

# As the World Turns

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

## NRA ASSAILED

The "trend of the national recovery administration has been and continues to be toward the encouragement and development of monopoly and capitalism in the United States," says W. C. Thompson, former law partner of Clarence Darrow, in a letter to President Roosevelt offering his resignation as a member of the NRA review board. He asserted that small business "is being oppressed and eliminated" under the codes and that big corporations are setting prices so high that they are detrimental to the consuming public. Thompson's resignation followed by one day a new report by the NRA review board assailing the codes of various industries.

## TUGWELL APPROVAL LIKELY

Senate approval of the appointment of Rexford Guy Tugwell, "brain trust," as under secretary of agriculture appeared almost certain Wednesday night after the agriculture committee had voted 16 to 2 to recommend the appointment. Senator Bailey of North Carolina opposed Tugwell's appointment, expressing doubt as to whether he was a thorough believer in American principles. Senator Smith of South Carolina declared Tugwell knew nothing about dirt farming and "would starve to death if put into a cotton field."

## FRANCE TO DEFAULT

France notified the United States Wednesday that it would be unable to pay its debt installment due June 15 but would be acceptable to discussions looking toward a new debt agreement.

## SILVER BILL PASSES

Final approval of the silver bill, providing for the purchase of silver by the government until it comprises 25 per cent of the metallic stocks backing currency, was given Wednesday night by congress. The bill was then sent to the White House for the president's signature. The measure, not entirely satisfactory to inflationists and metallurgists, was a compromise offered by the administration and accepted by the silver blocs.

## 7 DIE IN PLANE SMASH

Seven persons lost their lives when a large airliner operating between New York and Chicago crashed into a mountainside in the Catskills late Saturday. Naval authorities took a hand in investigations of the accident Wednesday after it had become known that one of the passengers killed in the crash was William A. Bader, chemical engineer, in whose baggage were found documents relating to high explosives, including a navy formula.

## PLAN 24 SHIPS

In the navy's first definite move toward treaty strength, Secretary Swanson has approved plans for the construction of 24 naval vessels. Fourteen destroyers and six submarines, Swanson said, will be the first ships built under the Vinson plan to lay down by 1939 the remaining fighting craft permitted by treaty. They will be constructed with \$40,000,000 of ear-marked public works funds to be provided in the deficiency appropriation bill pending in the senate.

## DROP PRICE-FIXING

NRA officially and definitely has turned its back on price-fixing in outlining a new policy that will require the revision of scores of codes to permit freer competition. The force of the anti-trust laws against covert, price-maintaining combinations was made unquestioned by the new plan, which reduced all code restrictions on prices to the simplest terms, on a base which would make arrangements to keep prices up difficult if not impossible. Existing code regulations will stand for the present. Many will be revised later but present provisions have not been cancelled.

## HEADS VETERANS

Gen. Rice A. Pierce, of Union City, Tenn., attorney, former congressman and veteran of Nathan Bedford Forest's famed Confederate veterans without opposition at the reunion in Chattanooga, Tenn. He succeeds Gen. Homer Atkinson, of Petersburg, Va.

## STORM KILLS 3,000

A hurricane which continued for almost 24 hours swept through Salvador and Honduras Friday and Saturday, leaving a death toll estimated at 3,000 persons and property damage mounting into millions of dollars.

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## Bits of Wisdom

Let us be content in work  
To do the thing we can, and  
not presume  
To fret because it's little.  
—Elizabeth B. Browning

## OUTLOOK GOOD FOR PRODUCE

### Larger Crops and Improved Market Expected in This Section

## BUYER ENCOURAGED

### Richardson Says He'll Take Unlimited Quantities Beans, Tomatoes

Macon county farmers are looking forward this summer to good truck crops and a better market for their produce than in several years.

Recent rains have put the ground in good shape and reports from various sections of the county indicate that farmers are increasing their acreage in truck crops. The demand for seed, plants and fertilizer has been strong.

### Higher Prices Expected

The fact that business conditions have been improving generally over the country has led farmers to anticipate somewhat higher prices and a better market for green produce this year. This vicinity is expected to benefit especially from improved conditions in Florida, which depends on north Georgia and Western North Carolina for much of its vegetables during the summer.

### Richardson Returning

W. L. Richardson, produce buyer and shipper of Macon, Ga., who has been coming to Franklin to buy snap beans each year for the past five years, has announced that he will be back again this summer and that he will be in the market for tomatoes as well as beans. He expressed the hope that Macon county farmers would grow both in larger quantities, as he expects an increased demand.

"Judging by the outlook now, we ought to have a good market for beans and tomatoes this year," Mr. Richardson said. "Of course, I can't say what the prices will be. That will depend on a number of things. But I am expecting better prices and I am prepared to buy in unlimited quantities of both beans and tomatoes."

### Market Opens July 10

Associated with Mr. Richardson this year will be the I. M. Roberts Company, of Miami and Tampa, Fla. They are planning to begin buying beans about July 10 and tomatoes about August 1 and to remain in the market until the first heavy frost.

Mr. Richardson is spending most of his time now contacting farmers in Rabun County, Ga., and Macon County, N. C., encouraging them to plant tomatoes. He has requested that all farmers interested in planting tomatoes get in touch with him at the Mountain City Packing company, Mountain City, Ga.

## MILLIONS LENT ON FARM CROPS

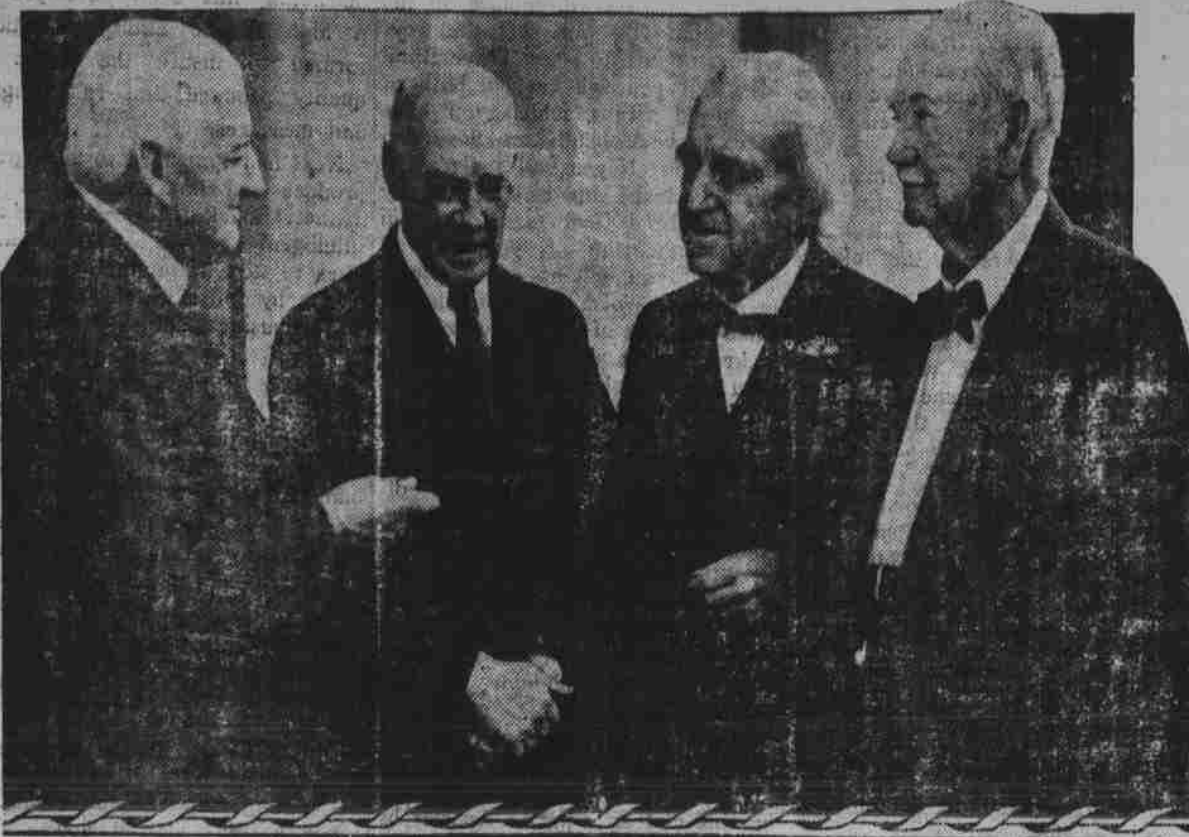
### Production Credit Officer Reports Loans of \$25,000,000

E. W. Long, secretary-treasurer of the production credit association, has received word from S. M. Garwood, production credit commissioner of the farm credit administration in Washington, that about \$25,000,000 in production loans and approvals has already been granted through associations and that the volume of loans is expected to increase as the season advances.

"A part of this money has been paid out in Macon county," Mr. Long said. "From its office in Franklin the association is now making an increasing number of loans to farmers in Macon, Jackson, Swain, Graham, Clay and Cherokee counties, for the purpose of growing crops and for purchasing work-stock and farming supplies for the season's operations. The loans are made on crop and chattel security."

"A number of the loans are being made on the installment basis," Mr. Long added. "An applicant's loan may be approved in the full amount, but paid out in installments as needed during the season, the object being to enable the borrower to save on interest costs and be sure of having the money when he needs it throughout the season to finish his crops or livestock operations. The interest rate on loans, recently reduced to 5

## Four Oldest Members of the House Get Together



These four oldest members of the house of representatives were photographed at a recent get-together in Washington. Despite their combined age of about three hundred and nineteen years they are all very active in legislative work. Left to right, they are: Schuyler Merritt of Connecticut, who is nearing eighty; Andrew Jackson Montague of Virginia, another eighty-year-old; Edgar Howard of Nebraska, seventy-five, who used to be William Jennings Bryan's secretary; and Clement Cabell Dickinson of Missouri, eighty-four years old.

## Scenes and Persons in the Current News



1—Part of the American fleet passing in a long line off Ambrose lightship, and, 2—President Roosevelt with Secretary of the Navy Swanson, Josephus Daniels and Admiral Standley on board the Indianapolis reviewing the naval parade. 3—Cavalcade, winner of the American derby at Chicago, with Jockey M. Garner up and Mrs. Stone, the horse's owner.

## NEW PROJECT IS APPROVED

### School Sanitation and Water Facilities To Be Improved

The project having been approved by the federal emergency relief administration, work is expected to start in a few days on improvement of sanitation and water supply facilities for Macon county schools.

J. E. Lancaster, assistant supervisor of F. E. R. A. work in this county, announced that 7,680 man-hours of labor had been allotted to this work and that \$1,500 of material, purchased some months ago with C. W. A. funds, was already on hand. He said the number of men employed on the project probably would average 20.

"It was first planned to complete the project by the opening of the rural schools, but on account of delay in receiving approval for the work it is now thought it will not be finished until October.

per cent per annum, is charged only for the time the money is being used and is payable when the loan is due. Some farmers are saving from one-fourth to one-half on interest costs by getting loans on an installment basis.

"Another new feature of the production loans allows a farmer or stockman to apply for a loan and establish a line of credit which is used to make cash purchases of livestock or work-stock, the association taking a chattel mortgage on the stock purchased as part of the security for the loan.

"The association was organized under the farm credit administration to be a permanent source of agricultural and livestock credit for this section, and it now has facilities capable of fulfilling that purpose."

## Books Rebound

### Library Benefits by Emergency Relief Project

Under a federal emergency relief project recently approved, the Franklin library is being put in ship-shape order. With Mrs. J. A. Ordway in charge of the work, the library is being catalogued and several hundred old books are being rebound.

Many of the volumes in the library had, through years of use, gotten in bad condition. The backs had come loose from many and pages were torn or defaced.

"This project," Mrs. Ordway commented, "has meant new life for at least three hundred of our books."

In this connection she requested friends of the library who have old books they are willing to dispose of, but consider too shabby to offer, to bring them to the library. Probably most of them, she added, can be rebound and made useful. Books for children are especially desired.

## Marines To Enlist 2,350 Young Men

After a long period, when but few applicants were enlisted, the U. S. Marine corps has started to accept 2,350 youths.

The provisions of a recent act of congress increased the strength of the Marine corps from 13,000 to 16,000. This will leave it still 1,500 below the strength three years ago.

The remainder will be required to fill the places left vacant by discharges and other causes, according to Lieut. C. A. B. Drum, officer in charge, Marine Recruiting Office, Post Office Building, Savannah, Ga.

With a view of obtaining the best men, only those who have graduated from high school will be accepted. Parents' consent for those who have not reached their majority and character references are required.

Applicants are immediately sent

## WINS HONORS AT CULLOWHEE

### Miss Jessie Higdon Cited For Unusual Record At W. C. T. C.

CULLOWHEE, June 12. (Special to The Press-Maconian)—Miss Jessie Higdon, of Higdonville, received the bachelor of science degree at recent commencement exercises at Western Carolina Teachers College.

President H. T. Hunter, of the college, announced that Miss Higdon was the only high honor graduate of the year. This Macon county girl has been outstanding in student activities during her four years of study here. Two years she was selected as one of the two best college citizens and one year she was president of the student body. Miss Higdon has been active in student work at the Cullowhee Baptist church and is a member of Alpha Phi Sigma, honorary scholastic fraternity.

The following Macon County men and women received the two-year Normal diploma from the college here: Ruth Byrd, Stiles; Bertha Edwards, Highlands; Oseola Everett, Highlands; Elsie Womack Franks, Franklin; Edna Jamison, Franklin; Arthur Mashburn, Franklin; Lily Calloway Moody, Franklin; Glenn Patton, Franklin; Margaret Slagle, Franklin; and Mattie Wilkes, Franklin.

To the Marine Base, Parris Island, S. C., upon enlistment, after which they are transferred to posts or ships where needed. Travel, adventure, sports and free education, comprise some of the features offered.

Young men in this vicinity who are graduates of high school and desire service in the Marine corps should write the Savannah office for application.

## School Code

### Straight and Narrow Path Set for Teachers

Macon county school teachers and principals will be required this year to walk a straight and narrow path, with threat of automatic dismissal from their jobs should they diverge therefrom.

Letters have been sent to teachers and principals elected for the 1934-35 term requesting them to sign an agreement not to attend any dances, private or public, during the school year; to refrain from attending any social activities on the evening or night before a teaching day, and otherwise to conduct themselves in a decorous manner befitting their position. Another provision of the school code is that a teacher shall be at his or her school at least 15 minutes before the opening of classes and must put in not less than six hours of school work, exclusive of recesses.

The agreements, it is stated, must be signed and returned to M. D. Billings, county superintendent of schools, by early in July. Should a teacher fail to do so, her application will be regarded as withdrawn and the board will proceed to elect another teacher.

## GIBSONS HOLD CLAN REUNION

### 200 at Annual Gathering Of Family at Lawrence Setzer's Home

The annual Gibson family reunion was held Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Setzer in the Cartoogechay section with about 200 members of the clan present from North and South Carolina and Tennessee.

Among those attending were "Aunt" Betsy Jane Grant, who is 94 years old and the oldest member of the family; three of her sisters, Mrs. Margaret Carter, of Anderson, S. C.; Mrs. Fannie Dillard, of Demorest, Ga., and Mrs. Nancy Cardon, of Leatherman, this county; and their only surviving brother, J. T. Gibson, of Iota. Another of the Gibson sisters, Mrs. Joe DeHart, of Bryson City, was critically ill and unable to attend.

A picnic dinner was served on the lawn at 1 o'clock, after which the reunion heard an interesting address by the Rev. C. C. Herbert, pastor of the Franklin Methodist church. Mrs. Frank I. Murray, the clan secretary, then read a list of the deaths, births and marriages which had occurred in the family during the past year.

Miss Nola Gibson was awarded a prize for guessing closest to the number of living descendants of John Stewart Gibson. Including in-laws, the number was 1,090.

Those attending this year's reunion included the Carter family from Anderson, S. C.; Cardons, Beasley and Annons from Sylva, N. C.; Patersons, Caps and Phillips from Dillsboro, N. C.; Sam Grant and family from Greenville, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gibson, of Winston-Salem, N. C.; Gibsons, Carters and Messers from Bryson City; Grants and Hursts from Sweetwater, Tenn., and various connections of the family living in Macon county.

The next Gibson reunion is to be held at the home of Mrs. Nancy Cardon at Leatherman.

## Plan Contest

### For Bathing Beauties at Asheville, July 4

Elsewhere in this issue of The Press-Maconian will be found an entry blank for the bathing beauty contest to be held in the Memorial Stadium, Asheville, at an old fashioned celebration and picnic on July Fourth.

The winner of this contest is to receive a beautiful cup and the title of Bathing Beauty Queen of Western North Carolina.

Another prize and title that is certain to attract attention is the cup that goes to the champion hog caller of Western North Carolina.

## SLAY DILLINGER AIDE

Tammy Carroll, bank robber and accused slayer, was shot fatally by peace officers in Waterloo, Iowa, last week—the third of John Dillinger's mobsmen to be killed in the far-flung drive to eradicate the gang and capture its leader.

## ROGERS NAMED BY DEMOCRATS

### Elected Chairman of Party's County Executive Committee

## CONVENTION HELD

### Repeal of Absentee Endorsed; School Board Ticket Nominated

Dr. W. A. Rogers was elected chairman of the Macon county Democratic executive committee at a meeting of the committee Monday afternoon at the courthouse in connection with the biennial county Democratic convention.

The highlight of the convention came shortly before adjournment when a motion to instruct the county's representative in the next General Assembly to vote for repeal of the absentee ballot was carried by an overwhelming majority. There was no debate on the motion, which was put by the retiring county chairman, Albert Ramsey. When the question was put to a vote there was a loud reply of "ayes," while only a few "naes" were heard.

### School Board Nominations

Another outstanding development of the convention was the nomination of a school board ticket. A list of nine prominent residents was proposed, from which three are to be selected by the state board of education with the advice of the county's legislative representative and other county officials.

Those nominated for the school board were: Alex Moore, chairman of the present board; Rev. W. T. Potts and Lawrence Ramsey, members of the present board; and in addition, C. F. Moody, Stephen Porter, C. A. Bryson, Mrs. Carl Sagle, the Rev. C. C. Herbert and W. G. Stewart.

When the executive committee, composed of the township chairmen, reported to the convention the election of Dr. Rogers as chairman there was a spontaneous wave of applause. Dr. Rogers, veteran Democratic leader, has served in this capacity at various times in the past for twenty odd years—so many times, in fact, that he has forgotten the exact number.

Later it was learned that in the balloting for a chairman Dr. Rogers received five votes, Steve Porter three and R. A. Patton one. The committee then voted to make Dr. Rogers' election unanimous.

Mrs. Lassie Kelly Cunningham was re-elected vice chairman by a unanimous vote of the convention as a whole. Kerr Cunningham was appointed secretary.

### Good Attendance

The attendance was in the neighborhood of 200, with delegates present from all of the 12 precincts except Flats, and among them a number of women. In recognition of the attendance of the women delegates, every one present was appointed a delegate to the state convention to be held in Raleigh Thursday, June 21.

Following is a complete list of delegates to the state convention:

J. C. Mell, of Highlands; Harley Cade, R. A. Patton, Mrs. Lassie Kelly Cunningham, J. Frank Ray, Dr. W. A. Rogers, Mrs. John W. Edwards, Albert Ramsey, Tom Porter, John W. Edwards, R. S. Jones, Kerr Cunningham, Mrs. Sallie Sellers, Mrs. B. W. Johnson, Mrs. Gordon Moore, Mrs. Pearl Hunter, Mrs. Neville Sloan, all of

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## Baseball

Standing of clubs in the Macon County league:

	Won	Lost
West End	3	0 1,000
Cowee	2	1 667
Highlands	1	2 334
Holly Springs	1	2 334

The West End team has contributed one of the games won by them to the league, so that schedule would come out even. No games were played Saturday on account of rain. These games will not be played off, as the schedule printed herein does not take them into consideration.

The schedule for balance of first half of season:

June 16—West End at Cowee.  
June 17—Highlands at Cowee.  
June 23—Highlands at Cowee.  
June 24—Cowie at Holly Springs.  
June 30—Cowie at Holly Springs.  
West End at Highlands.  
July 4—Cowie at Highlands, Holly Springs at West End.