

# It Happened This Week

**N. C. Notes Extended**  
70,000 Chinese Die  
Smokes Cheaper  
Another Kidnaping

## RENEW STATE NOTES

The governor and treasurer of the state were back at the capital Sunday after an air trip to New York, where they succeeded in renewing \$5,670,000 in state notes due February 15. Interest of 6 per cent was continued.

## 70,000 DIE IN QUAKE

Over 70,000 are reported to have perished in an earthquake in remote Kansu province, of China, with extreme cold causing many additional deaths.

## CIGARETTE PRICE DROPS

The second reduction of the year, a price drop of 50 cents per thousand in cigarettes was put into effect Saturday by leading companies. The price now stands at \$5.50 per thousand.

## MILLIONAIRE IS KIDNAPED

Colorado's governor on Monday asked every citizen to aid in finding Charles Boettcher, II, heir to a great industrial fortune. The capitalist was abducted Sunday night by two men who forced him into a car and then thrust a \$60,000 ransom demand into the hands of his wife.

## LEAS GET ANOTHER WRIT

Having twice failed to get a hearing in Jamestown, Tenn., on their writ of habeas corpus, Luke Lea and his son on Monday secured another writ, this time from Judge Elijah G. Tollett, of Crossville, Tenn., granted a writ and set February 28 as date of hearing to determine whether or not the Leas shall be turned over to North Carolina officers.

## 2 HELD FOR BANK ROBBERY

Joseph P. Ewing, Fayetteville, was arrested in Detroit Friday, the police stating he had passed numerous bills reported stolen in the robbery of the Page bank at Aberdeen, February 3. John Butler, Fayetteville, is held in jail at Carthage. A third man is being sought.

## DROP SURRY VOTING FRAUD

The Surry county grand jury on Friday found no true bills against six Surry county men named by Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt, as justifiably indicated for irregularities in last June's primary. The jury found "no irregularities other than are to be found in most counties of the state."

## FOUR-UNIT BANK CLOSES

The United Bank, operating in Greensboro, Reidsville, Sanford and Burlington, closed its doors last Thursday "for protection of depositors." In its last statement the bank listed checking and saving deposits in excess of -1,500,000.

## SENATE REVERSES SELF

Reversing its stand of a week previous, the state senate last Thursday voted 28 to 20 to abolish the corporation commission of three members and substitute therefore a single public utilities commissioner.

## ASK PROBE OF SENATE PROBE

In a letter to each senator the New York Stock Exchange Reform Committee last week charged that the senate's committee investigating the stock market is neglecting its work and is practicing a deception upon the nation. A delegation will visit the senate Thursday to ask an investigation of the investigation committee.

## COLD WAVE TAKES TOLL

The most extensive cold wave since 1889 spread an icy grip over the continent last week, taking around 100 lives and causing heavy property damage. Temperatures ranged down to 50 below in some regions.

## 3 HELD FOR EXTORTION EFFORT

Joe Bryant, Norman Harvey and Harvey's wife were held at Roanoke last week after Bryant attempted to cash a check which had been deposited under a stamp by officers. Col. Charles Lindbergh had reported he had received letters threatening the kidnaping of his second son if Lindbergh did not pay \$50,000.

## MUTINEERS SURRENDER CRUISER

After running loose in the Indian ocean for five days, native mutineers last week surrendered to Dutch authorities the cruiser Zeven Provinciën they had seized in a Sumatra port. An aerial bomb killed 22 and forced an immediate surrender.

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\$1.50 PER YEAR

## BILL PROVIDES REASSESSMENT

Measure Introduced by C. L. Ingram Sets April For Revaluation

## APPRAISERS NAMED

Three Appointed in Each Township To Receive \$1.50 a Day

Appraisers for a quadrennial re-assessment of property in Macon county are named in a bill introduced in the legislature by Representative Charles L. Ingram. The measure provides that the re-assessment shall be made in April of this year.

Compensation of the appraisers is fixed at \$1.50 a day, and three appraisers are named for each township, the first named in each group to act as chairman in his township. The bill also states that the township chairmen shall also act as list takers for personal property, gather farm statistics and sit with the county commissioners as a board of equalization.

Hitherto, appraisers and tax listers have been named by the county commissioners.

The bill, before the committee on finance, provides: "That a quadrennial assessment of property in Macon county for taxation shall be made during the month of April, 1933, and the following persons are hereby appointed appraisers for the several townships in said county, the first named being the chairman for said township: Burningtown, Charles Ray, Ed Byrd, Robert Parrish; Cartoogechay, C. S. Slagle, Oscar Lewis, John Roane; Cowee, John Dalton, Neil Bryson, Oscar Rickman; Ellijay, Sam Bryson, John T. Henry, Peter Moses; Franklin, Gus Leach, Frank Moody; George Wallace; Flats, Raleigh McConnell, Odus Penland, Ray Dryman; Highlands, Roy Phillips, Frank Potts, Fred Edwards; Millsboro, Jerry Franklin, Harve Cabe, Wayne McCracken; Nantahala, No. 1, Lee Baldwin, Craig Stepp, Luther Jacobs; Nantahala, No. 2, Jim Shields, Joe B. Mason, Bill Jones; Smith's Bridge, John Brabson, Robert Cabe, Will Stewart; Sugar Fork, Olney Moses, Charles Henderson, Alex E. Shook.

Compensation

"That the said appraisers shall receive for their work the sum of \$1.50 per day. The chairman in each township shall also act as list taker for personal property in his township and he shall also gather the farm statistics for said township; provided, however, that in Franklin township Frank Moody shall also act as list taker. The chairman in each township shall also sit with the board of county commissioners as a board of equalization.

"That in case a vacancy should occur among the above-named appraisers the two remaining appraisers shall name some person to fill said vacancy."

## Joe Shepherd Dies At Denver, Colo.

A telegram was received here Monday by T. B. Shepherd notifying him of the death of Joe Shepherd in a hospital in Denver, Colo. Mr. Shepherd recently spent several months here. He was a first cousin of Postmaster John E. Rickman and T. B. Shepherd and had many relatives at West's Mill.

## Skating Becomes Popular Winter Sport at Highlands

Ice-skating on the roads? Why who ever heard of such a thing! But this fantastic idea was a fact the past week-end in Highlands. Ice-skates were seen flashing merrily up and down No. 28 and even on the side-walks of the town Friday. Not only that, but coasters without a trace of snow on the ground, could be seen sledding up and down the main thoroughfare! Frozen lakes and snow are unnecessary for coasting and skating when streets become covered with as thick a glazing of ice as covered everything during the recent freakish weather which occurred here.

Ice-covered Kanonah Lake was a popular skating rink for those who knew how—and an ideal tumbling-ground for those who didn't! And there were quite a number of the latter! Skating was enjoyed all day and under the full moon at night until it began to melt on Tuesday.

## President-Elect Roosevelt Has Narrow Escape When Gunman Fires into Crowd

President-elect Franklin Delano Roosevelt narrowly escaped assassination when a gunman fired into his party on the streets of Miami Wednesday night. Mayor Anton Cermak of Chicago, who was standing near the president-elect's automobile, was dangerously wounded when shot through the chest. Four other persons also were wounded.

"I am all right," Mr. Roosevelt shouted as his chauffeur hurriedly drove him out of the crowd and confusion.

A man giving the name of Joe Zingara, of New York, was arrested as the shooter. He was quoted as saying, "I kill all presidents; kill all officers." He also was said to have remarked, "Well, I got Cermak," leading officers to believe that his chief intention was to kill the Chicago mayor.

President-elect Roosevelt had

been addressing a crowd in Bayfront Park. He finished his address and sat down in his car. Then five shots rang out. It is believed that the quick action of Mrs. W. F. Cross, of Miami, prevented Zingara from shooting Mr. Roosevelt. She struck the shooter's arm as he let go with the fifth shot and showed his elbow into the air.

Zingara was overpowered and shackled to a car. Later he was taken to jail.

Mayor Cermak's life was despaired of. The others shot, all bystanders, were less seriously wounded.

Mr. Roosevelt had just completed a yachting cruise and was about to board a special train for New York. After the shooting, however, he delayed his departure pending the outcome of Mayor Cermak's condition.

## Frank Shepherd, Hospital Invalid for 5 Years, Dies

### Bill Seeks Reduction Of County's Debt

A bill introduced in the legislature by Representative Charles L. Ingram authorizes the Macon county commissioners to negotiate for the refunding of its bonded indebtedness.

Recalling that Macon owes approximately \$1,000,000 to its bondholders, Mr. Ingram said the actual market value of property in the county does not exceed this sum. The bill proposes negotiations with the bondholders looking toward reduction of outstanding principal and interest "on a basis of the ability of the people to pay." The measure was referred to the finance committee.

This county already is in default about \$40,000 on its bond payments.

## LAWYERS PLAN MEETING HERE

Convention of 20th District Bar Association Set For Friday

Between 75 and 100 attorneys of the 20th judicial district, which embraces Haywood and all the counties west, are expected to come to Franklin Friday for the annual convention of the 20th District Bar association.

A business meeting will be held in the courthouse, convening at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. No definite program has been arranged for this meeting.

At 7:30 o'clock in the evening a banquet will be served at Peck's Hotel-Cafe. A welcoming address will be made by George B. Patton, mayor of Franklin. This will be followed by an address by Felix E. Alley, of Waynesville, recently appointed to the superior court bench. Stringed music will be an added attraction.

M. W. Bell, of Murphy, is president of the association and George B. Patton is secretary.

## Cheerful Wheelchair Man Known To Hundreds Of Patients

Frank Shepherd, 30, died in Angel Brothers' hospital Wednesday morning at 3 o'clock. He had been confined to the hospital for five years on account of injuries received while working for the Blackwood Lumber company at East La Porte.

Frank was a great favorite among the doctors, nurses and patients and was often found in his wheelchair, going from room to room visiting and cheering the other patients. Despite his long confinement and suffering, he was always cheerful and full of humor.

Funeral services were held at the Snow Hill Methodist church, Thursday morning at 11 o'clock with the Rev. Eugene R. Eller, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church, assisted by the Rev. G. N. Dulin, pastor of the Snow Hill Methodist church, having charge of the services.

He was born and reared on Cowee and was the son of the late Henry Shepherd and Mrs. Rhoda Shepherd. He was a member of the Cowee Baptist church.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Rhoda Shepherd, now of Watauga; two sisters, Mrs. Logan A. Allen, of Franklin, and Mrs. Will Brendle, of Watauga; two brothers, Richard, of East La Porte, and Sam, of Watauga.

## Scouts Organize

J. D. Franks Scoutmaster Of New Troop

The first meeting of the newly organized Troop No. 1, of the Smoky Mountain district, Daniel Boone council of the Boy Scouts of America, was held in the Scout hall Saturday afternoon. This first meeting drew 14 scouts, with 16 being the limit for the beginning of the scout movement in Franklin.

The scouts will meet every Friday evening, at 7:30 o'clock in the Scout house.

Last Thursday night, at a meeting of the men who attended the scout training school held at Sylva and Cherokee, the following officers were elected for the Franklin Scout troop: J. D. Franks, scoutmaster; Don Young, Paul Carpenter, R. W. Smithwick, J. D. Seastrunk, Harley Cabe and Edward Eaton, as assistant scoutmasters.

## Aid Offered in Filing Income Tax Returns

Representative of the United States Internal Revenue department will be at Sylva on Monday and Tuesday, February 20 and 21, to assist taxpayers in filing federal income tax returns, according to an announcement received from Gilliam Grissom, U. S. collector of internal revenue with offices in Raleigh.

Macon county residents desiring help in making out income tax returns also may file their returns with representatives of the revenue department at Waynesville, February 17, or Asheville, February 23 to March 15.

## NEW PLAN FOR RELIEF DRAWN

Production of Sufficient Food for Whole State Contemplated

## PROGRAM OUTLINED

Help To Be Rendered Only To Those Willing To Work

A comprehensive state-wide farming program designed to produce a sufficient amount of food and feedstuffs to supply the needs of North Carolina's destitute families has been formulated through the joint efforts of the governor's office of Relief and the Agricultural Extension Division of North Carolina State College, according to an announcement from Raleigh.

Four definite objectives are proposed:

1. To aid every relief family living on a farm, whether owner or tenant, to produce food, including gardens and farm crops, and feed crops of sufficient variety and quantity for home consumption and to conserve fruits and vegetables for winter use.
2. To transfer from the cities and towns to farms as many as possible of those families now living in town but who have had farm experience.
3. To promote subsistence gardens in towns and cities.
4. To establish, under competent supervision in the vicinity of towns and cities, community farms on which relief workers living in the towns would produce food.

How It Will Work

The central administration of the program will be in charge of the governor's Office of Relief and the Agricultural Extension Division of State college. The details of putting the plan into practice in each county will be the responsibility of the person who is now serving as relief director, aided by a local advisory council composed of the present relief committee,

the board of agriculture and representatives of the public. The county farm agents, home demonstration agents, and teachers of agriculture and home economics, in counties where such exist, will actively assist the county relief director in carrying out the program.

Already steps have been taken to put the program into action. Letters of instruction to agricultural extension workers and county relief directors have already been written by Dean I. O. Schaub of State college and Dr. Fred W. Morrison, state director of relief.

The leaders in the movement feel that if properly put into effect it will virtually eliminate the need for public expenditures for food and feed during the coming summer and next winter. As an added incentive to promote the movement it is planned to deny financial assistance to destitute families in the future unless they agree to produce their own food.

## J. E. Lancaster's Mother Critically Ill

J. E. Lancaster received word late Tuesday night that his mother, Mrs. W. H. E. Lancaster, was critically ill at her home at Naples, near Hendersonville. Mrs. Lancaster had been in ill health for some time, suffering from heart disease. Mr. Lancaster went to Naples to be at her bedside immediately after hearing of her serious condition.

## \$5,420 Paid for Chickens And Eggs by Poultry Buyer

Odell Whittington, poultry buyer who came here from Wilkes county in December, has paid \$5,420.04 to farmers in this section for chickens and eggs during the past two months, according to figures he made public Wednesday.

Mr. Whittington said he was well pleased with the business he had done so far and intends to make Franklin his headquarters. His place of business is in the McCoy building on Palmer street. Here he buys poultry and eggs every day in the week except Sunday. He also sends his truck into surrounding counties to gather up poultry and eggs. His prices are announced each week in The Franklin Press.

From December 15 to February 15 Mr. Whittington paid \$4,561.07 for 57,760 pounds of poultry. During the same period he bought

## Coweta Man Held After Death Of George Dryman

### Chicken Thieves Don't Want Skinny Roosters

Chicken thieves hereabouts are growing particular; they want nice fat hens and can't be bothered with scrawny roosters.

One morning about ten days ago C. A. Lowery, who lives about three miles from Franklin on the Georgia road, went out to his chicken house and discovered that 20 fine hens had disappeared during the night. Only a rooster was left. Tied to a leg of the old cock was the following note, scrawled in pencil:

"Go ahead and get another bunch of chickens, and fatten up the old rooster. We'll get him next time."

Mr. Lowery had a flock of chickens stolen last year and now, with the theft of his new flock, he is doubtful whether he will raise any more.

### Oscar Seagle Is Charged With Housebreaking And Murder

### HEARING NOT SET

### Death of Aged Farmer Is Blamed on Attack By Robbers

Oscar Seagle is being held in the Macon county jail without bond on charges of murder and house-breaking in connection with the death Sunday of George Dryman, 84-year-old farmer of the Middle Creek section, who was badly beaten by four masked robbers who broke into his home the night of January 23.

At an inquest held shortly after Dryman's death a coroner's jury decided that "the said George Dryman came to his death from pneumonia caused by injuries received during the night that he was robbed by person or persons unknown."

The investigation was conducted by Coroner C. M. Moore, Sheriff A. B. Slagle, Dr. N. Neville, Dr. W. A. Rogers, Deputy Sheriff George Mallonee and Harley Cabe.

Seagle was arrested Tuesday afternoon at his home on Coweta, about two miles west of Otto, by Sheriff A. B. Slagle and Deputies Mallonee and John Dills. He offered no resistance and staunchly denied any connection with the robbery. Sheriff Slagle declined to divulge the evidence he held against Seagle. No hearing has been set for Seagle and Sheriff Slagle said he will oppose any attempt to have him released on bond.

The arrest followed a quiet investigation that the sheriff and his deputies have been conducting for three weeks into the Dryman robbery and several other recent robberies in various sections of the county. Seagle is about thirty years old and has a family.

Farmer Badly Beaten

The four bandits entered Dryman's home about midnight, January 23, in an apparent effort to rob him of \$2,000 cash which he had hidden in the house. They broke in the door and attacked the farmer. They struck him on the head with a board, leaving a bad gash, and after he had fallen to the floor kicked him in the ribs, one of which was broken. Three daughters of the aged farmer were choked almost to death when they went to the aid of their father. Neighbors were prevented from coming to the rescue because the robbers had removed a footlog from across a creek separating the Dryman home from others nearby.

The robbers were successful in obtaining only \$125, which they found in a pocket of Mr. Dryman's pants, which were later found about a mile from the home.

Funeral services were conducted for Mr. Dryman at the Asbury Memorial Methodist church Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with the Rev. J. L. Teague, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Taber.

Mr. Dryman is survived by his three daughters, Mary, Lillie and Buean Dryman, all of Otto; five step-brothers and one step-sister.

## Franklin Council Bill Enacted into Law

The Ingram bill to reduce the number of members of the Franklin town council from six to three was passed by the upper house of the legislature last week and ratified, according to information from Raleigh. The measure previously had passed the lower house.

The bill is to take effect with the town election this spring.

A petition opposing the Ingram bill was circulated last week by Ras Penland, a member of the council, and was sent to Raleigh Thursday but it is believed to have reached there after the measure already had become a law. No efforts are expected to be made to have the new law reconsidered at this session.