

It Happened This Week

Credit Improves
Blow to Walker
Legion Asks Cash
Cotton Encouraging
N. C. Paving Jobs

Prosperity Notes

A. W. Robertson, chairman of President Hoover's committee on rehabilitation, chairman of the Westinghouse Electric Co., on Tuesday told a group of industrialists that credit affairs "are clearly and positively better." On the same day, Andrew W. Mellon, Ambassador to Great Britain, formerly secretary of the treasury, said that the present upswing in commodity prices is sound. And on the same day, sharp rises in stocks were marked in Wall Street, cotton and copper surging ahead. As for cotton: Jessie H. Jones, a director of the R. F. C., said that \$50,000,000 had been authorized for cotton cooperative associations to enable them to hold their cotton until 1933.

Roosevelt Upheld

Governor Franklin Delano Roosevelt has the right to act on ouster charges against New York's suave mayor, James J. Walker, State Supreme Court Justice Staley ruled on Monday. Governor Roosevelt has adjourned hearings temporarily on account of the death of George Walker, the mayor's brother.

15,000 Strikers Disperse

A motecade of 15,000 northern Illinois striking miners was dispersed at Coulterville last week by state police after the miners had been turned back at the Franklin County line by 300 deputies. One hundred were injured in the clash. The miners were seeking to persuade miners in the southern part of the state to join the strike.

Chinese Attack Japs

More trouble in the Orient; bands of Chinese raiders have attacked strategic points in Mukden, forcing Japs to call out troops and police full force. Machine guns chattered as the Chinese sought to get control of the air base and the wireless station.

Legion Demands Bonus

Reversing its stand taken last year after a plea by President Hoover, the national convention of the American Legion has, with a two-thirds majority, declared for immediate cash payment of the soldier bonus. North Carolina voted for cash.

Cotton's Value Rises

More than \$180,000,000 potential value of the 1932 cotton crop has been added in the market increases since June. At June prices the estimated 11,306,000-bale crop would have brought \$269,082,000 and at August 20 prices \$452,000,000.

To Rush Paving Job

The state will have a paved road from Route 10, near Bryson City, to the crest of the Smokies at Newfound Gap before July 1, 1933. E. B. Jeffress, chairman of the state highway commission, has announced.

Educational Leader Dies

Dr. George T. Winston, 79, successively president of the state university, Texas university, and N. C. State college, which last post he left in 1908, died in a Durham hospital, Friday night.

Can't Lose

Brokers in Wall Street are betting 25 to 1 that the name of the next President of the United States will contain these letters: OOVER. Suckers are falling for it.

The Sun Goes Out

Hundreds Peer at Eclipse And See a Rainbow

A rainbow round the sun was visible to Franklin spectators yesterday at exactly 3:40 p. m. when an almost total eclipse of the sun was observed. The brilliant celestial performance was witnessed by hundreds, who peered through smoked glasses or photographic negatives, seeing the moon ride slowly across the sun's face until only a golden crescent shone forth. One of the best views was obtained through a transit set up by Mr. Bradley, of the Nantahala National Forest Service.

Judge H. Hoyle Sink left the bench for a few minutes to squint from a courthouse window through a smoked glass. A noticeable chilliness smote the air, and several cocks were heard to crow.

There won't be another eclipse like this until 1936, so Photographer Crisp set up a camera near the jail house and took a picture of it.

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ABOUT MACON COUNTY

Macon County is predominantly agricultural, but according to a survey published by the State Department of Conservation and Development, it has 10 industrial establishments, whose annual output is valued at \$724,474. Industrial employees number 177 and their wages total \$211,282.

FORESTS WILL EMPLOY 2,000

SCHOOL BUSES' SCHEDULE SET

Cars Ready on Monday to Bring Students to Franklin High

11 ROUTES OUTLINED

Nantahala Children Will Go to Almond, Swain Co., This Year

With the opening of Highlands and Franklin High Schools Monday, all schools of the county will be started on the 1932-33 term.

Several changes have been made in contracts let to bus drivers, and a few changes in the placing of children whose home school has been consolidated with another.

The bus drivers and the number of trips they will make each morning follow:

Higdonville, Bethel, and Pine Grove high school students will ride to Franklin with Tom Russell, new man, who will make two trips each morning.

Morgan's store, Lower Burningtown and Lower Cowee high school students will come to Franklin on a bus driven by Frank Browning, new man, who will make only one trip each morning.

From West's Mill High school students of West's Mill and Iotla are to ride with Robert T. Bryson, new man. This route has two busses each morning.

High school students of Cartoogechaye and both the high and low graders from the Wallace school will ride the Freeman Hasting bus. Mr. Hastings had the route last year. He will make two trips each morning.

High school students from the Georgia line, Riverside and Watauga will ride the bus driven by Sanford Mann, new driver, who will make three trips each morning.

All the foregoing named students will attend Franklin High School.

To Highlands All students of Clear Creek, Horse Cove, Broadway, Shortoff and Flat Mountain will go to Highlands on a bus operated by Charlie Brooks, who had the routes last year. Mr. Brooks will make four trips each morning.

Students of Poplar Cove will be carried to the Slagle school on a bus operated by N. G. Davis who had the route last year, and will make one trip each morning.

Students of the Betty Creek section are attending the Mulberry school, after they are hauled on a

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Harley Ledbetter Charges Dismissed

The Press erred last week in reporting that Harley Ledbetter had been sentenced to work on the county roads for distilling. Montgomery McCoy who was accused along with Mr. Ledbetter, was sentenced, but charges against Mr. Ledbetter were dismissed. The Press regrets its mistake and is glad to make this correction.

Mr. Moore Catches a Fish, And Oh! It Was a Big Fish

BY JOHN W. EDWARDS

"The way to catch a big fish now," said Coroner Charles M. Moore, "is to use a big fish for bait. Now, I caught one off the Virginia coast—"

Mr. Moore returned recently from a long visit to Virginia with Mrs. Moore. Mr. Moore is no ordinary fisherman, and no ordinary spinner of yarns, either. Said Mr. Moore:

"I was floating seaward, just off the coast, in a thirty-foot rowboat that had lines as true as any you ever saw on a speed boat. Up in that part of the country, a person never fools away time angling for little fish, so I was using an eight-inch fish for bait. Yes, an eight-inch bait.

"The wind was blowing gently from the grand old Atlantic Ocean,

Five Sent to State Prison; Paine Gets 25 to 30 Years For Murder of Passemore

In the chill silence of 4 a. m. five of Macon County's bad boys, who had monopolized attention for more than a week in criminal court, left on Tuesday under heavy guard to pay for their crimes behind the dark windows of North Carolina's State Prison at Raleigh.

They were Tom Paine, convicted of the second degree murder of Willie Passemore, sentenced to not less than twenty-five or more than thirty years; Bill Crump, aged negro, who confessed to manslaughter and was sentenced to not less than eight or more than twelve years; Sam Upton, convicted of larceny, two to four years; Bede Mack, convicted of breaking into the summer home of Mrs. Lassey Kelly Cunningham, fifteen months to three years, and Wade Hampton, convicted of larceny, indeterminate sentence.

They were guarded by Deputy

Sheriffs George Mallonee, Frank Leach and John Dills.

Last night the prisoners were registered by State Prison officials, measured, weighed, fingerprinted, bathed, photographed, numbered and their hair clipped. They are now wearing the drab grey prison garb, and will be assigned to various tasks.

In the case of Tom Paine, which elicited the greatest interest, Prosecutor John M. Queen of Asheville sought a verdict of murder in the first degree. The defendant asked acquittal on grounds of self-defense.

Paine himself took the stand, an unusual circumstance in murder trials of this kind, to testify that Passemore, on the night of the killing, came to his (Paine's) house and demanded the use of his automobile. During an argument (Continued on page six)

ASK NEW HOME FOR THE POOR

Grand Jury Recommends Better County Home In Brief Report

Consideration for Macon County's helpless poor was the Grand Jury's chief recommendation in its report this week to Judge H. Hoyle Sink after its inspection of county buildings and records.

The jury found the county home in good condition and its inmates happy and well cared for, but recommended that a new home be built for them. The report in full follows:

"We, the Grand Jurors for the August term, 1932, make the following report:

"We have examined all bills sent to us and have either marked them a true bill or not a true bill. If we were unable to get all witnesses we have marked them as continued.

Guardians Negligent "We find no minors without General or Testamentary Guardians, but we find a large per cent of guardians that haven't made their proper report.

"We have examined the county home and find it in as fair condition as the equipment will allow. The inmates say they are well cared for, but we find that the present house is not suitable for Macon County's needs, and we recommend that the county commissioners provide a more suitable place at the earliest possible date.

"We have examined the offices of the courthouse and find same in fair condition.

"We have visited the jail and find it in good condition except for damage done by prisoners, and we recommend that repairs be made.

"Respectfully submitted, "O. C. HALL, Foreman."

"ZEB" WEAVER TO SPEAK HERE

Congressman to Address Democratic Mass Rally Saturday Afternoon

Zebulon Weaver of Asheville, who represented the Tenth and Eleventh districts in Congress for many years, and is this year a candidate for re-election, will speak at Macon County courthouse Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock under the auspices of the Young Peoples Democratic Club.

Mr. Weaver is well known in the county, having spoken in Franklin and in other towns a number of times during the past year.

The club's string band will furnish stirring campaign music.

Speech Organization Officers of the club report that organization in all parts of the county is progressing smoothly and rapidly. Township meetings are being held in all organized sections.

Burningtown township was organized last Friday evening, with Gene Baldwin as chairman and Miss Lola Ramsey as vice-chairman.

The only two large townships yet to organize is that of Ellijay and Sugarfork. The following dates have been set for the organization work in these two townships: Pine Grove school house on Wednesday evening, Sept. 7, and at the Higdonville school house on Friday evening, Sept. 10, with both of the meetings beginning at 8 o'clock.

Doctors Organize

Dr. F. Angel Heads Macon And Clay Society

A medical society for Macon and Clay counties was organized at a meeting of physicians from the two counties at Angel Brothers' Hospital last Thursday night. The Macon County Medical Society had been inactive for a number of years.

Dr. F. Angel was elected president of the society; Dr. J. I. Schiffli, of Highlands, vice president, and Dr. F. M. Killian, of Franklin, secretary and treasurer.

The society voted to hold monthly meetings. The date and place of next month's meeting is to be announced later.

Attending the organization meeting of the Macon and Clay County Medical Society were Dr. F. Angel, Dr. Edgar Angel, Dr. Williams, Dr. F. M. Killian, of Franklin; Dr. J. I. Schiffli, of Highlands; and Dr. J. M. Sullivan and Dr. May, of Hayesville.

N. C. JULY FIRE LOSS

The insurance commissioner reports 17 fires in North Carolina in July caused a total loss of \$2,566 as compared with \$218,799 in July, 1931.

T. F. RAILROAD REDUCES FARES

Cost of One-Way Tickets Cut 1.6c Per Mile, Brewer Announces

FREIGHT TRAFFIC UP

Stone, Asphalt and Lumber Hauls Cut Losses; Expenses Reduced

The Tallulah Falls Railway, seeking means to stimulate business, is planning soon to reduce its passenger fares to two cents a mile for one-way travel and one and a half cents a mile for round-trip tickets, it was announced here Wednesday by H. L. Brewer, assistant to the receiver of the "T. F."

Application for authority to change passenger rates already has been filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission, Mr. Brewer said. Pointing out that reductions in fares had been allowed a number of other railroads, he expressed the opinion that there was little doubt that the application of the Tallulah Falls Railway would be granted.

\$1.16 to Cornelia

The present passenger rate of the "T. F." is 3.6 cents a mile. When the lower rates become effective a ticket from Franklin to Cornelia will cost \$1.16, instead of \$2.07, and the round-trip fare will be \$1.74. Bus fare to Cornelia is \$2.25 and \$3.38 for round trip.

Freight traffic over the "T. F." has improved considerably in recent weeks, Mr. Brewer reported, and still further improvement is expected. He said 66 cars of crushed stone and asphalt had been routed to Franklin and were expected in a few days. The materials are to be used in putting the finishing surface on highway No. 28 from Geiss to Highlands.

He also said that 150 cars of lumber destined for eastern points would be loaded soon at Clarksville, Ga., and that a number of cars of cattle were in prospect during the fall.

R. R. Loss Reduced

Expenses of the railroad have been greatly reduced, so much so that losses during the past year were \$1,000 less than during the preceding year, despite less traffic. Eleven thousand dollars has been saved on cross ties and bridge timbers alone, the assistant to the receiver said.

"If the railroad can finance continued operation for a year or so more, until more normal business returns, it should have about as much traffic as it has ever had," Mr. Brewer added.

Hundreds of Macon county people have signed agreements in the past two weeks promising to buy goods as far as practicable from merchants who have their merchandise shipped by rail instead of by trucks. These agreements have been circulated throughout the county by a committee headed by Jack Stribling. Some of these agreements have not returned to Mr. Stribling and he has requested that any one having copies bring them to him as soon as possible.

'Stop Cowee' Is Fans' Slogan; They Want More Baseball

With only two more games on the second half of the schedule to be played in the Macon County Baseball League, every baseball player and every baseball fan is in the fight. As a result of Saturday's games, Cowee and Cartoogechaye are in a tie for the second half pennant, and the cry is now to stop Cowee. If Cartoogechaye could win the second half of the schedule, a county series would be held after the season, and if Cartoogechaye should be able to win the other two games on the schedule and Cowee did the same, the fur would begin to fly. If the two teams should tie for second honors, and Cartoogechaye could win the play off, then Cowee and Cartoogechaye would also have to play the series to see what team should have the pennant.

The games on Saturday were well attended. The Macon county base-

Nantahala Project Offers 1,000 Jobs; Begins On Sept. 15

Franklin Selected For Medical Center

Dr. Watson S. Rankin, a director of the Duke Endowment from which millions of dollars has been given to hospitals, colleges, orphanages and churches in the Carolina, was a visitor at Angel Brothers' Hospital in Franklin Monday.

While here Dr. Rankin revealed that the Duke Endowment is planning to develop medical centers at various strategic points throughout the state and that Franklin had been selected as the most suitable location for a medical center for the south western counties.

ED ODELL GETS JAIL SENTENCE

To Serve Six Months for Attack With Pistol on Ben Buchanan

Ed Odell, who wounded Ben Buchanan with a pistol in a fight on August 2, was sentenced to six months in jail on Wednesday morning by Superior Court Judge Hoyle Sink. Considering Odell's lawyers' pleas for mercy, Judge Sink lightened the eight months sentence he had intended to impose. He also found it a fact that the defendant suffered from epilepsy, and therefore ordered that he be given only such work as he is physically and mentally able to perform.

Mr. Buchanan, 70 years old, who tried to hold his own in the fight with a hammer, was given a suspended sentence of thirty days, in jail.

Too Old to Fight

"Now, old man, let me tell you something," Judge Sink said, "You're too old to fight. Now you go home and behave yourself. Don't get into any more fights." Mr. Buchanan shook his head vigorously, affirming that he didn't want to get into any more fights.

Marion C. Deal Dies At Age of 77

Marion C. Deal, prominent farmer of the Holly Springs section, died at 12:30 Wednesday morning. He succumbed to a stroke of paralysis which felled him a week ago. Mr. Deal was 77 years old.

He will be buried Friday morning at 10 o'clock at the Holly Springs Baptist church. The Rev. James Vinson will conduct the services.

Mr. Deal is survived by three children, Jake, Marion and Miss Nelly Deal.

And Now Squirrels

But You Must Get Your License Before You Shoot

Open season for trout and Jack fish, or Muskalunge, ended yesterday and the open season for hunting squirrels begins today. Bag limit on squirrels is ten in one day. The season for taking Small Mouth bass has been extended to September 30.

Persons hunting or fishing in their own counties require a county license only, but non-residents must obtain a state license.

There are in Western North Carolina this year more squirrel, quail and ruffed grouse than at any time for the past ten or more years, according to C. A. Waldrop, county game warden.

A state hunting license will cost you \$3.25 and a county license \$1.25. But if you don't live in the county in which you hunt, you must pay \$15.25 for the license. You can obtain your license at Leach Brothers, at the Macon County Supply Co., at the Franklin Hardware Co., or at the Highlands Hardware Co.

Roads, Trails, Telephone Lines to Be Built Through Woods

AEF MEN PREFERRED

But Don't Ask for Job at Franklin Office—See The Section Boss

September 15 is the date tentatively set by John B. Byrne, supervisor of Nantahala National Forest, for beginning the \$55,000 improvement project recently authorized, which, engaging crews on a rotation basis, will employ about 1,000 men from Macon County and nearby sections in Georgia and South Carolina. From fifty to seventy-five men will be needed on September 15, and will be paid on a basis of twenty cents an hour.

Pisgah and Nantahala National Forests will spend \$109,000 this fall and next spring on roads, trails, lookout towers and telephone lines, using unemployment relief fund allotments, and employing 2,000 men in all.

No men will be hired before September 15, Mr. Byrne said, and none will be hired at the Franklin offices. In allotting jobs, preference will be given first to ex-service men with families, next to local men with families.

Crews to Rotate

Crews will work on a monthly rotation basis. That is, crews will be changed every month so as to employ as many men as possible. They will also run in six-hour shifts, another means of using more men in the shortest possible time.

Salaries to be paid cannot yet be accurately determined, depending as they do on camp, food and trucking problems. But the basis will be, Mr. Byrne said, twenty cents an hour.

Mr. Byrne said Tuesday in Franklin that he had three projects he wanted to see under way by September 15. They are:

1. A road from Tusquitee Creek to Junaluska Creek.
2. Widening and surfacing of north end of Nantahala Road near the Nantahala station.
3. A road to Rabun Bald, in Rabun County, Ga., also, telephone lines and trails through the forest, as widely distributed as possible.

A thirty-hour week is the current labor schedule. Men now employed with the forest service will be used as foremen.

Pisgah Offers Jobs

Pisgah National Forest, with \$54,000 to spend, also offers employment, but like Nantahala will give preference to local men. It is estimated that more than half of the money allotted for both forests will be used as foremen.

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