

The Skyland Post

PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY

ONE YEAR IN ASHE COUNTY \$1.00
ONE YEAR OUT OF ASHE \$1.25

Two voices are there: one is of the sea,
One of the mountains; each a mighty voice.
—WORDSWORTH.

Here shall the press the people's right maintain,
Unawed by influence, and unbribed by gain;
Here patriot truth her glorious precepts draw,
Pledged a religion, liberty, and law.

—JOSEPH STORY.

ENTERED AS SECOND-CLASS MATTER ON OCTOBER 1, 1925 AT THE POST OFFICE AT WEST JEFFERSON, NORTH CAROLINA
Cards of Thanks, Resolutions of Respect, Obituaries, etc., are charged for at The Post's regular advertising rates.

NANCY RUTH REEVES, Editor

EGYPT MAY PROVE DANGEROUS SPOT

At the very outbreak of the Italo-Ethiopian war, England showed signs of deep interest which were interpreted by many as being more personal than she would have expressed had she not been vitally interested in Africa herself. While Egypt is not directly under English rule, having been declared a sovereign state soon after the World War, she is, according to many reservations imposed at that time, indirectly under England. Egyptians chafe at these restrictions and England has reason to fear that war under the very noses of the Egyptians will incite them to uprisings. In fact, during the past two weeks, anti-British riots have taken place in Egypt. If England were called upon to get into a quarrel with Egypt at this most inopportune time, and the bad feeling that has come up over the Italian conquest of Ethiopia should burst into tangible form, the outcome could hardly be less than another bigger and more bitter World War.

FARMERS HAVE MORE MONEY AND LANDS GO UP

As the farmer, who has been the goat of the depression for the past four years, sees a loosening up of money matters, farm lands are reported to be going up. Of course they have not reached their 1929 peak—they may never do that since farming is hard work and the majority of our people had rather do on less than work too hard, and those who are not going to work at all can still resort to stealing.

But it is gratifying to learn that the receipts in 1934 from the sale of farm products in North Carolina, including rental and benefit payments, were nearly two and a half times the amount received in 1932. And the mortgage situation has been greatly eased by legislation until the farmer has been able to save many a home he might otherwise have lost.

The gross income of the farmer is still low but the depression has taught him to do the greater part of his work himself, which has lowered the operating cost of the farm and money formerly paid out to farm hands can be used for personal purposes.

When the farmer begins to feel prosperity, business in general begins to pick up and the value of property begins to rise.

An American contract for approximately two thousand tons of bridge steel has been handed to a German steel company, and with steel workers far from being taxed beyond their strength in the United States, nothing, it appears, can be done about it. There ought to be enough European steel in America already to last us a long time. We imported a large quantity of it seventeen years ago. It came over in the bodies of American soldiers, living and dead.

In connection with the finding of the corpse of a woman floating in the Potomac, the Washington papers record that she left eighty cents and two children. Like Shakespeare's Hamlet, she found it hard to sweat and grunt under a weary life. Yet by taking herself off, she robbed her children of what should have been their most precious possession.

Mankind may be moving onward and upward but it has not yet reached the high moral plane in which the Lost and Found column advertises as many founds as it does losts.

TREASURER'S REPORT IS ENCOURAGING

Counties, cities and town in North Carolina are slowly moving out of the swamp of default and delinquency, the reports coming from the office of State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson show. Fifty-eight counties were in default June 30, 1934. The number has dropped to 46.

Of the 12 counties removed from what used to be classed as a dishonorable list five of them were able to pay up their back accounts and seven remaining had their days of grace extended by refunding plans. The record for the cities and towns shows more coming off the defaulting list but not as much money being repaid. Against a total repayment of defaulted items of \$1,114,466 for the counties, the municipalities showed a retirement of \$308,327 in defaulted principal and an actual increase in defaulted interest with a net retirement of delinquent items of only \$185,24.

Progress out of this slough is slow but the fact that it is being made at all is cause for gratification. Boom years found local governments spending with little reckoning. The depression caught them not only with greatly depleted current treasuries but with big debts and many dried tax sources. For a season their ability to meet the public debt seemed paralyzed.

But now the governments seem to be on firmer footing. The state treasurer's report would indicate that all current expenses are being met in some instances together with present debt retirements, and that there is a surplus to apply on the delinquent account. That more time is being asked in some cases is not surprising nor should it be alarming.

—GREENSBORO NEWS.

THE ORIGINS OF WAR

Hon. Newton D. Baker, who was on the scene at the time in a high political post with the American government, takes exception to what a number of Armistice Day orators had to say as to the origin of the World War having taken its root in sheer economic selfishness.

So far as the United States is concerned, Mr. Baker holds the antithesis of such a motive to have ruled—he believes that America went in solely under the coercive power of a great

HEADS GERMAN ARMY



Germany's reconstructed army is now headed by Gen. Ludwig Beck shown above. As chief of the general staff he is put in a class with Moltke Schlieffen and Von Hindenburg.

altruistic ideal.

Of course, difference of opinion as to this point will continue.

Even the long-away history books will probably be unable to offer dogmatic views as to this point.

What America should contingently hold in mind, in the meantime, is not the reason why, but the appalling numbers of those who did and died in a war that only has set the wheels of civilization back and not forward, and which has left its unholy trail to begrime the footsteps of succeeding generations.

That's the point eternally to be emphasized—what that war cost and what all wars cost in man-power, in monetary treasure and in terms of a flood of long-extending dissipations and immoralities, social as well as economic degeneracies.

Dr. Clarence Poe in The Progressive Farmers recently summarized some of these costs which have had to be borne and from the miseries of which the world will be long limping away.

The United States, which got off more lightly in cost than did the other great powers, mobilized 4,355,000 men and suffered a loss of 360,000 in dead and wounded. In other words, a number of men equal to the population of a city the size of Houston was killed or incapacitated.

Germany mobilized 13,000,000 and had 6,111,862 dead and wounded; France mobilized 8,410,000 and had 5,625,000 dead and wounded; Great Britain mobilized 6,600,000 and had 3,000,000 dead and wounded; Italy mobilized 5,615,000 and had 1,597,000 dead and wounded; Russia mobilized 12,000,000 and had 1,700,000 dead and wounded; Austria-Hungary mobilized 7,800,000 and lost 1,200,000 in dead and wounded.

The total of men from these seven nations killed, maimed, gassed and permanently invalidated amounted to more than 17,000,000. Losses of other nations ran the total up to nearly 20,000,000.

The cost of the war in money, Dr. Poe estimates, was \$400,000,000.

—CHARLOTTE OBSERVER.

DEPRESSION COSTS BUSINESS \$26,000,000,000

The United States government has computed the depression's cost to business at the staggering sum of \$26,631,000,000.

According to the Department of Commerce, this amount has been taken out of savings to make up the difference between expenses and the value of goods and services produced.

It noted that a marked improvement in 1934 failed to prevent loss, although last year's production of goods and services was valued at \$48,561,000,000, a gain of \$6,672,000,000 over 1933.

CARO-GRAPHICS by Murray Jones, Jr.

RADIOS
APPROXIMATELY 73,000 FAMILIES IN N.C. HAVE RADIO SETS

DO YOU KNOW YOUR STATE?

OH DOCTOR!
THERE ARE ONLY 2,500 PHYSICIANS IN NORTH CAROLINA—ABOUT 1 FOR EVERY 1250 PERSONS

NEW BERN
THE FIRST NEWSPAPER IN N.C. WAS ESTABLISHED HERE IN 1749

DID YOU KNOW THAT NORTH CAROLINA HAS 284 DIFFERENT KINDS OF MINERALS, BUT ITS STONE, GRAVEL, SAND AND CLAY ARE A GREAT DEAL MORE VALUABLE

DID YOU KNOW THAT ENGINEERS HAVE ESTIMATED THAT THE STATE CONTAINS 68,000,000 TONS OF BITUMINOUS (SOFT) COAL

THE EDITORS OF CARO-GRAPHICS INVITE YOU TO SEND IN INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY

GIRL WHO KILLED FATHER EXPECTS TO BE ACQUITTED

Virginia Girl Hits Father in Head With Shoe During Quarrel Last Summer

Edith Maxwell, 21-year-old school teacher, of Wise, Va., charged with killing her father with a shoe when threatened with a spanking for keeping late hours, says she expects a jury this week to acquit her murder charges.

The unemotional reticence maintained for months faded away in recent weeks as she read in her cell in the Wise county jail letters from lawyers who would defend her, from ministers and from many others, urging her to be brave, to talk frankly and not to fear her trial, which opened Monday.

Confesses Slaying

The domestic tragedy was brought into the national spotlight when Common wealth's Attorney Fred B. Greear announced July 21 that Miss Maxwell had confessed that she killed her 52-year-old father, Trigg Maxwell, by striking him over the head with the heel of her shoe when he scolded her and threatened the spanking because she kept late hours. This was two days after Trigg Maxwell was found dead.

Nowhere has interest rivaled that in Wise county, and the famous "Pound" section to the north. Miss Maxwell is related to families long prominent in the politics of the county, and her uncle, W. W. Dotson, three times prosecuting attorney of the county, will defend her, with two associates.

College Graduate

Miss Maxwell, a graduate of the Teachers college at East Radford, Va., has been in jail here since her arrest July 21, under care of her uncle, Jailer Jim Dotson. Her mother, Mrs. Anne Maxwell, indicted with her, was admitted to bond a few days after the slaying.

Miss Maxwell was permitted to go to the home of a sister while her father's body was awaiting burial. She showed no emotion, even when Sheriff J. P. Adams thought it advisable to return her hurriedly to jail from Pound, where she had gone to attend the funeral.

She seemed uninterested, oblivious to the spotlight of national attention beating on her. For months her stoicism was maintained, but in recent weeks she has grown more cheerful, has discussed the encouraging letters and has expressed confidence that a "fair trial" will set her free.

EIGHT CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH IN ONE FAMILY

All of the eight children of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hubert Cunningham were burned to death early Wednesday morning when their residence, a two-story frame structure, near Alexis, in Gaston county, was destroyed by fire. Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham escaped with their lives, but the husband and father was injured in desperate efforts to rescue the children trapped in the building.

The children ranged in ages from one to 19 years, the oldest being a boy, Robert Cunningham.

The house was discovered enveloped in flames about 1:15 a. m. and quickly burned down, leaving only debris and two brick chimneys left. The bodies of the children were burned beyond recognition.

WANT ADS

Twenty-Five Cents Charged For Each Want Ad

WANTED—1000 bushels of No. 1 potatoes at 70 cents per bushel, and turkeys at 20c per lb. I. M. Cook, West Jefferson, N. C.

COMPLETE COURSE in Beauty Culture for only \$50.00. State approved. Employment aid. Mae's School of Beauty Culture, North Wilkesboro, N. C. 12-12

BEAUTY CULTURE—A complete course, competent instructors. You may learn in a short time. School approved, and accredited, rates very reasonable. Write or visit Hinshaw School of Beauty Culture, Box 56, North Wilkesboro, North Carolina.

Salesmen Wanted
MAN WANTED for Raleigh Route of 800 families. Good profits for hustler. We train and help you. Write today. Raleigh Co., Dept. NCK-249-SA2, Richmond, Virginia.

See the beautiful living room suite we are giving away. Come in and get full details of this great sale that will last until December 24th.
RHODES FURN. CO.

LOST—One wire-haired terrier male dog. Color white with one brown ear and brown ring around eye on opposite side from brown ear. Short tail. Strayed or stolen about a month ago from home of Mrs. B. C. Sharpe, Glendale Springs. \$5.00 reward for return to Skyland Post. Dog answers to name of "Pal."

FARM FOR SALE—40 acres 1/2 mile north Warrensville, N. C. Land in fine state of cultivation, well watered, plenty wood, and pasture, 4 acres bottom land, good barn, and all necessary out buildings, 8 room bungalow, sleeping

WANTED—Locust fence posts for prompt delivery. See me for prices and specifications. J. H. Myers, West Jefferson, N. C. 11-21p

EDWARDS will leave W. Jefferson Tuesday, Nov. 26, at 7 a. m. for Bel Air, Md. Reduced rates. For information or reservation see Carl Miller, West Jefferson, N. C. or W. B. Edwards, Darlington, Md.

porch, electric lights, running water, sewer, bat. At a bargain. See Jack Rhodes at Rhodes Furn. Co.

FOR SALE—250 acre grazing farm, with buildings, well fenced plenty of water, six miles from West Jefferson in Pine Swamp Township and near Oval post office. This land is known as the Waddell farm. For price and terms write H. F. Coin, Field Representative, Atlantic Joint Stock Land Bank, Box 786, Asheville, N. C. 11-28-pd.

LOST—A black Shaffer fountain pen with small gold band, between the post office and Colvard's Service Station. Reward offered. Mrs. J. B. Hensley, West Jefferson, N. C. 11-21-pd.

FOR SALE—Second-handed Home Comfort Range. Stove in good condition. See Mrs. Clemie Beshears, West Jefferson, N. C. pd.

FOR SALE
USED PIANOS—\$35.00 and up. Used ranged, excellent condition, priced cheap. Good phonographs, \$10.00 and up. Round dining table, \$3.50 and up. Oak china, oval glass, \$10.00. Iron beds and springs, \$5.00. Used circulating heater, A No. 1 condition, 5 room capacity, \$22.50. Used coal heaters, \$4.50 and up.

RHODES FURN. CO
West Jefferson, N. C.

COMBINATION MATTRESS, beautiful art ticking at \$5.50. Rhodes Furn. Co., West Jefferson, N. C.

APPLES FOR SALE at Rhodes Furniture Co. W. Jefferson, N. C.

WANTED to buy 6 H. P. gasoline engine. Rhodes Furniture Co., West Jefferson, N. C.

Thanksgiving Specials

For The Ladies And Children

Coats, wool and silk dresses, oxfords, pumps, sweaters, hats, gloves, galoshes, silk, wool and cotton piece goods, pocketbooks, fitted cases and dresser sets.

For The Men And Boys

Suits, top coats, leather and wool jackets and sweaters, boots, shoes, oxfords, shirts ties, gloves and underwear. All At Money-Saving Prices

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY and continuing until sold, to make room for Christmas goods.

- Best grade 28-inch outing, per yd. 8 3/4c
- L L sheeting, per yd. 8 3/4c
- Heavy cotton plaid blankets, each 79c
- Heavy, part-wool blankets, pr. \$2.25
- Lillie's 450-yard spool thread, 3 for 25c
- Putnam's faddless dyes, 3 for 27c
- 15 to 17c prints, per yd. 12 1/2c

McNeills Store

WEST JEFFERSON, N. C.