

It Happened This Week

School Costs Lower
Saves State Million
Loans Extended
37 Football Deaths

N. C. SCHOOL COST DROPS

Total expenses of the state for public schools has dropped from \$50,155,928 in 1928-1929 by 35 per cent to the budgeted sum of \$32,463,074 for 1931-1932. Current expense including teachers' salaries, dropped 22 1-2 per cent in the period.

PURCHASE OFFICE SAVES MONEY

Alfred S. Brower, director of the state's division of purchase and contract, estimates a saving of \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 for the state in the central purchasing of supplies in the first year of operation closing June 30. A saving of \$215,000 on the state's gasoline bill was made, Brower says.

R. F. C. EXTENDS ITS LOANS

In October the Reconstruction Finance corporation approved \$194,923,000 in self-liquidating loans for toll bridges, housing improvement, and waterworks systems. To the close of that month \$1,548,000,000 had been approved in projects looking to unemployment relief and stimulation of business.

37 FOOTBALL FATALITIES

Despite added safeguards in the rules, football has caused 37 fatalities during the present season. Only five of the victims were college players, 17 were high school students.

ANOTHER POWER REDUCTION

Reduction in electric power rates to save \$120,000 annually in 100 communities served by the Carolina Light and Power company, was ordered by the corporation commission on Saturday, the new rates effective December 1. On the same day the South Carolina Commission rejected as inadequate the same proposals as those accepted in North Carolina.

NEW CONSTITUTION PROPOSED

The special commission of nine reported its proposed new constitution for the state to Governor Max Gardner, Saturday. Removal of taxing restrictions on the legislature, limiting state debt which can be incurred without vote of the people, granting veto power to the governor, limitation of absentee voting to physically disabled or to those in military service, are among the more important provisions in the recommendations which will be substituted to the legislature. If approved by three-fifths of each house, the instrument will be submitted to vote of the people in 1934.

TAR HEEL DIES IN NEVADA

Everett T. Mull, Morganton man, died in Nevada's lethal gas execution chamber at sunrise, Monday, for the murder of John C. O'Brien in a liquor quarrel last year.

OPERATE ON HENRY FORD

Henry Ford, never before seriously ill in his 69 years, was operated on for hernia at a Detroit hospital, Saturday. While his situation was critical, his recovery is expected to be normal.

STATE GRIPPED BY WINTER

Windy weather accompanied by high winds, caused heavy property damage along the North Carolina coast from Ocracoke to Wilmington last week-end. One death from exposure was recorded.

LABOR WANTS SHORT HOURS

To solve the unemployment troubles of the nation, the American Federation of Labor, in annual convention, gave unanimous approval at Cincinnati, Monday, to a 30-hour work week, five days of six hours per day.

IF YO' ALL CAN'T TEACH AN OLD DOG NEW TRICKS, LEAST WISE YO' CAN BUY A NEW DOG!



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SAYS FLOUR IS FOR POOR ONLY

County Red Cross Chairman Explains Policy of Distribution

MEETING IS CALLED

Lancaster Expects To Get More Supplies for Relief Work

A letter of instructions concerning the distribution of Red Cross flour has been sent by J. E. Lancaster, chairman of the Macon county chapter of the national relief organization, to the public school teachers acting as chairmen of the community relief committees. Mr. Lancaster advises that flour should be given only to those who are without it and are unable to obtain it from any other source. His letter follows:

"Since most of the carload of flour has gone out to the various sections, people from almost every district have been coming to me asking questions about the distribution. I am urging that you get the following information to every member of your committee: First, who is entitled to Red Cross flour? The shortest answer I know is as follows: anyone who does not have flour and cannot get it from any other source in any other way. I have received reports to the effect that people were using Red Cross flour and had wheat in their bins. This should not be allowed. Second: I notice in some of the letters received from the committees where members of our relief committee are listed as receiving Red Cross flour and employment for emergency relief work. I do not think this is advisable and urge that where members of the committee are in need of Red Cross aid that the committee take steps looking to the reorganization of the committee so that those that distribute Red Cross aid will not be shown as helping themselves. Third: It is further urged that the committee be very careful in the distribution of this Red Cross aid and if any member finds it is necessary for his or her relatives to receive aid, the said person should resign from the committee and ask that someone else be appointed. The reason for this, of course, is that it is not proper for the Red Cross relief committee to be put in the position of giving himself or herself or relatives Red Cross supplies. Fourth: I hope to have the allotment of other supplies so that distribution can be made next Saturday and we are very anxious to have you as secretary and at least one other member of your relief committee, preferably the chairman, to meet at the courthouse this coming Saturday at 2 p. m. after the teachers' meeting. There are a number of things we will be able to discuss that will be of mutual benefit.

"Send me a list of the names of all persons who have received flour or any other Red Cross aid."

Mrs. Everett Attends Funeral of Nephew

Mrs. T. G. Everett, telephone operator at Highlands, went to Cherokee Saturday to attend the funeral of her nephew, Donald Freeman. During her absence Mrs. J. H. Stribling, Franklin operator, substituted for Mrs. Everett on the Highlands switchboard.

MUST PAY INSTALLMENT

Great Britain, France and other European nations were notified by the American government, Friday, that the December 15 installment of debts due America must be paid before favorable consideration can be made of the request for a general review of the entire war debt problem. The American government's action was taken after a White House conference by President Hoover and President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt.

FIVE KILLED AT CROSSING

Four children and the driver of an automobile load bound for school were killed Friday morning at Athens, Ga., when a freight train hit the car at a crossing. Another child was badly hurt.

BIG OCTOBER FIRE LOSS

Fire loss of \$529,327 was reported for North Carolina in October, an increase of \$200,000 over October, 1931.

Santa almost Annihilated By Howling, Happy Throng Of Macon County Children

Between 2,000 and 3,000 children from all sections of the county flocked to Franklin Tuesday afternoon to see Santa Claus. A laughing, howling, happy mob, they jammed the public square in front of The Franklin Press office.

Santa was scheduled to arrive here at 2:30 o'clock, but he had to detour by Andrews and Bryson City in coming to Franklin from Murphy and was about an hour and a half late. The children, many of whom had come as early as 1 o'clock so they would be on hand in plenty of time, grew impatient but few left.

Old Saint Nick's big red chariot broke down near Bryson City and he commandeered an automobile to bring him to Franklin. When he drove into the square he was nearly annihilated by the mob of children. They pressed about him from all sides so thick and strong that he had to call on Police Chief Bob Henry and several other stalwarts to protect him. It looked for a while that he would be smothered. The kiddies almost tore his clothes off in the jam.

Finally Santa wedged his way through the crowd and got between two telephone poles at the corner

of The Press office. Here, assisted by Chief Henry, he gave away hundreds and hundreds of whistles to the children as they filed by.

It was a joyous, jostling mass of young humanity. They were about as happy over getting out of school early as they were in seeing Santa Claus.

For a full hour the youngsters crowded and pushed as they awaited their chance to get a good close-up look at Santa and to receive their presents. Finally, Santa's motor-powered sleigh arrived, minus reindeers, for he thought the climate too warm for these far northern animals. This brought some relief to the jolly old fellow for many of the children then thronged about the magnificent vehicle.

Leaving Franklin about 5 o'clock, Santa went to Highlands, where he arrived about dusk to be greeted by another crowd of children singing Christmas carols. After listening to the children and then rewarding them with presents Santa retired for the night, proceeding Wednesday to Brevard and thence back to Asheville, where he established Western North Carolina headquarters.



(Santa Claus has requested The Franklin Press to publish for him the many letters he has received from Macon county boys and girls. Of course, The Press is glad to do this for Santa and his young friends, but it hasn't got room to publish all of the letters at once. So if your letter has been sent to Santa and it does not appear in this week's issue of The Press, look for it next week.)

Highlands, N. C.
Nov. 28, 1932

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl nine years old. I have been good. So please bring me some candy, nuts, and oranges, also a sweater, a doll and a little telephone. That's all.
Good-bye,
Your friend,
FELICIA M. EDWARDS.

Highlands, N. C.
Nov. 28, 1932

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy four years old. I have been looking for you a long time, so don't forget me. Please bring me some candy, nuts, fruit, and toys. Don't forget my little sister, Willie Lee.
Bye, bye,
Your friend,
TRUE EDWARDS, JR.

Tellico, N. C.
Nov. 28, 1932

Dear Santa,
I am a boy eight years old and in the second grade. I have gone to school every day. I have finished my book. I want some candy, a bag of marbles, a ball, a horn, a toy gun, and a toy airplane that can fly. That is all but remember the other little boys and girls.
Your truly,
SAMUEL RAMSEY.

Tellico, N. C.
Nov. 28, 1932

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a wagon, a ball and a gun for Christmas. Also want some candy, oranges and bananas. Please come to see me on December 25th.
Your friend,
FERD DEHART.

Tellico, N. C.
Nov. 28, 1932

Dear Santa,
I am a girl 12 year of age, in the fourth grade. For Christmas I would like to have a big doll, a rubber ball, a strand of beads, a pair of shoes to wear to school, lots of candy and oranges.
If it is too cold up at the North Pole come down South and visit me. I'm sure you would enjoy it.
Your good friend,
ALFREDA SIMONDS.

Tellico, N. C.
Nov. 28, 1932

Dear Santa,
I am a boy almost grown. I go

to school almost every day. A wild cat paid me a visit about a month ago. He wasn't welcome, but if you pay me a visit you sure will be welcome.

I would like for you to bring me a set of boxing gloves, a football, also some nuts, and oranges.
Yours truly,
TERREL ANDERSON.

Tellico, N. C.
Nov. 28, 1932

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you be kind enough to a boy ten years old, to send me a ball, a bicycle, a toy wagon, and an airplane. Also I would like some candy, oranges, bananas, and chewing gum. I thank you for what you bring me.
Your friend,
LESTER CABE.

Tellico, N. C.
Nov. 28, 1932

Dear Santa,
I am a girl twelve years old and in the sixth grade. For Christmas, I want a ball, beads, a pair of gloves, crayons, and a notebook. Also lots of candy and oranges. Santa don't forget other little girls.
Your friend,
BEDELL DEHART.

Tellico, N. C.
Nov. 28, 1932

Dear Santa,
I am a small girl of fifteen years old. I am about five feet tall. I have brown hair and brown eyes. I am in the sixth grade. I am going to tell you what I want.
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1933 Auto License Plates Can Be Obtained at Sylva

A. M. Huggins, manager of the Carolina Motor club branch service, has announced that D. H. Brown at the Jackson Chevrolet company, Sylva, will again handle the issuance of license plates for automobiles and trucks for the coming year.

The 1933 plates may be used on and after December 15 and will be sold on the weight basis—the same as last year—which is 35 cents per hundred pounds.

All applicants for licenses are advised to come with them the long

M'COY NAMED IN INJUNCTION

Order Restrains Him from Renewing Damage Suits

ISSUED BY SINK

Non-Suit Taken in One Case Against J. B. Justice and Others

A restraining order designed to put an end to litigation which W. L. McCoy, Franklin attorney, has repeatedly brought in Macon county superior court against John B. Justice, administrator of the estate of Perry Hyatt, and various others, alleging defamation of character and conspiracy to undermine his personal and business standing, was signed last Friday by Judge H. Hoyle Sink.

Judge Sink also commented in open court that he was tired of "frivolous" cases being brought before the court at needless expense to the taxpayers of the county.

Non-Suit Taken

The restraining order was issued after a non-suit had been taken in a damage suit brought by McCoy against John B. Justice, administrator of the estate of Perry Hyatt, John B. Justice, George B. Patton, Bryson & Bryson, Crawford Poindexter, James Perry and Boyd Sutton, administrators of the estate of A. W. Horn.

The order held that the defendants, who had filed a petition to the court, were entitled to relief. "It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed by the court that the plaintiff herein, said W. L. McCoy, be and is hereby restrained and enjoined from instituting or prosecuting any further suits or actions against said defendants or any of them, for any cause or causes of action embraced in any prior litigations between the parties hereto."

In 1929 a judgment of \$12,000 was entered against McCoy in a case brought against him by Perry Hyatt, later deceased, whose alleged alienation of his wife's affections, while he (Hyatt) was suffering from injuries received while in McCoy's employ. This verdict was affirmed by the state supreme court at the fall term of 1930.

Later McCoy brought damage suits against Hyatt's administrator and attorneys and others claiming that this and other legal actions brought against him were the outgrowth of a plan to ruin his character and business.

Logan Allen Reported Slightly Improved

Logan A. Allen, Franklin insurance man, who has been seriously ill since suffering a severe heart attack several days ago, was reported Wednesday to be slightly improved.

ROBINS REACHES HOME

Col. Raymond Robins, militant prohibition champion, who had been in seclusion at Whittier, Swain county, for two months while allegedly suffering from loss of memory, reached Brooksville, Fla., his home, on Friday after a secret departure from an Asheville, sanitarium.

DISTURB HOOVER HOLIDAY

Three adults leading a group of youthful hunger marchers disturbed the peaceful Thanksgiving dinner of President Hoover with a demonstration at the White House gates. The leaders were arrested, and the marchers turned away by a strong guard of police on watch all day.

County Officers To Be Installed Monday Night

General Election Cost Macon County \$379.43

The general election November 8 cost Macon county \$379.43, it was announced this week by C. T. Bryson, register of deeds and assistant county accountant. Mr. Bryson expressed the opinion that it was the most economical election ever held in the county. He pointed out that with 5,200 votes cast, the per capita cost was 1.7 cents. Election costs for other counties are not available, but the opinion was expressed that Macon county's probably was the lowest for any county of similar size in western North Carolina.

SINK MAY RUN FOR GOVERNOR

Judge Declines To Discuss Likelihood of His Candidacy

Friends of Judge H. Hoyle Sink, of Lexington, who presided over Macon county superior court last week, expect him to be a Democratic candidate for governor in 1936, according to a story which was published in Monday's Asheville Times. Commenting further, the Asheville afternoon daily says: Judge Sink, in Asheville with his family over the week-end, declined to discuss the matter, explaining that he has banned politics while on the bench. Judge Sink and his family have made their home in Asheville since last January, but will return to Lexington next month. Judge Sink's refusal to discuss politics has not prevented his western North Carolina friends from emphasizing his availability for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination four years hence.

The Lexington jurist is prominent in legal and American Legion circles. He is resident judge for the twelfth judicial district and has served as commissioner of pardons and parole under Governor McLean.

Thomas L. Johnson, prominent Asheville attorney, former superior court judge and a leading member of the state senate several sessions, is also expected to enter the field in quest of the nomination in 1936. Judge Johnson, before moving to Asheville from Lumberton, was prominently mentioned as a candidate but withdrew from the contest when he moved here.

Others suggested as likely candidates in 1936 are: Judge Wilson Wadlock of Newton; A. H. (Sandy) Graham of Hillsboro, lieutenant-governor-elect and former speaker of the house; and former Lieutenant-Governor J. Elmer Long of Durham. Mr. Long and Mr. Graham are brothers-in-law and the entry of one would eliminate the other.

Mistrial Ordered In Dover Bryson Case

A mistrial was ordered in federal court at Bryson City this week when the jury failed to agree in the case of Dover Bryson, Macon county young man charged with breaking and entering the postoffice at Leatherman. Bryson was bound over to the next term of court.

CLAIM JAPS SLAUGHTERED

The Chinese foreign office claims 2,700 Chinese men, women and children were slaughtered with machine guns and bayonets by Japanese troops in three northern Manchurian villages recently.

30 RAILROADS CHOOSE CZAR

Harry G. Taylor, 52, was named on Monday by 30 railroads in the western part of the nation to act as czar in removing harmful competition in rates and schedules.

REYNOLDS CO. DROPS SUIT

The R. J. Reynolds Tobacco company has dropped its appeal from a state income tax return of \$80,000 for 1931 income tax assessment.

AUDITED CIRCULATION

The Franklin Press has the largest audited paid circulation of any North Carolina newspaper west of Asheville. It is a charter member of the North Carolina Press Association Circulation Audit Bureau. Certified records of its circulation are open to all advertisers.

Ceremony Open To Public; Special Program Planned

EDWARDSTO PRESIDE

Brief Addresses To Be Made By Each Of New Officials

For the first time in the history of Macon county, the newly elected county officers will be installed at a public meeting, which will be held in the county courthouse Monday evening, December 5 at 7:30 o'clock.

This public meeting is in line with a suggestion made by the Institute of Government, Chapel Hill.

Edwards To Preside

John W. Edwards, chairman of the young people's Democratic clubs of Macon county, will preside at the meeting, the program for which follows:

7:30 p. m. selections of string music by the young people's Democratic clubs string band; 7:45 p. m. opening of meeting with announcements and preparation for a radio program; 8 p. m. broadcast of the plans and purposes of the Institute of government, over a radio-hookup from Chapel Hill, through the Institute of government; 9 p. m. the formal installation of all officials of Macon county, with Frank I. Murray, clerk of superior court, administering the oath to each of the newly elected officers.

Will Make Talks

Following the installation four minute talks by each of the following elected officers will be made: R. A. Patton, senator of the 33rd district; C. L. Ingram, county representative; C. Tom Bryson, register of deeds; John H. Dalton, surveyor; C. H. Moore, coroner; and Walter Gibson, E. W. Long, and Gus Leach of the county commissioners.

The radio program is made possible by the Bryant Furniture company which will have charge of the radio program and reception.

Former Missionary To Africa To Speak Here

Dr. A. Scott Patterson, of Madison, Ga., for 17 years a Southern Baptist missionary to Africa, will speak at a series of services to be held in the Franklin Baptist church beginning December 5 and continuing through December 9, it was announced this week by Rev. Eugene R. Eller, pastor of the church.

The first service will be held at 7:30 o'clock next Monday evening, followed by services each afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and each night at 7:30.

On Monday, Nov. 28, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Burt Waldroop at their home on Cartoogechaye.

Just 24 Days Left

SHOP EARLY

The time for careful Christmas shopping is growing shorter. Remember... haste makes waste. Choose your presents while you have lots of time.