

It Happened This Week

'As Maine Goes . . .
Corn for Fuel
More Relief Plans
Tammany Declares

Maine Goes Democratic

"As Maine goes, so goes the Nation," and Maine went Democratic this week for the first time since 1914. A Republican machine, built up through 18 years of power in office holding, went into the discard as Democrats elected Louis J. Brann Governor and won two of the three seats in Congress.

President Hoover sent a telegram to Everett Sanders, G. O. P. national chairman, saying that the result of this election "imposes need for renewed and stronger efforts that the people may fully understand the issues at stake." Governor Roosevelt, speeding West on a speaking tour, called the result "all for the good."

Corn to Burn

Corn is so cheap in Nebraska that Colfax county commissioners have decided to burn it for fuel in 63 public buildings. They pay \$8 a ton for corn, \$12 for coal.

Army of Criminals

One-fourth of the Bonus Army had criminal records and 877 weren't ex-service men at all, Attorney General Mitchell reported to President Hoover this week. Communists promoted the march to Washington, he said. It was "the largest aggregation of criminals that had ever been assembled in the city at one time," he declared. President Hoover said that the report would correct many mistakes, but that "we must take into consideration the many law-abiding men who came with full right to present their views to Congress."

Plan Relief Program

A national assembly to plan unemployment relief work will convene at Washington today. President Hoover and Newton D. Baker will speak.

Bandits Attack Consul

Bandits wrecked a train in Manchuria Sunday, killed 100, robbed 600. Another band attacked and robbed U. S. Consul General George C. Hanson on a golf course.

Winston-Salem Strike

Around 200 employees of the Hanes hosiery mill, Winston-Salem, went on strike last week when requests for wage increases were denied. Strikers claim wages have been lowered 53 1-2 per cent since last year.

\$200,000,000 Fund

The President last week ordered a \$200,000,000 increase in federal funds for construction projects, as a further attack on unemployment problems.

Tammany in the Fold

"Active and loyal support" of Roosevelt's candidacy was pledged at last week's New York state Democratic meeting, by John F. Curry for Tammany Hall, New York city organization which Curry heads.

Dry Leader Disappears

Col. Raymond Robbins, outspoken prohibitionist, has disappeared. Alarm was taken when he failed to arrive at the White House last week for a scheduled conference with the President. From Maine, his wife expressed fear he may have been the victim of bootleggers.

15 Pass Exams

Now These Students Can Go to High School

Fifteen Macon county boys and girls passed the examinations given on September 3, and are now eligible to enter high school. The students are:

- Slagle: Alice Lewis and Harold Enloe.
- Oak Grove: Grace Bradley.
- Otto: Sherrill Henson.
- Rainbow Springs: Earl Cuthbertson, and Grace Gillard.
- Watauga: Stella May Carter.
- Oak Ridge: Maude Saunders.
- Higdonville: Bill Higdon.
- Salem: Marion Bryson.
- Hickory Knoll: Bill Conley.
- Morgan: Estelle Carnea.
- Iotta: Robert Fouts.
- Cowee: Wheeler Morrison.
- Franklin: May Freeman.

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COUNCIL FACES POWER CRISIS

Utilities Wants Adjustment On 'Frozen' Surety Bond

CONFERENCE ASKED \$13,250 in Interest and Principal Due Soon On Bonds

Mayor George Patton announced Wednesday that officials of the East Coast Utilities Co., holding corporation operating the Western Carolina Power and Light Co., had requested a conference with the town council on September 19 which probably would decide whether the utilities company would continue operating the Franklin power plant or turn it back on the town.

Mayor Patton explained that on October 1 \$13,250 would be due on bonds issued by the town for building the hydro-electric project. Five thousand dollars of this will be due on principal and \$8,250 on interest.

Protection Bond Frozen

The East Coast Utilities and its parent company, the Empire Utilities Corporation, are now in receivership. When they failed some months ago, the town's protection bond, put up by the utilities concerns when they purchased the Franklin power plant, was tied up by failure of a Cleveland bank. This bond amounted to about \$73,000. Mayor Patton and George Dean, town clerk, went to Cleveland and managed to get \$23,000 in cash out of this bond and had it transferred to a New York bank.

The remainder of the bond, which is supposed to protect the town of Franklin in event the utilities concern should fail to live up to its contract, is still frozen. In a long distance telephone conversation, with O. G. Martino, of Richmond, vice-president of the East Coast Utilities, Mayor Patton said he was informed that the utilities company was contemplating turning the power plant back to the town unless certain adjustments could be made concerning that part of the forfeiture bond still tied up in Cleveland.

J. Homer Bowles, local manager of the Western Carolina Utilities, said the company had cash on hand to meet the October bond payments, but was hesitant about paying out this money until it could be assured that the town council would not bring suit to force replacement of the frozen surety bond or to recover the property.

"Sandy" Graham To Speak Here

"Sandy" A. H. Graham, of Hillsboro, who is the Democratic candidate for Lieut. Governor, will address the Democratic voters of Macon county in the courthouse on Saturday afternoon, September 17, at 2:30 o'clock. Saturday evening, at 8 o'clock, he will speak at the Highlands school house. Mr. Graham's appearances are sponsored by the Young Peoples Democratic Club.

250 Attend Higdon Family Reunion

Approximately 250 persons attended the Higdon reunion at the home of Mrs. Harriett Higdon in Ellijay yesterday.

This reunion is held annually in honor of the late Major William Higdon. Major Higdon was only 12 years old when he first came to Macon county from Burke, and was among the first settlers in the Ellijay community, where he lived for 50 years.

Short talks were made by the Rev. A. S. Solesbee, Baptist minister, and by the Rev. H. C. Freeman, pastor of the Franklin circuit. Thanks were returned by Thomas Gribble of Sylva.

A sumptuous picnic dinner was served on the lawn.

To Serve Lunches To School Children

Hot lunches to teachers and children will be sold this year by Mrs. Mary Davis of the Frank Williams farm on the Georgia road. She would like to know the names, ages and menus served at home of children who expect to be served.

Edgecombe county farmers have sold \$18,870.46 worth of livestock and poultry through their local livestock association during the past year.

Federal Judge Gets Shippers' Agreement

An agreement signed by practically all of the shippers and freight consignees of Franklin to use the Tallulah Falls Railway in preference to motor bus lines has been forwarded to Judge Underwood of the United States district court for northern Georgia, who has supervision over the receivership of the line.

The agreement is now effective, it was pointed out yesterday by the local committee directing efforts to insure continued operation of the "T.F." and all persons and firms which signed it will be expected to comply with its provisions. Their refusal to use the railroad as much as possible, it was stated, would be interpreted as bad faith and might retard the movement to maintain rail service for Franklin.

Revenues of the line have increased during the last month or so at the rate of \$25,000 a year, J. F. Gray, receiver, is quoted as having reported.

EDWARDS GETS DISTRICT JOB

Named Vice-Chairman for Thirteen Counties by Young Democrats

John W. Edwards, of Franklin, president and moving spirit of Macon County's Young Peoples Democratic Club, was elevated to the office of second vice-chairman of the Eleventh Congressional district, comprising 13 counties, at a business meeting of the county clubs after the Democratic banquet in Bryson City Saturday evening.

Mr. Edwards received as many votes as the combined total of the other two candidates for the office. The offices of vice-chairman were created at the request of D. D. Alley, chairman, who said he had found work in the district has increased so rapidly that the job was beyond the capacity of one man. When the North Carolina Young People Club was organized in Raleigh, Mr. Alley and a young woman from Rutherford were appointed chairman and vice-chairman, respectively.

Frank I. Murray, clerk of the Macon county court, nominated Mr. Edwards. His opponent was Dan Thompkins, publisher and attorney of Sylva. F. I. Cox, of Asheville, was elected third vice-chairman.

Fifteen members of the Franklin Democratic Club attended the banquet at Bryson City. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Grady Owens, Miss Florence Stalcup, Miss Elizabeth Slagle, Miss Nannie Potts, Miss Ruth Slagle, Frank I. Murray, Robert A. Patton, James Hausler, Harley Cane, Frank Norton, and Mr. and Mrs. John W. Edwards.

About 300 Democrats attended the banquet. They heard the guest of honor, Robert R. Reynolds of Asheville, candidate for the U. S. Senate.

"I am not for the return of the saloon," Mr. Reynolds said. "Neither am I in favor of whiskey. My fight is for temperance. I am opposed to the Eighteenth Amendment, for I know that today, Prohibition has placed liquor in the hands of big business, with more crime than ever before. As for temperance, we don't have it."

Mr. Reynolds was greeted by cheers which lasted for more than five minutes.

The Saga of Charlie Blaine's Big Hunt, Or How Four Fat Squirrels Bit the Dust

BY JOHN W. EDWARDS

Mighty hunter, Charlie L. Blaine, now, is a great lover of the hunt, and would have made a fit companion for Diana the Goddess of Hunting. The taste, of choice, juicy squirrel had made it very unhealthful for the chickens; for over three weeks he had read of the opening of the squirrel season, before it finally opened on September the first, and for over three weeks it had required a fried chicken daily to keep this taste satisfied.

The trusty double barrel 12 gauge shot gun had been oiled for the last week of the closed season daily. He had loaded and re-loaded the small cannon so often that the once bright, shiny, red

ROTARIANS O. K. HIGHWAY PLAN

Franklin Business Group Indorses Program of Park Committee

ASK WORK ON NO. 288

Suggest Elimination of Sharp Curves on This State Highway

The Franklin Rotary Club voted its approval Wednesday of the program of highway improvements proposed by the Western North Carolina Committee for the Development of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and of Approaches thereto. This program, drawn up at a meeting of the committee recently held in Waynesville, embraces a recommendation for the improvement of state highway No. 286 from Franklin to Bryson City, mainly by elimination of sharp curves.

Franklin was represented at the meeting of the committee in Waynesville by W. N. Sloan, who as an engineer for the government surveyed much of the area in the Smoky Mountain park.

Park Officials' Plan

The committee endorsed the tentative plan of park officials for road development within the park, which, briefly, consists of the following projects:

(a) Construction of a skyline road from Socco Gap along the crest of the Balsam Mountain, to Mount Sterling and thence to state highway No. 284.

(b) Construction of a road from Bryson City to, up Deep Creek, to the Bryson place.

(c) Construction of a road from Ravensford up Straight Fork, through Pin Oak Gap, and thence down Cataloochee creek to state highway No. 284.

(d) Construction of a sky-line road along the crest of the Smokies from Newfound Gap to Deal's Gap.

Changes Suggested

A few minor changes were suggested in this program of intrapark development.

The program outlined by the committee for the development of roads leading to the park follows:

(a) That state highways No. 107 and No. 112 be completed before the summer of 1933.

(b) That state highway No. 293 be constructed at an early date from Delwood to Cherokee.

(c) That the State Highway Commission adopt the following projects to be undertaken in the following order:

(1) Grading and paving of state highway No. 106 from Cashiers Valley to Sylva.

(2) Widening and surfacing of state highway No. 284 from Brevard to the Tennessee line, especially that portion of the highway through the Pisgah National Forest.

(3) Improving state highway No. 286 from Franklin to Bryson City, principally by eliminating sharp curves.

(4) Construction of a road from Balsam Gap to Socco Gap via the old Hood road.

Want 288 on Tuckaseegee

The committee also urged retention of the temporary state highway, No. 288, from Bryson City along the west side of the Tuckaseegee and Little Tennessee rivers to Deal's Gap, and the widening and beautifying of highway No. 10 west of Asheville.

It has been reported that the

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438 Sign Petition Favoring Palmer Street for Routing Highway 28 Through Town

Bryson Replies to Stockton, Says He Runs Deeds Office At Less than G. O. P. Offer

C. Tom Bryson, Register of Deeds, and Democratic nominee for re-election, replied this week to his Republican opponent, C. B. Stockton, who declared last week in a letter to the editor of The Press that he considered the appropriations for the Register of Deeds office outrageous.

Mr. Stockton, criticizing the \$3,100.00 appropriation, offered to do the work for \$1,820.00. Mr. Bryson, in reply, said that when the county budget is made out, it does not necessarily mean that the total appropriation must be spent. His figures show that he has been filling the office for \$45 less than Mr. Stockton's offer.

Mr. Bryson's statement follows: "I wish to say a few words in reply to a statement which was published in your paper last week. "When the county budget is made out, it does not necessarily mean that the total appropriation must be spent. In reference to appro-

priation made to Clerk Board of Commissioners, there was an appropriation of \$600.00 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1932. The amount of \$282.40 was spent, saving from the appropriation \$317.60. The amount \$282.40 includes money advanced for postage on county correspondence, money advanced for long distance telephone calls for County Commissioners and Sheriff's department. As Clerk to Board I received not more than \$75.00. It seems that my opponent is asking for \$45.00 more than I received as Clerk to the Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1932.

"In regard to an appropriation made for computing taxes and tax listing, I will say that the \$2,000.00 appropriation made, must include pay for tax listing and taking farm census, which amounts to about \$400.00. Tax supplies \$300.00, leaving the sum of \$1,300.00 for computing taxes. From the 1931-32 (Continued on page six)

GOV. ROOSEVELT THANKS MACON

Expresses Appreciation for Work Done by Young Democratic Clubs

Appreciation of campaign work done by the Young Peoples Democratic Clubs of Macon county was expressed by Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt this week in a letter to John W. Edwards, president of the Macon county organization and vice-chairman of the eleventh congressional district.

From the Executive Mansion, Albany, N. Y., Governor Roosevelt wrote: "Will you not convey to the Democratic Young People's Club of Macon county my appreciation of the fine work they are doing in behalf of the Democratic party and myself?"

"The splendid principles and ideals of our party have been so clearly crystallized in the present campaign that the young people of the country must surely feel inspired to work wholeheartedly for a Democratic victory this fall.

"I am asking the campaign publicity committee to send you some literature and buttons. If you will keep in touch with Mr. Roper at the National Campaign Headquarters, 331 Madison Avenue, New York City, he will be glad to cooperate with you in every way, and will send you campaign material from time to time as you need it.

"Yours very sincerely, "FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT."

Fred McNeill and W. H. Profit of Wilkes county will build trench silos for providing succulent feed for their dairy cows this winter.

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LIST 300 HEAD IN CATTLE SALE

60 Macon County Breeders To Offer Animals in Auction Sept. 21

Sixty Macon County farmers have listed 300 head of cattle for the cooperative sale to be held at the depot Wednesday morning, Sept. 21, according to Fred S. Sloan, county agent. The number will be larger by Saturday, the last day of listing, Mr. Sloan believes. Last year, 169 head were sold.

Cattle from all grades, from calves to grown cows will be sold. Interest in the sale has been shown by farmers from all parts of the county and many inquiries have been received from prospective buyers.

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Higdonville Democrats Organize Club

A Democratic Club was organized at Higdonville school house, Friday evening with W. H. Henry chairman and Miss Annie Moore, vice-chairman. The next meeting will be held tomorrow evening, September 16, with Sam J. Murray, of Franklin, one of the principal speakers.

On Friday evening, Holly Springs has its weekly meeting. This meeting will have a special program of string music, speaking by Frank I. Murray and others.

All the other clubs are meeting regularly and reporting large crowds present for the meetings and plenty of Democratic pep is being shown.

Organize Baptist Singing Society

A singing society was organized Sunday, Sept. 11, at the Cowee Baptist church. Walter Dalton was elected president, and Marie Morgan, secretary and treasurer.

This society will meet monthly in the Cowee district which includes the following churches: Liberty, Oak Grove, Franklin, Cowee, Tellico, Iotta, Burningtown, Stiles and Snow Hill.

A leader will be expected from each church, and will lead two songs at the monthly meetings.

The next meeting will be held at the Cowee Baptist church, Sunday, October 2, promptly at 2 o'clock.

Howard Wilkie Elected To College Council

Howard Wilkie of Franklin has been elected a member of the student government organization at Weaver College. The duty of the student council is to maintain order in Skinner hall, the boys' dormitory. College officials believe that self government will train students to be good citizens.

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.

Council Still Deadlocked As 3 Members Won't Attend Meetings

CONTRACT DELAYED No. 28 Not Included in List of Lettings Scheduled for Today

The town council is still deadlocked over the routing of State Highway 28 through Franklin, but three members of the council and the mayor have signed a petition to the State Highway Commission urging location of this highway over Palmer street, and an extension westward through the gap back of the Nantahala Creamery. Another petition favoring the Palmer street route has been signed by 438 persons, 395 of them residents of the town. The other 43 names are those of persons living outside the corporate limits but employed or doing business inside Franklin.

The councilmen's petition bears the signatures of Rans Penland, J. B. Pendergrass, Dr. J. H. Fouts and Mayor George Patton. This group of councilmen decided on this means of expressing their opinion after they had failed to get a quorum at two called meetings of the board last week.

Three Fail to Attend

Mayor Patton called another meeting of the council for 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon but again a quorum was lacking. Those not present were J. M. Moore, Mark Dowdle, and J. S. Conley.

Mayor Patton said all three of these men had been served with formal notice of the meeting by Police Chief R. F. Henry. Two of them, Dowdle and Conley, he added, had been informed that a very important matter besides the highway question was to be considered. This concerned principle and interest payments due October 1 on bonds for Franklin's power plant, now operated by Western Carolina Utilities, Inc. Leaders of the group favoring the Palmer street location for highway No. 28 are planning to send a delegation to Raleigh in a few days to present the petition signed by residents. They claim that the 438 signers represented a large majority of the voters in the town of Franklin, which has a registration of 484.

The Petition

Following is a copy of this petition:

"To the State Highway Commission of North Carolina:

"The undersigned citizens and property owners of the town of Franklin, believing it to be the best interest of the town of Franklin and the public at large, respectfully request that the Highway No. 28 through Franklin be located by way of Palmer street and extension thereof westward through the gap south of the Nantahala Creamery."

Contract Delayed

Contracts on a number of road projects are scheduled for letting by the Highway Commission today, (Continued on page six)

Football Starts

High School Practising Under State Coach

Thud of the pigskin and staccato call of signals resounded Monday on the football field as Franklin High School's young gridders turned out for first practise this season.

They are coached this year by R. R. Smithwick of Warrenton, State College graduate.

Old timers back in the game are Hilton Calloway, Avery Cane, Ralph Angel, Joe Dowdle, John Cunningham, Charles Davis, Jimmie McCollum, Ralph Freeman, and Jim Cunningham. Some of the new comers are: E. Angle, Hurst, Hunter, Horsley, B. Cunningham, Henry, Palmer, Williams, Tessier, Curtis, H. Stewart, Potts, H. Cane, Ammons, Perry, Jamison and V. Fouts.

The schedule will be made in the near future, with about nine games to be played.