

As the World Turns

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

REYNOLDS OFF TO EUROPE

North Carolina's Senator Robert R. Reynolds abruptly left Washington Wednesday and sailed for Europe for the purpose, said a statement issued from his office, of studying European methods of liquor control and the question of Russian recognition. Senator Reynolds, who was accompanied on the trip by Mrs. Reynolds, plans to visit Russia, Norway, Sweden and Denmark. The statement issued from his office said he would return October 31, rush to North Carolina and "throw himself into the repeal campaign which ends November 7." The senator's sudden leave-taking seen in some quarters as a flight from job hunters. Reynolds had promised to do all he could to help North Carolina tobacco growers to get better prices for their product, but he left Washington without so much as putting in his appearance at an important two-day conference attended by representative planters.

BANKERS URGED TO LOOSEN CREDIT

The bankers of America were urged by President Roosevelt Tuesday to loosen the flow of credit and enable industry and commerce to take full advantage of the national recovery act. In an address read at the American Bankers' association convention in Chicago the president said: "I am confident you will work with me to meet the credit needs of industry and trade."

VERMONT VOTES FOR REPEAL

Vermont voted more than two-to-one Tuesday for repeal of the 18th Amendment. It was the 25th state to register its opposition to prohibition. Thus far, not a single state has voted for retention of the amendment.

CUBAN STORM TAKES TOLL

Over 100 were killed, thousands injured and tremendous property damage done in the hurricane winds that swept Havana and the north coast of Cuba on Friday.

ASK STATES TO ISSUE TEXTS

Legislators and educators from nine southern states met in Atlanta Friday to prepare a general plan to secure cheaper and better school text books. Employment of authors for writing uniform texts and provision of means for printing them is urged. Governors were urged to appoint state committees for joint action in the matter.

ESCAPE STATE'S PRISON

Sawing bars from their cell doors, gaining access to the roof and dropping four floors on a rope made of sheets, four prisoners made good their escape from state's prison at Raleigh, Sunday. Roy Adams and Grady Price were serving terms for murder, Roy Cobb for robbery and Ben Sawyer for larceny.

REWARD OFFERED FOR LYCHERS

Governor E. B. Rouse has offered a reward of \$200 for arrest and conviction of members of the Fenner county mob which seized the wounded form of Duke Rogers, negro, on August 26, and riddled it with bullets. Solicitor W. A. Kellum, at the governor's request, is proceeding with a thorough investigation of the lynching.

FAMOUS FLIER DIES IN FLAMES

Attempting to take off from Floyd Bennett field at New York on a projected non-stop flight to Bagdad, General Francesco De Pinedo, famous Italian flier, crashed his plane and fell into a stone wall, Saturday, and died in the flames which devoured the machine.

SLAIN AT WHISKY STILL

During a raid on a whisky still in Wilson county, August 31, Charles R. Robertson was shot in the back of the head and killed. Police Chief Brown, of Elm City, is held on \$1,000 bond pending an investigation of the affair.

FEDERAL REVENUE RISES

Federal revenue collections in this state in August and July were \$39,159,621, which was \$1,663,567 over the sum collected in August and July, 1932.

SWIMS 14 MILES OVER SOUND

The first to accomplish the feat, Melvin G. Owens, 28, last week swam across Albernarle Sound from Mackeys to Penton, swimming over 14 miles in 11 hours and 40 minutes. He was accompanied by Paul Spencer, 16, Edenton, paddling a small boat.

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DELINQUENT TAX SALES ORDERED

Judge Alley Directs Sales To Be Held during November

COMMISSIONERS ACT

Advertisement of Land for 1932 Taxes Starts in October.

An order directing the Macon county commissioners and Sheriff A. B. Slagle to sell land for delinquent 1932 taxes on the first Monday in November, with the advertisement of sale to start the first week in October, was signed by Judge Felix E. Alley Saturday before adjourning the August term of court.

Another order, calling for the sale of Franklin property for delinquent 1931 and 1932 town taxes on the second Monday in November, also was signed by Judge Alley, who earlier in the week had issued a similar order applicable to the Town of Highlands.

Boards Act

Pursuant to the judge's instructions, the county board and the town councils of both Franklin and Highlands have adopted resolutions providing for the tax sales as specified by the judge.

The sales originally were scheduled for the first and second Mondays in September, in accordance with the statewide tax law; but these were delayed by restraining orders obtained from Judge Alley about a month ago while he was presiding over superior court at Murphy. Acting in behalf of disgruntled taxpayers, lawyers appeared before the judge and requested the injunctions on the ground that the last legislature had enacted a local law allowing five years time for the payment of all delinquent taxes in Macon county and subdivisions. The statewide tax law provided for deferred payments only on taxes delinquent prior to 1932 and directed the sale of land for unpaid '32 taxes to be held the first Monday in September.

Injunctions Dissolved

After hearing arguments in the cases in Macon Superior court last week Judge Alley dissolved the temporary injunctions he previously had granted. In so doing he ruled that the local tax law, which was pled in obtaining the temporary restraining orders, was unconstitutional inasmuch as the state constitution specifically states that the legislature does not have authority to enact legislation for any particular locality, deferring the time for tax collections.

SETS NEW SPEED MARK

James Wedek, of New Orleans, flying a plane at his own design, set a new land speed mark of 305 miles per hour.

Lines Forming for Fight Over Prohibition Repeal

Lines are beginning to be drawn for the battle in Macon county over the question of prohibition repeal, with the lines already well organized to oppose abolition of the 18th amendment.

Preparatory to the State Election

Preparatory to the state election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, the Macon county board of elections has been called by its chairman, J. R. Morrison, to meet Saturday, September 9, to appoint judges for the election.

Mr. Morrison said the same registrars who served in the last county election will be named to serve again for this election. One index for repeal of the 18th amendment and one opposed to repeal will be appointed for each polling place.

The registration books will be open only one day, October 28, the election board chairman said; but there already have been several will not be required, so do so again.

Angels To Build Addition to Hospital

Dr. Furman Angel has announced that he and his brother, Dr. Angel, plan to erect a 20-room addition to Angel Brothers' hospital, starting work sometime during the fall.

The addition will form a southern wing and will necessitate moving the present nurse's home. The John M. Geary Construction company, of Asheville, has been retained to draw plans for the structure, which it is estimated will cost approximately \$30,000.

With the new wing the hospital will have beds for 75 patients.

Dr. Angel said the nurse's home would be moved in the next few months and he hoped to get the foundation for the new building laid before winter sets in. Further construction work, he added, will depend on the weather.

Back to Camp

C. C. C. Boys End Furlough; Boxing Friday

Back in camp after a five-day furlough over the Labor Day weekend, the conservation boys in C. C. Camp No. 9, near Franklin, returned to work in the woods Wednesday and began looking forward to another round of athletic activities next week-end.

Captain McWhain, recreation officer, announced that another boxing and wrestling program would be staged at the camp Friday night and there probably also would be some baseball games Saturday and Sunday.

Analysts of Camp F-5 in Rabun county, Georgia, have challenged the hit-pushers of Camp 9 and bouts between them are expected to be slated for Friday night's entertainment feature. If the F-5 boys fail to show up, other bouts are expected to be arranged.

The last fight card at No. 9 was said to be one of the best ever staged at the camp, although there were no straight knock-outs.

Funeral Held for Mrs. Harriett Brown

Mrs. Harriett Brown, 84, of Bonny-Cress, died at the home of her son, George E. Brown, at 4 o'clock Saturday morning.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Baptist church by the Rev. Eugene R. Eller, pastor, assisted by the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

More than a year ago Mrs. Brown fell and broke her arm from which she never recovered. She was a member of the Prentiss Baptist church.

Surviving are one son, George E. of Franklin; two step-sons, Will and Garland, of the State of Washington; one step-daughter, Mrs. George Owensky, of Franklin; and one brother, George Owensky.

Corbin Reunion To Be Held Sept. 24

The Corbin reunion will be at the Holly Springs church, four miles east of Franklin, on Sunday, Sept. 24. All relatives are invited to come and bring a basket of dinner.

Death Claims Mrs. John C. Byrd, 72

Thursday night, August 31, Mrs. John C. Byrd, of Stiles, died after an illness of almost a year. She was 72 years of age.

Before her marriage in 1882, she was a member of the prominent Morrison family of Macon county, being the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Morrison.

In early life she was united with the Cowee Baptist church, and remained a member until her death. Surviving her are her husband, John C. Byrd; one son, Ed. of Stiles; three daughters, Mrs. Everett Bradley, of Ema; Mrs. James Ramsey, of Tollico; Mrs. J. D. McCoy, of Collasaga; 23 grand-children and 3 great-grandchildren.

She was laid to rest in the Oak Grove cemetery. The following grandsons acted as pallbearers: Ralph and Verlin Bradley, Clint and Frank Byrd, Floyd Ramsey, and Frank Gibson.

DEATH CLAIMS 'UNCLE JOHNNY'

J. M. Crawford Succumbs To Infirmities at Age Of 103

ILL THREE WEEKS

Clay County Centenarian Leaves 125 Direct Descendants

John M. Crawford, better known as "Uncle Johnny," who celebrated his 103rd birthday last Christmas day, died at 7 o'clock Monday night at the home of his son, R. W. Crawford, near Hayesville.

"Uncle Johnny," who was as well known in Macon, his native county, as in Clay county, where he has lived for many years, had been in declining health for the past year. Three weeks ago his condition became serious and the end was looked for momentarily. Death was attributed to the infirmities of old age.

The funeral was held at the Baptist church at Ell, on state highway No. 28, five miles from Hayesville, at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Burial was in the Hayesville Methodist cemetery.

Survivors

Mr. Crawford is survived by three sons, R. W. Crawford, of near Hayesville; W. S. and J. T. Crawford, of Hayesville; and three daughters, Mrs. Leet Rogers, of McCoy, Colo.; Mrs. Joe Penland, Blairsville, Ga.; and Mrs. Taylor Berring, of Fort Worth, Tex. The direct descendants number more than 125, including 4 grandchildren. The late Lee Crawford, of Franklin, was a nephew.

Each Christmas day relatives and friends of Mr. Crawford met to celebrate his birthday anniversary. He derived much pleasure from these celebrations, the last of which was last Christmas day at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Crawford.

Last Christmas season one of the Cheero programs of the National Broadcasting company featured Mr. Crawford, and Smiling Ed McConnell, who broadcast from Cincinnati, O., sang for Mr. Crawford over the radio.

Had 4 Rules Of Living

"Uncle Johnny" attributed his long life to four rules of living, which he observed all his life. They are: Total abstinence, regular hours for eating and sleeping, outdoor activities, and never worrying. Up until a short time ago he enjoyed a fine measure of health and strength. He was a radio fan and read the daily newspaper regularly. He kept well informed upon the news of the day, in which he was much interested.

John Moore Crawford was born in Macon county on December 25, 1829. He took much pride in the fact that his descendants are good, law abiding citizens, progressive and industrious. His descendants are found in nearly all walks and professions of life.

Mr. Crawford was an enthusiastic conservationist. In his younger days he was a great hunter, having more than 1,000 wild turkeys and a large number of deer and bears to his credit. He once said that he could remember when Western North Carolina was a hunter's paradise and he felt that by proper protection and enforcement of the laws the game and fish could be restored to their former bountiful state.

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N. C. Commission Endorses Recommendation of Year's Trial for 'T. F.' Railway

The North Carolina Corporation Commission, through its chairman, W. T. Lee, has endorsed the recommendations of the Georgia Public Service commission that the Tallulah Falls railway be given at least a year's trial to ascertain whether it can be made self-supporting.

A copy of Mr. Lee's letter was made public here by G. L. Houk, a member of the public committee which has been directing the fight against abandonment of the line from Cornelia to Franklin, as sought in a petition filed with the Interstate Commerce commission by J. F. Gray, receiver of the railroad.

An examiner for the I. C. C., after examining incomplete records in the case, submitted a report advising that the receiver's petition should be granted. Since then, however, the newly appointed Georgia Public Service commission has filed a brief, which is expected to bear considerable weight, urging that the examiner's report be rejected. The Georgia commission also requested that "the judgment of the Interstate Commerce Commission on the prayer for abandonment be withheld until not earlier than September 1, 1934, and in the meantime observation will be continued by this commission as to the progress of the apparent recovery now in process by this line."

Official records show that the "T. F." earned \$254,028 in July 1932, and above operating expenses. Commenting on the case Mr. Lee's letter said:

"Whatever time is given for the further testing of the ability of this line to live and move and continue its being, the Southern railway, its owner, should use in seeking to improve its management. It is inconceivable that a spiced-end railroad, such as here involved, should require for its operation a roster of high-salaried officials, whereas one strong, active, experienced man, should, with clerical assistance, operate the line with ease and with expenses commensurate with the earnings and the demands of the territory.

"Our commission sent a representative into the territory of this line who conferred with numbers of citizens.

"The good roads have, undoubtedly, and will forever relieve this line of some of its former sources of revenue; but trucks are not physically able to handle heavy traffic which, in the opinion of our commission, will necessarily continue to move by rail. The people are aroused by the threatened loss of the line and will, it is thought, cooperate with good management in supporting the line.

"Our commission hereby concurs in the opinion of the Georgia Public Service Commission to the effect that the Tallulah Falls Railway line should be paroled into the custody of the Georgia Public Service Commission, which commission will, undoubtedly, watch the situation and determine for itself and others interested whether, under efficient and economical management, the line can and should continue in operation or be abandoned.

"Our commission believes the experiment should be made."

Dowdle Buys Carolina Provision Company

The Franklin branch of the Carolina Provision company, which has headquarters in Cornelia, Ga., has been purchased by M. L. Dowdle, local business man, and the name of the concern changed to the Dowdle Wholesale Company, incorporated.

Mr. Dowdle said the new firm had purchased the warehouse and property of the Carolina Provision company, as well as its business and good will. Mr. Dowdle will be active manager in charge of the business and Pope Ellard, formerly with the Carolina Provision company, will be salesman. The company will do an exclusively wholesale business in groceries and feed stuffs, catering especially to retail stores in Macon and Rabun counties.

McGaha-Tippett Reunion Set for Sept. 17

The McGaha-Tippett reunion will be held at the home of W. T. Tippett of the lotta section Sunday, September 17. All members of both families are invited to attend and bring a well filled picnic basket.

National recovery has brought such increased activity in the postal service that Postmaster General Farley has ordered a suspension by September 30 of the payless furlough plan used to cut postal expenditures.

Reemployment Agency Lists 288 Applicants First Week

Two hundred and eighty-eight men seeking jobs had enrolled at the local office of the National Reemployment service Wednesday afternoon and the office had received requests for 78 workmen, skilled and unskilled, according to figures made public by John W. Edwards, manager.

The office was established last week. Its purpose, Mr. Edwards explained, is to enroll all the unemployed in the county. From the lists compiled by this office workmen will be selected for any projects undertaken with federal funds, either directly or indirectly. Contractors on federal aid projects, such as road work, will be required to enlist their employees through the National Reemployment Service.

Mr. Edwards said the office would request private employers to cooperate with it and he hoped this would enable it to find many jobs for the unemployed besides those supplied by public works.

WORK STARTED ON POWER LINE

Will Connect Franklin with Nantahala Company's System

20 MEN EMPLOYED

Town Assured of Steady And Ample Supply Of Power

Work has been started on an extension line and hug transformer station to connect Franklin's hydro-electric unit with the main system of the Nantahala Power and Light company, which recently purchased the local generating plant and its distribution lines. When the work is completed Franklin will be assured of steady and ample supply of electric power for many years to come.

The extension line will be nearly a mile and a half long, tying in with the Nantahala company's high voltage line to S. Va. at a point on the Cowee ridge. From there the line will extend across the Cowee valley to the Bur Knob mica mine of the Franklin Mineral products company, connecting with the Franklin plant's distribution lines.

Transformer Station Built

Three transformers, each weighing eight tons, were shipped into Franklin last week and have been put into position for stepping down the current of the Nantahala's high voltage line from 66,000 volts to 13,000 volts, the capacity of Franklin distribution system.

The three transformers, the largest ever seen in this section, form a transformer bank with a capacity of 2,500 K. V. A.

About 20 men, most of them residents of this county, have been employed on the project, which is expected to be completed in the near future.

Other Improvements Made

Besides building the extension line, the Nantahala company since buying the local generating plant has been making a number of other improvements. It has installed a new governor at the generating plant to regulate the flow of current and has put in many new poles and lines to improve the distribution system.

With completion of the connecting link with the main system of the Nantahala company, it is said Franklin will have sufficient power to serve large industrial plants, should any be attracted to this community.

Books Popular

Membership of Library Growing Steadily

The Franklin Library, which was reorganized and reopened last spring after having been closed for about four years, is steadily growing in membership, according to Mrs. J. A. Ordway, librarian.

The demand for books has increased so that Mrs. Ordway has extended for one hour the time the library is kept open each Saturday afternoon. In the past the hours for borrowing books were from 3 o'clock until 5 o'clock. In the future the library will open each Saturday afternoon at 2:30 and close at 5:30.

The library now has 61 adult members and 28 junior members. Frequently the number of books in circulation exceeds a hundred. Since its reorganization the library, through gifts and purchases, has acquired 244 new volumes, most of them modern fiction, biography and travelogues.

Although it is known as the Franklin Library, the organization is open to anyone in the county. The membership fee is 25 cents a year, or it may be paid by the donation of a good book.

Mrs. Mary Collins, 71, Of Franklin, Dies

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Collins, 71, who died at her home on Iotta street, Saturday morning at 4 o'clock, after an illness of several weeks, were held at the Franklin Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The Rev. Eugene R. Eller, pastor, assisted by the Rev. W. A. Jenkins, pastor of the Methodist church, officiated.

Mrs. Collins is survived by one daughter, Miss Mallie Collins, and several other relatives.

"BUY, BUY NOW"

"Buy everything you need and have so long denied yourself. It is the key to the whole situation."

—General Hugh S. Johnson