

# It Happened This Week

No Sauce for Gandhi  
The Legion Elects  
New N. C. Roads  
Smith to Speak

## Gandhi Refuses to Eat

Skinny Mahatma Gandhi, India's great little man, ate heartily of fruit, bread and milk Tuesday and then, laughing and joking, started his hunger strike, which he declares will last until he dies or until England revises the Indian electoral system according to his ideas. Gandhi is technically a free man, but he has elected to stay in jail.

## Garner's Mother Dies

Mrs. Sarah Jane Garner, who wanted to live to see her son vice-president of the United States, died at her Texas home Tuesday. Her son John, Speaker of the House, arrived Sunday.

## Smith May Talk

Al Smith's provocative silence will end on October 3, friends say, when he attends the Democratic state convention in N. Y. Al hasn't said anything about politics since Roosevelt was nominated.

## Strikers Quit Striking

About 700 silk mill strikers went back to work in High Point Monday, but 500 are still idle.

## N. C. Deficit a Million

General, highway and agricultural expenditures of the state all exceeded receipts. The State ended the last fiscal year with a net deficit of \$1,019,322 in operating expenses. Expenditures totaled \$53,327,718 and receipts were \$52,308,396.

## College Library Burns

Damage of \$25,000 or more was done by a September 15 fire to the library of the Woman's college of the state university, Greensboro. The 100,000 books were not touched by fire but suffered an undetermined damage from water. Origin of the fire is not known. It was discovered at 3 A. M.

## Open Road Bids

Bids were received last week by the state highway commission for 12 road projects totalling 105 miles. Low bids aggregated \$427,000. The funds were part of the federal relief appropriation. The commission approved the contracts on Friday and announced bids for \$200,000 will be opened September 29 and \$900,000 on October 18.

## Legion Picks Virginian

Louis A. Johnson, Clarksburg, W. Va., but a native of Roanoke, Va., was picked Thursday by the American Legion, in national convention at Portland, Ore., as commander. The Legion voted 1,167 to 109 for immediate payment of the bonus. Mrs. A. S. Blackburn, Versailles, Ky., was made president of the national woman's auxiliary to the Legion.

## Russell Beats Crisp

Georgia's Governor Russell last week won the Democratic senatorial nomination over Congressman Charles R. Crisp by a big majority.

## Leaves Arms Meet

Germany will not take part in the forthcoming international disarmament conference, he announced last week. It is regarded a further move of the government to obtain the right to equal arms with other nations.

## His Pants Stolen

## Daves Accuses Girl and Boy Friend

Charges of larceny and of receiving stolen goods against Ted Stockton and a girl who gave her name as Mrs. Paul Checks were continued yesterday by Justice of the Peace George Carpenter until 2 p. m. today.

Stockton and Mrs. Checks are accused of having stolen from between \$150 and \$200 from the home of Matt Daves. Mrs. Checks, it is charged, talked to Mr. Daves and induced him to let them enter the house. Then, it is alleged, the pair stole the money from Mr. Daves' trousers.

Stockton was arrested by Sheriff Slagle at Hickory Knoll and Mrs. Checks was apprehended at Prentiss.

During the preliminary hearing yesterday before Justice Carpenter, the courtroom was crowded almost to capacity while the lawyers argued technical points.

Mrs. Checks, a handsome blonde, was nonchalant during the hearing, apparently interested mostly in her chewing gum.

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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.

\$1.50 PER YEAR

# HIGHWAY DEADLOCK ENDED

## CATTLE AUCTION SELLS 222 HEAD

Macon Farmers Get 2 1/2 to 2 3/4 Cents Per Pound For Livestock

## SCRUBS SELL CHEAP

County Agent Sees Better Sires and Pastures Needed Here

Approximately six carloads, or 222 head of Macon county cattle were sold and prices averaging between 2 1/2 to 2 3/4 cents a pound at the auction held Wednesday at the Franklin depot under the direction of Fred Sloan, county agent.

Some of the fatter beefs brought as high as 4 cents and there were instances where cattle sold as low as 1 cent.

Prices paid to Macon county farmers varied widely from Chicago livestock quotations yesterday. Heifers from 550 to 850 pounds brought 6 to 8 1/2 cents; cows, 3 1/2 to 4 1/2; beef bulls from 3 1/2 to 5 cents. But as one breeder remarked, "This is a long way from Chicago."

## Need Better Sires

County Agent Sloan, who weighed the cattle as the sellers brought them up for inspection, said that the low prices offered proved conclusively Macon county's imperative need of pure bred sires and better pasturage. He said that if the breed had been better and the cattle fatter, they would have brought 1 1/2 to 2 cents a pound more.

Several farmers, disappointed by the low prices, drove their herds home without making a sale.

## The Buyers

Among the purchasers were the White Provision Co., of Atlanta, which took a carload, paying \$582.37; A. V. Johnson, of Moultrie, Ga., who took a car at \$462; and Swift & Co., also of Moultrie, which took a car.

## Five Couples Wed in Clayton

Five Franklin couples were married in Clayton, Ga., over the weekend. They were: Miss Hazel Vinson to John B. Carpenter, on Saturday. Miss Emma Hyatt to Clyde McClain, on Saturday. Miss Geneva Tallent to Doyle Rayland, on Monday. Miss Buena Cabe to Sam Hall, on Monday. Miss Dovie Gladwell to Charles Williams, on Friday.

## Hand-made Buckskin Shoes His Answer to Hard Times

BY SARAH-HICKS HINES  
Cal Speed of Shortoff Mountain has thumbed his nose at depression with a pair of hand-made buckskin shoes. These comfortable shoes are not only hand-tanned, and hand-sewn, but they are fastened to the soles with hand carved soft-maple pegs and the work was done with home-made tools. Even the last upon which the shoes were made was carved by hand some forty-five years ago.

The brogans are made of deer skin, given an Indian tan, soaked in water for the sake of flexibility. The buck which laid down his life, for the sake of these shoes, was slain the year of the Armistice in these mountains by Fayette Speed of this town. The beautiful buckskin has been kept all these years for the express purpose of making a pair of shoes, explained the veteran shoemaker. The inside of the shoes are made comfortable with slip in soles of cow hide with the hair right side up. The uppers

## Old Men Angrily Decline Invitation to Be Drowned; Defend Patriarchal Wisdom

The two editors of The Press, whose combined years are 58, have been ducking down side alleys ever since that editorial entitled "Drown the Old Men" appeared. It seems there are any number of vigorous seventy and eighty year olds who took umbrage that such mere pups of 30 and 28 should blame them for all the evils of the world and consign them, therefore, to summary drownings in sacks.

Blackburn W. Johnson, the 30-year-old one, was assailed by several septuagenarians in the courthouse last Saturday. Cameron Shipp, the mere pup of 28, left town and is said to be trying to grow a beard.

Numbers of letters on the "Drown the Old Men" editorial have been received, but the most entertaining is a scorching epistle from T. G. Harbison of Highlands. Says Old Man Harbison:

"On last Thursday I took breakfast at Gatlinburg, Tenn., and sup-

per at Dillsboro, N. C. In the meantime I hiked from Newfound Gap to the top of Clingman's Dome and back without drinking a drop of water or eating any dinner. I was not in the least tired, hungry or thirsty, yet according to one of your suggestions it would have been better for the world if I had been drowned in a sack twenty years ago. Perhaps so, but why? I pick two other men whose ages are practically the same as mine, Nicholas Murray Butler and Charles Evans Hughes. These men are a few days older than I am but our ages are so nearly the same that we would have been much interested to learn just how you would explain and illustrate the advantage or benefit to the world had Charley, Nick and your humble servant been drowned in a sack twenty years ago. I dare say it would not be hard to find a number of persons

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## COWEE'S NINE COPS PENNANT

Cartoogechaye Bows 8 to 3, Ending Hopes of County Series

The game of last Saturday afternoon at Franklin between Cartoogechaye and Cowee ended all hopes of a county series when Cowee won by the score of 8 to 3. This game had its thrills: Harry Bryson, of Cowee, knocked a home run. A batting record is claimed for Bryson this season—he hasn't fanned at the bat for the season.

Cowee is the winner of the pennant for 1932. The Cowee boys won the first half of the schedule by a one-game win from West End, after the Holly Springs boys had beaten them. They won the second half of the schedule by the Saturday game. But Cowee had to fight all the way to win the championship; for though they won both the first and second half of the schedule, they earned the pennant by a one game margin.

## Plan Next Year's Games

Plans are being made to organize a league for the coming year. Many changes will be made in the rules, from experience gained this year. A call meeting has been set for Tuesday evening, Sept. 27, at the courthouse at Franklin. At this meeting all communities that want to get in the league must be represented. A president for the coming season will be elected.

By reorganizing at this time for 1933, the season will open earlier, and there will be more games. The meeting has been called to open at 7:30 p. m.

## 'SANDY' GRAHAM SLAPS POLITICS

Candidate Says U. S. Needs Better Governing, Less Office-Grabbing

"I want to preach better government, instead of politics," A. H. ("Sandy") Graham, Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor, told a large audience in the courthouse Saturday afternoon. "Government for the past twelve years has been run in the interests of big business. Ninety per cent of the wealth has fallen into the hands of four per cent of the people. Officials have promoted selfish aims rather than the good of the people, and in many instances, with Chicago as a black example, we have rackets instead of government."

More interest by the people in their government, Mr. Graham said, is the antidote for this state of affairs.

"I had rather see a man or woman vote the Republican ticket than not vote at all," he said. "The government needs the voice of the people."

## G. O. P. Saves Its Face

Hitting at the G. O. P., Mr. Graham said that Herbert Hoover got the nomination simply because he had not given it to him would have been to admit the Republican party's failure.

"Andrew Mellon was Secretary of the Treasury for many years while he was still in private business," he declared. "He got enticed a return law on income tax, and then companies he was interested in received a rebate of more than \$48,000,000."

Mr. and Mrs. Graham have become honor members of the Young People's Democratic Club of Macon county, which now has about 300 members.

The speaker was introduced by Blackburn W. Johnson, editor and publisher of The Franklin Press, who predicted that he would one day become Governor of North Carolina.

## Bell on Mission

Life Abundant Director Not Sure of Return

The Rev. Robert B. H. Bell, director of the Life Abundant Center at Rogers Hall, left Franklin this week to begin a series of mission services in Asheville, Greensboro, Cordele, Columbus, Charleston, Baltimore and Bloomington, Ind. Mrs. Bell, who is still in Franklin, will join him in a few weeks.

The Center will remain open under the direction of Mrs. Clyde Chase of West Palm Beach, who during the summer has acted as hostess and director of diet.

A good season has been enjoyed at Rogers Hall, but Mr. Bell was not certain when he left that he would return to Franklin next year.

## HOLD PARLEYS ON POWER PLAN

Tentative Agreement with Utilities Reached By Council

## SHOWDOWN OCT. 1

Plant Will Come Back on Town if Empire Fails To Pay Bonds

A series of conferences between officials of the Town of Franklin and representatives of the interests which control the Northwest Carolina Utilities, Inc., operators of the local plant, ended Wednesday afternoon in a tentative agreement under which:

Receivers for the Empire Public Service Corporation, holding corporation controlling utilities plants in various sections of the country, will pay \$13,250 principal and interest due the Central Hanover Bank and Trust company, of New York, on October 1, on bonds issued by the town of Franklin.

## Authorize Law Suit

The Town of Franklin authorizes legal action to collect \$50,000 frozen in the Standard Trust Bank of Cleveland, Ohio, from the bank's bonding company, attorneys' fees not to exceed \$4,000 to be paid out of the amount recovered. This \$50,000 is held in a joint account for the Town of Franklin and the Empire Public Service Corporation as a surety bond guaranteeing fulfillment of the original contract for the sale of Franklin's municipal power plant to Jupollo Public Service company. Jupollo transferred the property to the Empire interests, which control the Northwest Carolina Utilities.

Should the Empire reject the tentative agreement and fail to meet the bond payments due October 1, the local power plant will automatically revert to the town, which also could claim the surety bond held by the Central Hanover Bank in New York and the insolvent Standard Trust Bank of Cleveland.

## To Invest Deposit

The Town of Franklin authorizes the payment of \$391.43 to Harold T. Clark, Cleveland attorney, as half of the fee charged by Mr. Clark for his services in obtaining a part settlement of the frozen surety bond in the Standard Trust Bank of Cleveland. Shortly after the bank failed last December Mayor George Patton and George Dean, town clerk, went to Cleveland and with the assistance of Mr. Clark, succeeded in getting \$23,375 from the bank, which was then deposited in the Central Hanover Bank of New York. The total of the surety deposit in Cleveland was \$73,375, amounting to one-fourth of the bonds outstanding on Franklin's power project.

## Refuses Contract

The town of Franklin authorizes the Central Hanover Bank, trustee, to invest the surety deposit it now

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## Compromise Plan Adopted by Board; 28 On Palmer St.

## Ministers Ask Stores Close During Services

A resolution requesting that owners of all places of business in Franklin close their doors during church hours on Sundays was passed by the Franklin Ministerial Association at a meeting in the Methodist church Thursday morning of last week.

Ministers present were J. A. Flanagan, N. C. Duncan, O. P. Ader and E. R. Eller.

This action was taken, a member of the association said, at the request of numbers of employees who would like to attend church but have been prevented on account of working hours.

Special messages on temperance will be preached in the local churches soon, the association agreed.

## Both Sides Agree on Plan For No. 285 to Run Through Main St.

## NEW TRAFFIC LAW

## Pass Ordinance Prohibiting Parking in Middle of the Street

The Palmer street and Main street factions of the town council compromised their differences Monday night and adopted by unanimous vote a resolution approving the present routing of Highway No. 285 over Main street and the proposed routing of Highway No. 28 over Palmer street and an extension through the gap in the rear of the Nantahala Creamery.

The council also passed an ordinance providing for the parking of automobiles on the sides instead of in the center of Main street.

The compromise brought an amicable end to what had appeared would be the worst controversy in which the town of Franklin has been embroiled since the dispute over municipal operation of the power plant. The agreement was brought about largely through the efforts of J. E. Lancaster.

Grading and Surfacing  
Local differences having been settled, it is thought likely that the State Highway Commission, when it lets contract next month for the surfacing of No. 28 west of Franklin, will also include the grading and surfacing of this highway through Franklin. Chairman E. B. Jeffress of the commission has announced that he plans to let a contract on this project, between October 10 and 20. The work, to be financed with money from the federal emergency relief fund, is expected to give employment to hundreds of local men.

Parking Ordinance  
At the same meeting, the council passed an ordinance putting an end to parking in the middle of Main street and making other traffic regulations. The ordinance is as follows: Section One. That Section One of the Ordinance for June 6, 1927, relative to parking on Main Street be amended to read as follows: "That no car shall be parked on Main Street between a point on East Main Street directly in front of Alex Moore's front gate and a point directly in front of the line between the present T. J. Johnston and Sam L. Franks or Wurst lot on West Main Street except on the side of the Street as indicated by a mark or line shown thereon. No car shall be parked on that part of Main Street which runs

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John Dryman Dies  
Prominent Scaly Citizen Succumbs at 76

John M. Dryman 76, of Scaly, died Friday morning, Sept. 16.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Scaly Methodist church with the Rev. Mr. Hovis, pastor of the Highlands Methodist church, having charge of the services.

Mr. Dryman is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Mary Jones of Atlanta, Ga., and four sons, the Rev. Fred O. Dryman, pastor of the Methodist church at Clyde, Haywood county, Earl and Ray, of Scaly, and Rdy of Greenville, S. C.; six brothers, James of Franklin, George, William and Jake, of Otto; Ed of Waltham, S. C., and Charles, of Tennessee.

Mr. Dryman was a prominent citizen of Scaly and was a devoted member and worker in the church. The building of the Methodist church was partly due to his efforts.

## Dog Kills Seventeen Sheep; Two Mules Die In Barn Fire

A sheep-killing cur invaded the pasture of Sheriff A. B. Slagle, six miles west of Franklin, Sunday night and satisfied his lust for blood by slashing the throats of 17 fat sheep. Another sheep was found in the morning with a broken leg and had to be killed.

No one heard the bleatings that must have come from the murdered sheep, and the Sheriff was able to find no clues to aid him in tracing the owner of the dog. He has about 55 head of sheep in two pastures on his farm, where he has a caretaker in-charge.

Any kind of dog big enough may become a sheep killer. In rare instances, such dogs will gorge themselves on the carcasses of sheep they have killed, but in most cases, they kill for the mere pleasure of playing something, running from sheep to sheep, slashing at their throats.

Once a dog has enjoyed the taste of fresh blood, he is dangerous from then on. A visitor at Sheriff Slagle's office Wednesday recalled the peculiar case of a hound that deserted a fox hunt when close on the heels of the varmit, dashed into a sheep pasture, killed several sheep, and then took up the trail of the fox.

## Mule Burned in Barn

Fire of unknown origin Wednesday night destroyed the log barn of G. C. Stamey, who lives on the Georgia road, near Morrison church.

Mr. Stamey and his family, assisted by Sheriff Slagle, fought the fire as best they could, but one mule was burned to death and another so severely injured that it died later.

The latter mule, displaying more sense than horses are credited with, made pitiful efforts to get out of the barn. It stumbled through the burning doorway and collapsed.