

# It Happened This Week

**Mr. Walker Gets Told Socialists in N. C. Germany Wants Guns Repealing Hoover Stocks Up**

**Hearst Warns Walker**  
William Randolph Hearst, Ex-mayor James J. Walker's only N. Y. newspaper supporter, has warned Walker that he will not support him if he runs for re-election in an effort to punish Franklin D. Roosevelt. Walker resigned his office last week with a tirade of invective against Roosevelt who, he said, had not given him a fair trial in removal proceedings.

**Hollywood Suicide**  
Jean Harlow, glamorous girl of the films, tells detectives in Hollywood that she doesn't know why her husband, Paul Bern, director of glamorous films, killed himself with a pistol on Monday. Bern left a note: "It is the only way to make good the frightful wrong I have done you and to wipe out my abject humiliation."

**Farm Convention Meets**  
Around 500 leading North Carolina farm men and women attended conventions at State College, Raleigh, last week. L. H. McKay, Henderson County, was made president of the State Farmers Convention, and Mrs. Dewey Bennett, Forsyth County, president of the State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs.

**Socialists Seek Support**  
Seeking 10,000 signatures in order to place the names of Socialist electors on the North Carolina ballots this fall, two Socialists have started a survey of the western part of the state. Norman Thomas may speak in the state late in October.

**Germany Wants Arms**  
"Under all circumstances, Germany must do what is necessary for her defense," said Defense Minister General Kurt von Schleicher this week. He means to achieve for Germany arms parity with other major powers.

**Dollars for Tobacconists**  
Into the pockets of eastern N. C. farmers this week poured hundreds of thousands of dollars. Prices for the new tobacco crop are, in some instances, triple those of last year. Large sales were reported.

**Repealing Hoover**  
"Repeal Hoover" is the slogan officially adopted by the North Carolina Young Democratic Club, which filed a certificate of incorporation Tuesday. The club will sell auto tags bearing the "repeal Hoover" slogan.

**Fighting in Ecuador**  
Furious fighting in Quito, capital of Ecuador, resulted in death of 1,000 or more last week before a rebellion was quelled.

**7 Billions Profit**  
All listed shares on the New York stock market have increased their quoted values \$7,287,742,341, during the month of August.

**Tax Sale Called**  
**1927, 1928 and 1929 Town Taxes Must Be Paid**

Property in the town of Franklin on which 1927, 1928 and 1929 taxes have not been paid will be sold at public auction Monday, Oct. 10, under an order adopted by the town council Monday night. Advertisements of the sale will start in next week's issue of The Press.

The council voted to extend for 30 days the advertisement and sale of property on which 1930 and 1931 taxes are delinquent. The local government commission, created by the state legislature, directed last spring that all property on which taxes were delinquent through 1930 be advertised in May and sold in June; but Franklin's council has voted several postponements in order to give delinquent taxpayers full opportunity to settle back taxes without the additional expense of advertisement and public sale.

The council also voted Monday night to pay any reasonable sum, not to exceed one-half the amount put up by the county, to employ an attorney to represent the public in any efforts deemed necessary to prevent the discontinuance of the Tallulah Falls railway. Other towns and counties served by the "T. F." have agreed to cooperate in a movement to thwart the petition of J. F. Gray, receiver, for authority to file an application for discontinuance with the Interstate Commerce commission.

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**CATTLE SALE**  
**SEPTEMBER 21**  
**Annual Cooperative Event To Be Held Again at Franklin Depot**  
**MUST LIST BY 17TH**  
**Is Chance for High Prices, Says Sloan; Expects to Ship 10 Carloads**

The annual cooperative cattle sale for Macon county will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 21, at the Franklin depot. Fred S. Sloan, county farm agent, urges farmers to list the number of cattle they have for sale by September 17, to enable him to order enough cars and to notify the buyers in time.

A number of corrals will be built at the scales near the depot to take care of the cattle.

All cattle are to be brought to Franklin early Wednesday morning, where they will be weighed, graded and paid for, then loaded at once for southern markets.

**160 Sold Last Year**  
The first sale of this kind was held last fall for the Macon county farmers. At that sale a total of 169 head were bought from 59 farmers. Five carloads of these cattle went to the southern markets and the remainder were bought as feeders by buyers of Western North Carolina.

The advantage of this kind of sale is that it gives every farmer the same chance to sell, whether he has one or a large number of cattle. Any man has a chance to buy the cattle as they cross the scales, since they are sold to the highest bidder. By having the cattle assembled this way, it makes it easier for the buyer to pick what he wants in less time and at less expense.

The cooperative sale gives the farmer a better chance to get a higher price for his cattle. The buyers are in a position to pay more, since the time spent in going to all sections of the county and the expense of getting the cattle to a shipping point has been eliminated.

See Agent Sloan  
Mr. Sloan requests that all persons interested in this sale get in touch with him so he will know approximately how many head and the grades of cattle will be offered for sale.

**100 Attend Rogers Family Reunion**  
More than 100 guests, from five states, attended the Rogers family reunion at the home of Mrs. Lee Leach last Sunday. Five states, New York, Florida, Georgia, South and North Carolina, were represented.

The next reunion will be held at the home of Mrs. Jess Rogers Whitier, Swain county on the first Sunday in September, 1933.

**Editor Forced To Admit Glory Due 'Ghost Writer'**

The editor of The Franklin Press is forced to admit that he has been sailing blithely along in somebody else's wind, shining contentedly in the reflected glory of another's star. Now, penitent for his false pretense, he is bound to "fess up" and inform the public that he has a 'ghost writer' and is not responsible for the great improvement which has come over this newspaper during the past two weeks. The credit goes to Cameron Shipp, New York newspaper man and magazine writer, who has been guest editor of The Press since the last week in August and who, we sincerely hope along with our readers, will continue in this role for some weeks to come.

**Immediate Work For 100 Men to Be Given in Three Nantahala Road Projects**

Immediate work for approximately 100 Macon county men was offered this week by the Nantahala National Forest offices, which will begin three new projects with funds recently released by the unemployment relief fund.

As announced in The Press last week, preference in allotting these jobs will be given to local service men, and all labor will be hired by foremen on the job. The Franklin office will hire no one.

Henry Baty, foreman, is to be in charge of building a road from Webster Gap to within one-half mile of the crest of Rabun Bald. This road will be approximately a mile and a half long and work will start immediately. The foreman can be reached at Webster Gap.

Lawrence Potts, foreman, will direct work and hire men on a road to run from Junaluska Creek, about six miles from Andrews, to

the mouth of the Little Tuni, a distance of four miles; then up the Little Tuni to Tuni Gap, then down Big Tuni, a distance of twelve miles in all. The job starts Monday.

John F. Cunningham is foreman on the Nantahala Road job. The road from Nantahala Station to the foot of the mountain, about two miles, will be widened. Work starts the middle of next week. A camp will probably be established near the station.

Nantahala Forest will spend \$55,000 for labor on many projects this spring and fall. In an attempt to give work to as many men as possible, crews will work on a rotation basis.

The base rate of pay for Forest labor is twenty cents an hour, but in cases where men are compelled to stay in camp, and pay board, an attempt at better adjustment will be made.

**WEAVER FLAYS HOOVER TACTICS**

**Congressman Sets G. O. P. Tariff Penalty at Three Billions**

A plea for a return to Jeffersonian principles of government if this nation is to endure as a great Republic and a scathing criticism of Herbert Hoover was voiced by Congressman Zebulon Weaver of Asheville in an address before a large crowd in Macon court house Saturday afternoon. Mr. Weaver spoke under the auspices of the Young Democratic Club.

"In all great emergencies," Mr. Weaver said, "some democrat has been called to power in this nation." He cited the regimes of Andrew Jackson, Grover Cleveland and Woodrow Wilson as examples.

"When," he asked, "did Mr. Hoover become the sole guardian of patriotism? Certainly it has been in recent years, because most of his active life was given to ex-

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**Press Premiums**

**Boys and Girls Working For Newspaper Prizes**

Several prizes have already been awarded by The Press to boys working on the new premium for subscription plan. Premiums will continue to be awarded to any person willing to do a little easy work among his friends. You are permitted to have as many premiums as you can earn.

Among the prizes offered are air rifles, radios, dresses, boys' and girls' sport coats, shot guns, 22 rifles, footballs and silk stockings.

The Press' offer is not a contest. You do not have to get more subscriptions than some one else to win the prize you want. Drop in at this office for further details.

**URGES W. N. C. TO ADVERTISE**

**Rotary Speaker Suggests Publicity Campaign For Highway 28**

Speaking before the Franklin Rotary club at its weekly luncheon at the Scott Griffin hotel Wednesday, N. N. Beadles, vice president of the Asheville chamber of commerce, suggested that a publicity campaign for highway No. 28 be launched to attract more tourists to Franklin and other towns along this scenic mountain road.

Many people do not know of the mountain beauty of this section, Mr. Beadles said; if they did, they would want to come here. He expressed the opinion that one of the finest motor trips in Western North Carolina is from Asheville to Brevard, through the Sapphire country and Highlands to Franklin and thence back to Asheville by Sylva and Waynesville.

"We have many things in Western North Carolina that money won't buy," the speaker said, "but people won't know about them unless we tell them."

Comparing the mountain region with the low country of states farther south, he pointed out that here one is not pestered with mosquitoes, drinks water without fear of contamination and enjoys healthful climate and matchless scenery.

He urged that community jealousies be forgotten and that all of the towns of Western North Carolina join together in the rebuilding of the section.

**Baseball Scores**

**Cartoogechaye and Cowee May Play Series**

This Saturday's games will end the official Macon county baseball schedule for the year. This season has found Macon county baseball teams in a league and playing a regular schedule for the first time in the history of the county. Plans are already being developed to have a league for next year, with a longer schedule and an earlier beginning.

Games set for last Saturday were either forfeited or rained out, with only two of the teams in the league starting a scheduled game. Three of the teams failed to show up as the schedule required and later failed to make any plans for the play-off. West End and Cartoogechaye were rained out in a two inning start. This game was finished on Monday afternoon at West End. The game was well played and in doubt until the ninth inning, with the Cartoogechaye boys winning their second straight game from the West Enders—with a score of 5 to 4.

Team	Won	Lost	Avg.
Cartoogechaye	6	0	1000
Cowee	6	0	1000
Holly Springs	4	0	667
West End	4	0	667
Union	2	3	333
Highlands	1	5	167
Mountain Grove	1	5	167
Prentiss	1	5	167

**HIGHWAY ROUTE SPLITS COUNCIL**

**Rift Over Course No. 28 Is to Take Breaks Up Town Meeting**

**MAYOR TRIES TO QUIT**  
**Writes His Resignation, Councilmen Adjourn, Don't Accept It**

Disagreement about how automobiles should be parked on Main street and whether state highway No. 28 should be routed over Main street or Palmer street almost broke up the town council at its regular monthly meeting Monday night in town hall. A motion to adjourn, put while Mayor George Patton was writing his formal resignation, was railroaded through in time to save the council from disintegration. One member, T. W. Angel, Sr., had resigned before the meeting opened and been replaced by J. B. Pendergrass. Another member, J. S. Conley, had threatened to quit and others were showing signs that their jobs were none too tasteful to them.

When the meeting opened there was a delegation of 20 or 25 residents present with a request that the council approve the plan of the State Highway commission to switch No. 28 from Main street to Palmer street, which would be surfaced and extended from its intersection of the Georgia road through the gap back of the Nantahala Creamery to a point above George Bulgin's shop.

**The Mayor Protests**  
When the minutes were read it developed that J. S. Conley had called a special meeting of the council last week at which an amendment was adopted changing the Main street parking ordinance so as to require parking of automobiles next to and parallel to the curbs instead of diagonally in the center of the street. The mayor protested this action, declaring that he had not been properly notified of the meeting and was unable to attend on account of being engaged in court at the time. The minutes were disapproved, thereby nullifying the amendment to the parking ordinance.

Later, however, the same amendment was adopted.

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**Back to School**

**Franklin High Has 327; 375 in Grades**

The summer vacation ended, Franklin's public school opened Monday with 702 pupils enrolled. The registration was approximately the same as last year, with 327 listed in the high school and 375 in the elementary grades. A few more pupils are expected to enroll before the end of the week.

Three new teachers are on the faculty—R. R. Smithwick, of Warrenton; Miss Rosalie Morrow, of Statesville, and Miss Porter, of Franklin. Mr. Smithwick, a graduate of N. C. State College, will teach science in the high school and coach the various boys' athletic teams. Miss Morrow will have charge of the home economics department and Miss Porter will teach in the elementary grades.

**State Ready to Let Highway Contract; Veto New Route**

**Macon County Leads In Red Cross Work**

The Macon county Red Cross chapter, under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Kelly, has so far outdistanced other North Carolina chapters that Miss Kelly has been invited to tell how Macon does it in "The Red Cross Courier," national publication.

**4 JAIL BIRDS FLY THE COOP**

**Three Saw Way Out; Another, Courthouse Sweeper, Strolls Off**

Singing right heartily to drown the rasp of their saw, three youthful prisoners sawed their way out of the Macon county jail Monday afternoon, lit out through a cornfield and haven't been heard of since.

At about the same time, seventeen-year-old Lloyd Hampton, who'd been sentenced by Judge Sink to keep the courthouse clean for thirty days, walked calmly away and disappeared into the mountains.

**Between Walls**

The cell from which they escaped is on the second floor, with a window giving on an ancient warehouse. Warehouse and jail are only a few feet apart, so that the boys could brace themselves against the walls and slide down.

Sheriff Slagle was able to trace them to the banks of the Little Tennessee, where two crossed over. But all trails ended on the banks of the river.

Last April, three prisoners escaped by sawing out. They were Beldon Waldrop, 17, charged with the murder of his half-uncle; Roy Mason, sentenced to serve six months for housebreaking and larceny; and Bede Mack, charged with larceny. They were all captured.

In sentencing Hampton to his housecleaning job, Judge Sink warned him that if he escaped, he would catch him if he had to pay the expenses of the chase himself.

**Commissioners Intend to Start Work on No. 28 Early in October**

**DISPUTE CITY ROUTE**

**No Decision On Course it Will Follow Through Town of Franklin**

Ready to carry out its promise to complete the surfacing of highway No. 28 from Franklin to Murphy, the State Highway commission is planning to let contracts on the Franklin end of the project on September 15 and to start work early in October, according to information received in Franklin.

Charles Ross, attorney for the commission, came to Franklin Saturday and discussed the surfacing of this road with W. D. Barnard, chairman of the county commission. Mr. Barnard later said that Mr. Ross had informed him the highway commission intended to surface No. 28 all the way from Franklin to Hayesville and Murphy, the last unfinished link in the state's county-seat-to-county seat program, before July of next year, the time limit set by congress for the expenditure of emergency relief funds set aside for road construction work. The commission, Mr. Ross assured Mr. Barnard, does not wish further to delay surfacing No. 28 and expects to start work on the link from Franklin to Rainbow Springs, or at least to the foot of the Nantahala, by October 1. He did not state what type of surfacing would be used.

**Make New Survey**

It is expected that work will be started near the corporate limits and that the route will follow the present road most of the way, changes being made only where necessary to eliminate dangerous curves. A surveying crew under B. S. Marsh, of the Asheville office of the Highway Commission, started to work this week making a new survey of the road. This crew was sent in after considerable dissatisfaction was expressed with the route proposed in a map, based on a survey made in the spring, which was posted in the courthouse last month. A petition protesting against this route was signed by scores of residents along No. 28 west of Franklin but after the conference between Mr. Ross and Mr. Barnard last Saturday it was decided that it would be unnecessary to present this petition, as

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**Museum of Crime**

**Sheriff Collects Weapons Used by Killers**

The knife a wretched boy used to stab his half-uncle, the battered buckshot Tom Paine fired into the body of Willie Passmore and the tough hickory stick a man used to beat his wife—these are the prize exhibits in Sheriff A. B. Slagle's little crime museum at Macon County courthouse. The Sheriff's relics are all in the big safe and are not for casual visitors to see, like the collection of copper stills in a corner of the office.

One of the exhibits Sheriff Slagle wanted was the gun Tom Paine used, which was an exhibit in Paine's recent trial, but Judge Sink decreed that the weapon be returned to the Passmores.

Another exhibit is the letter Mary Jane Gibson, 19-year-old negress, was writing when 63-year-old Bill Crump killed her with a shotgun. The last word she wrote trailed off into a scrawl as the bullets struck her. One of the shots pierced the paper.

Judging from the collection, knives are the favorite weapons of the Macon scrapping set. Several battered frog stickers, with bloody records, are in the Sheriff's safe.

**FAMILY REUNION**

The Cabe family reunion will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Cabe Sunday, Sept. 11, instead of Sept. 10 as was stated in last week's Press.

**Uncle Jake Cloer's Beauty Outshone a Bright Red Sash**

(Editor's Note: Our Tongue-in-the-Cheek editor, Mr. Edwards, was chagrined last week to learn that several cynical readers doubted the veracity of his fish yarn, in which he related how C. M. Moore and a 30-foot boat were swallowed by a fish. Mr. Edwards' story this week will stand the acid test; in fact, it has become one of the legends of Macon county.)

**BY JOHN W. EDWARDS**

Uncle Jake Cloer, who wears a bale of beard which is beginning to show the touch of age and which reaches far down toward the waist line, was talking to John H. Thomas one afternoon, not so very long ago. This talk became heated, and the men were using their hands and arms freely, as I happened to amble by on my way to the main street of the metropolis of Macon county. Having found a sale for a few news items, I entered upon the stage. It was not mere curiosity, nor the great love for a little

copy, but when I approached, it began to look as if Brother Thomas was so wrought up about something that he was making threats as if to strike Uncle Jake. In fact it seemed as if reason had fled Brother Thomas' mind.

The nearer I approached the harder my knees would rap each other—I'll admit I was scared. But far be it from me to stand idle by and see an old man struck down in a street brawl, by a husky giant many years Uncle Jake's junior.

Imagine my humiliation, my antipathy, when I found that the quarrel was over their facial beauty.

First Uncle Jake would say, "I am the best looking."

"Taint so, neither, I am by far the best looking gentleman," replied Brother Thomas, getting white with heat.

I was so shocked that I didn't care much if they did fight. Be-

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