

As the World Turns

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

### PEEK SEEKS FOREIGN MARKETS

In a major federal administrative change, George N. Peck has retired from his post as farm administrator to head a division seeking foreign markets for farm commodities and empowered to enter agreement for exchange of foreign goods for such commodities.

### CWA JOBS FOR WHITE COLLARED

The civil works administration will give jobs to 17,724 unemployed white-collar workers to prosecute economic studies in the departments of labor and agriculture. North Carolinians will get 523 of the jobs.

### IS GIVEN DEATH SENTENCE

At Waynesville on Monday, James Sheffield, 50, was convicted of the August 8 murder of James Miller, and now faces electrocution. On the same day four other men went on trial for the murder of Thomas Price, New York millionaire shot down on a riding trail of his big estate.

### HUGE CASH SUMS TO FARMS

Under the agricultural adjustment act cash payments of \$115,032,938 have been sent to farmers in return for acreage reduction agreements.

### MILLIONS OF EGGS FOR HUNGRY

The federal emergency relief administration is buying 12,000,000 dozens of eggs for distribution to the unemployed. Salt pork, beans, canned beef and mutton are likewise being distributed.

### LEAS LOSE COURT FIGHT

Like Lea and his son lost another court battle on Saturday when the Tennessee Supreme court held that the two should be turned over to North Carolina to serve terms imposed at Asheville for aiding in the wrecking of the Central Bank. They appealed to the U. S. Supreme court.

### \$4,000,000 FOR PARK ROAD

The public works administration last week allotted \$4,000,000 as the first advance on the \$16,000,000 project of building a 450-mile skyline drive connecting the Shenandoah and Great Smoky national parks.

### Albert Ramsey Reported Improving

Albert Ramsey, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at Angel Brothers' hospital last Friday morning, was reported today to be greatly improved. Mr. Ramsey's condition was regarded as extremely critical the first few days of the week and for a while his life was despaired of, but he rallied strength and Thursday he was said to be on the road to recovery.

### Death Claims

#### S. E. Eaton's Mother

Mrs. Eaton, the mother of S. E. Eaton, died in Miami, Fla., on Wednesday, Dec. 6, in her 95th year. Six sons and daughters survive her. With keen mind and great charm of personality Mrs. Eaton remained in good health until a few days before her death. With her daughter, Miss Eaton, was a frequent summer visitor at her son's home in Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen DeHart, announce the birth of a daughter on Friday, December 8, at their home on Iotla.

### TELEGRAM

NORTH POLE  
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To The Press-Maconian,  
Franklin, N. C.

Please put a notice in your paper that I will be in Franklin Saturday, December 16, and want all the little boys and girls in the county to come to see me and tell me what they want for Christmas. I will be there all day Saturday and will make my headquarters at Sanders' Store. I'll have a lot of sample toys to show them. They can choose what they want. Then, when I go back to my workshop at the North Pole I'll know what to put in my bag before return to Macon county Christmas eve. Now, don't forget, tell all the boys and girls to come to see Old Santa. (Signed) SANTA CLAUS.

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Only 8 More  
SHOPPING DAYS  
Until  
CHRISTMAS

## HOPE SEEN FOR RAILROAD Georgia To Surface Tri-State Road

### PEOPLE HAPPY AT HIGHLANDS

Project Is Expected To Improve Tourist Business

WILL COST \$84,000

Forestry Service To Pay Half and Georgia Half

Highlands people were happy Thursday over news from Atlanta that the Georgia Highway commission had approved plans for paving the Georgia link of the Tri-State road, the main artery of travel toward the mountain resort from the south.

The North Carolina section of the road is already surfaced with loose gravel and the section from the Georgia line to Walhalla, S. C., is paved. The Georgia link, covering a distance of eight and a half miles, has long been a thorn in the flesh for Highlands, because it has been an almost continual mud hole deflecting considerable tourist traffic from the town.

#### Georgia Pays Half

According to reports in Highlands Thursday morning, the Georgia commission had agreed to pay half the expenses of grading and paving the "missing link" and the United States Forestry Service had agreed to pay the other half. Much of the road runs through the Nantahala National Forest.

#### To Cost \$84,000

The project, it is estimated, will cost approximately \$84,000. It was reported that work on the road would start immediately.

Completion of surfacing the Georgia stretch of the Tri-State highway is expected to have the effect of increasing Highland's summer tourist business, as it will make it more easily accessible to people living in South Carolina and some sections of Georgia.

### Services Sunday at St. Agnes Church

The Rev. H. L. Granger, of Canton, will conduct the evening prayer service and preach at St. Agnes' Episcopal church at 7:30 o'clock Sunday night. There will be no morning service, but Sunday school will be held at the usual hour, 10 a. m.

### Box Supper To Be Given at Cowee School

There will be a box supper at the Cowee school house Friday night at 7:30 o'clock, the proceeds to go for the benefit of the Cowee basketball team. Music will be furnished by a string band. The public, especially members of the Civilian Conservation camps, are invited to attend.

### REPEAL REMOVES TAX BURDEN

Tax revenues on legalized liquor will free the nation of a \$350,000,000 special tax burden, the treasury estimates. Estimated benefits to North Carolinians total \$3,364,967.

## Jobs Created by C. W. A. For White Collar Workers

John W. Edwards, manager of the Franklin office of the national reemployment service, returned to Franklin from a conference of reemployment officials in Asheville Wednesday night with news that white-collared men and women without jobs would get a chance to go to work under the C. W. A. program.

Announcement, he said, has been received from Washington that 423 unemployed men and women in North Carolina would be employed in census work.

The census workers, Mr. Edwards said, would be recruited through the reemployment offices. He urged all men and women in the county with clerical training or

## Franklin Named District Farm Credit Headquarters

Loans for the production of general agricultural crops, livestock or poultry breeding or raising will be available to North Carolina farmers within the next few weeks, according to President Ernest Graham of the Production Credit Corporation of Columbia. Franklin has been designated as headquarters for a production credit association to serve the extreme western counties of the state.

"Due to the hearty cooperation of extension forces, county agents and county officials" said President Graham, "we are making rapid strides in the organization of local production credit associations. Our present plan calls for approximately 30 such associations to supply the credit needs of North Carolina farmers for production purposes."

Production credit associations will take the place of the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporations and as they will handle loans for production purposes, no feed or seed loans will be available in 1934.

Local associations will be owned, controlled and managed by bona fide farmers, all of whom must be borrowers in order to be eligible for membership. Associations will be directed by a board of 5, 7 or 9 members chosen by the borrowers. Executive officers, field representatives and a secretary-treasurer will be elected by the board. The secretary-treasurer is the only person connected with the organization who does not have to be a borrower.

The local association will pass on members' notes and endorse them for discount with the Intermediate Credit Bank of Columbia. At present borrowers from local associations will obtain their loans at an interest rate of 6 per cent. Loans will be made for three to twelve months in most instances; however, livestock loans may run the maximum of three years.

The Production Credit Corporation of Columbia will act in a supervisory capacity to insure the most efficient operation of local units.

## AUDITORIUM IS BEING ERECTED

New Building for Town of Highlands Under Construction

Twenty-one men were started to work here Monday on the building of an auditorium in connection with Highlands school under the C. W. A. program. H. I. Gaines, architect, of Asheville is making detailed plans for the building, which is to be 46 by 79 feet and is expected to seat an audience of 350.

The amount of money secured from the C. W. A. for the project is approximately \$5,800; other aid in making the project possible was given as follows:

U. S. Forestry Service, chestnut and white pine for lumber; proceeds from moving pictures held in school house last summer, \$100; land upon which building is to be erected, Town of Highlands. The board of commissioners of the town agreed that in event the loan from C. W. A. be secured for the building of the auditorium, they would deed to the state or federal authorities land from the eastern portion of the town's property known as the Barak Wright lot, which lies just west of the school building.

The building is expected to be completed by March 1. Principal O. F. Sumner, who has spent much time and effort in bringing about the approval of the work by C. W. A., is giving his time as an advisor. He states that the building will be used for moving pictures, school exercises, public meetings and for affairs of various organizations.

## Form Union

Labor Group Organized in Franklin

An enrollment of 500 members is expected by officials of the newly organized Macon County union of the American Federation of Labor.

The union was organized at a meeting in Odd Fellows hall Friday night, December 1, with an original enrollment of 31 members. The union plans to meet each Friday night and, upon the receipt of membership forms, it plans to wage a drive for new members.

Officers elected at the organization meeting were: Jack Stribling, president; Gordon Moore, vice president; George McGee, financial secretary; John W. Edwards, secretary; George Stallcup, guide and guardian; Harry Higgins, treasurer; Gene Jacobs, Thomas Johnson and Joe Setzer, trustees.

W. B. Plemmons, of Asheville, vice president of the North Carolina federation of labor, was the principal speaker at the meeting. He said 832 new locals had been organized since July 16.

## Hit by Auto

Mrs. Greenwood in Hospital at Greenville

Mrs. Oeta Kelly Greenwood is in a hospital in Greenville, S. C., suffering from a crushed knee, a broken leg and severe lacerations about the head as the result of an automobile accident last week. Mrs. Greenwood, who spends much of her time in Franklin, was reported to have been struck by an automobile while she was crossing a street.

## Plans Being Completed For Christmas Tree

Plans are being completed for the Community Christmas tree for the children of Franklin which will be held at the courthouse on Saturday evening, Dec. 23.

At the meeting on Friday at the Methodist church, stockings will be filled, each church contributing a share of the fruits and candies.

## Rev. N. C. Duncan Taken To Charlotte Hospital

The Rev. Norvin C. Duncan, who has been convalescing at his home for the past few months, has recovered sufficiently to return to St. Peter's hospital, Charlotte, for further treatment.

Mr. Duncan, rector of St. Agnes Episcopal church, Franklin, was taken to Charlotte last Friday. He was reported to have stood the trip well and encouraging reports have been received of his condition.

## SLOAN SUBMITS ANNUAL REPORT

Says It's Possible for Farmer To Earn a Good Profit

CATTLE IMPROVED

Records Show County Agent's Work Saved Farmers \$1,645

The conclusion that it is possible to earn a fair income on Macon county farms, despite the low prices of the past year for agricultural products, is voiced by F. S. Sloan, county farm demonstration agent, in his annual report, a copy of which was submitted this week to the county commissioners.

Mr. Sloan reported that the total volume of sales and purchases made by farmers through him amounted to \$5,949 during the past year and represented an actual saving to them of \$1,645.

"The outlook for 1934, he reported, is that county agent work will be called for more and be of greater service to a larger number of farmers than it has this year. This statement is based upon the greatest trend in agricultural activities, the economic conditions and the necessary changes to be made by many farmers in order that they can produce at market prices and still have an income for their needs."

### Stock Improved

One of the highlights of the report was the statement that 31 purebred sires and 22 purebred female cattle had been placed in the county during the year, a strong indication of the trend of Macon county farmers toward better livestock.

The most significant statement of the whole report is: "The figures on farm incomes, even as low as agricultural products have been, show that with proper management and a system of balanced farming, farmers can realize a good profit above actual cost of production, and also that some projects give better cash returns than others on the same farm."

### Earns \$971.71

Bountiful evidence that farm profits are possible is supplied in the report by the citation of specific cases, the most outstanding of which is that of C. W. Henderson, of Gneiss, whose accurately kept books showed net profits and labor returns for 11 months of \$971.77, besides farm produce used in his home.

The report also stated that Mrs. A. S. Holt of Highlands had realized a net profit of \$373.35 from one acre of Reed Strain cabbage. J. D. Burnett, of Sealy, made \$225 clear off of an acre of the same cabbage, while Roy Cloud, of the same section, reported a profit and labor return of \$188.61 off of one acre of cabbages.

Mr. Henderson reported a net return of \$165.49 off of two acres of six-year-old apple trees.

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## Deputy's Home and Barn Burned after Still Raid

Charlie Jones, special deputy sheriff, raided a still on the upper reaches of Walnut Creek Tuesday afternoon and captured a 20-gallon boiler in operation.

Wednesday morning about 2 o'clock Special Deputy Jones, who lives about a mile and a half below the point where he captured the still, was awakened to find a tenant house and barn on his farm were all ablaze. Both burned to the ground. The tenant house was vacant, but the barn contained a large quantity of hay and feed.

Bloodhounds were brought from Clayton later in the day and, although they did not lead officers to a suspected culprit, they held a scent long enough to convince them

## Operation Likely As Long as Line Meets Expenses

### ZICKGRAF NOT DISCOURAGED

Construction of Lumber Mill not Halted by I. C. C. Order

Construction of a band mill here by the Zickgraf-Warren Lumber company is proceeding in the face of the Interstate Commerce Commission's granting of authority for abandonment of the Tallulah Falls railway.

W. C. Zickgraf, senior partner of the company, told The Press-Maconian he was not greatly discouraged by news of the I. C. C.'s action. He was fully aware of the railroad's situation before he began construction of the mill last week, he said, expressing confidence that some means of continuing operation of the line could be found.

When the mill is completed and begins turning out lumber it will increase the railroad's business considerably, for the plant will have a capacity output of 25,000 to 30,000 board feet a day. Officials of the Tallulah Falls line have promised to construct a spur track to the mill, located on the grade near the plant of the Franklin Mineral Products company.

### Mrs. N. C. Duncan's Mother Dies

Mrs. Maggie Butt, 77, mother of Mrs. N. C. Duncan, of Franklin, died Tuesday, December 12, at her old home in Winterville, N. C., after an illness of several months. The funeral will be held in St. John's Church of that place on Thursday afternoon.

Surviving her are her children, I. H. Butt, of Asheville; W. H. Butt, of Cuba; Mrs. N. C. Duncan, of Franklin, and Miss Vida Butt, of Asheville, and six grandchildren.

Mrs. Butt has been a frequent visitor in Franklin at the home of Rev. and Mrs. N. C. Duncan. A woman of rare spirit as well as intellectual attainment, the greater part of her life was spent as a teacher in public schools and in mission schools of this state.

### Attend District Reemployment Meeting

A district meeting of the managers, staffs and committeemen of the National Reemployment Service of Western North Carolina was held in the courthouse in Asheville Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. Those attending from Macon county were: Miss Mildred Cozad, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Edwards, W. G. Stewart and Rufus Snyder.

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### I. C. C. Order Permitting Abandonment Is Not Regarded Final

### TRAFFIC IMPROVING

Houk and Gray Going to Washington; May Seek Loan

Despite the issuance of an order by the Interstate Commerce Commission, authorizing the receiver of the Tallulah Falls Railway company to abandon the line, operation of the 57-mile railroad from Cornelia to Franklin is expected to continue as long as it can meet expenses.

Formal notice of authority for the receiver to abandon the line was received here last Saturday, although the I. C. C. decision was dated November 28. Accompanying the decision was a certificate of convenience and necessity, stating:

"It is hereby certified that the present and future public convenience and necessity permit (a) the Tallulah Falls Railway company to abandon its entire line of railroad in Habersham and Rabun counties, Georgia, and Macon county, North Carolina, described in the application and report aforesaid; and (b) J. F. Gray, the receiver of the properties of the Tallulah Falls Railway company, to abandon operation thereof.

"It is ordered that this certificate shall take effect and be in force from and after 30 days from its date. Tariffs may be cancelled upon notice to this commission and to the general public by not less than 10 days' filing and posting in the manner prescribed in section 6 of the interstate commerce act."

Receiver Encouraged  
The receiver, it is understood, has been greatly encouraged by the increase in traffic shown over the "T. F." since he filed his application last February for authority to abandon the line. He now is reported to be of the opinion that there is strong hope for continued operation.

Before any definite action can be taken toward abandonment, the case will have to be heard before Judge Underwood of the United States Court of the Northern District of Georgia, who has final jurisdiction in the matter in view of the fact that the railroad is in receivership.

Judge Underwood is said to have expressed in informal decision some months ago that he would not be inclined to permit abandonment as long as the railroad could pay its way.

### Paying Its Way

This it has been doing since early in the summer, according to figures announced by officials of the line at Cornelia. H. L. Brewer, auditor and assistant to the receiver, who was in Franklin last Friday, the day before the I. C. C. (Continued on page eight)

### NOTICE

The Press-Maconian will print all the Santa Claus letters for which it has space in next week's issue. All the little boys and girls in the county are asked to send in their Santa Claus letters as soon as possible. To get them in the paper before Christmas we will have to receive them not later than Monday of next week. Santa Claus is a busy man this year and he has asked that all letters be made short.

The Press-Maconian will carry a special Santa Claus letter page next week, so don't fail to get a copy of the paper. If your daddy doesn't take the paper, tell him to send in his subscription immediately.