supper'

A "jitney supper" to raise funds for the Franklin Methodist church will be given in the storeroom of the Northwest Carolina Utilities, Inc., next to the postoffice, Tuesday evening, February 14, beginning at 7 o'clock. The supper will be sponsored by Circle No. 2 of the Missionary society of the Methodist church. Those making arrangements for the supper promise generous servings for five cents each; hence the name, "jitney supper."

Baseball Meeting Set for February 18

A baseball meeting has been called to meet at the courthouse at 2 o'clock on Saturday, February 18. All teams in the county are urged to be present. This meeting was scheduled to be held Saturday, February 4, but was postponed because it conflicted with another meeting in the courthouse.

It is desolate, ghastly, forbidding, forlorn,
And yet it is dear as it always was;
And private and intimate; precious as well.
The sacred land! The beloved hills!
The soil to return to—be buried in.

Mr. New was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., on June 16, 1893, a member of a family of writers. His father, who died recently in New York, was a regular contributor to the Blue Book for 40 years. Mr. New is the author of a number of books on scientific subjects, several novels and a number of poems. A large, smiling man, he attracts much attention because he makes a custom of wearing an overall jumper, tennis shoes and no tie. He explains that he dresses in this manner to keep an agreement made with a friend.

Mr. New and his family, consisting of Mrs. New, a daughter, three sons and a nephew, are occupying the Porter house on Bidwell street. He said he decided to make his home in the south to be near a friend, Professor Phillips, a member of the faculty of Piedmont college, Demorest, Ga. He and Mr. Phillips are graduates of Harvard university.

Bill Would Make Bryson County Accountant

A bill to authorize the register of deeds of Macon county to serve also as county accountant at a salary of \$50 a month has been introduced in the legislature by Representative C. L. Ingram.

The measure evidently is aimed at restoring the work of keeping the county's books to C. Tom Bryson, register of deeds. When the new board of commissioners assumed office in December it turned this job over to one of its members, E. W. Long. Mr. Bryson claimed that fees collected by him as register of deeds were insufficient remuneration.

In his campaign speeches Mr. Ingram promised to use his influence to abolish the job of county accountant, formerly held by W. D. Barnard, chairman of the old board, at a salary of \$1,800 a year. But somebody must keep the county's books. Evidently, the plan now is to keep the county accountant, turning the job over to the register of deeds at a reduced salary, and to abolish the job of assistant accountant.

Mrs. Redding Dies

Former Franklin Woman Passes at Niceville, Fla.

News was received here last week of the death of Mrs. V. A. Redding in a hospital at Niceville, Fla., last Thursday.

Mrs. Redding made her home here for several years, and made many friends who will regret to learn of her death.

She was the mother of Mrs. Fred L. Siler and a sister of Mrs. Fred S. Johnston. Mrs. Siler was with her mother when she died.

Zone Missionary Meeting Postponed

Owing to the disagreeable weather the zone missionary meeting of the Methodist churches of Macon county has been postponed until the second Tuesday in May. The next meeting will be held with the Franklin Methodist church.

HIGHLANDS TEAMS WIN

A double-header played between Highlands and Dillard basketball teams last Friday resulted in victory for both Highlands teams. The game between the Highlands first team and the Dillard team ended with a score of 19-22 in favor of Highlands, and the game between the Dillard second team and the Epworth league ended with a score of 9 to 12 for Highlands. The games took place on the Dillard court.

REPAIR PHONE LINES

A crew of men has been working here this week on the telephone lines, continuing the work to repair damage done by the recent ice storm. This storm has caused the telephone company to make an expenditure of several hundred dollars in equipment and labor.

Cooperative Poultry Sale Prices Announced

A cooperative car lot poultry and egg sale will be conducted by F. S. Sloan, county agent, all day Tuesday, Feb. 14, at the Franklin depot, and from 10 to 11:30 a. m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, at Otto. Mr. Sloan said the following prices would be paid:
Heavy hens, 9 cents; leghorn hens, 7 cents; stags, 8 cents; fryers, 15 cents; cocks, 4 cents; ducks and geese, 5 cents; turkeys, 10 cents; eggs, 11 cents per dozen.

TRIBUTE PAID TO MISS KELLY

Resolution Honoring Her Memory Adopted by Red Cross

A resolution testifying to "the high esteem" held for Miss Elizabeth Kelly, former chairman of the Macon county chapter of the Red Cross, who died Sunday, January 22, was adopted at the annual meeting of the chapter in the courthouse Saturday afternoon. The resolution follows:

In the life of most people there come times when it is hard to be reconciled to the decree of fate and impossible to understand it. It is particularly so in the loss recently sustained by the Macon County Chapter of the National Red Cross, in the death of Miss Elizabeth Kelly, chairman of this chapter. By her unremitting toil, much of the time in physical pain, and without reward or hope of reward, except that feeling of having discharged her duty to the highest possible measure of her ability, she perfected the relief work of this great organization of mercy to the extent that it ranks as one of the outstanding units of the country. At the acme of her usefulness to her kind and at a time when, from human viewpoint, she could least be spared, the end came, and in our feeling of dazed bereavement, we can't help wondering why this had to be. But we can say in the language of Tennessee:

"O yet we trust that somehow good will be the final goal of ill,
That nothing walks with aimless feet,
That not one life shall be destroyed,
Or cast with rubbish to the void,
When God has made the pile complete."

Believing that it is appropriate that we publicly testify to the high esteem in which we held Miss Kelly, both as the head of this organization and as a force for good in the community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That in the passing of Miss Kelly, the Macon County Chapter of the National Red Cross has lost a most loyal and courageous leader; one ever ready and willing to be a help to the helpless and a friend to the friendless.
2. That the Town, the County, and the State is poorer because of her going.
3. That this Red Cross Chapter extends to the members of her family its deepest sympathy in their great bereavement.

Approved by rising vote of all members present in annual meeting of Macon County Chapter held in courthouse Feb. 4, 1933, 2 p. m.

(Signed) J. E. Lancaster,
Chairman
Mrs. Claude Russell,
Sec. and Treas.

65 Garments for Needy Made by Mission Circle

Sixty-five garments, most of them for school children, were made during January by Circle No. 2 of the Methodist Missionary society working in cooperation with Miss Rachel Davis, county welfare superintendent, and the Macon county chapter of the American Red Cross. The garments were made from cloth supplied by the Red Cross.

At Christmas time this circle made 125 children happy with various gifts. It also has supplied food to a number of needy families. In February the group plans to make baby clothes for distribution through the Red Cross.

Several ladies who are not members of the circle have manifested an interest in its work by assisting in making garments for the needy.

Use the Want Ads

Classified advertisements in The Franklin Press bring results. If you have something to sell or trade, try a classified ad. The cost is small only one cent a word with a minimum charge of 25 cents for each insertion.

BILL EMBRACES BACK TAX PLAN

Randolph Measure Authorizes Installment Payments in Macon

BIG BOND DEFAULT

County Behind \$40,635 on Its Bond Payments, Report Shows

A bill to authorize installment payments stretched out over a period of five years on delinquent taxes in Macon county has been introduced in the General Assembly by Representative J. P. Randolph, of Swain county. The measure also would authorize the redemption of property sold for taxes and bid in by the county.

Under terms of the measure, the delinquent taxpayer would be required to pay current taxes in addition to the amount of delinquent taxes plus interest at six per cent. The total of delinquencies would be divided into five equal annual payments. The measure's provisions apply to delinquent taxes of the towns of Highlands and Franklin, as well as to back county taxes.

Although the measure was introduced by Representative Randolph, it is believed to have the support of Representative Ingram of Macon and Senator R. A. Patton, also of Macon. Before going to Raleigh the local representative said he would seek to have similar legislation enacted.

Would Extend Time

A bill introduced jointly by Senators W. R. Francis of Haywood and Patton of Macon would extend the time for payment of 1932 and 1933 taxes in Macon, Haywood, Jackson, Swain, Transylvania, Clay, Cherokee and Graham counties. The time limit for payment of 1932 taxes would be moved up to December 1, 1933, and the limit for payment of 1933 taxes, to December 1, 1934. Under the present law, property on which taxes have not been paid for the preceding year is supposed to be sold in June; but this law has not been complied with in this county for some years.

The last report of R. C. Birmingham, county auditor, showed \$163,991.94 in delinquent taxes from 1925 through 1931 on Macon county's books. Delinquencies for 1932 are expected to push this sum well over \$200,000; but much of this is thought to be uncollectible because back taxes on personal property are very difficult and sometimes impossible to collect.

Big Bond Default

While the county has been accumulating large tax arrearages, it also has been piling up a considerable default on its bonds. According to a report made public Tuesday by the Local Government commission at Raleigh, setting forth defaults for the various counties and other governmental subdivisions, Macon county's default was shown to be \$40,635 on December 31, last.

Representative Ingram has introduced a bill relative to refunding Macon county's bonds, but the details of the measure have not been learned here. He also has introduced a bill relative to reassessment in this county.

The Randolph bill to provide for partial payments of back taxes has been referred to the committee on finance.

OBITUARIES

JOHN NICHOLS

John Nichols, 78, prominent farmer, died at his home on upper Cartoogechaye Friday morning about 1 o'clock.

Funeral services were held at the Maiden's Chapel Methodist church Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Nichols is survived by three sons, George, Fred and Floyd, and three daughters, Mrs. Lester Williams, Mrs. Lyman Sweatman and Mrs. Charles Ledford.

ANNA JEANE FERGUSON

Anna Jeane, three-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cooper Ferguson, died at their home early Sunday morning.

Funeral services were held at the Union Methodist church Monday.

Surviving are the parents, one brother, Junior, and one sister, Katherine.