

## As the World Turns

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

### DRY AGENTS ARE SUSPENDED

Among 1,300 federal administrators and dry agents relieved of their duties on July 1 were 24 in North Carolina. In the list of 24 were J. L. Osteen and P. M. Caudle, deputy administrators. The agents are on indefinite furlough as part of the economy program.

### FIGHT FOR CHEAPER TEXTS

Southern legislators and educators met by delegate system at Atlanta last week to call for joint legislative action demanding cheaper school textbooks to unify the texts, to abolish school book fees and to boost southern authors of texts.

### VETERANS EXPERIENCE SLASH

July 1, opening the new federal fiscal year, saw veteran benefit expenditures slashed to \$581,988,000, a \$345,861,000 decrease from the previous year's payment. For some 500,000 former soldiers all payment was stopped while decrease were ordered for others.

### CARNER KNOCKS OUT SHARKEY

Jack Sharkey, Boston sailor, was dethroned as heavyweight boxing champion the night of June 29 in New York, when 55,000 people saw Primo Carnera, 250-pound Italian giant, knock Sharkey out cold in the sixth round.

### VIRGINIA TO VOTE ON BEER

Governor Pollard has called a special session of the Virginia legislature to meet August 10 to consider a bill legalizing the sale of beer in the Old Dominion. He resisted the action until he was assured that over two-thirds of the assembly would win in favor of it.

### WENDELL WILL IS SETTLED

Of 2,294 claimants to a share in the estate of eccentric Ella V. Von Wendell, who left property worth 40 to 100 millions, only four have been successful. In a compromise the four will get \$2,125,000 for dropping their actions contesting a will in which the New York estate was left to charity.

### SETS EAST-WEST RECORD

The cross-country dash to the National air races was won Saturday by Roscoe Turner, setting a New York to Los Angeles record of 11 hours and 30 minutes.

### STATE CONTRACTS FOR GAS

The state department of purchase and contract on Friday bought 10,000,000 gallons of gasoline, a year's supply, with the Texas company getting the contract in 54 counties, the American Oil company 15 counties and Standard Oil company 12 counties.

### SOVIET-BRITISH ROW ENDS

The Soviet government has released two British engineers, convicted on sabotage charges, and London has answered by lifting the trade embargo which was adopted in retaliation.

### U. S. FACES BIG DEFICIT

Ending a fiscal year in which a budget deficit of \$1,786,000,000 resulted, the U. S. treasury on Saturday started a new year in which it is determined income will balance outgo.

### ASHEVILLE BANK REOPENS

The First National Bank and Trust company, of Asheville, reopened on Saturday morning with B. S. Colburn as its president, and with deposits of \$2,500,000. Fifty per cent of old deposits is available in cash.

### BRUTON SUCCEEDS SILER

Wade Bruton, of Troy has succeeded Walter D. Siler as assistant to the state attorney general, Siler having accepted a federal post in Washington.

### MacLEAN IS BIGGS' AIDE

Angus D. MacLean, of Washington, N. C., has been appointed assistant to U. S. Solicitor General J. Crawford Biggs, and will have his office in the nation's capitol.

### U. S. COLLECTIONS INCREASE

C. H. Robertson, Hillsboro, on July 1 succeeded Gilliam Grissom as collector of federal revenue in the state. Collector Grissom reported June collections of over \$30,000,000, which is \$8,000,000 over June, 1932.

### \$412,076 FOR N. C. RELIEF

Additional grant of \$412,076 in federal relief funds for North Carolina was made Saturday by Harry L. Hopkins, relief administrator.

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## NEW MINISTER BEGINS DUTIES

Rev. W. A. Jenkins Becomes Pastor of Methodist Church Here

**HAS FINE RECORD**  
Formerly President of Davenport College at Lenoir

The Rev. Weaver A. Jenkins arrived here Thursday last week from Lenoir, N. C., where he has been serving as president of Davenport college, to assume the pastorate of the Franklin Methodist church. He was appointed to the charge by Bishop Mouzon to fill out the unexpired term of the Rev. O. P. Ader, who recently was superannuated on account of ill health.

Mr. Jenkins brought with him his family, consisting of Mrs. Jenkins and their son, Bill. Their daughter, Mrs. Tom Smith, and small son came with them for a visit. They are living in the Methodist parsonage on Main street.

**Congregation Pleased**  
Mr. Jenkins held his first services here Sunday, with large congregations present. Members of the church have expressed great satisfaction in the appointment of a man of Mr. Jenkins' caliber to this charge. For the past seven years he has been president of Davenport college. In Lenoir he was a leader in the civic as well as the religious and educational life of the town.

Before becoming president of Davenport college, which recently was consolidated with Greensboro College for Women, Mr. Jenkins was pastor of Park Place Methodist church, Greensboro, seven months; Central Methodist church, Concord, four years; Trinity Methodist church, Charlotte, two years. During the war he was a chaplain in the United States army, spending some of his time on the big transport ships.

Mr. Jenkins was graduated from the University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill, in 1907. He then studied for the ministry in the seminary at Yale University.

## Miss Kate Solesbee Bitten by Dog

Miss Kate Solesbee, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Solesbee, of Iota, was bitten by a dog Wednesday of the past week. Fearing that the dog might be mad, it was killed Saturday, and the head sent to Raleigh for examination. Report was received here this week that the dog did not have rabies.

## 2 TAR HEELS WIN HONOR

O. Max Gardner, former governor of this state, and Austin Finch, of Thomasville, furniture factor, have been named members of the committee of eight serving as a national economic planning committee in connection with the administration of the industrial recovery act.

## BLOCKADERS WOUND OFFICERS

Avery county's sheriff, W. H. Hughes, and two of his deputies were painfully wounded the evening of June 29 when they were fired on from ambush by illicit distillers using shotguns.

## Meetings for Midwives Called by State Nurse

Starting Saturday, a series of six meetings for the instruction of midwives will be held in various communities throughout the county by Miss B. Dunn, a field nurse sent out by the bureau of maternity and infancy of the state department of health.

In an announcement given The Press Miss Dunn requested that every midwife in the county attend one of the meetings. Practical talks will be made on midwife practice and letters of registration will be renewed for those previously registered, she said. New applications for registrations also will be accepted.

The meetings have been authorized by the Macon county board of health, working in cooperation with the state board of health.

Following is a list of the places

## County Home Romance Ends in Matrimony

Miss Nannie Riddle and Will Hall, both inmates of the county home, were married Saturday in the register of deeds office in the courthouse by George Carpenter, justice of the peace. The license gave the bride's age as 50, the bridegroom's as 54. Hall said he was going to take his wife out of the county home and make a living for her. They had planned to get married a long time, but had been unable to raise the \$5 necessary for a license. Hall worked hard and finally saved the required amount.

## LIBERTY CHURCH PLANS REVIVAL

**Services To Be Conducted By Rev. Wiley Conner Of Knoxville**

A two weeks revival meeting will begin at the Liberty Baptist church Sunday morning. The Rev. Wiley Conner, of Knoxville, Tenn., will do the preaching, with Walter H. Dalton, of Cowee, in charge of the singing.

There will be two services daily, with the morning services beginning at 10:30 o'clock and the evening services at 8 o'clock.

Everybody is invited and urged to attend these services.

## To Convention

**Young Democrats Leave For Wrightsville**

Franklin's delegation to the state convention of the Young People's Democratic club, to be held at Wrightsville Beach Friday and Saturday, left Thursday morning.

In the party were John W. Edwards, who has been proposed as vice president of the state organization, Jimmie Hauser, Harley C. Cable, J. Grady Owens and Frank Norton.

The delegation was united in its determination to do all possible to win the honor of vice-presidency of the state organization for John Edwards, but it was sorely split on the question of prohibition repeal which is expected to come up for a vote at the convention.

Some were outspoken in favor of repeal, while others were opposed to it or preferred to soft-pedal the whole liquor question. Efforts have been made to prevent an issue being made on the liquor problem at the convention; but, judging by reports from over the state, the proponents of repeal are confident they can get the organization to go on record for abolition of the 18th amendment.

**Burnell Waldrop's Foot Badly Injured**  
Burnell Waldrop, of the Carthage section, suffered serious injuries to his left foot while helping to unload steel beams from a truck at the site of Joseph Asher's new building on Main street Wednesday afternoon.

One of the big beams slipped and fell on Waldrop's foot. The big toe and the toe next to it were mashed off and the arch of the foot was broken. Waldrop was taken to Angel Brothers' hospital for treatment.

## FRANKLIN HAS GLORIOUS 4TH

**Program of Races, Fights, Baseball Game and Dancing Given**

**ATTENDED BY 3,000**

**Turner Declared Victor When Seay Gets Sick in 3rd**

Franklin had a glorious Fourth with lots of people, plenty of fun and fine weather. The crowd was estimated at 3,000 persons.

The fun started at 10 o'clock in the morning with races for boys and girls, toad frogs and pigs. The boys and girls got out of breath, the frogs got scared and the pig got caught. Nearly everybody got hot and drank plenty of lemonade or beer, according to their tastes, but it was one of the soberest July fourths Franklin has ever experienced.

The fights at the courthouse drew a good crowd, but were not half as interesting, according to reports, as one at the ball game, which, by the way, ended in a 10 to 7 victory for Rainbow Springs over Cowee. (We didn't hear how the fight came out.)

## Race Results

As for the races in the morning: Fred Murray won the 100-yard dash for boys and 50 cents in cash. Andrew Cole won the 220-yard dash and 50 cents.

Wayne Cunningham's frog hopped across the line ahead of approximately 50 other frogs to win the toad race and a prize of 50 cents. A second prize of 25 cents was awarded to little Helen Edwards, whose frog jumped a close second.

Leo Sanders got 50 cents for winning the boys' sack race, while Dorothy Sloan won 50 cents in the girls' sack race.

The boys' relay race was won by the Boy Scout team, consisting of Clinton Brookshire, Edwin Dady and Charles Palmer. They split 50 cents between them.

The girls' sack race ended in a tie and the prize was divided six ways.

## Pole Is Jonah

None of the boys could climb the greasy pole, try as they would; it was a little too slick and a little too high. The prize was a dollar and a box of candy. Finally Billy Wilkie climbed higher than anyone else and the judges decided he had earned the candy if not the money.

The pig race was one of the strangest Franklin ever did see. Paul McClure caught the pig, but he couldn't keep it. He was given a dollar instead and the pig was auctioned off for \$3.25 so the committee would have enough money to pay other prizes.

## Seay Gets Sick

The big bout advertised for the prize fights in the courthouse Tuesday afternoon fizzled at the end of the third when "Kid" Seay got sick and left the ring to his opponent, "Kid" Turner of the Franklin C. C. camp. The boxers were given \$19 to split between them. The minor bouts proved more interesting. The boxers in these mix-ups each received \$2.10. The total gate was reported as approximately \$77.

The town council met Monday night and prohibited use of the streets for the July Fourth carnival, so most of the events were held on the public square in front of The Press office. It was too dusty for the dancers, however, and for a while it looked like the dance would have to be abandoned, but Mr. Joines offered the use of his storage room in the Joines Motor and Tractor company building and the dancers went merrily on to the strains of music supplied by the Young People's Democratic club band.

**Miss Lillian Patton Hurt In Bus Accident**

Miss Lillian Patton, daughter of Mrs. Erwin Patton, of Franklin, Route 1, was painfully injured on the left knee when she was returning home from Marion Thursday last week. The bus in which Miss Patton was riding ran into a car near Asheville and her knee was injured in the collision.

# Franklin to Vote Tuesday On Sale of Power System; Little Opposition Is Likely

**Tuesday's Election**

SO SLIGHT has been opposition to the proposal to sell the town's power system to the Nantahala Power and Light company that the election to be held on the question next Tuesday has aroused surprisingly little interest. Nevertheless, the outcome of this election will be of major importance to consumers of electric current and property owners individually and to the town as a whole.

Town officials who have given hours of thought and study to the question have expressed the opinion that Franklin is fortunate to receive an offer for the plant at this time—not that it isn't a valuable property, but because the town is not in position to operate it to best advantage. The town lacks sufficient capital to finance necessary repairs, to build extensions to get new customers and to hold in reserve for operating contingencies and to meet bond payments.

True, the town now has a surplus of approximately \$14,000, but this is hardly sufficient capital for so large a business, especially in view of estimates that necessary repairs will cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000. Furthermore, it is estimated that on the basis of reset returns the town would be unable to meet bond payments out of current revenues. That would mean a higher tax rate—exactly how much higher, we do not venture to say; but some who are qualified on the subject estimate that the rate would have to be nearly doubled.

Most electricity consumers will find the Nantahala rate schedules lower than those now in force. This is especially so in the case of large consumers, not only manufacturing plants, but also large domestic users, for the Nantahala follows a policy of encouraging families to use electricity for cooking and refrigerating purposes as well as lighting, and has adjusted its rates so as to make wider use of electricity economical. It is said that for a few small users the charges will be slightly higher, perhaps; but such attractive rates will be made for stoves and refrigerators that many small consumers will graduate into the more economical schedules for larger users.

One of the greatest advantages of sale, as we see it, is that the town will be assured better and more regular service, for the Nantahala company, backed by millions of dollars, plans to improve local facilities and to extend to Franklin a new power line, linking it with the company's main system and thereby increasing current available here by several thousand horsepower. This, together with lower rates offered manufacturers, should attract new industries to Franklin.

But there is little opposition to the sale and we won't argue the point further. However, we would like to impress upon those who registered for this election the importance of going to the polls and casting their ballots next Tuesday. This election is a special election and a new registration was called for that purpose. Those who have registered and fail to appear at the polls or to send absentee certificates with their ballots will be voting against the proposal. So, rain or shine, it is the duty of every voter who registered for this election to go to the polls and vote, unless he is honestly opposed to sale of the plant.

## W. N. C. Choirs Invited To Enter Song Festival

More than five hundred choirs, totalling at least six thousand voices, have been invited to participate in the Asheville song festival to be held in Asheville July 26 and 27 under the direction of Homer Rodeheaver, internationally known evangelistic singer and music director. One of the outstanding features of the song festival will be two mornings and afternoons of competition between the various choirs within a hundred miles of Asheville, the winner to be awarded a handsome silver loving cup.

In addition to choirs, all individual singers are invited to join the great festival choir. There will be no entry fee for those in the contests. Besides the silver cup, other valuable prizes are being offered, including memberships in the Asheville Civic Music association with the privilege of attending all of the association's concerts, including

while the other will be the beautiful hymn, "Unfold Ye Portals" from Gram's Redemption. The competition will not be decided on the size of the choir, but upon the quality, precision and interpretation. Each choir must have at least ten members, but there is no limit to the number of voices in any choir.

The festival is not limited to church choirs, but all choral bodies and club choirs are invited to participate.

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## 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.

**Polls To Be Open from 8 A. M. to Sunset In Courthouse**

**296 ARE REGISTERED**

**Power Company Agrees To Assume \$287,500 In Bonds**

With little opposition thus far developed to the proposal, the Town of Franklin will vote Tuesday (July 11) on the sale of the municipal hydro-electric power plant and distribution system to the Nantahala Power and Light company. There seems to be little or no doubt that the voters, 296 of whom have registered for the election, will confirm the contract for sale, which has been tentatively agreed upon by the town council and officials of the Nantahala Power and Light company.

A copy of the proposal appears on Page 3 of this issue of The Press. Briefly, it provides that in exchange for the power plant, distribution system and a 60-year franchise, the power company agrees to take over all outstanding bonds, together with interest, as of June 1, 1933. The company already has advanced to the town \$17,500 for a principal payment due June 1, and \$270,000 is still outstanding. Thus, in effect, the Nantahala company agrees to pay \$287,500 and interest.

## Guarantee Clause

Instead of a forfeit bond to guarantee fulfillment of the contract, the Nantahala company is to deliver to the town a guarantee from its parent company, the Aluminum Corporation of America, assuring faithful performance of obligations.

Only those who have registered for this election will be permitted to vote in it and, instead of a majority of those voting, as in regular elections, a majority of those who have registered will be required for approval of the proposal. If a registered voter remains away from the polls, his failure to vote will amount to a negative vote.

## Absentees Available

Those who have registered and who find that through illness or absence from town they will be unable to attend the polls may obtain absentee certificates and ballots from George Dean in the town hall, or from John W. Edwards, the registrar.

The polls will be open in the courthouse from 8 a. m. to sunset. A. L. Leach and George A. Mashburn have been appointed judges of the election.

## Power Rates Lowered

Power rate schedules embraced in the contract of sale are said by those who have examined them to be much lower than the schedules which have been in effect under the Northwest Carolina Utilities, Inc., which forfeited the plant April 1 through default on bonds. The domestic schedules have not been made public, but it has been reported that they also are lower, except in the case of a few small users. It is said that the Nantahala company's rates will mean a very appreciable saving for persons using electricity for lighting, cooking and refrigeration; but for a small class of customers, those burning only a few lights, the Nantahala rates are said to be slightly higher.

Those advocating sale of the plant claim that the town in all likelihood will be forced to increase its tax rate about 65 cents if the sale is not confirmed. They point out that the plant now needs considerable repair work, which the town is not in position to carry out. They also claim that the town would be unable to extend power lines outside the city limits in order to get new customers. Through sale of the system, they believe, Franklin will obtain better hydro-electric service at lower rates and place itself in a more advantageous situation to attract new industries. The town also will gain the added benefit of increasing its tax valuation.