

As the World Turns

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

BANK DEPOSITS INSURED
The state banking department reports that 161 banks in North Carolina have qualified for the federal insurance of deposits up to \$2,500, only five commercial and one industrial bank having failed to apply for the insurance. A total of \$4,600,000 was added to the capital structure of state banks. In the nation, it is estimated that 97 per cent of the banks qualified for the insurance.

MANY MOTORISTS ARRESTED
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday saw a concerted rush on offices distributing the state automobile tags, a rush inspired by the systematic arrest by state patrolmen of those operating cars with old tags. Over 1,500 were arrested on Monday. For those buying the new tags, such cases ended with payment of \$4 in costs.

28 LYNCHINGS IN 1933
There were 28 lynchings in the United States in 1933, as contrasted with 10 in 1932. Alabama led with five, Georgia and Louisiana had four, South Carolina and Tennessee three. One was reported for North Carolina.

RECOVERY POURS INTO SOUTH
Government ledgers show over \$300,000,000 allotted in the past year to 10 southern states for federal aid in public works, relief, highways, civil works, benefit payments and the like. North Carolina received \$28,450,000 of the federal recovery funds.

AGAIN ORDER GOLD SURRENDER
Another federal order designed to bring all gold coins and certificates into the treasury, was issued by the treasury department last week, the penalty for refusal being set at double the amount of gold or certificates held. The treasury states \$311,044,985 in coins and \$217,486,829 in gold certificates is still held in private hands.

CORPORATION BODY DISBANDED
Obeying the order of the last legislature, the state corporation commission has surrendered its duties of regulating utilities and railroads to Stanley Winborne, who assumes the title of state utilities commissioner. W. T. Lee and George T. Pell moved out of Raleigh offices they had occupied for over 20 years.

\$1,000,000 PROJECT IN PENDER
From 300 to 400 families will be given homes on 4,500 acres in Pender county as a subsistence homestead community, under a \$1,000,000 experiment financed by the federal interior department. Hugh McRae, Wilmington, will be president of the corporation administering the affairs of the colony. The project will demonstrate diversified subsistence farming as contrasted with single-crop and cash farming.

580,000-ACRE REDUCTION
The cotton farmers of North Carolina are now asked to sign contracts reducing the acreage to the crop in 1934 by 580,000 acres, leaving 900,000 acres in cultivation for the staple. Heavy benefits are to be paid for those who sign.

NEW SECRETARY OF TREASURY
Ill-health has forced Secretary of the Treasury Woodin to resign his cabinet post and it was filled promptly by the president in the appointment of Henry Morgenthau, Jr., acting secretary since mid-November. The president expressed pleasure at progress of the Administration's financial and monetary program.

NEW YORK IN NEW HANDS
The city administration of New York on Monday passed into the hands of F. H. LaGuardia, independent and fiery foe of Tammany Hall, and with LaGuardia in power stepped a full corps of independent assistants.

SEEK SLAYERS OF GIRL
Wilkes county officers say they know the identity of two men who on Saturday morning shot and killed Leota Childers, 18, in the home of her foster-parents northwest of Wilkesboro. They stole \$650 and stripped the house of valuables. The girl gave a scream for help over the telephone. Neighbors answered to find her beside the telephone, a bullet through her heart.

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BANK EXPECTED TO OPEN SOON

Final Check-up of Books Under Way by State Examiner

COMMON STOCK CUT

R. F. C. To Supply \$20,000 By Taking Preferred Shares

Plans for reopening the Bank of Franklin without restrictions went steadily forward this week with a state bank examiner making a check-up on the bank's books to be submitted within the next few days to Gurney P. Hood, state banking commissioner, for final approval.

Mr. Hood already has approved a plan for reorganization of the bank, providing for a reduction of \$25,000 of the common stock and the issuance of \$20,000 of preferred stock to be subscribed by the Reconstruction Finance corporation.

Date Not Set
No definite date has been set for removal of restrictions from the bank, which since May, 1931, has been operating as a trust depository and liquidating agency; but long delay is thought unlikely.

The cash for the preferred stock is said to be in readiness and will be made available to the bank as soon as the state banking commissioner approves the bank examiner's report and issues a charter to the reorganized institution. An examination also is being made of the bank's records by a representative of the newly established Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation with view to ascertaining its eligibility for deposit insurance.

Closed 3 Years Ago
It was three years ago last month that the Bank of Franklin closed following the collapse of the Central Bank and Trust company and numerous other financial institutions in Western North Carolina and throughout the country. The bank reopened the following May under restrictions, and has continued to operate since then as a trust depository, with the exception of the brief time it was closed after the declaration of a national banking moratorium last spring.

Billings Resigns from CWA-PWA Committee

M. D. Billings, county superintendent of schools, announced Wednesday just before his departure for Daytona Beach, Fla., on a brief vacation trip, his resignation as a member of the local committee in charge of selecting men and women for positions and jobs under the Public Works Administration and the Civil Works Administration.

TAR HEEL IS HONORED

Garland S. Ferguson, member of the federal trade commission since 1927, when he was appointed by Coolidge, Friday was designated by the commission as its chairman for 1934.

RUMANIAN PREMIER SLAIN

Ion G. Duca, premier of Rumania since November 12, was on Friday assassinated at Simaia by a young student, Nicholas Constantinescu, who fired four bullets into Duca's head at close range as the premier was boarding a train for Bucharest, the capital.

Sloan Arranges Meetings For Livestock Producers

F. S. Sloan, county farm agent, is stressing the importance of the production of more and better feeds to reduce the cost of production for livestock and livestock products. In this connection he has arranged for four community meetings of livestock producers and dairymen in various sections of the county next Monday and Tuesday at which two experts of the state-federal extension service are expected to be present.

J. A. Arey and F. R. Farnham, who have made an intensive study of livestock production and feeding practices, and also of the production of feeds, are the men invited by Mr. Sloan to assist him at these meetings. Both have accepted.

On Monday meetings will be held at 10 a. m. at J. R. Franklin's

From Gullies To Forest In 12 Years



Policy Announced for Selecting Teachers

Teachers holding certificates higher than Elementary "A" certificates will be given first consideration in the selection of the teaching personnel of Macon county schools for the 1934-35 term, it was announced Tuesday by M. D. Billings, superintendent of schools.

If any vacancies are left after the placement of teachers holding the higher certificates, Mr. Billings added, they will be filled by teachers holding Elementary "A" certificates. This policy in the selection of teachers for the next school term was decided upon at a meeting of the county board of education Monday.

SOIL EROSION BEING CHECKED

T. V. A. Cooperating with Farmers To Prevent Huge Waste

The washing away of the Tennessee Valley's topsoil wealth, in some instances almost unchecked for generations, is now being combated by landowners of the region, in cooperation with their county agents and the Tennessee Valley Authority, in both fields and forests by the most efficient and economical methods yet employed by government experts.

Warfare on soil erosion takes two forms: readjustment of farming practices, and the use of practical forestry methods. The necessity for checking erosion is, similarly, two-fold. From the farmer's standpoint, erosion represents a considerable annual loss of the fertility of the soil from which he draws his living. Engineers are concerned with the problem of erosion because deposits of silt reduce the usefulness of reservoirs created by such structures as Wilson dam at Muscle Shoals, Joe Wheeler dam 15 1-5 miles above it, and the Norris dam near Knoxville—the latter two now under construction by the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Engineers estimate that storage capacity of the Wilson dam pool has been reduced 10 per cent in less than a decade. At such a rate, the investment in storage reservoirs would be wiped out in the course of years, whereas, the dams themselves are constructed to stand for many centuries.

New Methods Used

The methods of combatting erosion perhaps most familiar to farmers are the building of terraces on sloping lands and the piling of brushwood in gullies. Nowadays, farmers of the Tennessee Valley are making additional use of vines, bushes and saplings by practicing forestry methods of erosion.

The accompanying "before-and-after" photographs, taken in West Tennessee, prove what can be done by such methods. Picture No. 1 shows a farmer plowing down a badly washed piece of land during the winter season when he has time for such odd jobs as erosion control. Picture No. 2 was taken 12 years later. The same spot now shows, instead of bare subsoil incapable of producing anything, a fine stand of black locust which will be cut for fence posts in a few years. In addition, yearly layers of fallen leaves and other decaying vegetation are building up a new and fertile topsoil so that future tree growth will be speeded.

Successful Projects Visited

These photographs were exhibited during a recent conference at Jackson, Tennessee, of foresters from Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Missouri and Mississippi which was attended by Edward C. M. Richards, chief forester of the

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3 UNDER BOND IN KIDNAPING

Two Turpin Brothers and Uncle Accused by Rhinehart

HEARING JANUARY 8

All Three Defendants Plan To Enter Pleas of Not Guilty

Three men were arrested in Sylva Saturday by Chief Deputy Sheriff C. C. Mason of Jackson county in an investigation of the alleged kidnaping of Frank Rhinehart, 37, school principal of near Webster, on Friday night, December 22.

They are Warfield and Alley Turpin, brothers, of Savannah township, Jackson county, and their uncle, Dock Turpin, of Haywood county.

Following their arrest, their attorney, C. C. Buchanan, of Sylva, said that all three defendants would enter pleas of not guilty.

Arrested Quickly
Thirty minutes after receiving warrants for their arrest, Deputy Sheriff Mason reported the men had been taken into custody.

Warfield and Alley Turpin were released on bonds of \$2,000 each, while Dock Turpin's bond which was furnished soon after his arrest, was fixed at \$1,500. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for January 8 before Justice S. H. Monteith, of Sylva.

In addition to being charged with kidnaping, Warfield and Alley Turpin were charged with assault with intent to kill.

Charges Filed
The Turpins are charged with "feloniously kidnaping and fraudulently taking and carrying away the said affiant, Frank Rhinehart, and torturing and mistreating him."

The warrants were given to Deputy Mason Saturday, following a visit to E. P. Stilwell, whom Mr. Rhinehart employed as counsel in the case, the officer said. "They were served 30 minutes later." The warrants were sworn out by Mr. Rhinehart before Justice Monteith, who fixed the amount of bonds for the defendants following their arrest.

Dan K. Moore, of Sylva, has been employed to aid Mr. Buchanan in defending the three men, it was learned Saturday.

Rev. F. C. Bloxham To Hold Service at St. Agnes

The Rev. Frank C. Bloxham, of Faison, N. C., will conduct services at St. Agnes Episcopal church at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. The holy communion will be celebrated.

Rev. Mr. Bloxham will be accompanied on his trip to Franklin by Mrs. Bloxham.

Sunday school will be held as usual at 10 o'clock.

APPROVE FOOD STORE CODE

President Roosevelt on Saturday approved the code to govern the vast retail food and grocery trade, embracing 480,000 stores. It was the 182nd code of fair competition to be signed by the president.

297 HIRED FOR N. C. CENSUS

Work for 297 North Carolinians is provided in the taking of a seven regional administrators, to draw \$300 per month.

Duel in Cashiers Valley Fatal for Frank Bryson

Frank Bryson, 48, is dead and J. E. Bumgarner is being held in Jackson county jail, following a gun battle in the Cashiers Valley section Wednesday. Both men are well known in Macon county.

Word of the slaying was taken to officers at Sylva Wednesday by Bumgarner, who surrendered. He was locked in jail and officers began an investigation.

Sheriff John J. Maney said the investigation showed Bumgarner had shot Bryson in self-defense. A rifle, identified as the property of the dead man, had been fired three times, the sheriff said. The shooting followed a quarrel between the two men, it was reported. Sheriff Maney said that according to information obtained during the investigation, Bryson struck Bum-

President Urges Continuation of Recovery Plans

Hog Measures 8 Feet, Weighs 715 Pounds

It may sound like a fish story, but it's the story of a hog. We don't vouch for it, but Jesse N. Lowe's word is as good or better than ours and he says it's the absolute truth.

Mr. Lowe killed the hog, which was a purebred Poland China 25 months old, on Wednesday, December 27. Strung up for cleaning, the hog measured eight feet from fore toes to hind toes and the carcass weighed 715 pounds net. One of the hams weighed 87 pounds.

Now, if you know of any Macon county hog that can beat this record, let us hear from you.

JOBLESS ASKED TO REREGISTER

New List of Unemployed Now Being Made by Edwards

All persons seeking jobs through the National Reemployment office in Franklin were urged this week by the local manager of the service, John W. Edwards, to re-register immediately.

Mr. Edwards said he had received instructions from the state civil works director at Raleigh to revise his list of applicants for employment. To comply with these instructions, he said, it is necessary to call for a new registration.

It will not be necessary, he added, for those who already have been placed in jobs to list their names again. All applicants, however, who are still without work are advised to present themselves at the reemployment office as soon as possible so that their names may be recorded on the new list of unemployed.

The new list will be made up immediately, Mr. Edwards said, and in accordance with instructions he has received, future placements will be made from the revised listings.

One of the purposes of the call for new registrations is to determine how many unemployed have been put back to work since the Civil Works and Public Works programs were launched. It is believed that these projects have created jobs for many more men and women than those directly employed.

FAMED BANDIT CAUGHT

In a gun battle with federal and state officers at Shawnee, Okla., Saturday, Wilbur Underhill was downed with five bullets. Dying in a hospital, Underhill admitted six bank robberies and numerous other crimes. A woman bystander was killed by stray shots in the battle.

WOMEN BREAK FLIGHT RECORD

Having stayed aloft 237 hours and 44 minutes, Frances Harrell and Helen Rickey landed their record-breaking airplane safely at Miami, Fla., on Saturday. They broke the sustained flight record for women by nearly 42 hours.

Bits of Wisdom

The only reward for a real service to humanity is an opportunity to do more.

—Henry Ford.

Chief Executive's Message Wins Applause in Congress

RAPS LAW EVADERS

Proposes Regulations To Curb Business Crimes

A continuation of the national recovery program until private enterprise can reassert itself and take up the slack in employment was requested by President Roosevelt Wednesday in a personally delivered message at the opening of congress.

The president made no recommendations as to "special or detailed items of legislation," but he left no room for doubt as to the policies he desired to be followed.

Wants Permanent Recovery

He outlined his conception of recovery not as a return to the old order and old methods, but the establishment of new and better methods which would lead to a more permanent and stable welfare for the American people.

"Now that we are definitely in the process of recovery," Mr. Roosevelt said, "lines have been rightly drawn between those to whom this recovery means a return to the old methods—and the number of these people is small—and those for whom recovery means a reform of many old methods, a permanent readjustment of many of our ways of thinking and therefore of many of our social and economic arrangements."

"Civilization cannot go back; civilization must stand still. We have undertaken new methods. It is our task to perfect, to improve, to alter when necessary, but in all cases to go forward. To consolidate what we are doing, to make our economic and social structure capable of dealing with modern life is the joint task of the legislative, the judicial and the executive branches of the national government."

The president's message was enthusiastically received by congress, with the exception of a small minority of old guard Republicans. Many congressmen, including independent Republicans, expressed the opinion it was the finest message they had ever heard.

Urges War on Crime

For new fields of immediate effort the president asked "stringent preventative or regulatory measures" in the nation's business affairs and a governmental and public war against organized crime.

"I am speaking," he continued, "of those individuals who have evaded the spirit and purpose of our tax laws, of those high officials of banks or corporations who have grown rich at the expense of their stockholders or of the public, of those reckless speculators with their own or other people's money whose operations have injured the value of the farmer's crops and the savings of the poor."

"In the other category, crimes of organized banditry, cold blooded shooting, lynching and kidnaping have threatened our security."

"These violations of ethics and these violations of law call on the strong arm of government for their immediate suppression; they call also on the country for an aroused public opinion."

Wants Balanced Adjustment

The president asked for a balanced adjustment between industry, agriculture and finance, pointing out that all are dependent on each other for any permanent recovery.

He said there had been "great strides" under the national industrial recovery act and proposed that this be made a permanent thing "under the supervision but not the arbitrary dictation of government itself."

"The actual experience with operation of the agricultural adjustment act," he said, "leads to the belief that thus far the experiment of seeking a balance between production and consumption is succeeding and has made progress entirely in line with reasonable expectations of the restoration of farm prices to parity."