

# As the World Turns

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

## AGED COUPLE IS ROBBED

Fidela Owenby, 67, and his wife, 66, were left bound hand and foot by two white men Saturday afternoon in the isolated Henderson county home of the couple. The two scoundrels took \$400 which the couple had recently been paid in insurance on their son's life. He was killed in France during the world war. Mrs. Owenby managed to free her wrists get a pair of scissors and fee her husband.

## BIGGS IS SOLICITOR GENERAL

Judge J. Crawford Biggs, of Raleigh, chairman of the state board of elections, has been appointed solicitor general of the United States. President Roosevelt sent the appointment to the senate on Friday. It is a \$10,000 per year job.

## BEER IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Beer and wine, not over the federal limit of 3.2 per cent alcohol went on sale in South Carolina Friday morning by virtue of legislative enactment the preceding night. No restrictions were placed on the sale.

## ASK HUEY LONG'S REMOVAL

A petition signed by 20 Louisiana citizens was filed with the United States senate last week asking that Huey Long, Louisiana senator, be removed, listed charges of personal dishonesty and corruption against him and said they could prove them.

## KELLY, IS CHICAGO MAYOR

Edward J. Kelly, 56, Democrat, was last week elected mayor of Chicago, to serve until April, 1935, as successor to Anton J. Cermack, slain by a gunman's bullet at Miami, Fla.

## MOVES FOR MORTGAGE RELIEF

The rescue of the small home owner unable to meet the terms of his present mortgage, is planned by President Roosevelt in a bill submitted to congress last week. The president would create a federal corporation with \$2,000,000,000 capital to take over home mortgages, refinance them on more liberal terms, and relieve the holders of the mortgages by giving them 4 per cent government bonds in exchange.

## DANIELS ESCAPES WRECK

Joseph Daniels, Raleigh editor, who is new ambassador to Mexico, arrived in Mexico City on Saturday. An attempt was made to wreck his train by removal of rails near Morales but the damage was discovered in time and the ambassador's train proceeded slowly with men examining the tracks ahead of it.

## COLLIER INDIAN COMMISSIONER

John Collier, of California, was on Saturday appointed by President Roosevelt as commissioner in charge of the nation's Indian wards and reservations.

## SALES TAX FIGHT CONTINUES

The lower house of the legislature passed on its second reading Wednesday a biennial revenue bill carrying a two per cent general sales tax. The vote was 46 to 52. The measure, before coming law, must be passed on one more reading in the house and then on three readings in the senate. Opponents of the sales tax plan were planning to fight the bill to the last reading and had hopes of defeating it. Their hope of a substitute lies in a luxury tax. A sales tax proposal, carrying a 3 per cent levy, was defeated in the house last week and efforts were made to substitute for it a selective commodity tax, but these efforts failed.

## FARM POPULATION GAINS

Rural population of the United States has been increased by one million persons during the past year as a result of the back-to-the-farm movement brought on by the depression, according to the bureau of agricultural economics. The bureau estimated the farm population on January 1 as 32,242,000, compared with 31,241,000 on the same date in 1932. It is the largest increase in a single year since 1920 and completes a net gain of more than two million people since 1930.

## BRITAIN RETALIATES

An 80-per cent embargo on Russian imports has been proclaimed by Great Britain as a result of the trial in Moscow of six British engineers on charges of espionage and sabotage. Two of the engineers were given prison sentences, one acquitted and three ordered deported.

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## REGISTER NOW

Registration books for the town election to be held May 2 will close Saturday, April 22. If you have not already registered, go to the town hall and do so immediately.

\$1.50 PER YEAR

# 5 ON TRIAL FOR BURGLARY

## U. S. GOES OFF GOLD STANDARD

President Takes Bold Action To Stem Flow of Gold Abroad

## STOCK PRICES RISE

New Currency May Be Issued On Changed Gold Ratio Basis

The United States went off the gold standard Wednesday. As a result commodity and security prices already have begun a rapid advance.

This bold action was taken by President Roosevelt to stem the flow of gold to foreign countries and to bring about controlled inflation and an international scale.

Back of the president's action is seen a plan to lift American prices, stabilize world exchanges on a revised gold basis and expand the use of currency. France is now the only major nation remaining on the gold standard. Great Britain dropped it a year and a half ago. This put the United States at a disadvantage in foreign trading.

## Wall Street Pleased

While there was some difference of opinion over abandonment of the gold standard, Wall Street, strong advocate of sound money, was elated, for it sent stock prices soaring. J. Pierpont Morgan, the nation's leading banker, welcomed it. "It seems to me clear," he stated, "that the way out of the depression is to combat and overcome the deflationary forces. Therefore, I regard the action now taken as being the best possible course under existing circumstances."

## New Currency Looms

Quickly following announcement that the country had dropped the gold basis, word came from the capitol that legislation had been introduced in congress with the president's sanction to give the chief executive authority to issue new currency, to modify the gold ratios and content of the dollar and to establish a dollar stabilization board.

A general quickening of business and greater circulation of money is expected to result, making it possible for debtors to see light.

One view taken of the president's action was that it was an adroit counter-attack against dangerously radical inflationary movements. It was explained that the United States in its present program could control its currency and its price level, as Great Britain has done in the past year and a half, and thus avoid anything bordering upon Germany's post-war experience with fiat money.

## Bill To Validate Tax Sale Delays Enacted

The Patton bill to validate the postponement of the sale of land in Macon county for delinquent taxes was ratified Wednesday, according to a news dispatch from Raleigh. As originally introduced the bill also validated all other acts of the county commissioners, but it has not been learned here whether this clause was contained in the bill as passed and ratified.

## Saturday To Be Last Day For Joining Macon League

Saturday afternoon, April 22, will be the closing date for any team to enter the Macon baseball league. For the past several weeks meetings have been held and everything has been done to make the rules of the league fair to one and all, and the officials of the league have decided the time is over for study and the time for action is at hand.

Four teams have entered the league thus far. Holly Springs, Rainbow Springs, Cowee and West End have made their deposit, which is the first step of the membership requirement.

An opening game will be staged by all teams of the league on Saturday afternoon, April 29. The season will run for five months, with only Saturday afternoon games on the schedule, unless a game is rained out. The season will be split, thus affording a team which started off with a draw a better chance toward championship. After the schedule a series of games will be played between the two leading teams for the championship of the county.

## Freight Gains Encourage Leaders in Fight against Abandonment of Railroad

Business is picking up for the Tallulah Falls railroad. In fact, recent improvement has been so pronounced that leaders in the fight against abandonment of the line feel greatly encouraged.

Official traffic figures show that 140 cars were handled during the first two weeks of April, this year, as against 88 cars during the same period last year, a numerical increase of 52 cars and a percentage gain of 59.09.

If business continues at this rate, it is felt that prospects of abandonment will be considerably diminished. To obtain authority for abandonment, J. F. Gray, receiver, must show that present and prospective traffic do not justify continued operation. With freight loadings increasing all the time, as they have been since January 1, this would be difficult to prove.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has not announced when and where it will hold a hearing on the receiver's petition for abandonment, but the Georgia Public Service commission has called a hearing on the matter for Wednesday, May 10, in Atlanta. The decision of the Georgia commission probably will bear much weight with the interstate body, which usually asks for the recommendations of state agencies in such cases.

The "T. F." receiver is expected to be assisted in pressing for abandonment by legal and traffic experts of the Southern railroad, which controls the branch line from Cornelia to Franklin. For this reason, those directing the fight for continued operation of the line feel that every effort possible should be put forth in opposition. Strong influences are expected to be brought to bear on the Georgia Public Service commission and the I. C. C. for abandonment. Mr. Gray himself is a former member of the Georgia commission. To counteract the forces pressing for junking of the line, it is realized that the communities served by it must exert every ounce of influence at their command.

Plans already are under way to organize large delegations from all of the towns along the "T. F." to attend the hearing in Atlanta, and work has begun on the collection of freight statistics, operation costs and potential business prospects with which to combat the arguments for abandonment.

The lines for the fight are well drawn. Arrayed on one side are Mr. Gray, the receiver, and the Southern railroad, and on the other are the business men of the communities served by the "T. F." and the employees of the line.

## Jobs Open for 24 Macon Men in Conservation Camps

## YOUNG WIDOW SENT TO JAIL

Mrs. Cheek and Theodore Stockton Convicted Of Larceny

Mrs. Paul Cheek, handsome young widow of Prentiss, and Theodore Stockton, young Hickory Knoll man, must serve 12 months in prison for the larceny of \$200 in cash and \$100 in notes from Matt Daves, 75-year-old farmer of the Clark's Chapel section, last Sept.

They were convicted in Macon county superior court Tuesday morning after a trial so interesting that it kept the courtroom filled with spectators.

It was brought out in the state's evidence that Mrs. Cheek went to the Daves home and persuaded the aged farmer to go with her to the kitchen to get a drink of water and that while they were in the rear of the house Stockton entered and stole Mr. Daves' pocketbook. Later Mrs. Cheek and Stockton went to Asheville. The two were arrested a few days later. Stockton also was tried and convicted on two whisky charges. On the first he was sentenced to 12 months on the roads and on the second he was given a suspended sentence of 12 months. The total time he will have to serve is two years.

## Applications To Be Handled By County Relief Director

Relief agencies will begin next Monday to recruit 6,500 employees allotted to North Carolina for the civilian conservation camps, it was decided in Raleigh Tuesday at a meeting of district relief supervisors. The number to be allotted to each of the counties also was determined at this meeting on a basis of the populations of the counties and their percentage of destitution.

Macon county was allotted 24 employees; Jackson, 30; Swain, 15; Cherokee, 0; Graham, 10, and Clay, 12.

Recruiting will be in charge of the county relief directors and Macon county applicants should file their applications with Miss Rachel Davis, county welfare officer.

## To Get \$1 a Day

Recruits accepted probably will be sent to army camps for a few weeks of training and then put to work in conservation camps in the national forests. Five such camps are to be located in the Nantahala forest, according to information received here. Members of the civilian conservation corps will be given board, lodging and work clothes and paid \$1 a day. Enlistments are for six months and one year.

The government plans to put 250,000 men to work in the conservation camps, which will be under the supervision of the army. Robert Fechner, director of the conservation-unemployment program, announced Tuesday that 23,000 men already had been recruited for the camps from the larger cities of the country.

Recruits must be between 18 and 25 years of age.

## Rev. J. A. Flanagan Out of Town

The Rev. J. A. Flanagan is attending the Rural School of Religion at Vanderbilt University, which is being held from April 17 to 28. There will be no preaching services at the Presbyterian church Sunday. Sunday school will be at the usual hour.

On Sunday, April 30, Dr. Willis A. Sutton, of Atlanta, will speak at the Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock. Dr. Sutton is a noted speaker and the public is cordially invited to attend this service.

## LEADING REVIVAL



REV. W. L. GRIGGS

## REVIVAL DRAWS LARGE CROWDS

Two Services Being Held Daily at Baptist Church

With large congregations attending, revival services are being held twice a day at the Franklin Baptist church under the direction of the Rev. W. L. Griggs, of Charlotte, and John K. Blackburn, of North Wilkesboro.

Rev. Mr. Griggs is doing the preaching and Mr. Blackburn is leading the music. A morning service is held each week day at 10 o'clock and the evening service at 7:45.

Rev. Mr. Griggs, who is a native of this county, held a revival here last year which was so successful that the pastor, the Rev. Eugene R. Eller, and the officials of the church decided to ask him to come back again this year.

Three services are scheduled for next Sunday—at 11 a. m., 3 p. m. and 8 p. m. The afternoon service will be for men only and Rev. Mr. Griggs has announced that his sermon topic will be "An outstanding Man for Christ in a Community."

The revival started last Sunday and is scheduled to continue through Wednesday or Thursday of next week.

## R. N. Stiles Celebrates 64th Birthday

Friends and relatives of R. N. Stiles gathered at his home in the Hickory Knoll community on Easter morning to celebrate his 64th birthday anniversary. A beautiful dinner was served in the Stiles living room.

Among those present were Mrs. R. N. Stiles, Miss Mattie Hoglen, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hoglen and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Stiles and family, F. F. Stiles, Mrs. Emma Stiles, Ralph Stiles, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stiles and family, G. D. Stiles, Miss Helen Stiles, Martin Justice, Mrs. Ada Fulcher, Brabson Fulcher, Stockley Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Holbrook. There were 32 present.

## Webb To Address Annual Father-and-Son Banquet

The vocational agriculture class of the Franklin high school will hold its annual father-son banquet in the school auditorium at 7 o'clock Saturday night.

This will be the third banquet of its kind sponsored by the agriculture department of the high school and the boys are looking forward to it with much enthusiasm. A large number of fathers are expected to be present with their sons.

The principal speaker on the program is Bruce Webb, of Asheville, organizer of the 5-10 Year Farm program. The banquet will be prepared and served by Miss Rosalie Morrow and the girls of the home economics class. The live-at-home

## Jury Completed For Dryman Case

## Calf's Head with Two Faces Exhibited

A calf's head with two faces was being exhibited in Franklin Tuesday by J. D. Welch, of Burningtown, and E. L. Welch, of Iota. The calf died in birth Monday night. It was the first calf of a young Red Devon scrub. It had a single skull with only two ears, but there were two mouths and four eyes. The freak attracted much attention and the Welches could have reaped a good harvest of nickels had they set up a tent and charged admission.

A lamb with three ears, one in the center of its head, eight legs and two tails was reported to have been found dead by Canton Henry in the Ellijay section about two months ago.

## TWO WELCHES ARE INDICTED

Accused of First Degree Murder; Trial Set Not Yet Set

C. C. (Tump) Welch and his nephew, Floyd Welch, both of the Burningtown section, were charged with first degree murder in true bills returned by the grand jury Wednesday. Both are at freedom under bond.

The two men are accused of slaying John Anderson, also of the Burningtown section, last December. Anderson's body, partly covered with snow, was found at the foot of a mountain ravine. At first it was thought he had stumbled by a storm, fallen into the gully and frozen to death. After two coroners' inquests, however, it was decided that he had been slain and the two Welch were arrested and bound over to the court.

No date has been set for trial of the case, but it is thought likely that it will be taken up after conclusion of the burglary and murder cases arising out of the fatal attack on and robbery of George Dryman.

The court has set aside until a later term the trial of all civil cases on the calendar.

On Wednesday T. S. A. Kannady, well known Franklin man, was convicted by a jury on a charge of embezzlement. The court deferred passing of judgment. The case grew out of financial transactions while Kannady was representing the Singer Sewing Machine company.

Carl Guest and R. L. Mashburn were acquitted on charges of larceny.

## HOME FOR WEEK-END

Senator R. A. Patton and Representative Charles L. Ingram came back home from Raleigh last Saturday to talk things over with their constituents. Both seemed to think that the legislature probably would be in session for some time yet. They returned to the capital Monday night.

## 4 Men and Woman Accused On Indictments for Burglary

## PENALTY IS DEATH

Trial of 4 Men on Charges Of Murder Deferred By Court

Four men and a woman went on trial in Macon county superior court Thursday morning in connection with the robbery on the night of January 23 of George Dryman, 83-year-old Middle Creek farmer, who died February 12 as a result of injuries received when the robbers attacked him after breaking down the door of his home.

The four men—Clyde Wood, Ernest Stamey, Oscar Seagle and Robert Bell—all are being tried on indictments for first degree burglary, conviction of which carries a penalty of death in the electric chair.

## Woman Accused

The woman—Mrs. Louise Stamey, wife of Ernest Stamey—is charged in a separate indictment with conspiracy and aiding in the burglary.

Another man implicated in the crime—Mel Holden—is dead. He was fatally shot in a battle with a sheriff's posse in the Coweta section on the afternoon of February 16. A sixth man, J. R. Bell, who was said to have been the leader of the bandit gang accused of the robbery and fatal attack on Mr. Dryman, is still at large with a reward of \$300 on his head.

## Courtroom Packed

The courtroom was packed to capacity when the trial got under way this morning. It required all of the seats on one side of the courtroom to seat the special venire of 150 men, all from the northern end of the county, which had been ordered impaneled by Judge J. H. Clement Tuesday morning.

Special deputies were on hand to maintain order and keep the aisles cleared.

Trial of the case is expected to consume the court's time for the rest of the week and it may extend over into next week.

## Jury Completed

Selection of the jury, however, moved forward quickly. As finally drawn it was composed of:

J. A. Clark, W. R. Coleman, S. J. Waters, Herman T. Wilson, W. C. Grant, D. W. Justice James McCall, G. T. Parrish, J. W. Morgan, Jr., D. A. Shuler, G. L. Jacobs, Clyde Morgan.

The court excused 62 of the special veniremen, while the defense used only 18 of its 47 challenges and the state 10.

True bills were returned in the case Monday by the grand jury with J. E. Potts, of Highlands, as foreman. Defense attorneys, however, persuaded the court Tuesday morning to dismiss them on grounds that they were returned on incompetent evidence. The grand jury examined more witnesses and sent up a new set of true bills.

## 4 Accused of Murder

The four men, besides being indicted for first degree burglary, also were indicted for murder. It was decided however to try them first for burglary. Both charges carry capital punishment upon conviction.

Selection of the jury was completed before the court recessed for lunch and the taking of evidence was expected to get under way in the afternoon.

On Wednesday Robert Bell, Oscar Seagle, Quince Hodgins, Frank Carpenter and Garland Cole went on trial on charges of store-breaking, larceny and receiving stolen goods in connection with the theft of goods from the W. M. Ritter Lumber company's camp store near Rainbow Springs last winter. Garland Cole pleaded guilty and the others were convicted by a jury. Judge Clement deferred passing judgment until the burglary and murder cases had been tried.

The state's principal witness in the burglary and murder cases is expected to be Oscar Seagle, who turned state's evidence in the magistrate's hearing in February.