

# It Happened This Week

Roosevelt Leads  
N. C. Tax Levy Cut  
Smith Goes Stumping  
Socialist Coming

The fourth report, issued this week, of the Literary Digest's presidential poll gives Roosevelt 1,062,087 straw votes and Hoover 781,431. The Digest warned, however, that there are thousands of more votes to be counted, and "it's anybody's race yet." Despite this warning, Democrats felt considerably encouraged, as Roosevelt has been steadily gaining in each report of the count. The analysis of the vote showed that Roosevelt garnered 421,039 votes that were counted in the Republican column four years ago, while only 45,848 Democratic votes were switched to Hoover.

A total property levy of \$47,684,000 was made in North Carolina for the last fiscal year, a drop of \$12,228,000 from the preceding year, the tax commission reports. County levies decreased \$10,055,000, Mecklenburg leading with a drop of \$849,000. Buncombe coming second with \$750,000, and all counties showing some decrease.

Samuel and Martin Insull, wanted for embezzlement in the failure of the huge Insull power trust, are resisting extradition. Samuel Insull fled from Paris to Greece, Sunday. This nation has no extradition treaty with Greece. Martin Insull posted a \$50,000 bond in Canada, Saturday, pending a hearing on extradition proceedings.

An increase of 115,000 bales in estimated cotton yield is estimated in the October 1 report of the department of agriculture.

Al Smith, the "Happy Warrior," will take the stump in four states, and campaign in the interests of a Democratic victory in November. While the number of his addresses will be limited, he plans to speak in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and New York.

The will of Smith Reynolds, who died from a pistol ball through the head at Winston-Salem last July, was filed for probate in New York Friday. The bulk of the fortune estimated at \$20,000,000 was left to his brother and two sisters, although there is legal opinion that he could not dispose of the millions left him by his father since he was not to receive them until he was 28.

The Reconstruction Finance corporation on Friday granted North Carolina \$815,000 for unemployment relief during the approaching winter. The state had expected at least \$200,000 more.

The North Carolina grange met at Greensboro last week. Davidson county won the next meeting. R. W. Pou, Forsyth, was returned as national committeeman. L. J. Taber, master of the national grange was chief speaker. Rehabilitation of agriculture was the main theme of the 500 delegates.

Norman Thomas, Socialist candidate for the presidency, will speak three times in North Carolina, at High Point, Winston-Salem and Raleigh, on October 22, state Socialist leaders state.

Jimmy Walker, dapper New York mayor who quit under fire with intention of seeking re-election abandoned his fight to become Tammany's candidate last week when faced by certain defeat in the city convention. John P. O'Brien was named by the Democrats.

Southern textile mills used 4,035,000 bales of the total consumption of 4,966,000 bales of cotton in the American industry last year. The south had 1,750 plants and produced products valued at \$965,000,000.



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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.

## SEE BIG FUTURE FOR HIGHLANDS

### Plateau Town is Destined To Be Premier Resort, Observer Writes

BY SARAH-HICKS HINES

"Highlands is destined to become one of the most popular and one of the largest resort towns of the Southeast." This statement, made by all those who visit the town was, until this year, supplemented by another mark, and that was: "But of course they need a hard-surface road leading to Highlands." This difficulty was surmounted this spring with the hard-surfacing of highway No. 28 which links up with all important cities with the vast network of roads all over the country. The glowing future of Highlands is now assured by not only this good road, but the Tri-State Road which acts as a feeder for visitors from the states of Louisiana, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina, is in excellent condition, and plans are on foot to make it even more perfect. These roads put Highlands within easy access of those cities which are drained most by summer emigrations, and yet it has the advantage of being sufficiently off the beaten path to avoid the "Tin-Can-Tourists" class so undesirable in every resort town. The "Tin-Can-Tourist" is usually on his way to some large place and simply passing through smaller towns like Highlands; but those who come here usually have for their destination Highlands and no other place.

### Predict Big Future

Men who are experienced in the resort business, prominent visitors in Highlands, from every part of the country, predict for the little mountain town a wonderful future. These predictions are not based on imaginings or special preferences, but are based on such solid tangible things as accessibility to cities most affected by summer heat; climate, an important feature of a resort town; accommodations; including municipal advantages; amusements and sports; scenery; and the general atmosphere of the place which pervades and dominates the advantages of any town, making it either delightful or unpleasant.

### As Elmer T. Whittle, prominent hotel owner and operator of Sarasota Fla., and owner of a summer residence here, points out, Highlands is advantageously situated in that it is the most accessible summer resort of those cities whose inhabitants desire a really cool place to spend the hot season.

### It's Always Cool

But after one reaches Highlands—what is found? First, the low temperature amazes and delights those fleeing from city heat. The temperature here, due to the high elevation of 3,823 feet is always several degrees lower than any other town in the Southeast. Eighty-seven is the highest temperature be clearly shown. The amount of fat plays an important part in determining the grade of a carcass. In the cold storage rooms the boys found hundreds of hogs, sheep and beef cattle carcasses of all weights and degrees of fatness. Here a thorough study of market demands could be made.

Other places of importance visited in the White Provision company plant were the bacon room, sausage room, cutting room, grading room, and packing and shipping room. The students noticed that all the

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## \$900 Hidden in Barn Stolen from Farmer

Alfred Daves, Nantahala farmer, reported last week discovery of theft of between \$900 and \$1,000 which he had hidden in a barn. The money had been placed in a glass jar, which was concealed in a fertilizer bag.

Several weeks ago, Matt Daves, a brother of Alfred Daves, was robbed of about \$300 at his home near Clarke's Chapel. Several other thefts of hoarded money have been reported in this county in the past year.

## FARM STUDENTS VISIT ATLANTA

### Visit Packing Plants and See How Meat Is Graded And Packed

Members of the third year vocational agriculture class of the Franklin high school went on an instructional tour of Atlanta last Friday and learned first hand how livestock and poultry products are graded and packed for the market. The boys also visited the Southeastern Fair and were entertained at a banquet and theater party by the White Provision company. The tour was conducted by E. H. Meacham, instructor of the vocational agriculture class, every member of which made the trip.

On reaching Atlanta the party went to the White Provision company's plant, where they were escorted through the various departments and told of the various processes by E. S. Papy, manager, and H. T. McCowan, head buyer.

**Grading Explained**  
Mr. McCowan carried the boys through the stock pens, first showing them how the stock was graded according to age, size and condition. He explained in detail the method of buying and the procedure by which each class of livestock was graded.

From the pens the students were taken into the slaughter house, where they witnessed the killing, cleaning and cutting of the hogs. It was an unusual and interesting experience for the boys to see 200 hogs completely dressed and cut in the short span of one hour. The cold storage room was a most interesting place because the different grades of carcasses could meet was carefully examined by government inspectors, and, furthermore, that the entire plant was very sanitary and kept immaculately clean.

That night at 6:30 the entire party was entertained by the White Provision company at a delicious supper served at the plant, after which the boys were carried to the opening of the new Grand Theatre.

### See Poultry Plant

At the Tennessee Egg company the class was cordially received and shown through the plant by E. S. Kelly, manager. He explained how the chickens were bought and usually kept for a fattening period of eight to 14 days before being killed. The students watched the employees kill, dress and grade the chickens for market.

The candling and grading of eggs was a very interesting part of the tour, and furnished material for quite a few questions on the part of the students.

In the late afternoon the boys were taken to Lakewood Park. (Continued on page six)

## OCTOBER 22 SET FOR SCHOOL FAIR

### Students To Display Their Own Products of Farm And Home

### PRIZES ARE OFFERED

### Exhibits To Be Directed By E. H. Meacham and Miss Morrow

The vocational agriculture and home economics students of the Franklin high school will hold their second annual fair at the school on Saturday, Oct. 22 under the direction of E. H. Meacham, instructor in agriculture, and Miss Rosalie Morrow, teacher of home economics.

Prizes donated by Franklin merchants and the county commissioners will be awarded in the various classes of exhibits.

### Display Own Products

Members of the agriculture class will display various farm products grown by themselves. The exhibits will consist primarily of the products from student projects, but the students will be permitted to exhibit other crops, provided they are grown by the exhibitor.

The home economics exhibits will be for home work and class work, including canned goods, cakes, pastries, clothing and handiwork.

Mr. Meacham will have charge of the boys' division of the fair, while Miss Morrow will supervise the girls' exhibits. E. V. Vestal, farm demonstration agent of Jackson county, will judge the agricultural exhibits, and Mrs. W. W. Sloan will judge the home economics exhibits.

The various classes of farm products to be shown include field crops, horticulture, swine, education, general farm exhibits, garden products, home economics display. An added attraction will be an educational booth conducted by the third year agriculture class showing the individual work of the students.

### To Sell Cakes

Girls of the home economics department will sell cakes and candies of their own making. A committee of students has been assigned to supervise each class of exhibits. First and second prizes will be awarded in each class. A complete list of prizes has not yet been made, but the county commissioners have donated \$25 and the merchants of Franklin have contributed liberally, each giving some useful article or the equivalent in cash.

## Anchorless Shipp

### Drifts Away; Denies Retreat From Old Men

Cameron Shipp, erstwhile New York newspaperman and magazine writer, has departed hence. (We say "hence" because we don't know, and neither does he, exactly where he will land.) Before leaving he was accused of beating a hasty retreat in face of all the wrathful old men he advocated, drowning in sacks. But that tongue-in-cheek remark was vehemently by all that is left holy to a news reporter that this was not the case at all.

One reason for Mr. Shipp's departure was discovered in last Saturday's papers, which revealed him in the role of a "Daddy Long Legs," making an address to the young ladies of Fassifern School, Hendersonville. The Press sent a photographer to Hendersonville to get a picture of him in oratorical mood; but, alas, the cameraman was thrown out and his plates smashed.

Our last report was that Mr. Shipp was in Asheville and intended to return to New York to resume free-lancing or join the bread lines. (Pardon our redundancy; the two are synonymous.)

We have Mr. Shipp's assurance, however, that when he succeeds William Randolph Hearst of Adolph Ochs he will invite the editor of The Press to be his guest editor for a while and give him free rein to say what he pleases. Until then we are withholding our brand that will set the world on fire.

## \$450 Macon County's Share Of First State Allotment Of Emergency Relief Funds

Macon county is to receive \$450 out of the first allotment of federal emergency relief funds in North Carolina, according to an announcement at Raleigh Wednesday night by Dr. Fred Morrison, state relief director.

The total allotment for the 100 counties of the state was \$188,500. This money will become immediately available to meet emergency needs for the period from October 1 to October 15. Other allotments will be made from time to time during the fall and winter.

A loan of \$815,000 was granted North Carolina on October

8 by the Reconstruction Finance corporation for use in aiding needy and unemployed in the state. The funds are to be dispensed in each county by the Red Cross and constituted welfare authorities.

M. D. Billings, who as superintendent of schools is also welfare officer of this county, supplied the State Department of Welfare with an estimate of \$2,500 to cover the relief needs of this county.

Funds for the emergency relief loan are not supposed to replace local assistance for the needy, but merely to supplement what help can be given by each community itself.

## DR. LYLE HEADS MEDICAL GROUP

### Elected President of Tenth District Society at Asheville

Dr. S. H. Lyle, of Franklin, dean of the medical profession in Macon county, was elected president of the Tenth District Medical Society at the close of its fall meeting in Asheville last week. He succeeds Dr. J. L. Reeves of Canton. The Tenth District society, a regional unit of the North Carolina and American Medical societies, embraces the western counties.

Dr. Lyle is one of the best known physicians in this section. He is a member of the American College of Surgeons and is a past president of the North and South Carolina branch of this group. He has also served on the North Carolina Board of Health and, during the World War, was medical officer at Camp Green near Charlotte.

## Speakers' List

### 6 Community Meetings To Be Held Friday Night

The following speaking program has been prepared for the Young People's Democratic Clubs of Macon county, with all of the meetings to be held Friday evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock:

Cowee, C. S. Tilley and John W. Edwards; Holly Springs, J. J. Mann and R. S. Jones; Ellijay, C. Tom Bryson and J. Earle Lancaster; Union, Sam J. Murray and Gilmer A. Jones; Slagle, Dr. W. A. Rogers and Harley Cabe, and Otto, Blackburn W. Johnson and Miss Elizabeth Slagle.

## 2 New Ranger Towers Under Construction

Construction of two ranger towers as a part of the fire prevention system in Nantahala National Forest, is under way. Supervisor John B. Byrne has announced.

One of the towers is being built on the Clay and Cherokee county line, and will have a steel dwelling on top of its 30-foot structure. The other tower is being built on Satulah mountain with the ranger's quarters located at the base.

## Newell and James Address G. O. P. Rally in Courthouse

Addresses by Jake F. Newell, of Charlotte, Republican nominee for the U. S. Senate, and Crawford F. James, of Marion, Republican nominee for congress in the 11th district, featured a G. O. P. rally in the Macon county courthouse Saturday night.

Mr. James, who was introduced by R. D. Sisk, criticized Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, of New York, Democratic nominee for president, for talking about the "Forgotten Man." Mr. James said there is no such man. The speaker also said that the lavish expenditure of public money should cease. He also discussed taxation and other economic matters.

Mr. Newell, who was introduced by W. J. West, chairman of the county Republican executive committee and Republican candidate

## GIFTS OF OLD CLOTHES ASKED

### Shoes and Boys' Clothes Are Especially Requested By Red Cross

Miss Elizabeth Kelly, chairman of the Macon county chapter of the Red Cross, issued a call this week for gifts of old clothing to be distributed among needy families in the county. She asked that only clean clothing be contributed and that it be brought to the Red Cross room in the Masonic hall between 10 and 12 o'clock next Monday morning.

"Next Monday, October 17," Miss Kelly said, "has been designated by the Needle Work Guild as the day for bringing their gifts to the Red Cross. This meeting will be at 2 o'clock at the Red Cross room at the Masonic hall.

"From 10 until 12 o'clock on the same day we are asking all who have any clothing that may be used by the Red Cross to bring their gifts. Shoes are especially needed and boys' clothes.

"Please remember not to bring soiled clothes. It is neither pleasant nor safe to handle soiled clothes, and we do not propose to run this risk. Remember that all the Red Cross work is being done by volunteers. There is no pay for any one and it is as much your business to spare what you can and to have the clothes you give in good condition, or at least clean, as it is for any other person to give time and effort to the work.

"The Red Cross cloth has not yet come. This cloth and all other material will be put into the hands of the Red Cross committee in each school district. This committee will distribute the goods to the ones most needy. It will be of no avail for individuals to come asking for goods. The committees will be notified when there is anything ready for distribution."

## Reports Apple Trees In Full Bloom

Robert L. Scott of the Bethel community reported his 10-acre apple orchard was in full bloom several days ago while his trees were heavily laden with apples. This freak of nature occurs not uncommonly at lower altitudes, but is quite rare in the mountains.

## HOEY ATTACKS HOOVER RECORD

### Calls Attention To Large Increase in Federal Taxes and Debt

### COURTHOUSE PACKED

### Shelby Attorney Lauds Record of Democratic Party In State

While taxes in North Carolina, under a Democratic administration, were cut 25 per cent, taxes of the federal government, under Republican rule, were increased 28 per cent, Clyde R. Hoey, prominent Shelby attorney and political leader, told a Democratic rally in the Macon county courthouse Monday night. A crowd estimated at between 400 and 500 persons heard Mr. Hoey, who was introduced by Mayor George Patton.

The speaker said he was proud to uphold the record of the Democratic party in North Carolina. He charged the Republicans with trying to obscure the real issue of the coming election by injecting prohibition and religion into the contest.

### The "Real Issue"

"The real issue," he declared, "should be the record of the Republican party in Washington and the records of the Democratic party in North Carolina."

During the past four years, Mr. Hoey said, North Carolina has paid \$25,000,000 on her indebtedness, while during the same period the federal government under Hoover has been steadily increasing the national debt at the rate of seven million dollars a day, including Sundays. Even since the increases in taxes early in July and after the Republicans had put into effect so-called economies, the national deficit is still being increased at the rate of four million dollars a day. In two years, Mr. Hoey added, the national debt has increased from 16 billion dollars to 19 billion dollars.

The Hawley-Smoot tariff bill was accredited by the speaker with having a great deal to do with the depression. He cited statistics showing that American exports have dropped since this measure became effective from nine billion, 600 million dollars a year to four billion dollars, and 247 factories have found it necessary to move to foreign countries in order to overcome tariff retaliations, thereby throwing many Americans out of work.

### Answers G. O. P. Claims

Answering Republican claims of economies, Mr. Hoey said the Hoover administration had spent a billion dollars more in the last fiscal year than during its first year in office; but, he explained, this did not include the large relief appropriations, authorized by the last congress.

Hoover has reduced his own salary by \$15,000, Mr. Hoey continued, but he has employed two new secretaries at \$10,000 each, bought nine new automobiles at government expense and spent \$185,000 for maintenance of White House grounds, servants, upkeep of dogs, etc. Wilson's most expensive year in the White House cost the taxpayers only \$299,000, and that during war times, while the White House expense during the past fiscal year was \$553,000.

## Franklin Loses

### Andrews Eleven Wins 14-0 In Grid Game Here

The Andrews football team invaded Franklin on Friday afternoon and won by 14 to 0. Both teams played well, but the Franklin boys made several costly fumbles. The biggest thrill of the afternoon was the runaway play made by Gouge, of Andrews, when he ran 55 yards for a touchdown. Blanton Fouts was the star on the Franklin team; he made several excellent tackles. The Franklin boys are scheduled to play at Bryson City tomorrow afternoon.

## Michigan Paper Gives Troy Horn Recognition

The following clipping comes from The Michigan Daily, a newspaper published at Ann Arbor: "Troy F. Horn, whose poems have been given considerable recognition, is a cobbler at Franklin, N. C."

## Welfare Worker Employed; State To Pay Half of Cost

Decision to employ a county welfare worker has been reached by the county commissioners and the county board of education, it was announced this week. Miss Rachel Davis, of Highlands, has been tentatively employed to fill the position, starting Monday, Oct. 17, but her appointment to the job will be subject to the approval of the State Department of Public Welfare.

Miss Elizabeth Kelly, chairman of the county Red Cross chapter, appeared before the commissioners some time ago urging the appointment of a welfare worker. Citing the great increase in welfare problems due to unemployment and the depression, Miss Kelly said the situation in the county could not be amply handled without a full

time field worker. The Red Cross, working through township committees, has done much to alleviate suffering; but, Miss Kelly pointed out, intelligent and permanent relief cannot be rendered unless every case is investigated.

Miss Kelly's proposal was endorsed by a group of Franklin business men who appeared before the county commissioners at their regular monthly meeting Monday, Oct. 3.

The commissioners voted an appropriation of \$300 for the employment of the welfare worker. Another \$300 was obtained from the county school funds. The total of these appropriations, \$600, is to be matched by the State Department of Public Welfare. The welfare (Continued on page six)