

As the World Turns

A Brief Survey of Current Events in State, Nation and Abroad—the Facts Boiled Down to a Few Pithy Lines.

BEER GOES ON SALE

Beer, 3.2 per cent alcohol by weight, went on sale in 19 states and the District of Columbia at one minute after midnight Friday morning. In six other states the sale of beer has been legalized to go into effect at later dates. Beer can be sold in North Carolina after May 1. Wine of the same alcoholic strength as beer has been legalized also but is receiving scant attention.

HELD FOR COUNTERFEITING

Three are held at Rocky Mount charged with the making and circulating of counterfeit quarters and half-dollars. Picked up early last week for circulating the coins, H. G. Cuthrell implicated M. von Milgrom and his son, Robert, and the two Milgroms were arrested Saturday.

MORRISON HEADS FOREST WORK

Dr. Fred Morrison, director of relief work at Raleigh, has been designated to direct action in North Carolina in the employment of some 5,000 or more men in reforestation work. Those wishing to enlist may do so at federal employment offices in the larger cities of the state.

RALEIGH HIT BY STORM

On Friday, Raleigh counted the heavy toll of a violent wind, rain and electrical storm of the previous night. Six army bombers at the airport were badly damaged, a dairy barn was ignited by lightning at State college and burned along with valuable livestock, the capitol roof was damaged, and trees on the grounds crashed as did many elsewhere in the city.

BLAMES BANKS FOR SUICIDE

"The banks is the cause of this," wrote Mrs. Foster M. Myers, 70, of Thomasville, and left the note beside her body. She ended her life, Friday, by hanging herself from a joist in her home.

MAY REDUCE POSTAGE

The postoffice department is completing a test to determine if the larger volume of mail under two-cent postage for letters would not increase revenue and thus aid in the plan of the Roosevelt administration to end the department's yearly practice of piling up a huge deficit. A deficit of \$125,500,000 is indicated for the year ending June 30.

MURPHY TO PHILIPPINES

Frank Murphy, young and able mayor of Detroit, has been appointed by President Roosevelt as governor general of the Philippine Islands. Homer S. Cummings, originally given this post, will be retained as attorney general. Another appointment is that of L. W. Roberts, Jr., Atlanta, to the treasury department as the director of the public works program.

VERDICT IN SCOTTSBORO CASE

A jury at Decatur, Ala., on Sunday brought in a verdict of guilty against Heywood Patterson, one of nine negroes being given a second trial on the capital charge of criminally assaulting two white women on a freight train at Scottsboro. After the nine were found guilty and sentenced to death in the first trial, international attention was centered on the case and a second hearing was finally secured. The verdict returned Sunday was in the face of a reversal of testimony by Ruby Bates, one of the women principals, who said her evidence in the first trial was false and that the negro boys did not assault either her or Mrs. Victoria Price.

CANON LOSES COURT FIGHT

The Supreme court on Monday ruled against James Cannon, Jr., Methodist bishop, indicted for violation of the corrupt practices act in his 1928 campaign against Al Smith. The highest court ruled that federal prosecutors were right in asking the District of Columbia court of appeals to review the action of a lower court in dismissing the indictment against Cannon and his secretary, Miss Ada L. Burroughs.

FIND MOFFETT'S BODY

The body of Admiral William A. Moffett, chief of the bureau of naval aeronautics and highest ranking officer aboard the ill-fated Akron when it plunged into the sea, was found Monday off the New Jersey coast by a coast guard boat. Bodies of Commander Frank C. McCord, captain of the Akron, and of Commander Frederick T. Berry, were recovered on Sunday.

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RELIEF CAMP WORK DELAYED

Number of Camps Reduced To 5, but Size Is Doubled

SITES ARE SELECTED

Forest Headquarters Will Not Have Charge of Employment

Work on civilian conservation camps to house 1,100 workers in the Nantahala National Forest has been temporarily delayed, pending further instructions from Washington, it was stated at the forest service headquarters here Wednesday. The forest service was prepared to start erecting the camps last Friday, but called off operations on receipt of advice from Washington that it had not been definitely decided whether the army or the forestry service would have supervision over the work.

Foremen Named

John B. Byrne, supervisor of the forest, already had named foremen to take charge of the work, sites had been selected and arrangements made for the purchase of some of the materials needed.

The delay is expected to be only temporary and it is thought likely that construction of the camps will get under way within a few days. Only five camps are to be built, instead of ten as first announced, but the capacity of each camp will be doubled.

2 Camps in Macon

Two camps are to be located in Macon county, one near Aquone and the other near Highlands. It was first planned to erect the latter camp on the VanHook farm on Cullasaja river, but all of the necessary property was not available and it was decided to choose a site nearer Highlands.

The other sites selected are between Clayton and Pine Mountain; near Mountain Rest, S. C., and near the headwaters of the Tallulah river.

Foremen in charge of construction were named by Mr. Byrne as follows: J. V. Byrd, Aquone camp; Henry Beatty, Highlands camp; William T. Wright, Clayton camp; W. N. Sloan, Mountain Rest camp.

Since last week's announcement concerning the camps the forest headquarters here has been deluged with applications for employment. This brought from Mr. Byrne a statement that the forestry service had nothing to do with recruiting men for the civilian conservation corps and that employment of temporary help in constructing the camps would be handled by the foremen. Absolutely no applications for this work, he stated, will be considered at the forest office.

According to an announcement from Washington, enlistments in the conservation corps will be made through the department of labor's employment offices in the major cities throughout the country.

Mrs. Frank Fleming's Father Dies

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fleming will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Fleming's father, J. A. Burnett, at his home in Greenville, S. C., on Monday, April 3. Funeral services were held the following day. Mr. and Mrs. Fleming went to Greenville to be with Mr. Burnett shortly before his death.

Agriculture Class Learns How Large Orchard Is Run

The following account of a visit of the agriculture students to Barber's orchard, near Waynesville, was written for The Press by Bryant McClure and Wilmer McConnell.

The agriculture class of Franklin high school, accompanied by our teacher, Mr. E. H. Meacham, made a field trip to Barber's apple orchard, near Waynesville, last Friday. We had just been studying apples in our class work, which made the trip more interesting.

We were shown through the orchard by the manager, Mr. Sparks. The first point of interest was the mixing of fertilizer, which was being done when we arrived. The mixture was made up of 400 lbs. of phosphoric acid and 200 lbs. of nitrate of soda. This was used at

Patton Obtains Repeal Of Bills Extending Time For Liquidation of Bank

Legislation extending until October 1, 1935, the time for liquidation of the Bank of Franklin and postponing until April 1, 1935, any stock assessments or execution of judgments against stockholders, has been repealed at the request of the bank's board of directors.

The repealer was introduced in the legislature by Senator R. A. Patton early this week after Dr. W. A. Rogers, president of the bank, and Gilmer A. Jones, attorney, took to Raleigh petitions signed by stockholders and scores of depositors urging such action. The petition pointed out that progress toward reopening the bank had been retarded and general business conditions in the county stagnated by enactment of the legislation to delay liquidation.

The Patton bill providing for repeal was passed without difficulty. This is expected to have a favorable influence on the movement to reopen the bank.

Plans To Settle Maxwell Home Problem Suggested

Plan To Sell Maxwell Home Denied

Following is a copy of a statement obtained by The Franklin Press from Dr. R. F. Campbell, chairman of the Asheville Presbytery's home missions committee, prior to the presbytery's spring session a year ago:

"I wish to assure the good people of Macon County that the Presbytery of Asheville has received the splendid gift of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Slagle as a sacred trust, which will be carried out. The Maxwell Farm Home has been suspended only temporarily. Any reports about a contemplated sale of the property are absolutely false.

(Signed) "R. F. Campbell, Chairman of the Home Missions Committee."

Veteran Dies

Death Claims W. M. Gregory at Shookville

W. M. Gregory, 89, died at his home at Shookville last Tuesday afternoon, after an illness of several weeks.

Funeral services were held at the Sugarfork Baptist church Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Gregory was an old Confederate veteran. He was with Company C, 6th regiment of the North Carolina state troops. The deceased is survived by his widow and three sons, George Gregory, of Gneiss, Pink Gregory, of Franklin Route 2, and Maiden Gregory, of Jackson county.

50,000 Minnows Put In Lakes at Highlands

Nine large cans containing approximately 50,000 rainbow trout and small mouth bass minnows were dumped this week into the lakes near Highlands.

The fish were obtained from state hatcheries by a group of Highlands sportsmen, including: J. C. Mell, J. B. Munroe, F. H. Cook, Ed Rogers, G. W. Marrett, A. M. Wilson, H. P. Neely, Albert Wilson.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Truie G. Edwards, of Highlands, a daughter, Jennie Mae, on Sunday, April 2.

Presbytery Votes To Make Two Proposals To Slagles

The Asheville Presbytery, at its spring session in Asheville, voted Wednesday to make two proposals to Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Slagle, of Franklin route 1, for disposition of the Maxwell Home property, which was given to the Presbytery by them in 1910 with the expressed purpose that it should be used "in perpetuity" as a home for needy boys.

The first proposition called for a partition of the property, consisting of 538 acres on highway No. 28 eight miles west of Franklin, on a basis of the present value of the land and the improvements. The Presbytery would convey to the Slagles that section of the property representing the value of the land and retain for its own disposition the section representing the value of improvements.

Declined by Slagles

This proposal, it was revealed in discussion, already had been presented to the Slagles by a committee consisting of Dr. R. P. Smith, Dr. R. F. Campbell and the Rev. H. B. Denny, and the Slagles declined at the time to accept it.

The second proposition made by the Presbytery was that the Slagles be given the proceeds derived from the property during their lifetime with the privilege of living in one of the houses, the property after their death to revert with all rights to the Presbytery.

Mr. and Mrs. Slagle have not expressed their attitude toward this proposal, but since the Maxwell Home was abandoned as a home for needy boys they have contended that the Presbytery has broken its agreement and, therefore, should return the property to them.

Urges Settlement

R. L. Prevost, of Waynesville, pleaded with the Presbytery to settle the matter. Aside from the monetary question involved, he said, the Maxwell Home discussion is "killing all the influence which the Rev. J. A. Flanagan is attempting to build in Franklin."

Considerable feeling has been aroused among Presbyterian pastors and laymen over the Maxwell Home matter since the controversy was begun several years ago. Practically every session of the Presbytery for the past two or three years, and several previous to that time, has been featured by discussions of the subject.

Suspension of the home was authorized by the Presbytery at its spring session a year ago after a long and heated debate and adoption of a resolution denying that Dr. Campbell, chairman of the home missions committee, was a "Presbyterian pope," as called by The Franklin Press, and stating that the editor of this newspaper was "a young man with much to learn."

4 Arrested for Fishing Without Licenses

Four men were arrested Saturday by Charlie Waldrup, county game warden, for fishing without licenses. The four, who are scheduled to be given hearings Saturday before Magistrate Sam Murray, are Palmer Rogers, Rogers Wells and Wilfred Fisher, white, and John Ritchie, negro.

RELIEF SEEDS EXPECTED SOON

Will Be Distributed Among Needy Families of County

APPOINT CHECKERS

46 Men Named To Supervise arden Planting Program

Fred S. Sloan, Macon county farm agent, said Wednesday that the seeds which the welfare department is to receive from the state should be here the latter part of this week. The seeds are past due, and the would-be gardeners are getting behind with their planting.

The Macon county relief council has turned over blanks to the men who are to be checkers in each of the school districts in Macon county, after each of the communities had submitted from three to five men who would be capable of doing the work required by the welfare department. From the names submitted from each community one man was selected to work directly with Mr. Sloan, the farm agent, and in cooperation with him in an effort to help families which have been dependent on relief to grow better gardens, more food and feed crops for next winter.

Through cooperative agricultural work it is hoped and expected that a number of families will be in a position to carry on next winter without asking for help.

Under Supervision of Agent

The men named from each school district will work under the supervision of and in cooperation with the farm agent. They have been instructed that beside the required gardening program they are to check upon and report their findings at regular intervals. They are to encourage, assist, and promote as far as possible a live-at-home farm program with each one of the individual families through personal visits and personal contracts.

A few of the reports were brought in Monday, and in all cases the reports show that each family on the relief list is accepting this type of program very readily and that they are making an honest effort to do better this year than last year.

Checkers Listed

The checkers for each of the school districts are as follows: Academy school district, Thomas Gladwell; Aquone school district, Lee Russell; Allison-Watts school district, Mack Moffitt; Burnington school district, W. E. Welch; Buck Creek school district, Dock Rogers; Beecher school district, Ras Duval; Camp-Branch school district, C. W. Morgan; Clark's Chapel school district, Herring Cane; Cowee school district, Clyde N. West; Ellijah school district, John T. Henry; Fairview school district, John Wilson; Franklin school district, B. Kimsey, for South Franklin, Mel Long for East Franklin, and Noah Gibson, North Franklin; Gold Mine school district, Ben E. Gibson; Harmony school district, Norton Holbrooks; Highlands school district, Ed Rogers; Holly Springs school district, Jerry R. Franklin.

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New School Law Will Cut Macon Taxes \$23,000

Heifers Poisoned By Mixed Lime

Be careful what you feed your cows, is the advice of Will Ledbetter, of near Otto.

A few weeks ago Ledbetter fed a ration of lime, good for building up bone matter, to his 10 heifers and two cows. They all got sick, the heifers and cows from what they had eaten and Ledbetter from fright and sympathy. Five of the heifers and one cow died.

Investigating as to the cause, Ledbetter found that the lime was some containing a mixture of calcium arsenate which had been left over from last year's bean dusting.

I. M. Justus Dies

Funeral Held Sunday at Clayton, Ga.

Thomas M. Justus died at the home of his son, I. C. Justus, on the Georgia road Saturday. He had been in poor health for the past several months, having suffered a slight stroke in November.

He was born June 13, 1853, in Rabun county, Georgia, and lived most of his life there.

He is survived by his widow, son, and five daughters: T. C. Justus, Franklin, N. C.; Mrs. I. P. Coleman, Rabun Gap, Ga.; Mrs. T. M. Blackley, Clayton, Ga.; Mrs. Ed Holden, Clayton, Ga.; Mrs. Jas. F. Ramey, Mountain City, Ga.; and Mrs. Rachel Harvey, Clayton, Ga.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the Baptist church at Clayton, where he had been a member for the past 21 years, with Rev. E. R. Eller, pastor of the Baptist church, Franklin, Rev. Mr. Patterson, pastor of the Methodist church, Clayton, and Judge J. J. Kimsey, of Clayton, officiating.

Palbearers were grandchildren, including Verner Coleman, Carlton Coleman, Earl Coleman, Beecher Blackley, John Blackley and Carl Keener.

Mr. Duncan III

Rev. N. C. Hughes To Conduct Services Here

On account of the illness of the Rev. Norvin C. Duncan, Good Friday and Easter services at St. Agnes Episcopal church will be conducted by the Rev. N. C. Hughes, of Hendersonville.

Rev. Mr. Duncan suffered a heart attack shortly before the morning service at St. Agnes last Sunday and since then has been confined to his bed. A lay service was conducted by his son, Norvin C. Duncan, Jr. The rector was expected to be carried to Charlotte Thursday for treatment and rest at St. Peter's hospital. His condition was reported to be improved.

The Good Friday service will be held at St. Agnes' at 7:45 o'clock tomorrow night and the Easter service will be held at 6 a. m. Sunday. Rev. Mr. Hughes also will conduct an Easter service at the Church of the Incarnation, Highlands, at 11 a. m.

Nantahala Forest Seen As Paradise for Hunters

The counties of Macon, Clay, Graham and Cherokee in Western North Carolina, and Rabun county, Georgia, comprise a veritable hunter's paradise, judging by information compiled in a survey being conducted by the headquarters of the Nantahala National Forest.

Some weeks ago the forest office sent out questionnaires, asking information concerning game killed last season, to 630 hunters in these counties. This knowledge, such as only the hunters could provide, was desired with view to restocking the area with game. Names for the mailing list were compiled from hunting license records.

Out of the 630 blanks mailed to hunters, 250 have been returned. Three hundred and eight were mail-

ed to Macon hunters, of which 152 have been returned. The figures compiled from these blanks represent not only game killed within the forest area but also game killed in counties which contain a section of the forest.

Thirteen hunters reported that they killed no game, due to the fact they had failed to do any hunting. From the reports already in, the following facts are recorded: that from the counties of Macon, Rabun, Clay, Cherokee and Graham 1,093 quails were killed, 20 wild turkeys, 2,285 rabbits, 180 doves, 5,282 squirrels, 55 wild cats, 43 wild ducks, five wild geese 191 skunks, 247 coons, 1,735 possums and 3 foxes.

Macon county has a record of 512 quails, three turkeys, 1,219 rabbits. (Continued on page four)

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.

State-Supported 8-Months Term Provided in MacLean Bill

TEACHERS' PAY CUT

Statewide Ad Valorem Tax Abolished; Sales Tax Likely

The MacLean bill, providing for state support of an eight-months school term out of funds derived from sources other than ad valorem taxes, became law Tuesday when it was passed in the state senate by a vote of 30 to 10. It had passed the house last week, 51 to 40.

Enactment of the measure will mean a saving to Macon county taxpayers of \$23,000, according to an estimate made by C. Tom Bryson, register of deeds and supervisor of tax listing. It will reduce the countywide tax rate 16 cents on the \$100 valuation, as it repeals the state's ad valorem tax for support of schools. This assessment has amounted to 15 cents in most of the counties, but it was placed at 16 cents in Macon because of a slight decrease in the county's total valuation.

Big Rate Cuts Likely

The MacLean law also will wipe out levies imposed by special school districts to supplement state appropriations, which for the past two years have been made on the basis of a six-months term. This will mean a saving in Franklin and Highlands school districts of 35 cents on the \$100 valuation. Thus, the total savings in these districts will be 51 cents. In other special school districts the total savings will be:

Iotla, 36 cents; Union, 33 cents; Higdonville, 30 cents; Pine Grove, 33 cents; Mulberry, 30 cents; Otto, 36 cents; Slagle, 33 cents; Aquone, 33 cents; Beecher, 31 cents.

Besides effecting these savings in special school districts which already have eight-months terms, the new school law also will provide the extended terms for districts which now have only six months of school.

Districts which want a nine-months term may levy a supplemental tax to meet expenses for the extra month, but few of the districts are expected to do this. Already Representative Charles L. Ingram has introduced a bill to prevent such a special levy in Iotla district.

Appropriation Cut

The total statewide appropriation for schools and colleges carried in the MacLean bill is \$83,529,218 for the next two years, approximately \$24,000,000 under the appropriation voted two years ago.

Some form of sales or commodity tax is viewed as unavoidable as a result of passage of the MacLean bill, but many legislators foresee that such a tax would be necessary in any event.

Estimates of reductions in the county's tax rates are based on the present valuation of property. Of course, if this valuation is lowered in the reassessment provided in the Ingram bill, the rate will be correspondingly increased. The saving, however, will be the same.

Salaries Reduced

Pay of teachers, under the MacLean bill, is cut 30 per cent. In connection with this, Senator Angus Dhu MacLean, author of the bill, said:

"It is too much. However, if the teachers will accept it as the best that could be done under the circumstances, I believe they will win in the long run."

MICHIGAN FIRST FOR REPEAL

By vote of 99 to one, a Michigan constitutional convention on Monday recorded that state's approval of the repeal of the 18th, or prohibition, amendment and Michigan was placed first among the states in taking such action. The delegates were elected in a popular vote a week before.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

A son, Jerry Neal, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Potts at their home in East Franklin Sunday, April 9.