

As the World Turns

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

FLORIDA VOTES REPEAL

Florida voted four to one for repeal of the 18th amendment Tuesday, becoming the thirty-third consecutive state to line up in the anti-prohibition column. Approval of repeal by only three more states is needed to seal the doom of prohibition, but six others are scheduled to vote on the issue on November 7—North and South Carolina, Ohio, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and Utah. In expectation that the 18th amendment would be repealed by December 5, the Roosevelt administration has directed various federal agencies to study and plan for methods of alcoholic control.

ICKES ASKS MORE SPEED

Governor Ehringhaus, along with executives of other states was addressed Monday in a telegram by Secretary Ickes, administrator of public works, asking the governor to do all possible to speed construction of roads with the \$300,000,000 federal fund allotted for that purpose. Ickes complained of too much time elapsing between federal approval of road projects and the starting of actual construction.

GIANTS WIN THE SERIES

By winning their fourth game with a score of 4 to 3 in Washington, on Saturday, the New York Giants won the world series from the Washington Senators. Washington won only one game.

SOUTH CAROLINA LYNCHING

Four men are held at Ninety-Six, S. C., for the Sunday night lynching of Bennie Thompson, a young negro. One of them said the chief of police had left the door to the jail unlocked for them, that they removed the negro in a car, beat him with rubber tubes and left him on the roadside where he was found dead Monday morning. The negro had been jailed for drawing a pistol on one of four whites arrested.

GANG LEADER SHOT DOWN

Gus Winkler, sinister and powerful figure in Chicago's gangdom, was riddled with 65 bullets Monday as he started to enter a beer parlor, shotguns of his three assailants roaring from a passing truck.

ASK GRAHAM TO SERVE NRA

General Hugh Johnson, director of the National Recovery Administration, has requested of Governor Ehringhaus that the University of North Carolina release its president, Dr. Frank Graham, to head a consumer's educational program for the NRA. The request has been referred to the Saturday meeting of the executive committee of the university trustees.

COTTON CROP IMPROVED

Further improvement in the cotton crop has materially offset the federal reduction program of the mid-summer. October 1 estimates put the crop at 12,885,000 bales, a 471,000-bale increase over the September 1 estimate. The estimate for North Carolina was raised by 24,000 bales to reach 600,000 bales on October 1, the condition being 71 per cent of normal as compared with a 10-year average of 61 per cent.

CLEARING HOUSE FOR CRIME

Over 20 have been arrested in connection with the uncovering of a huge Chicago gang operating as a clearing house for the sale of stolen bonds and securities.

DEFIES THE PRESIDENT

Requested by President Roosevelt to surrender his post as a member of the federal trade commission, William E. Humphrey has declined to quit and will fight in the courts for the right to hold his job.

4 KIDNAPERS GET LIFE

Harvey Bailey, Albert Bates, R. G. Shannon and Mrs. Shannon, Saturday at Oklahoma City, were given life prison sentences for their parts in the kidnaping of Charles Urschel, held for ransom of \$200,000. Three others got terms of five to 10 years.

BUILD U. S. FERTILIZER PLANT

The Tennessee valley authority has allocated \$3,500,000 to \$4,000,000 for construction of a fertilizer plant at Muscle Shoals, to use nitrates made in the munitions plant.

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ROBERT BELL GETS RETRIAL

NRA ADHERENCE URGED BY HOOK

School Principal Speaks at Mass Meeting in Courthouse

URGES HIGHER WAGE Predicts Nation's Downfall If Recovery Plans Fail

Speaking at an NRA mass meeting in the courthouse Tuesday night, G. L. Hook, principal of the Franklin high school, predicted that the United States might suffer a downfall similar to that of Rome unless the nation cooperates with the administration at Washington in making the National Recovery program a success.

"There is no danger of the United States ever getting back to the living standards of around 1875," the speaker said, "but there is danger that the people will drop far behind that period if the present recovery plans of the government, now in experimental stage, should totally fail. It is history that when a nation goes backward, it doesn't go back a few years; but, as a rule, hundreds of years.

Paints Dire Picture

"Little did the people of Rome before 180 A. D. think that the Roman Empire could ever go backward, but it fell from one of the most civilized nations to a semi-barbarous one within a short span of time. If the citizens of this country are not on the firing line, supporting the moves of the non-partisan government at Washington, this country is by no means safe from the same downfall which destroyed the civilization of Rome.

"This nation was built on hope and it has been hope within the breasts of some forty million people affected directly or indirectly by the past four years of depression that has prevented a revolt of the poor. Last November saw the spirit which has gained control—a change had to be made."

Speaking of the South, Professor Hook expressed the opinion that if it is to regain prosperity it must build up a new economic status with higher wages for the laboring man.

"The Southland," he said, "has always been the seat of low wages. It is true that the millions of negroes we have will always be a problem, but if we ever build up this country it will be after we have begun to pay the working man a wage upon which he is able to live by the standards of today. To create prosperity, money must be circulated freely, and before this can become a reality the laboring classes will have to be made more than the prevailing dollar a day wage."

Professor Hook praised the new banking legislation, declaring that "it is the brightest plume in the present administration's hat." He also discussed the program of the Tennessee Valley Authority and what it would mean for the future of this country. In concluding he exhorted:

"It is the patriotic duty of every citizen to back the government and make this fight against the depression a victory. For, if it fails, we are due to drop back down the ladder."

Slagle School Honor Roll Announced

J. J. Main, principal of Slagle school, has announced the honor roll for the second month as follows:

First grade: Edith Williamson, Bell Lenoir, Jerry Ledford, Barbara Cabe and I. D. Anderson. Second grade: Wenoia Beck, Ruth Crawford, Catherine Gray and Gladys Kenny.

Third grade: Arzilla Dills, Catherine Kiser and Ella Ledbetter. Fourth grade: Myrtle Lewis, Bobby Waldrop, Louise Smith, Virginia Lenoir, Barbara Hurst, Virgie Collier and Ruth Anderson.

Fifth grade: Charley Conley, Isabella Smith, Mary Greenwood, Hallie Collier and Marie Anderson. Sixth grade: Denyse Sweatman, Osceola Lewis, Alice Ledbetter and Florence Ledbetter.

Seventh grade: Gordon Southards and Leon Lenoir.

Pre-election Contest over Prohibition Grows Lively Question Put To Moore

The pre-election fight over the prohibition issue grows more lively. Despite the fact that the county seems inevitably headed toward repeal of the 18th amendment, dry forces in Macon county and throughout the state are not relinquishing their efforts. They are determined to fight to the last to keep North Carolina in the dry column; but politicians "in the knowing" predict that the state will go wet by a large majority.

As for Macon county, there are plenty of predictions both ways and, at present, one man's opinion seems to be as good as the other's. The fact that the county voted strong for Robert K. Reynolds, a droning wet, for United States senator, does not seem to carry much weight. But last November's election may have some bearing on the Macon county returns in the repeal election to be held next month, although leaders in both the Republican and Democratic parties have declared the repeal election a non-partisan affair.

Non-partisan or not, a group of Republicans in this county have inserted a paid advertisement in this week's Press-Maconian evidently intended to embarrass Alex Moore, the candidate of the dry forces for delegate to the proposed state repeal convention.

Mr. Moore, a lifelong Democrat and a former Democratic officeholder, is asked to answer a question as to whether he voted for wet Mr. Reynolds last November, or whether he bolted the Democratic ticket and voted for Jake New-

FAIR PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 20

Program and Classes for Cartoogechaye Event Announced

The second annual community fair of the Cartoogechaye section will be held at the Slagle school on Friday, October 20.

Last year's fair was such a success that the 5-10 Year Farm Program committee, which sponsors the event, has planned a larger exhibit this year, with many new classes and contests.

Blue, red and white ribbons will be awarded for first, second and third prizes, respectively, in each of the classes. Entries are limited to residents of the Cartoogechaye section.

Livestock To Be Shown

In the livestock division there are to be several classifications as follows: Horses and mules, two classes each, colts and mature animals; cattle are to be divided into four classes for each type, (dairy and beef) cows, bulls, young stock and calves; hogs will be divided into four classes, sows, boars, young stock and mixed sheep are to be divided into three classes, rams, ewes and lambs. Poultry entries can be made with chickens, ducks and turkeys. There will be three classes for the light breeds and (Continued on page six)

First Aid

Red Cross Course Planned At Cullowhee

Dr. Otis Marshall, connected with the first aid staff of the National Red Cross, has been assigned to give a practical course in first aid instruction at Western Carolina Teachers College, Cullowhee, during the week starting October 23.

Life saving, as well as first aid, will be taught by Dr. Marshall.

The course is open to anyone desiring to take it and it is expected that several will go from Franklin to enroll for the first aid lessons. J. E. Lancaster, chairman of the Macon county chapter of the Red Cross, will be glad to make arrangements for anyone wishing to attend the classes, which will be held from 4:30 to 6 o'clock each afternoon and from 7 to 8:30 o'clock each night.

PRESBYTERIANS HOLD MEETING

Highlands Host to Western North Carolina Presbytery

OFFICERS ELECTED Maxwell School Matter Fails To Come up For Discussion

BY MRS. T. C. HARBISON (Highlands Correspondent of The Press-Maconian) At the invitation of Rev. C. R. McCarty, Highlands was host Tuesday and Wednesday to about 15 members of the Asheville Presbytery, which included various ministers and church officers of the Presbyterian churches of Western North Carolina.

The Rev. T. A. Painter, retiring moderator, of Swannanoa, delivered the opening sermon at the Highlands Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning. Following this, the election of officers was held, and the following were appointed to serve: Dr. R. F. Campbell, Asheville, moderator; Rev. George B. Hammond, Canton, temporary clerk.

An address in the interest of daily vacation Bible school work was made by the Rev. John F. Fix, D. D., of the Synod of Appalachia at the afternoon session.

Plan Expansion

The evening session Tuesday was a popular meeting in the interest of the Presbytery's home missions. The pastor in charge was the Rev. L. T. Wilds, of the Hendersonville church. The main feature of the meeting was the recommendation made in an address by Dr. Campbell that the Presbytery instruct its home missions committee to take under its special care and direction the development of the great unchurched areas in the city of Asheville, and to take whatever steps they deem wise to claim this territory for Christ and the church. Dr. Campbell quoted statistics showing that the churches of Asheville are not able to seat more than one-third of the population of the city. After some discussion the Presbytery voted that the recommendation be adopted.

Various reports were made, including a brief talk about spiritual conditions at Oteen by the Rev. C. B. Chasin, chaplain; a financial report by J. A. Gruber of the Moorman Orphanage, and others.

Maxwell Not Mentioned

No mention was made of the Maxwell school, and in a conversation made with one of the outstanding members of the Presbytery, the correspondent was informed that this matter had been settled between the committee and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Slagle.

Members of the church here united in acting as hosts to the Presbytery at luncheon at the Pierson House on both Tuesday and Wednesday. They were kindly assisted by some of the ladies of other churches here. Various members also were generous hosts to the Presbytery during their entire stay.

To Visit Hatchery

On the return trip they planned to visit Duke University at Durham and to spend Saturday night at Statesville, where Mr. Meacham, who formerly lived there, has arranged for them to visit the Bunch hatchery. At the hatchery the boys will have an opportunity to see an incubator with a capacity of 72,000 eggs.

The group is expected to be back in Franklin late Sunday evening. "The main purpose of the trip," Mr. Meacham said before departing, "is to visit the fair, where good exhibitions of field crops and livestock will be seen."

Bad Omen

Sages See Signs of War In Hawk Flights

Some of the sages of Cartoogechaye are making dire predictions, for a strange, ominous sign was reported in the community recently—a flock of a thousand to twelve hundred hawks flying overhead.

"When hawks are so thick they darken the sky, so 'tis said, there is war in the offing."

The hawks, said to have been the largest flock seen in this section in many a year, were reported by Steve Frazier and others of the Cartoogechaye section. Mr. Frazier said he saw them on shortly after noon about two weeks ago and they were flying west. "He said he believed the birds were either rabbit hawks or chicken hawks, as they were of a grayish color. They were fling about 250 feet above the ground, he said.

Supreme Court Gives Decision In Murder Case

Depositors Can Get 10 Per Cent Dividend

The Bank of Franklin has been authorized to make a ten per cent payment, or dividend, on deposits "frozen" since the institution closed during the banking panic which spread over Western North Carolina in the fall of 1930. Authority for the payment was given last week by Gurney P. Hood, state banking commissioner, it was learned Monday. Since then several depositors who had not "traded out" their certificates have called to receive their dividends, but there have been no signs of a rush on the part of the depositors to get their money. H. W. Cabe, cashier, reported Wednesday that only about \$320 had been withdrawn from old accounts.

CIRCUIT NAMES NEW OFFICERS

4th Quarterly Conference Held at Bethel Church

The fourth quarterly conference of the Franklin circuit was held at Bethel church Sunday afternoon. The Rev. L. B. Hayes preached a timely and inspiring sermon to a large congregation and the Holy Communion was observed.

Reports at the conference showed that both the spiritual and financial state are encouraging, showing an increase over the reports of last year.

The various charge officials were elected for the new conference year to take office when the conference convenes Nov. 15, with the exception of the Epworth League, Sunday school and missionary societies, which are effective at once. The official list follows:

Trustees for Parsonage: C. A. Cabe, L. T. Sloan, C. N. West, Charlie Bryson, Ed Dowdle.

Trustees: Bethel: R. L. Scott, C. A. Cabe, J. R. Fulton, Mrs. J. M. McCracken, J. T. Jennings.

Clark's Chapel: J. D. Keener, P. C. Brown, J. M. Brown, B. Brown, J. Phillips, Ed Dowdle, R. C. Sutton, J. E. Wooten.

Iotla: J. E. Myers, W. D. Bartard, R. L. Poindexter, A. L. Ramsey, J. B. Collins.

Oak Dale: C. T. Ray, N. H. McKinney, C. T. Roper.

Riverview: W. H. Watkins, H. Arvey, W. J. Lakin, Nobel Gibson, C. N. West.

Snow Hill: C. N. West, J. L. West, J. H. Dalton, J. W. Matlock, Grady Owens. (Continued on page six)

Injunction Stays Order Against Slot Machines

An injunction restraining the town authorities from carrying out an order adopted at the last meeting of the town council, directing the removal of all gambling devices, was obtained the latter part of last week from Judge Felix E. Alley. The injunction was sought by Fred Cabe, Arnold's Cafe and Boice Munday.

The injunction was only temporary and is expected to be dissolved when it comes up for a hearing before Judge Alley on October 24. Angel's Drug Store and the Scott Griffin hotel voluntarily removed slot machines after the town council voted to ban them, although they could have continued operating the devices for several weeks longer.

Some who continued to operate gambling devices said they would have abandoned them, but felt they should have been given more than the week's notice allowed in the council order.

Bits of Wisdom

Nothing can bring you peace but yourself.

—Emerson.

Basis of Prior Jeopardy

CLEMENT REVERSED

It Cleared, Defendant Must Return to Penitentiary

Robert Bell, alleged member of the Coweta gang and younger brother of its notorious leader, J. R. Bell, was granted a new trial in a decision handed down by the state supreme court Wednesday in his appeal from a second degree murder verdict in connection with the George Dryman slaying and robbery.

Since the early part of May Bell has been in state's prison at Raleigh, serving a sentence of 25 to 30 years in the homicide case and six years for participation in the robbery last winter of the Ritter Lumber company's camp store.

Contending Prior Jeopardy He and others indicted in the Dryman case, except J. R. Bell, were tried at the April term of court with Judge J. H. Clement, of Winston-Salem, presiding. The defendants were first tried on an indictment charging first degree burglary. Clyde Wood and Ernest Stamey, were found guilty of an "attempt to commit first degree burglary," but Judge Clement non-suited the charge against Bell on the contention of his attorneys that the state had failed to prove that he had any part in the robbery of Mr. Dryman, an aged Middle Creek farmer. Dryman was attacked and robbed on the night of January 23 and died a short time later as the result of injuries inflicted by the robbers.

Bell, Stamey and Wood were then tried for murder. Counsel for Bell moved for non-suit on the ground of prior jeopardy, contending that since he had been cleared in the burglary case there was no ground for the murder charge against him. Judge Clement, however, declined to hear the non-suit motion. It was upon his refusal in this instance that McKinley Edwards, Bell's attorney, based an appeal to the supreme court. The court upheld the double jeopardy contention and ordered a new trial.

It is thought likely that the case will come up for the second hearing at the November term of Macon superior court.

Should Bell come clear in his new trial, he will have to go back to state's prison to complete his term of six years in the Ritter robbery case.

J. R. Bell, who escaped after a gun battle with officers who were rounding up the Coweta gang some weeks after George Dryman's death, was captured in August and pleaded guilty to second degree murder. He was sentenced to a life term in state's prison.

Some 'Tater

Jake Henry Grows One In Human Form

For size and shape, some unusual sweet potatoes are being raised in Macon county.

Jake Henry, of Ellijay, sent one to The Press-Maconian office the other day that was pronounced by many who saw it as the queerest 'tater ever they did see. Several potatoes had grown together as one in such a way as to form a grotesque shape resembling a human body.

"That's just like Jake," someone commented. "I bet he grafted those potatoes."

If he did, the sage of Ellijay would do well to quit farming and turn sculptor.

Mrs. J. L. West, of West's Mill, has sent to Mrs. Lester Conley, of Franklin, a Porto Rican potato weighing five and a half pounds. She reported she had raised others weighing even more.