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### ALL-AMERICAN LEAGUE TALKED

#### Significance Seen In Buenos Aires Conference

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WASHINGTON, December 2.—Belief is growing in Washington that President Roosevelt's trip to South America may prove to be one of the vital turning points in national history, something which historians of the future will look upon as the beginning of a new era in world affairs.

Back of the President's attendance at the conference of American Republics, which is being held at Buenos Aires, is a definite purpose of bringing the entire Western Hemisphere into a new agreement for cooperation in peace, common defense in war and the free exchange of commodities between the nations of the two Americas at all times.

The logic of such a lineup is obvious. This country does not want to be involved in European political affairs nor in Asiatic politics. Neither do the Republics of South America want to be drawn into the West. The American continent is separated from the warlike regions by the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean. Also to the South of us lies a great opportunity for peaceful development of mutual trade. South America is the natural market for American manufactures and the United States is a natural market for South America's raw materials. Likewise, South America offers to the adventurous, pioneering spirit of our youth as great opportunity for exploration and development as our West did in the early days of our continental expansion.

#### A Great American Empire

It is not to be wondered at, therefore that President Roosevelt would cherish the dream of a united Western Hemisphere, which would conceivably be entirely self-contained and free to develop a vast empire with a new type of culture and civilization, in no way dependent upon either Europe, Asia or Africa.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull has the same vision. He is meeting the President at the Argentine capital and will remain there throughout the international conference to participate in the discussions which he hopes will result in the formation of an All-American League of Nations.

That American business and industry is at least hopeful that something will develop from this conference to broaden our export market and render the opportunities which South America offers more readily available to North American capital and enterprise, is indicated by the fact that Harper Sibley, President of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, flew down to Buenos Aires last week to

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### Bus Stations

#### Planned for Protection of School Children

RALEIGH, Dec. 1.—Erection of 40,000 school bus stations throughout the state to protect school children from winter weather is contemplated under a proposed WPA project advanced by state school commission officials.

The project will cost approximately \$800,000, according to Lloyd E. Griffin, executive secretary of the commission. Of this amount the WPA would furnish \$480,000 and the state's 100 counties the balance of \$320,000. School funds, he said, are not available for the work.

The proposed stations, it was stated, would be open sheds, 6 by 8 feet, facing south, and would cost approximately \$20 each.

### WIFE-SLAYER BEGINS TERM

#### Mathewson Taken to State Prison for 20-Year Sentence

Ralph Mathewson, 33-year-old Robbinsville cafe proprietor, was taken to State's prison at Raleigh Saturday to begin serving a 20-year-sentence imposed upon him Friday by Judge W. F. Harding in Macon superior court after a jury had returned a verdict of second degree murder.

The state had asked a first degree murder verdict and Mathewson's attorneys had based their defense on a plea of insanity. Mathewson killed his wife, mother of a three-weeks-old baby, the night of February 15 by firing three pistol shots into her body while she was seated at a counter in their cafe in Robbinsville. He was tried in Graham superior court last March, but a mistrial was declared when the jury failed to agree on a verdict. His case came up again in Graham superior court at the September term, but Judge Harding granted a motion of the state for removal on the grounds that, due to the defendant's wide connections and influence in his home county, he could not be given an impartial trial at Robbinsville.

#### Jury Out Seven Hours

Trial of the case in Macon superior court got under way Tuesday of last week after a 13-man jury was picked from a special venire of 100 men. Hearing of evidence was completed Wednesday afternoon and the court remained in session Thanksgiving day to hear argument by attorneys. The case went to the jury at 12:30 o'clock Friday afternoon and the jury returned its verdict shortly before 5 o'clock.

Mathewson did not take the stand during the trial. He listened stoically to the testimony of witnesses and the arguments of attorneys and seemed little moved by the jury's verdict and the court's sentence.

#### Notice of Appeal

A notice of appeal was filed by one of Mathewson's attorneys, McKinley Edwards, of Bryson City, but no bond was fixed and the prisoner was ordered sent to State's prison. He was taken to Raleigh in the custody of Deputy Sheriff Dills and Ralph Parrish.

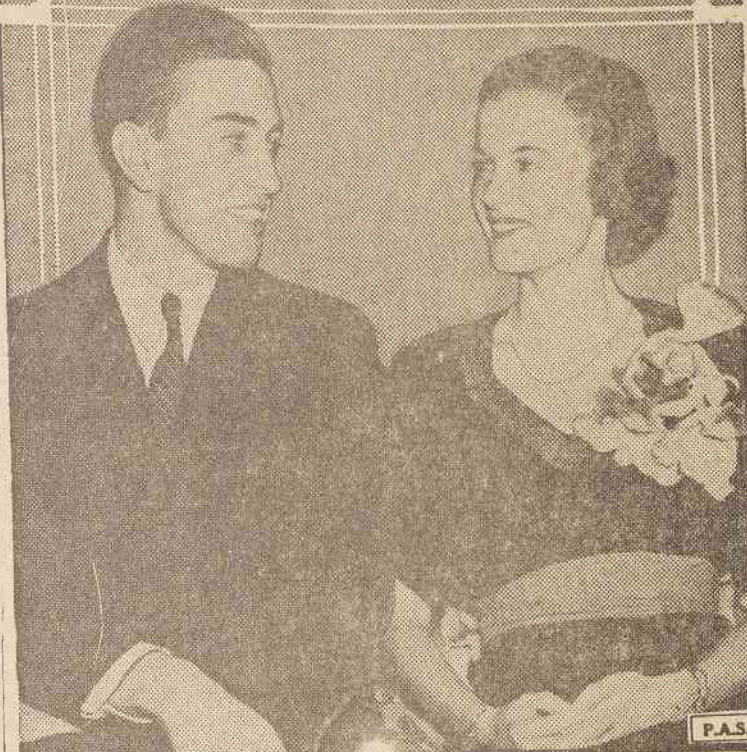
#### A Japanese Gift

Two great Japanese lanterns of stone whose design symbolizes "eternal light" are the gift of Japan as a memorial to the late Thomas Edison, electrical wizard.

Bullet-proof vests are worn without detection.

Thirteen and one-half miles is the average distance between airplane landing fields in the U. S.

### Ethel du Pont to Wed F. D. R., Jr., President's Son



GREENVILLE, Dec. 1.—Ethel du Pont and Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr. (above), are going to be married next June. Their engagement was announced in late November by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene du Pont, parents of the bride-to-be. The President's son and the du Pont heiress good-humoredly posed for news photographers, striding up and down the sun room and seated side by side before the fireplace. They laughed each time they were told to look at each other . . . but refused to hold hands. "It is to be a small church wedding," says Miss du Pont.

### Relative of Macon Family To Be Colorado's Governor

#### Teller Ammons Elected Chief Executive at Age of 39

A Macon county family which moved west in the frontier days has supplied another governor for the state of Colorado. He is Teller Ammons, son of the late Elias N. Ammons, who served as Colorado's chief executive from 1912 to 1914.

Running on the Democratic ticket, Teller Ammons was elected over his Republican opponent, Charles M. Armstrong, by a majority of more than 20,000 votes in the Roosevelt landslide a month ago. Not yet 40 years old, he is to take office in January, to become the youngest governor the state has ever had.

The story of young Ammons' rise in the political world is told in the November 4 issue of The Denver Post, a copy of which was recently received by E. V. Ammons, well known farmer of the Rabbit Creek section of this county, who is a second cousin. Colorado's governor-elect also is related to the Franks and Shepherd families of Macon county.

In 1871 J. R. Ammons moved his family from this county to Colorado, Elias N. Ammons, a son, was then 11 years old. He became a large landholder and cattleman and lined up with the late Senator Teller, he bolted the Democratic party on the free silver issue. He was elected governor as a "Teller Democrat" and served one term. And this explains how he came to name his son Teller, but the latter is a full-fledged Democrat.

The younger Ammons, an attorney, entered politics in 1930, when he was elected state senator from the Denver district. He was re-elected in 1934 but gave up the position in 1935 to become city attorney of Denver. While in the senate he became a leader in the Democratic contingency. He was still city attorney of Denver when he was nominated the Democratic candidate for governor.

Governor-elect Ammons enlisted in the army shortly after the United States entered the World War. He entered as a private, spent nearly two years overseas and was discharged a second lieutenant.

Governor-elect Ammons was married in 1933 to Miss Esther Davis of Denver.

#### High School Juniors Net \$40.25 at Keno Party

Reports received from officers of the class show that \$40.25 was cleared by the juniors of Franklin high school at the keno party given on the night of November 20.

An eager crowd of approximately 160 gathered in the high school auditorium with the following being the lucky ones who carried the prizes away.

Hugh Leach, Bobby Rochester, George Hunnicutt, Eugene Furr, Hugh Curtis, Vercoe Watkins, Timsey Nell Clouse, Katherine Hall, John Slagle, Elizabeth Cabe, Georgianna Magee, Elizabeth Slagle, Margie Blumenthal, Clell Bryant, Billy Wilkie, Sarah Conley, Mack Setser, Esta Mae Childers, Freddy Hall, Fred Houk, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Zachary, Junior Evans, Andrew Jones, Sam Alexander, Bobby Higdon, Elbert Angel, Elizabeth Wasilik, Rosalind Bulgin, Dorothy Blumenthal, Billy Higdon, Mrs. Hugh Leach, Johnnie Nix, Mildred Bryson, Ruth Bryson, Katherine Godwin, Aubrey Carelock, Frances Robinson, Norman Talley, Mrs. Gus Leach, Mrs. Prileau Brabson, Ruth Higgins, Miss Jennie Gilliam, Mrs. Anderson, Donald Jones, Frank Leach, Jr., Harry Higgins, Lucille Hall, Rosa Lee Kiser, Dan R. Reynolds, James Furr, Mr. Lee, Dorothy Anderson, Lyman Higdon, Mrs. Conley, Bobby Pattillo, Mildred Cabe, Vick Perry, Mrs. C. T. Bryson, J. C. Jacobs, Betty Rogers, Frances Ashe, Virginia Zachary, Mrs. Johnston, Elizabeth Rochester, Dorothy Sloan, Ida Bryant, Miss Crisman, Charles Russel and Miss Josephine Weaver.

#### Betterment Group Calls Meeting at Cowee

A meeting of the members of the North Macon Betterment association and the school patrons of the northern end of the county has been called for 8 o'clock Saturday night at the Cowee school to discuss plans of obtaining a high school at Cowee. R. C. Rickman, president of the association, said all interested persons are invited to attend.

A high school was formerly situated at Cowee but was abandoned some years ago when the consolidated high school was established in Franklin.

### 304 ENROLLED IN RED CROSS

#### This Is Short of Goal But Nearly 50% Greater Than Last Year

A check-up yesterday on the outcome of the annual Red Cross roll call for Macon county showed a total of 304 memberships reported. Several workers were yet to be heard from and the roll call chairman, the Rev. Frank Bloxham, expressed the hope that the final count would result in a 50 per cent greater membership than enrolled last year, when the number was 214.

"The closing of the roll call," Mr. Bloxham commented, "shows that we are much short of our goal of 500 members, but far ahead of last year's total. A great deal of praise is due to the noble band of workers who have achieved this year's result. Some few memberships are still to be turned in, which will probably result in the total being a 50 per cent increase over last year. It is not too late for persons who have not already joined to do so. Such persons should see one of the roll call workers right away."

Among the reports received this week was one from Chapel school for colored children, which turned in its full quota of \$5.

Following is a full membership roll reported to date of the Macon County chapter:

#### County Communities

Zelma Jenkins, Otto; Mrs. Fate Messer, Otto; R. A. Hertzler, Otto, contribution; William Crawford, Higdonville, Mrs. Robert Parrish, Miss Lola Ramsey and Miss Jessie Ramsey, Burningtown.

#### Highlands

Mrs. R. L. Morris, W. S. Davis, Mrs. W. S. Davis, N. C. Heintz, J. E. Root, Mrs. J. E. Root, Mrs. Eskrigge, Mrs. Bliss, G. A. Townsend, Mrs. G. A. Townsend, C. J. Anderson, F. B. Cook, Mrs. C. J. Anderson, W. A. Bryson, H. W. Sloan, Mrs. H. W. Sloan, Miss M. E. Huger, Miss C. B. Elliott, W. H. Cobb, Mrs. W. H. Cobb, R. R. Hodgson, Mrs. R. R. Hodgson, Miss A. Staub, Miss Mary B. Henckel, H. M. Bascom, Mrs. H. M. Bascom, Mrs. Thad Smith, Mrs. Guy Paul, Virginia Edwards, Col. J. S. Sewell, Mrs. J. S. Sewell; Mrs. M. C. Smith, donation.

Miss Marguerite Ravenal, Miss Clare Ravenal, Miss Nourse, Miss Rachel Davis, Mr. O. F. Sumner, Mrs. O. F. Sumner, Mrs. J. E. Brown, Mrs. Kate Rhynehart, Miss Veva Howard, Miss Nina Howard, Miss Edna Jamison, Miss Ethel Calloway, Mrs. Jack Hall, Mrs. Tudor Hall, Mrs. E. R. Gilbert, Mrs. Carl Zoellnor, Mrs. F. A. Edwards, J. E. Hicks, Miss Sara Gilder, A. B. Potts, J. E. Potts, C. C. Potts, S. E. Potts, W. R. Potts, F. H. Potts, Mrs. F. H. Potts, Mrs. J. E. Potts, Miss Gertrude Harbison, S. Porter Pierson, A. G. Spencer, Miss Flora Norton, J. C. Mell, Mrs. Frank Cook, Miss M. D. Warren, Miss Maud Crane, Ed Rogers, Miss Caroline Hall, C. H. Zoellnor, Mrs. Sam Calloway, Sam Calloway, Mrs. Walter Reese, Mrs. A. C. Holt, P. T. Farnsworth, Rev. Frank Bloxham.

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Chapel school (colored) 5 memberships; Mr. Zoellnor, Mrs. Zoellnor, Mrs. Catway, Barnell Waldroop, Mrs. Elsie Franks, Miss Mattie Wilkes, Zeb Conley, A. L. Leach, E. S. Hunnicutt, R. S. Jones, Paul Carpenter, Mrs. Paul Carpenter, Mrs. J. R. Ramsey, James R. Ramsey, Miss Irene Sloan.

R. D. Carson, R. R. Swanson, L. D. Cope, J. H. Stockton, Sloan Murray, J. J. Welch, R. C. Tillery, F. S. Sloan, S. W. Mendenhall, G. A. Jones, Jas. L. Potts, J. Frank Ray, E. E. Sypher, Carr Howard,

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### Franklin Produce Market LATEST QUOTATIONS

(Prices listed below are subject to change without notice.)  
Quoted by Farmers Federation, Inc.  
Chickens, heavy breed, hens 11c  
Chickens, light weight, lb. . . . . 08c  
Eggs, doz. . . . . 30c  
Corn, bu. . . . . 80c  
Wheat, bu. . . . . \$1.00  
Oats, bu. . . . . \$1.00  
Potatoes, No. 1 . . . . . 90c  
Field peas, bu. . . . . \$1.10  
Crowder peas, bu. . . . . \$2.00  
Beans, bu. . . . . 60c

Quoted by Nantahala Creamery  
Butterfat, lb. . . . . 30c