

As the World Turns

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

SETS WORLD FLIGHT MARK

Only 186 hours and 45 minutes out of New York, Wiley Post flew back to that city Sunday night completing a world-girdling flight of 15,000 miles in a record time, over 22 hours under the mark set in 1931 by himself and Harold Gatty.

GANGSTERS RAID COUNTRY CLUB

Five Chicago gangsters, shotguns in hand and handkerchiefs tied around their faces, stormed the exclusive Olympic club on Sunday and compelled 93 terrorized men and women guests to throw \$45,000 in cash and jewelry on the floor. They gathered up their loot and fled in safety.

NAZIS WIN CHURCH VOTE

The German Protestant church election to choose 400,000 elders and governors, who in turn will establish a national church organization, was won by Nazi supporters on Sunday and German Protestantism was delivered into the hands of the national government of Adolf Hitler.

REPEALISTS TAKE 4 STATES

Proponents of repeal of the 18th amendment had easy victories in Oregon, Alabama and Arkansas last week but by a slight majority in Tennessee. Twenty states have now voted approval of repeal.

SOLVE LUER KIDNAPING

The kidnaping of August Luer, wealthy banker of near St. Louis, who was released last week after being held captive five days, has been solved in the arrest of five persons. The kidnaping leader was Percy Fitzgerald, ex-convict known as the "Dice Box Kid." No ransom was paid for Luer's release.

GOVERNOR FIRES COMMISSION

Georgia's public service commission of five members was ousted from office last week by order of Governor Eugene Talmadge, who charged the board with incompetence, with sanctioning excessive utility rates, and with aiding the Georgia Power company to establish a state monopoly in electric power.

APPROVE BLANKET CODE

President Roosevelt on Friday approved the recommendation of the national recovery administration that on August 1 a blanket code be submitted to all employers of labor for a voluntary shortening of working hours and an increase in minimum pay. It is planned thereby to put 6,000,000 idle workers back in jobs at once.

WIFE MURDER SENTENCED

For the murder of his wife, whom he shot as she walked with her father and two children along a mountain trail in Haywood county, Homer Brown was sentenced Saturday by Judge Felix Alley to die in the electric chair on August 18.

N. C. MOTOR DEATHS INCREASE

Statistics show that 345 persons were killed and 2,029 injured in North Carolina in 1,451 motor accidents in the first half of 1933. The first six months of 1932 showed 280 killed, 2,204 injured and 1,548 accidents.

ABANDON SALES TAX TEST

Directors of the state merchants association on Friday decided in Raleigh to abandon the proposal to have a court test of the constitutionality of the 3 per cent sales tax and instead to concentrate all efforts on naming a 1935 general assembly which will remove the tax.

DRAKE UNDER ARREST

Harry L. Drake, Chicagoan operating a personal loan business in 17 states, submitted to arrest in Chicago on Friday on a Raleigh warrant charging him with usury. He gave bond of \$2,500 while his fight against extradition goes ahead in the Illinois courts.

DETECTIVE'S SLAYER TO DIE

A Durham jury last week found Jesse Brooks, Georgia negro, guilty of the premeditated killing of Police Detective Roland Gill and Brooks was sentenced to die in the electric chair. He shot Gill when the detective surprised him on June 10 in the act of robbing a store.

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RAILROAD FIGHT NOT OVER

DEATH CLAIMS SAM L. FRANKS

Civic and Political Leader Succumbs to Stroke Of Paralysis

WAS 45 YEARS OLD

Funeral Held Sunday at Franklin Baptist Church

Sam L. Franks, a prominent figure in Macon county's business, civic and political life, died at 1 o'clock Saturday morning in Angel Brothers' hospital, where he was taken June 29 after suffering a stroke of paralysis. He was 45 years of age.

Funeral services were held at the Franklin Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. E. R. Eller, pastor, and the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, pastor of the Presbyterian church, officiating. The pallbearers were Alex Moore, Harold T. Sloan, Gus Leach, Henry W. Cabe, John Cunningham and Charles Rogers. Interment was in the Franklin cemetery.

Survivors Mr. Franks are his widow, the former Miss Eloise Griffin of Rutherfordton, N. C.; two daughters, Mrs. Frank L. Henry, Jr., and Miss Margaret Franks; his mother, Mrs. E. H. Franks, of Franklin; two brothers, J. D. Franks, of Franklin, and Mack Franks, of Pisgah Forest; and three sisters, Mrs. Minnie Powers, of Miami, Fla., Mrs. Mack Higdon, of Mayberry, Canada and Mrs. George Murray, of Whitlock, Canada.

Since early manhood Mr. Franks had been closely identified with the business and social life of Franklin. He was one of the owners and assisted in building the Scott Griffin hotel, the postoffice block, and various other smaller buildings in Franklin.

Mr. Franks was a member of the Baptist church of Franklin, a member of Junaluske Lodge No. 145, Masonic Order; a Shriner of the Asheville district, and a member of the Franklin Rotary club.

Public Figure For many years Mr. Franks had been in public life in Macon county, having served four years as county chairman of the Republican party. For two years he was a member of the board of tax assessors for the county. He was postmaster at Franklin for eight years, and during his term the office was raised from third to second class. He had been president of the Citizens Bank for several years before it merged with the Bank of Franklin.

Mr. Franks was made chairman of Macon county's farm program under the 5-10 year plan and did an outstanding piece of work for that organization. He had been for several years in the front ranks of the fight to encourage and assist the farmers of the county to better and more modern methods of farming. He attended the district farm meetings in Western North Carolina and brought to the farmers of his own county the best thought of these meetings. He was greatly interested in getting Macon county farmers to buy purebred (Continued on page six)

Singing Convention Set for Sunday

The Macon County quarterly singing convention will be held at the courthouse Sunday, July 30.

Various classes from Macon county are expected, and also classes from Jackson, Swain, Haywood Clay, and Cherokee counties and from South Carolina and North Georgia.

RICKMAN CLAN GATHERS AUG. 6

Reunion To Be Held at Old Homestead at West's Mill

The annual Rickman reunion will be held on Sunday, Aug. 6, at the home of Mrs. M. L. Rickman at West's Mill, the old homestead of the late Rev. Merritt Rickman, 9 miles north of Franklin.

The Rev. Charles H. Rickman, of South Pasadena, Calif., will preach the annual sermon, and there will be several talks on the program.

The Rev. Merritt Rickman came to Macon county in 1852. There are known to be more than 500 living descendants. A special gift will be given at the reunion to the person guessing closest to the exact number.

During the business session of the clan new officers will be elected. The officers now are J. W. Rickman, of Leatherman, president; Mrs. Frank I. Murray, of Franklin, reporter, and John E. Rickman, of Franklin historian.

SCHOOLS MAY OPEN ON AUG. 7

Returning the early part of the week from Raleigh, where he went to confer with state school officials, M. D. Billings, county superintendent of schools, said he hoped to be able to announce by the early part of next week the date for the opening of the rural schools of the county.

Mr. Billings said he had not been notified of the teacher allotments for Macon and that the election of teachers by the county school board was being held up pending receipt of this information. The county superintendent is planning to open the rural schools on Monday, August 7, but this date is only tentative.

Franklin Boy Enlists In Marine Corps

James R. Ferguson, son of Mrs. Myrtle E. Ferguson, of Franklin, has been accepted for enlistment in the United States Marine Corps at the Marine Corps recruiting station, post office building, Savannah, Ga., and transferred to the Marine barracks, Parris Island, S. C., for training, according to an announcement received from Lieutenant Colonel A. B. Drum, officer in charge. Ferguson is a graduate of the Franklin high school and attended the Buncombe County Junior college at Biltmore, for two years.

Unique Tourney Arranged To Revive Golf Interest

Old Man Depression came along and jumped on Golf Interest so hot and heavy that he has darned near smothered the local golf course. In order to keep from starving, the caddies have to eat mulberries and 'possum grapes. The greens are growing a good crop of grass, and the animals that so graciously keep the course mowed seek shelter when a player is sighted upon the course. Yes, Old Man Depression has darned near got golf.

Tournaments are no longer attractive. But how is this? Every time a foursome plays, the score card will be turned in. On the 31st of August, the score cards will be placed in a box and drawn. The foursome on the first card

drawn will play for prize No. 1 on the first day of September—low medal score handicapped according to average score on cards turned in. The foursome on the second card drawn will play for prize No. 2 on the 2nd day of September, and so on until all the prizes are exhausted. The same identical four some cannot compete for two prizes.

Each lady playing will turn in her individual score card, and the first lady's card to be drawn will get prize No. 10. By mixing foursomes a player's name may be on more than one card drawn, so that the same player may be entitled to play for (Continued on page six)

PAGEANT DRAWS MUCH INTEREST

Over 50 Girls Entered in Legion's Beauty Contest

VALUABLE PRIZES

Winner To Get Loving Cup And Free Trip To Wrightsville

Thirty-eight of Franklin's most attractive girls and 16 from Highlands have been listed as entrants in the American Legion beauty pageant to be held in the high school auditorium at 8:30 o'clock Wednesday night, August 2, it was announced yesterday by the committee in charge of arrangements.

More interest is being manifested in this beauty pageant than in anything of a similar nature that has been staged here in several years.

Valuable Prizes

The winner of the contest, who will be chosen by a group of out-of-town judges, will be given the title of "Miss Macon County" and awarded a beautiful silver loving cup from Tiffany's. She also will be given a free trip to Wrightsville Beach to compete with representatives from other towns for the title of "Miss North Carolina" during the state convention of the American Legion, August 18-20.

The winner of the statewide contest will receive a free trip to the Century of Progress Exposition at Chicago during the national convention of the Legion, October 2-5. Admission charges to the pageant next Wednesday night will be 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children. The proceeds will go to the Macon Post No. 108 of the Legion, under whose auspices the pageant is to be presented. Plans for the pageant are being directed by Dr. Furman Angel, commander of the post and district commander of the Legion, with the assistance of Mrs. T. W. Angel, Jr., and Mrs. Howard Valentine.

To Wear Evening Dresses

The pageant, Mrs. Angel and Mrs. Valentine stated, will be conducted on the same high plane as such pageants presented in other cities of the state under the auspices of the Legion. The entrants have been requested to wear evening clothes. Direction of the contest will be in the hands of an experienced, professional director.

Entrants have been notified that there will be a rehearsal for the pageant at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the school auditorium. In view of the fact that there will be only one rehearsal, the committee on arrangements has requested that each girl take pains to be there on time.

Merchants and business men of Franklin and Highlands are cooperating with the Legion in putting on the pageant. Many of the entrants are sponsored by merchants, and others will be presented by the Legion post.

Following is a list of the entrants, together with the names of their sponsors:

Franklin Entrants

Georgia Dady, Bankers' Life Insurance company; Grace Conley, State highway employes; Josephine Higdon, Angel's Drug Store; Elizabeth Dowdle, Perry's Drug Store; Margaret Cunningham, E. K. Cunningham & Company; Helen Patton, Kelly's Tea and Coffee Shoppe; Ruth Slagle, Bert Slagle; Jessie Higdon, Jesse and Mary's Shop; Virginia Calloway, Franklin Hardware Company; Nancy Patton, The Franklin Press; Nancy Crockett, Lee Pointexter, (Standard Oil company); Edwina Dalrymple, Polly's; Lucy Slagle, Franklin Beauty Shop; Jean Porter, A & P Store; Maria Palmer, Jones Motor and Tractor Company; Elita Warren, Macon County Supply Company; Margaret Slagle, Sanders' Store; Mary Bryant, Bryant Furniture Company; Katherine Porter, People's Market; Eloise Sherill, Jesse Conley; Katrina Wurst, Moses Blumenthal; Amanda Slagle, Frank I. Murray, Clerk of Court; Mildred Cozad, R. L. Womack, Esso Service Station No. 988; Ruth Pointexter, C. Tom Bryson; Mildred Moore, S. & (Continued on page six)

Siler Family Will Hold 82nd Annual Reunion At 'The Arboretum' Aug. 3

BY MRS. F. L. SILER

The Macon county descendants of the four Siler brothers who settled in this section in 1818 will hold their 82nd annual family meeting Thursday, August 3, at "The Arboretum," the home of Mrs. Henry Slagle on highway No. 28 west of Franklin.

This old home at the foot of the Nantahalas was built in 1845, the front part of it from logs hewn in 1820 and used by Jacob Siler to build his first home in what was known then as the "western wilderness."

"The Arboretum" overlooks Peace Valley, where a mirror-clear creek, the Cartoogechaye, tumbles around the curving edges of the meadows, now covered with green corn and golden wheat; but where in 1818

stood a virgin forest. Under an oak in this forest Jacob Siler and Old Santeelta, the Cherokee chief, held a "pow-wow" when Mr. Siler and a friend, who had pitched tents beside the stream, were invited in no uncertain terms to leave before "the moon comes over the mountain."

"Your women and some of your men want us to say," Mr. Siler replied to the chief. "We have brought them things they do not have and want, for their skins and furs."

"Then, my women and some of my men are fools," Santeelta retorted. "Go! before my young men get your scalps. Their bows and arrows are itching to shoot (Continued on page six)

RALLY PLANNED BY DEMOCRATS

Roy Francis and D. D. Alley, of Waynesville, On Program

The first big rally held by the Young People's Democratic Club of Macon county since the past November election is scheduled to take place in the courthouse at Franklin on Saturday afternoon, July 29, beginning at 2 o'clock. State Senator Roy Francis, of Waynesville, and Doyle D. Alley, vice president of the Young People's Clubs of North Carolina, are the principal speakers for the afternoon.

A letter from Mr. Alley received the first of this week by the Macon county club says that this is going to be a district meeting as well as a Macon county meeting for the election of officers. Mr. Alley said delegations are coming from several of the counties of the 13 in the 11th district. He has requested John W. Edwards, president of the Macon County club and recently elected publicity chairman of the district at the state convention, to explain how the Macon County club, which was counted to be one of the best organized and working county units in the state, was able to build up and finance the club work in the county.

All of the Macon county clubs are expected to have a delegation present for the meeting and the election of officers. There are clubs in the following communities: Holly Springs, Cowee, Cartoogechaye, Highlands, Rainbow Springs, Elkhay, Higdonville, Otto, Burningtown, Etna and Franklin. Each of the clubs will be allowed to name two delegates from the membership of the club to be official delegates to the district convention to be held soon in Asheville.

The following officers are to be elected: President first vice president, second vice president, secretary and treasurer.

String music will be furnished by the Young People's Democratic band. The meeting is an open one and everybody is invited to come, but only members of the clubs will be permitted to vote on the election of new officers.

Flower Show Date Changed Back to Saturday, July 29

The date for the annual Macon County flower show has been changed to Saturday, July 29, it was announced this week by the Franklin Garden club, which is sponsoring the exhibition.

The last Saturday in July is the usual time for the flower show, but two weeks ago it was announced that the show would be held this year on August 5. Several days ago, however, it was decided to go ahead with the original plans to hold the show on July 29. Members of the club explained the change was deemed wise on account of the weather. In view of recent rains, they expressed the opinion that the flowers at this time are far more beautiful than

WELCOME NEWS FOR HIGHLANDS

Mrs. Thomas Harbison Is Appointed Press Correspondent

Appointment of Mrs. Thomas Harbison as Highlands correspondent of The Franklin Press and Highlands Maconian will be welcomed by many readers of this newspaper. Mrs. Harbison, formerly Miss Elizabeth Rice, acted as representative of the Press and Maconian for several months last year, but resigned shortly before her marriage.

Then the editor tore his hair for months trying to get a good, steady correspondent to "cover" the news of Highlands. He didn't have much success and a lot of Highlands folks, not knowing the situation, began to think he should drop the "Highlands Maconian" from the masthead. This he refused to do, still hoping he could get a correspondent.

The other day, after considerable effort, he prevailed upon Mrs. Harbison to take up the job again. Now he sleeps better and is not ashamed to show his face in Highlands, the finest town he knows above 2,250 feet elevation.

Mrs. Harbison's column, "Highlands Highlights," short but full of news, will be found on page 5. We hope our Highlands readers will cooperate in making this column larger and more complete in its coverage by telling Mrs. Harbison all the news they know. And also, we hope they will favor both the editor and the correspondent by turning in their subscriptions and renewals to Mrs. Harbison, who besides acting as correspondent, will also serve as our representative to receive subscriptions and orders for job printing and advertising.

If, by any chance, you can't get in touch with Mrs. Harbison, send your orders and your news direct to The Press and Maconian at Franklin.

HOPE RENEWED TO SAVE LINE

Leaders Not Discouraged By Recommendation Of Abandonment

TRAFFIC IMPROVING

Decision of Examiner Not Regarded as Final Settlement

News came from Washington last Thursday night that abandonment of the Tallulah Falls railway had been recommended to the Interstate Commerce Commission by J. S. Prichard, an examiner; but the report, instead of discouraging local efforts to save the railroad, has served to intensify the fight against abandonment.

The recommendation of the examiner, according to information received here, is by no means a final settlement of the matter. The whole question will have to be passed upon by the Interstate Commerce Commission, and even though this body should approve abandonment, the public still has recourse in federal court.

Conference Held

The announcement of Prichard's recommendation caused leaders in the fight to continue operation of the "T. F." to call a conference in Clayton Saturday night. G. L. Houk, R. S. Jones and D. D. Rice, who took part in the hearing on the abandonment petition in Atlanta on May 10, attended from Franklin. They were not ready on their return to announce what course of action had been agreed upon, but they were not discouraged over the outlook. In fact, they were much heartened by reports of increased business for the railroad during June and the first half of July.

Profit Shown

It is said the line showed an operating profit in June and bids fair to do the same this month. If this continues, it is felt that the Interstate Commerce Commission would hardly approve abandonment.

At the hearing in Atlanta on the petition of J. F. Gray, receiver, for authority to abandon the Tallulah Falls railway, which is 57 miles long, the Georgia Public Service commission acted only as an agent for the Interstate Commerce body in compiling a record of the evidence. The commission, however, had the privilege of submitting its opinions in the case. Had it recommended continued operation, it is thought likely such a recommendation would have borne much weight with the I. C. C. But this the Georgia commission did not do. In view of this, the discharge of that commission last week by Governor Talmadge, with accusations of subservience to the railroads and public utility companies, has aroused considerable interest, not only in Georgia, but also in Western North Carolina.

Kept in Receivership

"The 'T. F.' was built from Cornelia to Tallulah Falls, Ga., in 1882 and was extended to Franklin in 1907. It was thrown into receivership in June, 1923, and since then it has shown a profit, but through design or mismanagement, little or nothing has been done toward taking it out of receivership. One year it declared a bonus to employees, instead of applying its surplus earnings on indebtedness.

The committee directing the fight against abandonment is expected to announce its plans for future action next week.

Revival Ends At Liberty Church

The revival which has been in progress at Liberty Baptist church, with the Rev. Wiley Conner, of Knoxville, Tenn., doing the preaching ended Sunday. Members of the church were highly pleased with the result. Twenty-five new members were baptized into the church Sunday morning in Cowee creek and, besides this, there were many reassertions of faith.