

# As the World Turns

A Brief Survey of Current Events in State, Nation and Abroad—the Facts Boiled Down to a Few Pithy Lines.

## FAST THROUGH AT INAUGURAL

Over 100,000 people crowded the plaza east of the national capitol on Saturday at 1:06 p. m. to see Franklin Delano Roosevelt inaugurated as president of the United States. Vice-president Garner took the oath of office an hour earlier, and administered the oath of office to 16 new senators.

## 4-DAY BANKING HOLIDAY

On advice of national leaders, President Roosevelt early Monday morning issued a proclamation declaring a four-day banking holiday throughout the country, and placing an embargo on any gold and currency exports. The President also issued a call for congress to meet on Thursday in special session for emergency financial legislation.

## SLAIN AT FILLING STATION

Three bandits tried to hold up I. H. Terry's filling station near Durham last week. Terry grabbed for the pistols of two who went inside and opened fire. The third fired from his seat in a car and Thaddeus Tiley, a customer at the station, was hit in the back of the head and killed. Terry was uninjured.

## DOUGHTON STEPS TO FRONT

The elevation of Henry T. Rainey, of Illinois, to the speakership of the lower house of congress, last week opened the way for Representative Robert L. Doughton, of North Carolina, to take the chairmanship of the important ways and means committee which originates tax legislation.

## QUAKE TAKES GRIM TOLL

The northeastern section of the main Japanese Island last week was devastated by a terrific earthquake and its following disasters of tidal wave and fire. Over 1,500 were killed, many thousands injured and over 8,000 homes destroyed. Relief efforts were handicapped by a heavy snowstorm.

## CUMMINGS SUCCEEDS WALSH

Homer S. Cummings, of Connecticut, destined later to serve as governor general of the Philippine Islands, was on Friday given by President Roosevelt a temporary appointment as attorney general to take the place of Senator Thomas J. Walsh, who died on a train near Wilson last week.

## POU DEAN OF HOUSE

With Saturday's retirement of Representative Haugen, of Iowa, Edward W. POU, of North Carolina became the dean of the house. POU has represented the fourth district for 32 years.

## WIDE POWERS GIVEN PRESIDENT

The dying lame duck congress on Friday finally voted to President Roosevelt wide powers to cut government expenses on his own initiative, and also gave final approval to its money bills estimated to save \$700,000,000 under the outlay of the present fiscal year.

## EMERGENCY BANK MEASURE

A new bill drastically extending emergency powers granted the commissioner of banks and the governor of the state to enforce banking holidays in the state was passed by the general assembly on Monday. The bill approved the banking holiday for the first three days of the week and authorized its extension or renewal. It also authorized the issuance of clearing house certificates as a medium of exchange.

## CONGRESS PLEDGES SUPPORT

Caucuses of heavy Democratic majorities in both houses of congress have pledged to President Roosevelt full support of his emergency act in closing the nation's banks and have cleared the way for a speedy endorsement of his action and extension of his powers at the special meeting of congress on Thursday.

## GOVERNORS SEE PRESIDENT

Full and loyal support of President Roosevelt's emergency reconstruction program was pledged by the governors of all the states in conference with the new chief executive at the White House Monday.

## MAYOR CERMAK DIES

Mayor Anton Cermak, of Chicago, died in a Miami hospital at 6:15 a. m. Monday morning, the victim of a bullet shot by Giuseppe Zangara and intended for President Roosevelt. Zangara, already given 80 years in prison, will now face trial on a capital charge.

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## WARNING SENT TO SHIPPERS

Business Men Told To Use Railroad Lest It Be Abandoned

## LETTER CIRCULATED

No Steps Taken To Employ Counsel To Represent Public

A warning that there is little hope for staving off abandonment of the Tallulah Falls railway, unless shippers and freight consignees stand by their agreements to patronize the line in preference to motor carriers, was served on Franklin business men Saturday by a local committee composed of D. D. Rice, M. L. Dowdle and M. D. Billings. No announcement has been made yet as to when the Interstate Commerce Commission will call a hearing on the petition of J. F. Gray, receiver, for authority to discontinue operation of the "T. F."

## Circular Letter

Following is a copy of the letter received by Franklin shippers:

"To the Shippers and Receivers of Freight: The case of the Tallulah Falls Railway is soon to be placed before the Interstate Commerce Commission. It is therefore very important to know the attitude of the Commission in such cases, for their action in this case will likely follow their action in similar cases in the past. In a recent decision of the Commission, their policy was set forth as follows: 'Communities unable to support a railroad cannot justly demand its continued operation at a loss in order to maintain the values of private property within the communities, nor can shippers which use motor trucks to ship their freight in lieu of rail carriers complain if the carriers abandon branch lines due to revenue losses. 'If Macon county is to have any standing before the Commission when this case is heard, you and the other shippers and receivers of freight must be able to prove to the Commission's satisfaction that you are using the railroad and will continue to use it in preference to the trucks. We haven't a chance in the world if we do not go into court with clean hands. 'Mr. Gray, the Receiver, has assured the undersigned committee that the Tallulah Falls will continue to operate just as long as it gets sufficient revenue to meet its payroll and operating expenses. This depends on the amount of freight that you divert from the trucks to the railroad. The Tallulah Falls has offered cooperation with the shippers and will rearrange rates where they are out of line with truck rates, but it will be to your benefit to spend an extra dollar or two now to assure this county a railroad, rather than practice false economy in saving by using trucks.

## Baseball Meeting Set For Friday Night

On Friday night, March 10, at 8 o'clock a business meeting of the county baseball league will be held at the courthouse.

## Bells Plan To Transfer Center to Black Mountain

The Life Abundant Center maintained last summer at Rogers Hall by the Rev. Robert B. H. Bell and Mrs. Bell, founders of the Life Abundant movement, will be moved this year to Black Mountain, 16 miles east of Asheville, according to announcements being sent out by Dr. Bell, who has been spending the winter in Florida. In a letter to the editor of The Press Dr. Bell said he had decided to go to Black Mountain because the center would have better facilities there and had been offered more local support. Black Mountain Inn will be the new headquarters for the center. Courses of instruction in the Life Abundant movement, which seeks

## Bill Seeks To Extend Time For Liquidation of Bank

Considerable opposition is developing among depositors in the Bank of Franklin of a bill introduced in the general assembly by Senator R. A. Patton to extend for two years the time for liquidation of the old assets of the bank. Under agreements signed by most of the bank's depositors two years ago, the bank has until October of this year to pay off deposits frozen when the bank closed in the fall of 1930. Most of the depositors have accepted paper held by the bank in exchange for their deposit slips and now the bank has reduced its liabilities to a point below \$40,000. A 10 per cent levy has been made against stockholders and notice was served by the bank recently that a levy of 90 per cent would have to be made and collected before October. Some of the depositors see in the measure introduced by Senator Patton an attempt to make this levy on the stockholders unnecessary. If given sufficient time, those familiar with the bank's affairs believe, its assets can be

liquidated to such a point as to meet all liabilities without resort to a full assessment on the stockholders. A letter recently circulated among both debtors and creditors of the bank called upon the business men of the county to do all in their power to save the bank and prevent the necessity of an assessment. Urging all debtors to settle up their obligations at the bank, it pointed out that large blocks of the stock were held by widows and that another levy on the stock might leave some of them without means of support. Henry Cabe, cashier of the bank, said he had heard nothing of the Patton bill until it was called to his attention. He said he did not believe it had been introduced at the request of any of the bank's directors. The measure was passed by the senate Monday night, when Senator Patton obtained suspension of the rules to avoid the necessity of the measure being referred to a committee, and was sent to the house for action.

## WILL CONTINUE FARM MEETINGS

Pruning Demonstration To Be Given by State College Expert

The series of community conferences being conducted by F. S. Sloan, county farm agent, and Miss Rachel Davis, county superintendent of welfare, will be continued next week with seven more meetings scheduled. Miss Davis' part in these meetings is to explain the new emergency relief policy, under which only those who may get aid who are willing to work for it. Mr. Sloan discusses crop and market prospects, outlining economical methods of production and urging all to "farm to live at home." The meetings scheduled for next week are as follows: Monday, March 13, 9:30 a. m., Sealy school; 1 p. m., Highlands school; 4:30 p. m., at the Bob Davis home, Franklin. Tuesday, March 14, 10 a. m., Union school; 2 p. m., Patton school. Friday, March 17, 10 a. m., Patton school; 2 p. m., Allison-Watts school. H. R. Niswonger, horticulturist of the N. C. State college extension service, will take part in the three meetings scheduled for Monday, it was announced by Mr. Sloan. He will give a demonstration in grape vine pruning in Mr. Davis' arbor.

## House Burned

Emory Home Destroyed By Early Morning Blaze

A three-room frame house, owned by Sheriff A. B. Slagle, and occupied by Mrs. John Emory and two sons, situated just to the rear of the Nantahala Creamery, burned to the ground about 5 o'clock Thursday morning. The origin of the fire is unknown, as the family was asleep. The glow from the fire aroused Mrs. Emory. Only a few articles were saved, as the building was quickly destroyed. A car was in the garage and was removed just as the building collapsed.

## Mrs. George B. Patton Painfully Burned

Mrs. George B. Patton is recovering from very painful burns about the face received about noon Saturday. She was heating some wax to put on the floor and when she placed a mop in the wax container, vapors, confined to the can, exploded, setting fire to several articles. Mrs. Patton managed to smother the flames but meantime she had suffered several painful burns on her face. Second week: J. B. Henry, Franklin; D. W. Lewis, Franklin; George E. Brown, Franklin; H. L. Hawkins, Highlands; L. E. Picklesimer, Highlands; J. M. Cabe, Otto; Levi Crane, Highlands; T. S. Speed, Highlands; W. A. Houston, Highlands; J. M. Holbrooks, Franklin; route 2; B. C. Toy, Highlands; Walter Blaine, Franklin; route 2; W. P. Martin, Franklin; route 3; J. F. Fugit, Franklin; route 2; Homer Green, Franklin; route 1; E. B. Picklesimer, Highlands; W. R. McConnell, Sealy; and H. M. Cabe, Franklin, route 4.

## Large Crowd Attends Democratic Meeting

Approximately 125 people attended the Young People's Democratic meeting at Holly Springs Saturday night. A very interesting program was given, also a short talk by John W. Edwards, president of the Macon county club on "What the Club Should Do This Year."

## PAY OF COUNTY BOARD LIMITED

Commissioners Allowed Only \$12 a Month Under New Law

## OTHER LEGISLATION

Assumption of Authority By Legislators Irks Board Members

Pay of the commissioners of Macon county would be limited to \$12 a month each, plus traveling expenses to and from the place of meeting of five cents per mile, under terms of a bill by Representative Charles L. Ingram passed by both houses of the legislature and ratified last Thursday. For the past two years the commissioners have been paid \$4 per day and five cents per mile traveling expenses for each day they met in formal session. This per diem rate was not changed in the Ingram bill, but a clause was added limiting the number of days of meeting with pay to three. Bryson Named Accountant

The legislature also enacted last week a law sponsored by Mr. Ingram authorizing the register of deeds of Macon county to act as county accountant. C. Tom Bryson, the register, acted as assistant county accountant at a salary of \$50 a month until the new board of commissioners took office in December and gave the job to E. W. Long, one of its members. The bill was passed by the house several weeks ago and then sent to the senate. Mr. Bryson told The Press Tuesday that he had written Senator Patton asking him to have the measure killed; but evidently it was passed and ratified before Patton received the letter.

## Board Disgruntled

Although none of the county commissioners has made any open expression of opinion on the matter, it is known that they are somewhat disgruntled over the way the county's legislative delegation has taken various matters out of their hands. They see in the county-accountant bill, the law to limit their pay to \$12 a month and the reevaluation measure, now under consideration, an attempt of the legislators to encroach on their powers. The reevaluation bill, besides authorizing a reassessment of property, also names the assessors, which hitherto have been appointed by the county commissioners.

## School Board

Mr. Ingram has announced that he will recommend the reappointment of Dr. S. H. Lyle, Alec Moore and W. L. Ramsey as members of the Macon county board of education for the next two years. The appointments will be made in the omnibus boards of education bill. Senator Patton has obtained passage in the senate of a bill to permit two or more counties to enter into an agreement for the construction and maintenance of a district jail. The measure also provides that "such counties may also establish a jail already built as a district jail and provide for the improvement, enlargement, maintenance, cost and use thereof."

## John W. Edwards Named Magistrate by Bill

John W. Edwards, who as president of the Macon county Young People's Democratic club had an active part in electing the full Democratic ticket in this county last fall, would be made a justice of the peace for Franklin township by a bill introduced in the legislature by Senator R. A. Patton. The appointment would be for six years. There are two other magistrates in Franklin township—Sam J. Murray and George Carpenter. Mr. Edwards, who has been reading law, said the appointment would afford him an opportunity to gain valuable practical experience.

## Local Talent To Disport In Comic Character Roles

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church is sponsoring "The Comic Characters' Convention," to be given at the Macon Theatre, Tuesday evening, March 14, at 8 o'clock. Major Hoople will preside over the convention, which will be attended by many of the characters of the comic sections. A laugh in every line is promised. Gloom will be dispersed. Everyone is invited as a delegate to the convention. The initiation fee will be 15 cents for children and 25 cents for adults. The proceeds will be devoted to the work of the auxiliary. Local talent will provide the cast of characters, which follows: Major Hoople—Roy C. Dady. Lord Plushbottom—Dick Jones. Emmie Schmalz—Mrs. Eugene Eller. Moon Mullins—W. A. McNeill. Jiggs—Don Young. Maggie—Mrs. Howard Valentine. Walt—Howard Valentine. Phyllis—Amanda Slagle. Avery—Howard Barnard.

## Bank of Franklin Awaits Authority To Reopen Doors

## TOWN ELECTION SET FOR MAY 2

R. S. Jones Only Candidate Announced Thus Far For Mayor

Arrangements for the town election to be held Tuesday, May 2, were made by the town council at its regular monthly meeting Monday night. Thus far only one candidate, R. S. Jones, has announced that he will run for mayor. George Patton, who has held the office for several terms, told The Press recently that he would not seek reelection. Considerable interest is developing in the election, because, under terms of a law enacted by the current general assembly, the number of councilmen to be chosen has been reduced from six to three. The council Monday night appointed George Stiles register for the election and A. Lee Leach and George Mashburn, judges. The present members of the board are J. S. Conley, Mark L. Dowdle, Ras Penland, Dr. J. H. Fouts, J. B. Pndergrass and John Moore. None of them has announced whether they will seek reelection.

## Library Meeting To Be Held Saturday

A meeting of persons interested in the Franklin public library, which is to reopen soon, has been called for 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the library room in the Masonic hall. The Rev. Norvin C. Duncan has been nominated president of the organization. Final plans for reopening of the library, which has been put in orderly shape by Mrs. L. A. Ordway, are expected to be made at this meeting. All members of the old library association and any individuals interested in joining the new group are urged to attend the meeting.

## Ready To Pay off When Banking Moratorium Is Lifted

HAS PLENTY OF CASH No Hysteria Felt Here But Holiday Retards Business

Although the state banking holiday expired Wednesday, the Bank of Franklin remained closed Thursday under the nationwide bank moratorium ordered Sunday by President Roosevelt. Some of the restrictions imposed in the president's original order have been lifted, but the principal features of the moratorium are still in effect. Banks now are permitted to accept new deposits and permit withdrawals on the same, to make change and to allow entry to safe deposit vaults; but withdrawal of funds on deposit before the bank holiday was declared is still prohibited. Ready To Pay off The Bank of Franklin stands ready to meet demands on all new deposits (those accepted since the bank reopened in May, 1931) whenever the federal authorities lift the banking ban, Henry Cabe, cashier, told The Press Thursday morning. Pending words from Washington, he could not say when the bank would reopen for regular business. Anyone desiring to enter their safe deposit boxes may do so, Mr. Cabe said. He also stands ready to make change, should a shortage of small currency and coin develop; but thus far merchants have not found it necessary to call upon the bank for this purpose.

## Cash on Hand

M. D. Billings, vice president of the bank, announced after conferring with Mr. Cabe that between 75 and 80 per cent of all new deposits in the bank is represented by cash and currency in the bank's vault. The rest, he said, is on deposit in the Wachovia Bank and Trust company in Asheville and the Central Hanover Bank and Trust company of New York. He expressed the opinion that the latter two banks are as sound as any in the country. "If any of the depositors of the Bank of Franklin want their money," Mr. Billings said, "they can get it just as soon as the federal authorities permit us to reopen. Really, it was unnecessary for this bank to close." While banks throughout the country were experiencing runs and heavy withdrawals last week, the Bank of Franklin did business as usual. There was no hysteria locally. The principal effect of the moratorium here was that many who had received pay checks before the moratorium was ordered were unable to get them cashed, and at least one contractor was unable to pay off because he could not get payment of a New York draft. Merchants and business men did business as usual, though of course, trading naturally was slowed down. Mr. Cabe said that he thought it would be unnecessary to reopen the Bank of Franklin for accepting new deposits, preferring to wait until the banking holiday is ended. He explained that he would have to set up books to receive new deposits and he did not think there was sufficient demand to warrant this extra trouble and expense.

## Officers Named

Mrs. George Dean Elected Eastern Star Matron

At a regular meeting of the Nequaqua Chapter No. 43, Order of the Eastern Star, held in the Masonic hall Thursday evening, the following officers were elected for the following year: Worthy matron, Mrs. George Dean; worthy patron, John E. Rickman; assistant matron, Mrs. E. K. Cunningham; assistant patron, Judge John Awtry; conductress, Mrs. Theo. S. Munday; assistant conductress, Miss Elizabeth Slagle; secretary, Miss Charlotte Conley; and treasurer, Mrs. Sallie Penland.