

# As the World Turns

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

## ROOSEVELT SEEKS TO AVERT STRIKES

President Roosevelt began Wednesday a series of conferences with representatives of employers and employees in the automobile, and railroad industries with the hope of evolving plans to avert threatened strikes. The chief executive was scheduled Thursday to confer with William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, and William Collins, national representative of the labor organization. A senate committee was informed Wednesday that there was widespread unrest in labor circles and that strikes were threatened in the automobile, railroad and textile industries.

## FAVOR COTTON BILL

The Bankhead compulsory cotton control bill was passed Monday by the House, 251-114, and has gone to the Senate as an emergency measure. It is designed to stabilize cotton prices and limit production in the coming cotton year to 10,000,000 bales.

## HITS "TRAITORS"

Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, world war ace in the air, asserted in a hearing at Washington that President Roosevelt should "purge his official family of traitorous elements" which misled him on cancellation of private air mail contracts.

## WORLD LEADER?

A 60-year program of internal and external expansion which in the 21st century will give Italy the "primacy of the world" was outlined Sunday by Premier Benito Mussolini in a speech before 5,000 chief fascists of the kingdom, gathered in Rome. The next century, he said, will be a "black-shirt era."

## HUGE UNDERWORLD

Attorney General Cummings said Monday that America's underworld has more armed men than the United States army and navy combined. The statement was made to the senate judiciary committee as it began consideration of a group of bills submitted by the justice department to aid the government in a war on gangsters.

## AIRMAIL RESUMED

Army airmail pilots Monday resumed flying over eight selected routes after a week of enforced idleness. Improved planes, hand-picked veteran pilots, and greater regard for safety of airmen's lives are new factors in the reorganization, ordered by President Roosevelt.

## SURVIVES ROASTING

William Philpue, repair man, was trapped 45 minutes Sunday in a baker's oven at 350 degrees Fahrenheit, a New York dispatch relates. He was rescued by a police squad and was in serious condition, semi-conscious after the steel front of the oven had been removed. Philpue was wedged in a 16-inch oven, unable to extricate himself or be pulled out by bakery workers.

## Funeral Services Held For D. H. Stockton

Funeral services for D. H. Stockton, who died Sunday at the age of 85 at the home of his son, Sam M. Stockton, in the Skeenah section, were held Monday at the Mount Pleasant Baptist church with the Rev. A. S. Solesbee officiating. Many relatives and friends attended.

Mr. Stockton was born January 1, 1849, in this county. He had been a member of the Pleasant Hill Baptist church since the spring of 1885.

He was married to Miss Martha Ledford in 1872 and to this union were born five sons, all of whom are still living: W. C. Stockton, Young Harris, Ga.; S. M., D. C. and S. V. Stockton, of this county, and N. L. Stockton, of Lakemont, Ga. Mr. Stockton's wife died about 16 years ago. In addition to his sons, the deceased leaves 32 grandchildren and 45 great-grandchildren.

## Rice Is Member of Mica Code Authority

D. D. Rice, in charge of the Southern Mica company's mine and plant at Iotla, has been named chairman of the dry ground division of the national mica code authority, which was organized at a meeting of leaders of the mica industry at New York March 12 and 13.

Mr. Rice also was named vice chairman of the general code authority for the entire mica industry. G. A. Purcell, of Jersey City, N. J., is chairman.

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## Bits of Wisdom

People do not lack strength; they lack will.

—Victor Hugo.

## ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING HELD

### 122 Young Democrats Attend District Gathering At Bryson City

### JUDGE COCKE HEARD Resolution Adopted Endorsing President Roosevelt's Program

Young Democrats from eleven of the thirteen counties in the eleventh congressional district held an enthusiastic meeting at Bryson City Saturday night. With 122 seats occupied at the big banquet table in the dining room of Frymont Inn, Macon had the largest county representation present. The attendance totaled 122.

William J. Cocke, Jr., young Asheville attorney and district chairman of the Young People's Democratic clubs, presided. The address of welcome was delivered by Mayor Thad Bryson.

**Judge Cocke Speaks**  
The principal addresses of the evening were delivered by Mrs. May F. Evans, of High Point, president of the state organization of Young People's Democratic clubs, and Judge Philip C. Cocke, of Asheville.

Mrs. Evans outlined the purpose of the clubs as the fostering of Democratic principles and the encouragement of good citizenship. She described members of the organization as "the shock troops of democracy."

"The Democratic party of today is the young people's party," declared Judge Cocke, "and the Young People's Democratic clubs are the hub of democracy."

The speaker paid high tribute to President Roosevelt, saying that "he has struggled with our depressed affairs and at last is reviving the nation. We have passed through the most eventful year, perhaps, in American history."

**Harmony Urged**  
Harmony and cooperation, he continued, are responsible for the present position of the Democratic party and its future success. "Harmony, at all times," he advised, "should prevail in your organization."

Judge Cocke gave a masterful recital of the record of the Democratic party in the state and nation, with emphasis on progress made in the state since Zebulon Vance defeated Judge Thomas Settle, Republican candidate for governor, in 1876.

Short talks were also made by various others, including State Senator R. A. Patton, of Franklin, and John W. Edwards, president of the Young People's Democratic clubs of this county.

**Roosevelt Commended**  
The meeting adopted resolutions endorsing the Roosevelt program and expressing confidence in the president's leadership, referring to the executive committee the question of the advisability of establishing a district newspaper, and providing for the appointment of a committee to ask that the next state convention of Young Democrats be held in Western North Carolina.

Plans were made to send a large motorcade of Young Democrats to attend the Jackson Day dinner in Raleigh Saturday, March 31. Clubs in this county are planning to send two cars, carrying nine or ten members, to join this motorcade.

## Forestry Service Invites Bids on Hemlock Stumpage

An encouraging sign of the revival of timber operations in this county was seen this week in the announcement by the Nantahala National Forest that it would receive bids until April 20 on approximately 2,500,000 board feet of hemlock pulpwood and 1,000 tons of hemlock bark situated in two areas totaling about 185 acres on the headwaters of Turtle creek and Big creek in Highlands township.

It was also announced at headquarters of the forest that authority was being asked from Washington to advertise for bids on three other boundaries of timber in the western part of the county.

The forestry service has authority to sell stumpage outright when the value does not exceed \$500, but

## Scenes and Persons in the Current News



1—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt with Gov. Blanton Winship in Puerto Rico where she investigated economic and social conditions. 2—San Francisco's huge concrete Easter cross on the top of Mt. Davidson, in the corner stone of which are water from the River Jordan and rocks from the Garden of Gethsemane. 3—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh and Secretary of War Dorn meeting for a conference on air mail carrying by the army air corps.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL GROUP FORMED

### Eller Made Superintendent Of New Baptist Organization

Representatives from several Baptist churches in Macon county met in called session at the Franklin Baptist church Sunday and organized the Macon County Baptist Sunday School association. This association is organized for the purpose of making better and larger Sunday schools in all churches in Macon county. Similar organizations have already been perfected in several of the adjoining counties.

Perry Morgan, state Sunday school secretary, and Vance Brown, of Bryson City, superintendent of the Tennessee Valley association in Swain county, were the principal speakers.

Officers elected for the Macon County association are: Superintendent, E. R. Eller, Franklin; associate superintendent, E. B. DeHart, Franklin; secretary, J. H. Stockton, Franklin; chorister, Austin Snyder, Franklin Route 4; pianist, Miss Edwina Dalrymple, Franklin; group superintendents, Albert Rickman, West's Mill; Paul Swafford, Franklin Route 3; Tom Stiles, Prentiss, and Glen Shuler, Highlands; young people's leader, Walter Dean, Etna; intermediate leader, Mrs. J. H. Joines, Franklin, and elementary leader, Mrs. Lillie Duvall, Iotla.

The next meeting of the association will be held in the Franklin Baptist church on first Sunday afternoon in May, and all Baptist churches in the county are urged to send large delegations.

## J. A. Porter's Condition Reported Serious

The condition of J. A. Porter, who has been in ill health for several months, was reported Thursday morning to be serious. Mr. Porter was able to be up and about town last week, but suffered a relapse and since has been confined to his home. He was visited Tuesday by his sister, Mrs. R. M. Waldroop, of Bryson City.

## Holy Week Methodists Plan To Hold Special Services

Various organizations in the Methodist church will sponsor the attendance of the Holy Week services which will be held each evening next week at the church. At each of the first four services the organization sponsoring the attendance on that evening will sit in a body and will have part in the service in other ways.

On Monday evening, March 26, the Social Service Workers will sponsor the attendance; on Tuesday evening, the Men's Bible class; on Wednesday evening, the Woman's Missionary society; and on Thursday evening, the Young People's groups. On Friday evening, the last of the week-night services, the entire membership will be the sponsors.

These Holy Week services will be held at 7:30 o'clock each evening. Attention will be directed to the different events in the last week of Our Lord's earthly life. Appropriate special musical numbers are being planned for each service. James B. Porter is in charge of the music. It is expected that the newly organized junior choir will sing for the first time on Wednesday evening. The Young People's choir will sing on Thursday evening.

One feature of the week will be the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Thursday evening. It is thought that Our Lord instituted this Sacrament on the Thursday night before the first Easter. Thus the partaking of the Lord's Supper next Thursday, March 29, will be on the anniversary of the founding of this most holy rite in the Christian religion.

The pastor, the Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr., will conduct the week of services and do the preaching. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Not Running

### Horner Stockton Says He's Not a Candidate

Horner Stockton, who has been mentioned as a possible candidate for Republican nomination to one of the county offices, announced this week that he definitely is not in the running.

"Furthermore," he added, "I am not even going to take a hand in politics."  
Some had expected that since Mr. Stockton has hung out his shingle as a lawyer he naturally would throw his hat into the political ring. But not so. Besides practicing law, he also carries a mail route. This is a civil service job and Stockton prefers the certainty of the remuneration it carries to the uncertainty of political office.

## Death Claims Son of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. McCall

Carey McCall, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam R. McCall, of Gneiss, died in Angel hospital Friday, March 9.

Funeral services were held at the Gold Mine Baptist church on Sunday by the Rev. Eugene R. Eller, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church.

Carey is survived by his parents, three sisters and a brother.

## FARMER DIES OF PARALYSIS

### George Cunningham Dies At Age of 70 at Home On Route 2

George Cunningham, 70, well known Macon county farmer, died about 11 o'clock Tuesday night at his home on Franklin Route 2. Mr. Cunningham suffered a stroke of paralysis last week.

The funeral was scheduled to be held at 10 o'clock Thursday morning at the Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Cunningham was a member, with the pastor, the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, and the Rev. E. R. Eller, pastor of the Baptist church, officiating.

Mr. Cunningham is survived by the following children: Mrs. Wilson Smart, Mrs. George Brown, Mrs. Don Shields and the Misses Bess and Eunice Cunningham, all of Franklin; N. L. Cunningham, of Akron, O., and G. P. Cunningham, of Cornelia, Ga. N. L. Cunningham arrived here Wednesday night from his home in Akron.

Following is a list of pallbearers for the funeral: John Cunningham, Wiley Cunningham, Sam Cunningham, Will Cunningham, Curtis Cunningham, all brothers of the deceased, and Charles Stiles.

## Funeral Held for Mrs. Elizabeth Younce

Mrs. Elizabeth Younce, 64, died at her home on Burningtown Sunday. Death was caused by measles, followed by pneumonia.

Funeral services were held at the Burningtown Baptist church Monday morning.

The deceased is survived by one son, William Younce.

## Miss Lucy Boston, 38, Claimed by Death

Miss Lucy Boston, 38, died at her home on Greene street Tuesday night about 9 o'clock.

Funeral services were held at the Franklin Baptist church Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. Eugene R. Eller.

Miss Boston is survived by her mother and some sisters.

## Interloper Proves Barnum Was Right about 'Suckers'

Failure of 500 Indians to appear in Franklin Sunday on their way to Washington left a number of Franklin folks scratching their heads and wondering whether they hadn't been played for suckers by a man who said his name was Wolf Paul, and who styled himself doctor of medicine and hereditary chief of the Hopi Indians.

"Dr." Wolf Paul came to Franklin last Thursday and announced that he was making arrangements for a band of 500 Indians, representing all of the major tribes in the United States, who were on their way to the national capital for a hearing before a congressional committee.

The man was well dressed and seemed to talk with authority on Indian affairs. At first he was taken at his word about the coming of the band of 500 Indians. Unfortunately, The Press-Maconian

## Crop Loans Application Blanks To Be Available Saturday

Farmers desiring to obtain crop loans for the current year may obtain application blanks at the office of F. S. Sloan, county farm agent, in the courthouse on Saturday, according to an announcement by S. S. Williams, supervisor of crop loans in this district.

## J. L. SANDERS' HOME BURNED

### Occupants Barely Escape Before Dwelling Is Destroyed

The home of J. L. Sanders near the Maple Springs school was destroyed by fire about 7:30 o'clock Monday morning. The blaze, originating in a bed room occupied by Mr. Sanders' mother, spread so rapidly that it soon got beyond control and Mr. Sanders was barely able to carry his mother and his wife, who was ill with the measles, to safety before the dwelling was engulfed in flames.

Mr. Sanders had built a fire in a small heater in his mother's bed room and had gone about other chores when his mother gave an alarm. The stove pipe evidently had become disconnected from the flue and wall paper near the flue had caught fire. Mr. Sanders attempted to put out the blaze, but it soon was beyond his control. He then hastily carried his mother and wife out of the house.

Some bedding, a few clothes and a piece or two of furniture were all that Mr. Sanders could save from the burning building. Practically all the family's household furnishings, a plentiful supply of canned goods stored in the basement and about 75 bushels of corn in the grainery were lost.

## Joint Service

### Ministers To Cooperate in Good Friday Observance

Holy Week services will be held at 4 o'clock each afternoon at St. Agnes Episcopal church Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week, with a three-hour service on Good Friday beginning at noon, according to announcements by the Rev. Frank Bloxham, rector of the church.

Rev. Mr. Bloxham will be assisted at the Good Friday service, significant of Christ's crucifixion, by the pastors of other Franklin churches. The public is invited to attend this and the other Holy Week services, at which meditations will be conducted on the epistle for Easter.

A sunrise communion service will be held at St. Agnes church at 6:30 o'clock Easter morning and the rector has made a special request that every communicant of the church be present. A vesper service will be held at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

One service will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Bloxham at the Church of the Incarnation, Highlands, during Holy Week. This will be at 7 p. m. Friday. On Easter day the Holy Communion will be celebrated at 11 a. m.

## CWA PROGRAM ENDS MARCH 31

### Some Projects To Be Completed with Emergency Relief Funds

### DETAILS LACKING

### Work Is Resumed on Swimming Pool and Golf Course

The Civil Works Administration will pass out of existence in North Carolina on March 31, according to instructions received by those in charge of CWA activities in this county from Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, state director; but much of the work now being undertaken with CWA funds will be carried to completion with Federal Emergency Relief Funds.

With the demobilization of the CWA, its responsibilities will be taken over by two divisions of the emergency relief organization. The Work Division will cope with unemployment and relief in urban communities of 5,000 or greater population, while the Division of Rural Rehabilitation will deal with the situation in strictly rural counties such as Macon.

**Same Personnel Likely**  
Detailed instructions as to the setting up of the Division of Rural Rehabilitation have not been received here, but it is thought likely that practically the same personnel which has been administering the CWA program will have charge of directing the relief activities.

"All worthwhile projects," Mrs. O'Berry's letter said, "will be carried to completion under this program." She also said it was possible to have some projects which have been dropped before completion reinstated.

On the basis of this statement, it is thought probable that demobilization of the CWA will not halt work on the Franklin golf course and swimming pool, which was resumed this week; the Highlands school auditorium and various other important projects in this county which are only partly finished and which it was feared might be left uncompleted.

Sanitation projects will cease automatically on March 31, but it may be possible to have them reinstated, according to Mrs. O'Berry's instructions.

**Work on Pool Resumed**  
Work on the golf course and swimming pool project was stopped several weeks ago after complaints had been lodged at Raleigh that the property would be managed by a private corporation. After orders to discontinue the project were received here the town council met in a called session and made arrangements to operate the golf course and pool through a special committee. After this was done application for reinstatement of the project was made at Raleigh and the application was approved. Two shifts of 15 men each went back to work on the pool this week. Forms already had been erected and now concrete is being poured.

The Highlands school auditorium is rapidly taking form. The foundation has been completed and framing for the building is nearly completed. When completed the auditorium will seat 400 to 500 persons.

Minimum wages under the emergency relief administration are expected to be 30 cents an hour.

## W. C. T. C. Alumni To Hold Banquet March 30

William G. Crawford, president of the Macon county chapter of the Alumni Association of Western Carolina Teachers College announced this week that the chapter would hold a banquet here Friday night, March 30, in honor of Professor R. L. Madison.

Tickets to the banquet are now on sale at \$1 a plate. Part of the proceeds, Mr. Crawford said, will go toward the erection of the Madison memorial at the college. Anyone who has attended W. C. T. C. for as much as one quarter is entitled to membership in the alumni association, he added, urging all alumni of the institution in this county to join the association and attend the banquet.

Those desiring to obtain tickets to the banquet were advised to see Miss Helen Patton, Onnie Cabe, Elizabeth Deal, Jessie Ramsey or Mr. Crawford.