

It Happened
This Week

Members Named
Gets 80 Years
Approves Repeal
Arson and Murder

**ROOSEVELT NAMES
2 MEMBERS OF CABINET**
President-elect Roosevelt Tuesday announced two members for his premier cabinet posts — Senator Hull, of Tennessee, for secretary of state, and William H. Woodin of New York, for secretary of treasury. The announcement said they will go to work immediately with foreign envoys on the Roosevelt program to bring about a revival of world trade and prosperity.

**CONGRESS APPROVES
REPEAL**
By vote of 289 to 121 the house of representatives on Monday approved the senate resolution, passed Feb. 23, for repeal of the 18th amendment and sent the question to the states for action in special conventions. The articles would protect dry states from liquor shipments from wet states.

ZANGARA GETS 80 YEARS
Giuseppe Zangara, little Italian gunman who wounded five in a Miami crowd on February 15 when he tried to assassinate President-elect Roosevelt, on Monday pleaded guilty to deadly assault in four cases and was sentenced to 80 years in prison. He was not tried for the wounding of Mayor Anton Cermak, of Chicago, and Mrs. Joseph Gill and in event either of them die, Zangara will face a capital charge. He refused to consider a plea of insanity.

**CHARGE ARSON AND
MURDER**
Murder and arson are charged to Elisha Chapman, 20, facing trial this week at Taylorsville. It is claimed Chapman killed Isaac Welborn and son and then burned the house down to conceal the murders.

GLASS REFUSES TREASURY
Senator Carter Glass, of Virginia, has informed President-elect Roosevelt that on account of his age and physical weakness he will not consider accepting the treasury secretaryship which was offered him in the new cabinet.

TRIPLE MURDER MYSTERY
A newspaper peddler stumbled on a triple murder mystery in a New York speakeasy, Monday. Michael Griffin, the bartender, John Egan, an escaped convict, and Dorothy Miller, attractive woman of the underworld lay dead, each with a bullet hole through the right side of the head. The killings are attributed to a racketeer war.

**ROOSEVELT CONSIDERS
DEBTS**
In renewed conversations with Sir Ronald Lindsay, English ambassador, President-elect Roosevelt has this week again approached the solution of war debt, currency stabilization, and world economic problems.

HOOVER URGES ACTION
In a surprise message to congress, President Hoover on Monday urged approval of new bankruptcy laws, enactment of the Glass bank bill, ratification of the St. Lawrence seaway treaty, the granting of wider authority in relief appropriations to the Reconstruction Finance corporation; removal of publicity provisions for the corporation's loans, disapproval of the domestic allotment plan for farm relief. Congress received the message with small display of interest.

\$4,126,510 STATE BALANCE
The state was reported with a \$4,126,510 cash balance on January 31, and a total debt of \$182,736,371.

KILLS SELF IN STATION
After calling for some cigars at a filling station at Jackson, L. J. Bradley, 57, business man, shot himself through the head with a pistol which he secured by reaching over a showcase.

LEAGUE CONDEMNS JAPAN
The committee of 19 of the league of nations, last week made public its report condemning Japan for military action in Manchuria. Resignation of Japan from the league is expected to follow, and a major war is looked for in Jehol province.

PASS COTTON MEASURE
The senate on Saturday passed the bill of Senator Smith, of South Carolina, to provide for a 3,000,000 bale reduction in the 1933 cotton crop.

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3 SHOT IN GANG ROUND-UP

ABANDONMENT PAPERS FILED

Petition in Railroad Case
Filed with Commerce
Commission

PUBLIC NOTICE GIVEN
Two Months or More Ex-
pected Before Hearing
Is Called

A formal petition for abandonment of the Tallulah Falls Railway, operating between Franklin, N. C., and Cornelia, Ga., was filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington on Wednesday, February 15, according to a public notice received by The Press Monday from J. F. Gray, receiver of the line.

The application for abandonment is based on a contention "that the present and future public convenience and necessity" no longer warrant continued operation of the road.

It is expected to be two months or more before a hearing will be held on the receiver's application for abandonment and Mr. Gray has assured the business men of the territory served by the line that he will endeavor to have the hearing in Franklin or Clayton so that the public will have ample opportunity to state its case.

May Employ Counsel
A movement has been started looking toward employment of special counsel to represent the communities served by the "T. F." at the hearing.

Should the I. C. C. grant the abandonment petition, the case will have to go back to federal court before operation is actually stopped. Judge E. Marvin Underwood of the United States court for the Northern district of Georgia so ordered in granting the receiver authority to file his petition with the commerce commission.

At a conference with representatives of the employees of the "T. F." in Atlanta Saturday Judge Underwood gave them assurances that no further wage cuts would be permitted by him as he did not believe in working men at less than a living wage.

Several weeks ago Mr. Gray was reported to have presented to Judge Underwood a petition signed by various business men recommending that the wages of the railroad's employees be further reduced, but the jurist refused to give the receiver such authority. The employees were wrathful, claiming that they had suffered cuts amounting to 43 per cent while the receiver had undergone a salary reduction of only eight per cent.

To Visit Asheville

Several Dairies Included
In Day's Program

The vocational agriculture class of the Franklin high school will leave from the Franklin courthouse Saturday morning, February 25, to spend the day in Asheville. The class will be under the leadership of their instructor, Mr. Meacham, who will take the students through the Valkyrie Dairy at Enka where they will see about 100 fine Guernsey cows, as well as modern and well equipped dairy barns.

The next place of interest will be the Biltmore Dairy on the Vanderbilt Estate. This is one of the outstanding Jersey dairies of the South, and possesses the only machine in North Carolina which solders a wire around the bottled milk to hold the cover on.

If time permits the students will visit the Asheville city market. The class will travel by school bus. There will be about 40 boys to take the trip. The group will return to Franklin about 7:30 Saturday night.

BASEBALL MEETING CALLED
A baseball meeting will be held at the courthouse Friday night, March 10, at 7:30 o'clock. All teams expecting to enter this league must have representatives at this meeting.

This is the last meeting to be held before the schedule is made. Everybody invited.

A Masterful Blow Against Crime
The law-abiding residents of Macon county are deeply grateful for Sheriff Slagle's sweeping round-up of the Coweta gang, whose depredations during the past few months made life and property unsafe.

It is to be regretted that three men were wounded, one of them fatally, but most of the sympathy is reserved for Fred Cabe, special deputy, whose wound is a badge of honor.

The sheriff handled the whole case in masterful fashion. For weeks he had to endure whispered criticisms and could not afford to make any answer. All the time he was quietly working, hunting for evidence that would stand in court. When he found what he wanted he acted so swiftly and effectively that seven men were arrested and bound over to superior court in ten days.

It is action of this sort that will put a stop to the gang menace. Had a willy-nilly, chicken-livered bunch of officers gone to Coweta last Thursday afternoon, some of them would not have come home alive and the desperadoes they were dealing with would still be a public menace. The alleged leader, J. R. Bell, has been outlawed and has a price on his head that sooner or later will bring him to justice.

It is sincerely hoped that the wheels of justice will move as expeditiously as the arm of the law. The spear with which justice is meted out is equally as important as the penalty. Retribution today is feared more than heavier retribution tomorrow.

FARM PROGRAM BEING ENDORSED

Plan To Aid Laborers and
Landlords Rapidly
Being Practiced

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 22.—The proposed state-wide program of farming for destitute families promises to prove of much practical benefit to both the worker and farm owners, in the opinion of the Governor's Office of Relief and State College agricultural extension leaders, joint sponsors of the plan.

It was pointed out here today by Dean I. O. Schaub of State College that the program will in no way add to the already over-crowded supply of cash crops, thus allaying fears held by some farmers that tobacco and cotton would be forced to even lower price levels.

Dr. Fred W. Morrison, director of relief, emphasized that his organization will in no way assist any farmer or tenant farmer to raise a cash crop. The only objective is to enable them to produce food for their own consumption and feedstuffs for their live stock. The plan can not possibly cause any further over-production of cash crops for the simple reason that destitute families who must rely upon relief funds will not be assisted to grow cash crops," Dr. Morrison said.

It was pointed out by Dean Schaub that the landlord stands to profit materially as a result of the plan because of the fact that he may receive free labor from his tenants in exchange for lending the tenant the use of horse power and farming implements. It was also made clear that if the program enables the tenant to become permanently self-supporting, the landlord stands to profit in the long run because of the fact that the Federal government will not continue indefinitely to produce food for people living on the land. Unless people living on the land therefore become self-sustaining in so far as food is concerned, the landlords will be compelled to shoulder this burden.

There is evidence throughout the state that the new program is being welcomed by both laborers and land owners. Reports from county relief directors and county farm demonstrators in many counties indicate that they are rapidly putting the plan to work in their counties.

HOUSE KILLS G. O. P. TARIFF

The lower house of congress on Monday killed proposals of Republican leaders that tariffs on goods from countries with depreciated currencies be measurably increased. Doughton, of North Carolina, led the fight on the proposal.

ROAD PROJECT IS PROGRESSING

Construction is Now Under
Way Near Clay-
Cherokee Line

MURPHY, Feb. 21.—Work is progressing rapidly on highway No. 28, between Murphy and the Clay county line at Brassstown, and, despite the unusual amount of rain, snow and cold weather, very little time has been lost.

This link is 7.06 miles in length, and is the last piece of road in the state, between county seats, to be graded. The road was relocated last summer, and work of grading was begun December 5. Two large gasoline operated shovels are in use, one at each end of the project, removing dirt and rock. The road is being widened, all dangerous curves eliminated, and the mileage is considerably reduced.

On the new road, a five-span reinforced deck girder bridge, 235 feet in length, is being erected across Hiwassee river, near Brassstown, to take the place of the existing bridge. The new bridge is located approximately 200 feet up stream from the present bridge, which eliminates the small bridge over Brassstown Creek, this location being east of the mouth of Brassstown Creek.

The Hobbs-Peabody company, of Charlotte, has the contract for the bridges and culverts. There are 10 reinforced concrete box culverts on the road, the contract for which has been sub-let to the C. W. Buchanan company of Marion. Twenty-five per cent of this work has been completed. The Hobbs-Peabody company is crushing its own stone at a quarry at Murphy, the crushing outfit having been purchased for this purpose.

The shovel located at the Brass-town end of the project is owned and operated by the J. P. Dicus company, of Waynesville.

Methodist Church Notes

BY REV. O. P. ADER

Church school, 9:45 o'clock. Morning service at 11. Preaching by the Rev. O. J. Jones, of Bryson City.

A musical program in the evening instead of preaching. The Epworth League will meet at 6:45.

WEBB PLACED IN JAIL

Harry Webb, about 25, was placed in the Macon county jail Wednesday, charged with theft of chickens belonging to H. M. Luck, of near Highlands. Mr. Luck operates a tourist camp on highway No. 28, which was recently reported as being robbed.

SEAGLE TELLS OF ROBBERIES

4 Alleged Coweta Gang-
sters Bound To Court
Without Bond

3 OTHERS ALSO HELD
Robert Bell Pleads Guilty
To Robbery of Ritter
Camp Store

Four alleged members of the Coweta gang were bound over without bond to the next term of superior court on charges of murder and first degree burglary, both capital offenses, at a hearing before Magistrates George Carpenter and Sam Murray in the Macon county courthouse Tuesday morning. The courtroom was packed to capacity for the hearing.

Those bound over were Robert Bell, E. B. Stamey, Clarence Wood and Oscar Seagle, all of the Coweta section and all charged with participation in the robbery of George Dryman, 83-year-old Middle Creek farmer, on the night of January 23. Dryman suffered a gash about four inches long on his head when struck by a piece of timber and also sustained a broken rib. He died Sunday, February 12, of pneumonia, and a coroner's jury decided that the attack by the robbers was responsible for his death.

2 Other Cases
Jack Vinson was bound over on a charge of participating in the robbery about six weeks ago of R. M. Luck's tourist camp on the Highlands road. Seagle also was bound over in this case. The warrant charged storebreaking.

In another case, charging storebreaking in connection with the robbery of the W. M. Ritter Lumber company's camp store, four men were bound over—Seagle, Robert Bell, Garland Cole and Frank Carpenter.

Turns State Witness
Seagle turned state witness in all of the cases, giving in detail the plans for the Dryman robbery and how they were carried out. After waiving examination for his own part, he took the stand and gave evidence to the effect that the party going to the Dryman home included J. R. Bell, whom he said struck Mr. Dryman on the head; Robert Bell, whom he said remained outside in the gang's car; Clarence Wood, E. B. Stamey and Mel Holden (now dead).

Seagle admitted going into the house with J. R. Bell, Holden, Stamey and Wood, two of whom were wearing masks; but said he left before the robbery was completed. It was thought that Mr. Dryman had about \$2,000 concealed in the house, but the robbers got only \$125 in change and a pocket knife which were found in his pants.

"I saw Bell about to strike 'Uncle' George Dryman on the head with a board," Seagle testified, "and I said, 'Don't kill him.' Then I ran out of the room into the yard and above the fence."

All the other defendants pleaded not guilty, except Robert Bell admitted that he took part in the robbery of the Ritter camp store.

Miss Dryman Testifies

Miss Lilly Dryman, one of Mr. Dryman's three daughters, also testified at the hearings. She was in court with one of her sisters and Jim Dryman, a half-brother of their father. Both of the women, aged and bent, showed indications that they had been through a severe ordeal; but Miss Lilly answered the questions put to her by the attorneys unflinchingly.

Grover C. Davis, of Waynesville, former solicitor of this district represented Stamey, Wood and Bell. R. D. Sisk, Franklin attorney, represented Seagle. George Patton and R. S. Jones conducted the prosecution.

Clearing Smoke Reveals 1 Dead, 7 Under Arrest

Fred Cabe, Special Deputy, Wounded in Arm; Mel Holden and Quince Hodgkin also Shot, Holden Fatally

'JESSE JAMES' GANG BROKEN UP,
BUT J. R. BELL, LEADER, ESCAPES
Bell Outlawed and Reward of \$100 Offered For His
Capture; Believed To Be Hiding in
North Georgia

The Coweta gang, blamed for at least three robberies in the county, one of which resulted in the death of George Dryman, is broken up!

One of its alleged members—Mel Holden—is dead; another—Quince Hodgkin—is in the hospital with a leg broken by a bullet; yet another—J. R. Bell, said to be the leader—is an outlaw at large with a price on his head; while seven others believed connected with the gang are in jail.

Those in jail are Robert Bell, E. B. Stamey, Clarence Wood, Oscar Seagle—all charged with murder and first degree burglary, both capital offenses; Jack Vinson, Garland Cole and Frank Carpenter—charged with storebreaking.

Breaking up of the band, sometimes called the "Jesse James gang," came with startling rapidity after the death February 12 of Mr. Dryman, 83-year-old Middle Creek farmer, who was badly beaten by robbers who entered his home on the night of January 23.

Oscar Seagle was arrested Tuesday of last week. Sheriff A. B. Slagle had been quietly working on the robbery cases for weeks but had been unable to get sufficient evidence to swear out warrants against anyone. Then, about the time of Dryman's death, something leaked out and Seagle was arrested. At first he denied any knowledge of the Dryman case or any of the other robberies. Thursday morning he began to talk. Sheriff Slagle quickly organized a special posse of deputies.

Persons who saw Bell's car as it swung from the Coweta road into the Georgia highway (No. 285) said he shot his pistol into the air five times and shouted: "When I get to Georgia I'm a free man." Bell was believed to be hiding in the mountains in the southern part of this county or in the northern section of Rabun county, Georgia, where he is believed to have confederates.

Bell Outlawed
Friday afternoon Bell was outlawed in a proclamation signed by Sheriff Slagle and two justices of the peace, Sam Murray and George Carpenter. Saturday a reward of \$100 was posted for him. The outlaw proclamation gives any individual the right to arrest him and bring him to justice and, if he should resist arrest, to kill him.

Mel Holden died Sunday morning, his intestines punctured 15 times by two bullets. At an inquest called by Coroner C. M. Moore the verdict was: "That Melvin Holden was shot by party or parties unknown other than Fred Cabe, accordingly to evidence as given by Dr. Furman Angel."

Dr. Angel testified that he did not believe Holden's wounds could have been fired by Cabe, pointing out that the bullets had entered Holden's left hip and ranged upward through the intestines. Holden was seated in the car, his right side toward Cabe, on the bank.

Cabe was shot in the left arm. The bullet entered below the elbow and came out above. He was painfully wounded and the bone was slightly splintered but not broken in two. The special deputies' coat revealed that it was miraculous that he had escaped death. One bullet had gone through his coat, on the side, barely missing his body, while several other holes indicated that still other bullets had come preciously close.

Cabe was still in the hospital Tuesday, but was reported to be doing nicely. For a while it was feared that it would be necessary to amputate Quince Hodgkin's leg, but this was found to be avoidable. He is still in the hospital, under guard.

During the next few days after (Continued on page four)

Three Shot
Cabe in the advance, reached a small embankment above the road as the car came abreast. In his own words, his story as told to The Press, follows:

"I pulled out my gun and hollered at them to stop. The next thing I knew J. R. Bell and maybe one of the others started shooting and I felt my arm sting. Luckily, it was my left arm. Instinctively, I started firing. One of the boys tumbled out but the car kept going. Bullets were whistling all around. Sheriff Slagle tried to shoot but his gun misfired three times. I emptied my pistol and reached for another I had, but the car was too far down the road to do any good."

Mel Holden, the first to fall out of the car, was shot through the chest. Quince Hodgkin got out of the car, the bone of his right leg shattered by a bullet, about two hundred yards further on, just over a hill.

Pursue Bell
An ambulance was ordered and the three wounded men brought to Angel Brothers' hospital. Sheriff