

As the World Turns

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

ERWIN GETS JOB AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Marcus Erwin, Asheville lawyer who was one of the leaders in the campaign for the election of Robert R. Reynolds as United States senator, has been appointed United States district attorney for the western district of North Carolina and is expected to assume office December 1. Mr. Erwin was notified Monday in a telegram from Senator Reynolds, in Washington, that President Roosevelt had signed his appointment. Erwin will succeed Frank C. Patton, of Morganton. The job pays \$5,000, less economy deductions.

U. S. RECOGNIZES RUSSIA

Formal recognition of Soviet Russia by the United States government was announced on Friday by President Roosevelt after a series of conferences with Maxim Litvinoff, Soviet foreign commissar. American observers expect immediate resumption of trade, with possibly 1,000,000 bales of American cotton to go to Russia in the near future.

ROOSEVELT IN SOUTH

President Roosevelt on Saturday arrived in Warm Springs, Ga., to spend a two weeks vacation in his resort home there.

ALLOCATE 68,000 JOBS

The state relief administration has allotted 68,000 jobs to the 100 counties in the state for supplying work for needy persons, 14,000 of them to come from the relief rolls and 34,000 from federal re-employment rolls. Mecklenburg leads in number of jobs allotted with 3,351, with Guilford, Wake, Buncombe and Forsyth counties following in order.

SPEEDING HOME LOANS

Alan S. O'Neal, state manager of the Home Owners Loan corporation, announced from his Salisbury office that 114 loans for \$319,330 were approved last week, bringing the total approvals to 1,204 homes involving \$2,815,778. During the week 36 foreclosures were halted.

SAYRE IN STATE POST

Francis B. Sayre, son-in-law of Woodrow Wilson, has been named an assistant secretary of state. He has been teaching at Harvard university.

BRITISH SEAMEN ARE LOST

Hope has been abandoned for the lives of 27 British seamen who took to open boats to a raging sea when the freighter Saxilby went down 300 miles off the Irish coast.

THREATEN LABOR LEADER

Clyde Mann, American Federation of Labor representative who has been organizing hosiery workers at Hickory, reports that agents of manufacturers have threatened him with violence unless he leaves that city. Police authorities say he will be fully protected.

EXTORTIONIST SENTENCED

John T. Lanier, pleading guilty in federal district court at Wilkesboro, of an attempt to extort \$10,000 from R. J. Reynolds, tobacco heir, was on Monday sent to Atlanta prison for five years.

11 MILES INTO THE BLUE

Eleven miles into the sky soared Commander T. G. W. Settle and Major Chester L. Fordney in a big balloon on Monday. Taking off from Akron early in the morning, the balloon drifted eastward to settle in New Jersey where it was the object of a widespread hunt. The two men communicated by radio telephone with ground stations during the flight.

SEIZE EINSTEIN PROPERTY

The German government has seized all property of Albert Einstein, famous scientist who has sought refuge in the United States. The seizure was based on charges that Einstein is a Communist. This his relatives strongly deny.

BRAMHAM HOLDS BIG JOB

William G. Bramham, Durham, president of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues was last week at Galveston chosen to hold that post for five years at a salary of \$8,500.

IS KILLED FOR QUARTER

An argument over "two bits," or price of a theater ticket, cost J. R. Jones his life at Roanoke Rapids on Friday. Will Gurganus stabbed Jones when the latter refused to lend Gurganus the quarter.

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Bits of Wisdom

A wise and good man is composed and happy; a fool is always worried and full of distress.

—Confucius.

NEW RAILROAD PLAN PROPOSED

Clayton Board of Trade Wants Government To Run 'T. F.'

EXTENSION URGED

Seen as Best Means of Protecting National Forest Lands

A movement seeking to induce the federal government to take over operation of the Tallulah Falls railway has been started by the Clayton Board of Trade.

In a letter published in last week's issue of The Clayton Tribune a committee of the board of trade points out that abandonment of the railroad, as sought by its receiver in a petition now pending before the Interstate Commerce Commission, would result in a heavy loss to the government by bottling up the resources of the Nantahala National Forest.

An accompanying article in The Tribune states:

"The cost of long transports of wood products and mineral products by truck, on long stretches, would be prohibitive, if the railroad should be abandoned, and the government would lose much more thereby than it would cost to own and operate the road.

Extension Proposed

"A half million kilowatts of electric energy is being generated by the hydro-electric plants near the railroad and with projected huge generation of electric energy by the Tennessee Valley Authority the electrification of the Tallulah Falls railroad, if the government owned it, would greatly reduce operating expenses; and by extending the railroad it would serve as the shortest direct outlet to the south from the contemplated Tennessee industrial developments and also connect with the huge government-owned Smoky Mountains national park area."

Aug. Andreae, a member of the Clayton board of trade, came to Franklin Tuesday to interest local business men in the movement for government ownership and operation of the "T. F."

Copy of Letter

The letter drawn up by the Clayton Board of Trade is addressed to the United States senators and congressmen of Georgia and North Carolina. Following is a copy of the letter:

We, the undersigned, a committee appointed by the Board of Trade, of Clayton, Ga., respectfully ask your consideration of the following matter which is of vital importance to the government.

As you probably know the Tallulah Falls Railway is in the hands of a receiver and a petition has already been presented to the proper authorities to abandon the road.

Here are some of the facts that we contend might well be considered by the National Government, especially at this time, when everything is being done with the singular purpose of trying to restore the country to a normal business condition.

The Federal Government owns approximately 300,000 acres of forest lands adjacent to this railroad and further, that this is the only railroad over which it is practical to ship products of this forest land.

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Toys and Gifts Needed for Community Christmas Tree

A community Christmas tree is being planned through the co-operation of the churches of Franklin to be given Saturday afternoon before Christmas in the courthouse.

The women of the church organizations are meeting at the Methodist church each Friday for the purpose of dressing dolls, making and mending other toys to be placed on the Christmas tree.

Many gifts, both joyful and useful, will be needed, and all who can assist are urged to attend these gatherings, bringing their lunch with them, and materials for making animals and dressing dolls.

Used toys, as well as new ones, are being solicited.

Allen Ordway and Joe Duncan have offered to mend wooden toys, which donors are requested to deliver at the former's shop at his home in the Ashe house on Harrison avenue.

For those who desire to help in

Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr., To Succeed Rev. W. A. Jenkins As Methodist Pastor Here

The Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr., of Charlotte, is expected to come to Franklin within the next ten days to succeed Rev. Weaver A. Jenkins as pastor of the First Methodist church.

New appointments of Methodist ministers in the Western North Carolina conference were read Monday at the annual meeting of the body in Charlotte.

Rev. Mr. Jenkins, who was assigned to North Wilkesboro, in the Mt. Airy district, is expected to preach his farewell sermon to his congregation here at the morning service next Sunday. Mr. Jenkins came here in July to fill out the unexpired term of the Rev. O. P. Ader, who was superannuated on account of ill health. Although he has been in Franklin only a few months he has made many friends here.

Rev. Mr. Herbert, Mr. Jenkins' successor, is a young man and has been serving as pastor of the Wesley Heights Methodist church in Charlotte. Prior to going to Charlotte he was assistant pastor of the First Methodist church in Winston-Salem.

Hayes Reappointed

The Rev. L. B. Hayes, a former pastor of the Franklin Methodist

church, was reappointed presiding elder of the Waynesville district, which embraces Macon county.

The Rev. G. N. Dulin, pastor of the Franklin circuit, was transferred to Peachland in the Charlotte district, and the Rev. B. W. Lefter was assigned to succeed him here.

The Rev. J. B. Tabor, Jr., was returned to the Macon county circuit.

Colleges Merged

The conference Saturday approved the merger of Rutherford and Weaver colleges and establishment of a new institution at Brevard.

In an address on "Christian Intolerance," Bishop Edwin D. Mounzon said that "Christianity must be intolerant when it comes to the attitude of men toward the person and place of Jesus Christ," and insisted that Christians "must be tolerant toward those who are weak and fearful." He added that it was not the church's business "to make Christ acceptable to the world but to make Him inescapable."

The bishop praised the administration of President Roosevelt wherein "iniquity in high places" has been attacked, but expressed regret that the administration had shown "stupidity in tying up the NRA with the saloon panegyrist."

BOY LOSES ARM WHILE HUNTING

Clinton Brookshire, 17, Recovering after Gun Accident

Clinton Brookshire, 17, of Franklin, lost one of his arms Saturday afternoon when a shotgun was accidentally discharged while he was getting out of a boat.

Young Brookshire and several other boys had been duck hunting on Lake Emory. As they were coming ashore from a boat the Brookshire boy placed his gun on a bank and as he went to pick it up it exploded, the shot-tearing his arm away.

Charles Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Palmer, quickly bound the injured youth's arm with a handkerchief, making a tourniquet to stem the flow of blood. But for his quick action, it is thought Brookshire might have bled to death.

At the hospital the boy's arm was amputated just below the shoulder and his father, J. H. Brookshire, gave a blood transfusion Wednesday young Brookshire was reported on the road to recovery.

Small Girl's Hand Badly Injured

Marie Hastings, 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hastings, suffered a painful injury to her hand Saturday afternoon when she attempted to seize an axe from her brother, aged seven, who was chopping wood. The axe descended and almost cut off part of the child's hand, but it was reported Wednesday that the member could be saved.

Roosevelt Calls on Nation To Be Grateful

A simple Thanksgiving proclamation, devoid of the customary "whereases" and "now, therefore," was issued Tuesday by President Roosevelt at his cottage at Warm Springs, Ga., where he is taking a rest and plans to spend Thanksgiving Day.

The president called on the American people "to be grateful for the passing of dark days" and condemned "greed and selfishness and striving for undue riches." He also expressed a desire that the nation manifest its gratitude for "the greater friendship between employers and those who toil."

SCOUT EMBLEMS TO BE AWARDED

Court of Honor To Be Held Friday Night at Scout House

Franklin's Boy Scout troop will hold a court of honor in the Scout house back of the Masonic hall at 7:30 o'clock Friday night, when Scout emblems will be awarded to those who have earned them. A. W. Allen, of Asheville, Scout executive of the Smoky Mountains district, is expected to be present for the court of honor. Names of those who are to receive emblems have not been announced.

The Franklin Scout troop was organized about a year ago with Don Young, a former Eagle Scout, as Scoutmaster, and J. D. Franks as assistant Scoutmaster. The troop now has 24 members and many other boys are clamoring for membership.

Parents of Scouts and all others interested in Scout activities have been invited to attend the court of honor Friday night.

Robbed of \$100

Assailants Leave Iotla Man Tied to Tree

Floyd Lowe, who recently returned to this county from Tennessee, was reported to have been robbed of a pocketbook containing \$100 by a group of three masked bandits early Monday morning and then left tied to a tree about 75 yards from the home of his father, Jess Lowe, in the Iotla section.

The robbery was reported to Sheriff A. B. Sledge by the elder Mr. Lowe. Young Lowe was reported to have said he was awakened and called to the porch of his father's home about 3 a. m. Monday. Robbers seized him, clothed only in his night clothes, it was said, took the wallet with the \$100 from him and then tied him to a tree. Lowe said he managed to unloose himself after a cold two hours of struggling with a knotted rope. He said he could not recognize any of the robbers.

CROWDS ATTEND COURT OPENING

Grand Jury Finds County Institutions in Good Order

CRISP HELD INSANE

Burlin Pruett Convicted, Dills Acquitted in Larceny Case

The opening of November term of Macon county superior court Monday, with Judge Felix E. Alley, of Waynesville, presiding, drew a good crowd to Franklin; but this term of court has proved a poor show as compared with other terms held this year. Most of the cases on the criminal calendar were of a minor nature and there was not a single homicide case on the docket.

The judge delivered an able charge to the jury, but furnished no fireworks. The grand jury, reporting Wednesday, found the county institutions all in apple pie order and took occasion to compliment the county commissioners and the courthouse janitor on the improvement of sanitary conditions in the courthouse.

A jury Tuesday found Parker Crisp, of the Gold Mine section, to be insane and the judge ordered that he was not capable of standing in defense of charges of assault with a deadly weapon on his wife, daughter and son. Crisp was ordered sent to the state hospital for the insane at Raleigh.

Burlin Pruett and Earl Dills were brought to trial Wednesday on charges of larceny in connection with the theft of goods from the Dowdle Wholesale Company's warehouse. The jury, which received the case Thursday morning at 11:30 o'clock, reported at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, finding Pruett guilty on two counts and acquitting Dills. Sentence had not been pronounced when The Press-Maconian went to press.

Robert Sanders was found guilty Tuesday of disturbing public worship and was given a two-years sentence, suspended on good behavior and payment of costs by the April term of court.

Judge Alley took occasion of a plea of guilty by Will Raby, charged with larceny, to rid Macon county of what its respectable residents have long considered an undesirable character. He sentenced Raby to a total of six years at work on the roads on three different counts, the sentences to take effect immediately, should Raby be found within the state's borders after Friday, November 24.

Most of the other cases coming before the court involved violations of the prohibition laws. In instances of conviction he imposed heavy sentences, but suspended them upon payment of costs and the condition of good behavior.

The court expected to proceed with the trial of civil cases Friday.

Rain Blots out Forest Fire Sweeping into Macon County

Benevolent rain, a heavy down-pour of it, came Tuesday night, blotting out a raging forest fire which was fast sweeping over the Coweys into Macon county.

The fire, which was reported to have done damage estimated between \$300,000 and \$500,000 in Jackson county, spread into Macon county Sunday and Monday, doing considerable damage in the vicinity of Cowee Gap. The loss from fires in this county, however, has been almost negligible compared to the destruction wrought in Jackson county.

Boys in three Civilian Conservation camps in the county stood ready to battle any fires that might start in or near lands of the Nantahala National Forest; but none developed. C. C. C. recruits quartered in Cherokee county did have an opportunity to show their skill at fire-fighting and departed themselves well.

260 Jobs Created In Macon County By New Projects

School To Have Broadcasting System

A broadcasting system, with amplifiers in every class room, is being installed in the Franklin high school under the direction of G. L. Houk, principal.

When the system is completed it will enable Mr. Houk to broadcast announcements to the entire student body or to communicate with any individual class room. It also will be possible for him to hook up a radio set in his office and transmit educational programs to any or all rooms, or to the school auditorium, which also is being equipped with amplifiers.

Many Projects Planned Under Civil Works Program

ROADS TO BE FIXED

Wages Set at 45 Cents And \$1.10 an Hour For 30 Hours

Jobs for 200 men have been made available in Macon county by projects already started or soon to be undertaken with the aid of funds provided by the Civil Works Administration, the most recently created branch of President Roosevelt's enormous national recovery organization.

The jobs are to last for three months and the wages have been set at 45 cents an hour for common laborers and \$1.10 an hour for skilled workmen for a thirty-hour week.

Many Improvements Planned

A wide variety of public improvements are contemplated under the Civil Works program in this county. Four road projects already have been outlined by the county commissioners, with the approval of the state highway maintenance forces. These call for improvement of the Ellijay, Clarke's Chapel, Cowee and Horse Cove roads. Another group of projects will result in improvement of school buildings and grounds. It is also planned to allocate a number of workers to the towns of Franklin and Highlands for municipal projects, such as the surfacing and draining of streets.

One hundred and thirty of the C. W. A. workers are to be taken off the county's relief roll, while an equal number are to be recruited by the local office of the National Reemployment Service, of which John W. Edwards is manager. Selection of employees from the relief list will be in the hands of Miss Rachel Davis, county welfare superintendent, assisted by J. E. Lancaster, chairman of the county Red Cross chapter, and other members of the welfare board.

No definite sum of money has been allocated to the county for Civil Works projects, but it is estimated that the work to be undertaken will cost approximately \$40,000, most of it to be spent on wages. The whole purpose of the program, by which President Roosevelt hopes to provide a means of support through the winter for two million men, is to create as many jobs as possible at living wages. The C. W. A. authorities in Washington have allocated 68,000 jobs to North Carolina and it is planned to have all of them filled by next Monday.

Box Supper

To Be Held at Patton School December 2

A box supper is to be given at the Patton school at 7:30 o'clock Saturday night, December 2.

The proceeds will be used in defraying the expenses of a community Yuletide celebration and Christmas tree to be sponsored by the Patton church and Louisa chapel.

Such a celebration last year proved a big success, bringing Christmas joy to the entire Patton settlement. It is hoped this year to make the community Christmas celebration even a greater success with the aid of funds raised at the box supper.

Those in charge of arrangements for the supper, said everybody who wishes to attend will be given a warm welcome, especially the boys at C. C. Camp No. 9 at the foot of Patton Valley.

MRS. MASSEY HEADS U. D. C.

Concluding their annual meeting, the United Daughters of the Confederacy on Friday at Baltimore elected Mrs. William E. Massey, of Arkansas, as president-general.

WELLS BACK TO CUBA

Sumner Wells has been sent back to Cuba by the president to continue his efforts to stabilize conditions in that country, without recourse to American intervention.