

# As the World Turns

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

## GAMBLING BILL IS LAW

The Neal bill to legalize pari-mutuel betting on horse racing in McDowell county in event the people of the county vote for it, was enacted into law by the general assembly last week.

## MAY RELIEF FUND ALLOTTED

Checks for \$216,500 of the May federal relief funds of \$866,000 were mailed to the counties from the Raleigh relief office on Friday. With local supplements the total relief expenditures in May for the state will exceed \$1,000,000.

## \$1500,000 WAKE FOREST FIRE

Fire of unknown origin early Friday morning destroyed Wake hall, administration building of Wake Forest college. There was only partial insurance coverage.

## GIRL'S KIDNAPERS GET \$80,000

Peggy McMath, eight, was returned unhurt to her wealthy father at Harwichport, Mass., on Friday after he had obeyed kidnapers' demands for \$60,000 ransom. On Saturday, Kenneth and Cyril Buck confessed themselves guilty and the \$60,000 ransom money was recovered in their home.

## TORNADOES KILL 35

Tornadoes on Friday swept central Alabama and northwest South Carolina, killing at least 35, and injuring many and inflicting heavy property and crop loss. Seven were killed at Belton and five in Laurens, S. C.

## GERMANY PLEDGES AID

Through Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, special representative of the German government, Germany has pledged to President Roosevelt earnest cooperation in a tariff truce and an international accord in promoting.

## ASKS RAILROAD CO-ORDINATOR

The appointment of a federal railroad co-ordinator with ample power to cut waste and duplication from the nation's transportation system was recommended to congress by the president last week. Joseph B. Eastman, liberal member of the interstate commerce commission, is regarded as certain of the appointment when the bill is enacted.

## SUGGESTS HIGHER WAGES

Addressing the United States chamber of commerce, President Roosevelt last week asked that as commodity prices rise in the process of controlled inflation, wages be increased to match higher prices and that unfair competition in the industrial system be outlawed.

## PULITZER PRIZE WINNERS

The \$6,000 in Pulitzer prizes for 1932 achievements in creative writing has been given to T. S. Stribling, novelist, Maxwell Anderson playwright, Frederick J. Turner, history, Allan Nevins, biography, and Archibald MacLeish, poet. Turner's prize was \$2,000, the others \$1,000 each.

## ITALY IS IN ACCORD

Speaking as special messenger from Italy, Guido Jung has brought that nation's agreement to President Roosevelt's program for arms reduction, a tariff truce, a return to the gold international standard, and an expansion of credit and trade throughout the world.

## WOULD PUT 3,000,000 TO WORK

A committee of 25 representing 56,000 in the Association of National Manufacturers has approved a plan for putting at least 3,000,000 men back to work on a specified date. The Roosevelt administration is considering legislation to relax anti-trust laws to aid business in eliminating competitive wastes.

## STRANGE AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

George W. Watson, Pine Level, died in a Goldsboro hospital Monday afternoon from hurts received that morning when he hailed the car of James McKoy and asked for a ride. McKoy was halting his machine when Watson walked into the side of it. McKoy was absolved of any blame.

## M. C. VOTES ON REPEAL IN NOVEMBER

The senate voted Monday night final approval of the measure providing a state-wide election on repeal of the 18th amendment next November. On the same ballot the electors will decide whether a convention shall be called and will name the delegates to it.

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## Use the Want Ads

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## CUT PLANNED IN VALUATIONS

Tax Assessors Agree on 30 Per Cent Horizontal Reduction

A horizontal cut of 30 per cent and a general equalization of real estate values is contemplated by the tax assessors named in the Ingram bill enacted by the current general assembly calling for re-valuation of property in Macon county, according to C. T. Bryson, register of deeds and county tax supervisor.

The tax assessors met last month and considered a plan of classifying property with a fixed value per acre under each classification. This plan, however, was abandoned, as it was thought unworkable in view of the wide variety of classifications which would be necessary in a mountain county such as Macon.

Meeting again Tuesday of last week, the tax assessors agreed to the general principle of a horizontal reduction of 30 per cent and decided that it would be best for them to rely upon common sense judgment, taking all factors into consideration, in equalizing values. It was the consensus of opinion that this would result in more equitable valuations than an arbitrary scale of values, as there would be many factors to be considered which could not be classified.

## Franklin Boy Scouts To Meet Saturday

The Smoky Mountains Boy Scout district, Daniel Boone council, will hold its annual spring Scout-O-Ral in Franklin Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. All councils in the Smoky Mountains district will have representatives to take part in the score or more of events which are to be contested that afternoon. The events will take place at the baseball field, just south of the depot here.

Some of the events for the afternoon are as follows: Knots relay, fire building and string burning, barrel hitch relay, tent pitching, chariot race, antelope race, flag relay bucket brigade, and inspection.

## CONGRESS TO QUIT IN JUNE

President Roosevelt has let it be known that he expects congress to complete its program of special legislation shortly and to adjourn early in June.

## Bonus Army Is Again Converging On Capital

By freight and passenger trains, automobiles and afoot another bonus army is converging upon Washington with the administration trying an experiment in an effort to prevent disorder which ended last year in the ex-service men leaving hurriedly with tear gas floating behind them.

## Art School and Artists' Colony To Be Established This Summer at Highlands

Announcement has been made of the organization of a summer art school and artists' colony at Highlands. Professor Max Bernd Cohen, headmaster of the John and Mable Ringing School of Fine and Applied Art, of Sarasota, Fla., is expected to arrive early in the summer to assume direction of the school.

Miss Albertina Staub and Mrs. G. W. Maret, of Highlands, have been instrumental in organizing the art school. Mrs. Maret has been a student under Professor Cohen in the John and Mable Ringing school.

Professor Cohen is no stranger in this section. For the past two summers he has been painting in the mountains of north Georgia and western North Carolina.

After receiving his B. A. and L. L. B. degrees at Columbia university, Professor Cohen spent six years in Europe studying at the leading art schools and traveling extensively. Before his return to America he exhibited his paintings in the leading galleries of Paris, where they were enthusiastically received, and on invitation of the

## REID BUILDING TOURIST CAMP

Construction Started on Six Cabins at Lake Emory Store

Six tourist cabins are being erected by A. W. Reid opposite Lake Emory Stores, Inc., on state highway No. 285 two miles northeast of Franklin. Mr. Reid also plans to remodel his store so as to accommodate a lunch room and beer garden.

The tourist cabins, of rustic log construction, will be in a grove of pine trees some distance from the main highway. Mr. Reid expects the camp to attract a number of summer visitors who will stay a week or more, as well as overnight tourists. Its proximity to Lake Emory, famed for its bass and muskellunge fishing, is counted upon to draw many anglers.

Fishing in Refuge To Cost \$1 a Day

A special fee of \$1 a day per person will be charged anglers in the Wayah Bald state game refuge. Friday and Saturday, the two open days announced last week by the Department of Conservation and Development. Those who take advantage of the open days also will be required to show state or county fishing licenses. A resident county license costs \$1.10, a resident state license \$2.10, and a non-resident license \$5.10.

The bag limit in Wayah creek on the two open days will be 15 trout. The special permits for fishing will be issued by Jesse Slagle, refuge warden, whose home is near the entrance to the refuge.

## COTTON CO-OPS KEEP LEADERS

The members of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Co-Operative association, in 12th annual meeting in Raleigh, on Monday returned Dr. B. W. Kilgore as president and U. Benton Blalock as manager.

## 4 TEAMS JOIN MACON LEAGUE

The official schedule for the Macon county baseball league opens on Saturday afternoon, May 13, at 2:30 o'clock. On this date Holly Springs will play Rainbow Springs at Rainbow Springs, and Watauga will go to Cowee.

Due to several community teams not being able to finance the games for the season, only four teams joined the league. The teams in the league are: Holly Springs, Cowee, Watauga and Rainbow Springs.

On Saturday afternoon, April 29, the baseball fans of Macon county were given a chance to see their first games of the season, when two practice games were played at the Franklin baseball field, just south of the depot. In the first of these games, with only 7 innings, West End won over the Watauga boys in a free for all hitting game by a score of 10 to 8.

In the game between Cowee and Holly Springs the fans were offered thrills throughout the seven innings. Until the first half of the sixth inning the score was 1 to 0 in Holly Springs' favor. They in their trip to the bat in the sixth inning the Cowee boys talked one run, to be followed by three more in the first half of the seventh.

## Banquet Held High School Juniors Feast Senior Class

About 120 guests, including members of the junior and senior classes of Franklin high school, members of the high school faculty, and members of the school board, were present at the annual junior-senior banquet which was held at Camp Nikwasi on Friday night. The camp was decorated for the occasion in rose and green, the colors of the senior class. A delicious meal was served by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church.

The program for the evening opened with a short address of welcome by Harold Stewart, president of the junior class, who acted as toastmaster and master of ceremonies throughout the evening.

Paul Swafford, president of the senior class, responded for the seniors and Prof. G. L. Houk responded for the faculty. The faculty then presented a short comedy sketch. Miss Helen Shepherd, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Harry Higgins, entertained with two vocal solos. A comedy act was presented by Messrs. Daniel West, Dick Conley and Parley Kannady.

After the banquet members of the two classes and a number of other guests were entertained at a dance given by Miss Nancy Jones. Punch was served throughout the evening.

## ZONE MEETING WELL ATTENDED

Six Churches Represented At Methodist Mission Gathering

The zone meeting of the Macon county Methodist Missionary societies was held at the Franklin Methodist church Tuesday.

Representatives were present from six churches—Bethel, Union, Mt. Zion, Snow Hill, Clarke's Chapel and Franklin—with more than fifty members in attendance.

Mrs. Carl Slagle, zone leader, called the meeting to order and introduced Mrs. J. B. Tabor, who led the morning devotions.

Mrs. George A. Jones, president of the Franklin missionary society, gave the address of welcome and Mrs. H. C. Freeman, of Clyde, former zone leader, made the response.

Mrs. J. S. Sloan gave a very interesting report on the recent meeting of the missionary conference held in Waynesville.

The district meeting will be held at the Franklin church on June 9, and each society is urged to have as many delegates as possible present. A blue ribbon will be given to the society having the largest percentage present.

Mrs. H. C. Freeman made a talk and stressed the fact that a real worker can always find work to do.

A recess was taken at noon and the ladies were invited to the dining room, where a delicious plate lunch was served.

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 and the ladies of the church gave a very interesting program. Children, under the able direction of Mrs. Gordon Moore, gave several songs and poems. Mrs. Harold Sloan sang a solo.

The next zone meeting will be held at the Iota church on the second Tuesday in August.

## Work Progressing On Power Lines

Work is progressing rapidly on the construction of power lines from Nantahala to Sylva, with 22 miles of the line crossing Macon county from Nantahala to Green's gap on the Macon county and Jackson county line.

W. C. Penn, of Bryson City, one of the Nantahala Power company's officials of Bryson City said that the line is about 25 per cent complete and by early July the line is expected to be finished to Sylva.

At present 85 local men are at work on the lines, digging holes, setting poles, and doing other work. A hundred-foot right-of-way is being cleared for the three-wire power line, which is to carry 66,000 volts.

## Big Delegation Off To Attend 'T. F.' Hearing

No 'Beer Drunks' Arrested in Franklin

Franklin has been quite peaceable since the advent of 32 per cent beer on May 1, according to Police Chief R. F. Henry.

"Everything has been fine," the chief told The Press on inquiry. There has been only one arrest for drunkenness, he added, and that was not due to beer.

General opinion seems to be that the coming of beer already has resulted in declining sales for bootleg whisky and that when beer prices come down there will be comparatively small demand for "corn."

Scores of people came up from Georgia Saturday and Sunday to try the new beer and the drug stores did a popping good business uncorking bottles. The fact that beer is legal in Macon county is expected to bring many summer visitors here who formerly have been spending their vacations in the mountains of north Georgia.

## DRYS TO HOLD MASS MEETING

Temperance Union Plans Gathering May 20 In Courthouse

A public mass meeting in the cause of temperance has been called for 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, May 20, in the courthouse, by the executive committee of the Macon County Temperance Union, it was announced Tuesday by the Rev. G. N. Dulin, president of the Union.

Plans for the mass meeting were discussed at a meeting of the officers and executive committee of the union in the Baptist church Monday night.

Dr. R. L. Creal, of Bryson City, and Rev. M. Wolf, of Sylva, will be the chief speakers at the meeting on May 20, Mr. Dulin said. Those desiring to become members of the union will be given an opportunity to do so at this meeting.

Mr. Dulin said the union plans to carry its organization into every school district in Macon county. The temperance union was organized at a mass meeting in the courthouse several weeks ago.

## Three Held for Rainbow Springs Robbery

On Monday night the Rainbow Springs commissary was broken into and robbed of merchandise estimated at about \$50.

Robert Calhoun was arrested and placed in jail here Tuesday night, James Martin and Mathew Cole were brought in Wednesday morning and Marshall Swanson, the fourth party connected with the robbery, had not been apprehended at a late hour Wednesday.

This is the second robbery at the commissary within the past few months.

## Bill Extending Bank Offset Passed On Second Reading

A bill extending the Sullivan bank offset act to include two more counties, including Jackson, Transylvania, Avery, Haywood, Henderson, Macon, Cherokee and Clay counties was passed on second reading in the house Tuesday.

## More than 60 Franklin Business Men Go To Atlanta

USE SPECIAL TRAIN Prepared To Wage Strong Fight To Save Railroad

Prepared to wage a strong fight to save the Tallulah Falls railroad a contingent of more than 60 business men left Franklin at 5 o'clock Wednesday morning by special train for Atlanta to attend a hearing before the Georgia Public Service Commission on the petition filed by J. F. Gray, receiver, seeking authority to abandon the line.

The hearing was scheduled to open at 10 a. m. in the Georgia capitol. On the way to Atlanta the special was to stop to take on other delegations at Clayton, Clarksville and Cornelia. It was expected that nearly 150 men, representative of the commercial, industrial and agricultural interests of the entire territory served by the "T. F." would be on hand to oppose the abandonment proposal.

Reeves Heads Committee Direction of the fight against "Judge" Gray's petition rested in the hands of a central committee composed of F. M. Reeves, Cornelia banker; Dr. Dover, of Clayton, and G. L. Houk, of Franklin.

W. T. Lee, chairman of the North Carolina Corporation commission, was expected to sit with the Georgia commission in conducting the hearing. After the state commissions have filed their opinions in the case, a decision will be rendered by the Interstate Commerce commission. It is thought likely that it will be several weeks, possibly months, before the I. C. C. takes action.

Gray's Claims Denied The committee in charge of the campaign against abandonment of the line already has filed with the Georgia commission an answer to the receiver's petition, categorically denying his claims that the railroad is not and cannot meet expenses and, therefore, its continued operation is no longer justified.

The answer also asks the commission to recommend the appointment of a new receiver, one who would be more active in management of the line and who would cooperate in efforts to make the railroad successful.

The committee also has gathered a mass of statistics on maintenance and operation costs of the railroad, possible economies, current and prospective business with view to proving that necessity does exist for operation of the Tallulah Falls line and that it can be made self-supporting.

(EDITOR'S NOTE:—Full details of the Atlanta hearing will be published in next week's issue of The Press.)

## Rev. J. P. Burke To Preach at Highlands

The Rev. J. P. Burke, of Hendersonville, will hold services at the Church of the Incarnation, Highlands, at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The Rev. Norvin C. Duncan, joint rector of the Church of the Incarnation and of St. Agnes' Episcopal church Franklin, is still unable to conduct services. Mr. Duncan was brought back from Franklin Sunday from St. Peter's hospital, Charlotte, where he went for treatment after a collapse several weeks ago. His health is much improved, but his physician has directed that he remain in bed several weeks longer.

Father Farnham, rector of St. Mary's church, Asheville, conducted evening services at St. Agnes for Mr. Duncan last Sunday night.

## \$50,000 REVENUE FROM BEER

In the first week's sale of beer in North Carolina, the state secured about \$50,000 in revenue, exclusive of federal or local taxes.

## \$50,000 FIRE AT HEMP

Five stores burned at Hemp, Moore county town, early Monday with a loss of \$50,000 or more. Carriage fire trucks prevented a much greater loss.