

As the World Turns

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

"MACHINE GUN" KELLY CAUGHT

George "Machine Gun" Kelly, desperado of the southwest sought as a principal in the kidnaping of Charles Urschel, Oklahoma millionaire, was caught Monday night by Memphis police.

WORLD GIRDLER IS HURT

Wiley Post, who circled the world in seven days and 18 hours for a new record was painfully injured on September 21 in the smashing at Quincy, Illinois, of the Winnie Mae, his famous plane.

GIRL HELD FOR EXTORTION PLOT

Willie Mae Wheelless, 15, Charlotte, is held by federal authorities for mailing extortion letters to prominent women threatening kidnaping unless money was paid.

KILLS CAPITALIST

Thomas Price, 65, retired New York railroad capitalist and owner of a big estate near Waynesville was shot and killed on Sunday by Dewey Potter, 35, a mountain man whom Price had accused of trespassing.

ADMIRAL ANDERSON PASSES

Rear Admiral Edwin A. Anderson, 73, holder of distinguished service record in both Spanish and World wars, died at his Wilmington home on Saturday.

ASSESSMENT DOWN 24.36 PER CENT

Average reduction of tax assessment on real estate in 90 North Carolina counties is recorded at 24.36 per cent, 10 not reporting.

ANOTHER ALABAMA LYNCHING

Dennis Cross, a negro under bond after a white woman had preferred charges, was taken from his home at Tuscaloosa on Sunday and lynched by a mob.

GUARANTEE 10-CENT COTTON

To farmers who will agree to contracts looking to reduction of the 1934 crop from 40,000,000 acres down to 25,000,000, the Roosevelt administration is prepared to advance 10 cents per pound for the present cotton crop.

TO DEEPEN CAPE FEAR

The public works administration last week allotted \$1,535,000 for deepening the Cape Fear river from Wilmington to Fayetteville, culminating years of effort to that end.

PLAN \$2,000,000 PROJECT

Plans for a \$2,000,000 restoration and development project in the Dare county banks and the Pamlico sound area is proposed to the federal public works administration by three departments of the state government.

NIP KIDNAP SCHEME IN BUD

Using the lure of a dummy package of money, New York officers on Saturday nabbed a nurse and a filling station manager at Yonkers and thus nipped in the bud a kidnaping extortion threat against Mrs. John K. Dougherty, social leader and the heiress to millions.

SPEEDING PUBLIC WORKS

Around \$1,600,000,000 has been allotted for public works out of the great \$3,300,000,000 fund for that purpose set aside by the last congress and Public Works Administrator Ickes has appealed to mayors of cities to speed up requests.

BYRD LEAVES FOR POLE

To explore glacial lands about the South Pole, Admiral Richard E. Byrd left Boston on Monday in his ship, the Bear.

POLAND WINS BALLOON RACE

With a flight of 846 miles from Chicago to beyond Quebec the entry from Poland is declared the winner of the 1933 international balloon race, the James Gordon Bennett trophy and the right to hold the 1934 race.

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FRANKLIN, N. C., THURSDAY, SEPT. 28, 1933

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BANK LIKELY TO REOPEN Harry Shepherd Dies of Auto Injuries

CAR OVERTURNS: 2 OTHERS HURT

Shepherd Suffers Broken Back and Other Injuries

FUNERAL FRIDAY Fred Jacobs and Vernon Baldwin Bruised and Scratched

Harry Shepherd, 32, of Franklin, died at 4 o'clock Thursday morning in an Asheville hospital of a broken back and other injuries sustained Tuesday afternoon when an automobile in which he was riding with Fred Jacobs and Vernon Baldwin, also of Franklin, overturned about a mile north of Otto.

The accident occurred on a slight curve in the Georgia highway in front of the Holbrooks place at about 5:30 o'clock. The car was headed toward Franklin and its tracks indicated that its wheels left the highway, evidently becoming caught in a rut on the edge of the paving.

Jacobs and Baldwin were badly bruised and scratched but suffered no serious injuries. All three of the occupants of the car were brought to Angel Brothers' hospital for treatment.

Shepherd was removed to his home on Iotla street Wednesday morning. That night he was taken in an ambulance to an Asheville hospital, his family hoping in vain that something might be done to save his life.

Doctors viewed Shepherd's condition as hopeless from the first. In addition to a broken back, he suffered serious injuries to his head and also internal injuries.

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3rd Annual High School Fair Set for October 21

The third annual fair sponsored by the Department of Vocational Agriculture and Home Economics of the Franklin high school will be held in the school auditorium in the second year class and 19 in the third and fourth year class of Saturday, October 21, between 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., according to plans announced by Earl Meacham, vocational instructor.

Each school district of Macon county has been invited to participate in the fair. Space will be given to the school desiring to display products of special interest in their particular community.

The main purpose of the fair will be to show products of quality rather than quantity. The prizes will be limited to vocational students. All displays must have been raised and prepared for exhibition by students of either the agriculture class or of the home economics class.

Town Council May Seek Federal Loan To Improve Sewer and Water Systems

Franklin's town council is considering the advisability of obtaining a loan from the \$50,000,000 public works fund allotted to North Carolina by the federal government, to make long needed improvements of the town's water and sewerage disposal systems.

Methods of obtaining loans from the public works fund, set up by the government as a part of its national recovery program, were outlined at a conference of county and municipal officials of Western North Carolina in Asheville last Friday. Funds are readily available for any public projects of a self-liquidating nature, speakers at the conference said.

Without making a definite promise, members of the state public works board practically told county and municipal officials that the loans would never have to be paid back, at least not in full.

Under provisions announced for distribution of the huge public works fund, the federal government will make an outright grant of 30 per cent of the cost of labor and materials in an approved project. The rest of the money needed will be loaned on a long term basis at four per cent and arrangements can be made so that no interest or principal payments will fall due for four years.

Funeral Held

Mrs. W. H. Green Dies After Long Illness

Mrs. W. H. Green died at her home in the Patton settlement at noon Monday at the age of 55 years and seven months. She had been an invalid since suffering a stroke of paralysis three years ago.

The funeral was held at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at Luisa Chapel, Southern Methodist, of which the deceased was a member.

Mrs. Green was Miss Hester Sellers of Haywood county before her marriage. She is survived by her husband, 10 children, three brothers and two sisters.

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Young Democrats To Meet at Oak Grove A meeting of the Young People's Democratic club of Macon county has been called by John W. Edwards, president, to take place at the Oak Grove school at 8 o'clock Saturday night, Oct. 30.

PLANS SHAPING FOR ROLL CALL

Rev. J. A. Flanagan Appointed Chairman of Red Cross Drive

STARTS NOVEMBER 11 300 Memberships Is Goal Of Countywide Campaign This Year

Plans are shaping for the annual Red Cross roll call in Macon county, to be launched on Armistice Day, November 11, and to continue through Thanksgiving, November 30.

J. E. Lancaster, county chairman of the Red Cross, has announced the appointment of the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, pastor of the Franklin Presbyterian church, as county chairman of the roll call.

Allotment Made For Teachers' Pay

M. D. Billings, county superintendent of schools, announced Wednesday afternoon that he had been notified by the state school commission of the allotment of funds necessary to meet teachers' salaries due in September. He did not know exactly when the money would be made available for vouchers, but expressed the hope it would be this week.

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Reorganization Plan Approved; R. F. C. To Aid

Capital Stock To Be Reduced from \$65,000 to \$25,000 And \$40,000 Preferred Stock Issued; R. F. C. To Take \$20,000

APPROVED BY DIRECTORS, STOCKHOLDERS

Hope Aroused that Bank Will Reopen without Restrictions By November 1; Must Then Apply For Federal Reserve Membership

A plan for reorganization of the Bank of Franklin, providing for reduction of the capital stock (common shares) and the issuance of \$40,000 of preferred stock, half of which is to be subscribed by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, has been approved by Gurney P. Hood, state commissioner of banks, presented at a meeting of the directors and stockholders of the bank Tuesday morning.

Adoption of the plan ends all litigation now pending in regard to stock assessments, but Gilmer A. Jones, attorney for the bank, said somebody must voluntarily pay assessments, in exchange for which preferred stock will be issued, until at least \$20,000 had been paid in by stockholders.

Confidence Revived After the meeting Tuesday there was a noticeable air of confidence in Franklin business circles.

Rev. Father Carey To Hold Service Here Rev. Father Michael A. Carey has been appointed pastor of St. John's Catholic church, Waynesville, succeeding Rev. Father A. J. Racette, who has recently been named pastor of High Point.

Needlework Meet Called Directors and officers of the Needlework Guild have been called to meet at the home of Mrs. T. J. Johnston on east Main street at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon.

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Mr. Burnett, a Confederate veteran, was a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families in Buncombe county and had long been a picturesque character. In his earlier days he was a stalwart Democratic leader in his section. He was well known in Franklin, where he frequently visited.

Mr. Burnett had been in ill health for a long time and for some months Mrs. Trotter has been staying in Ridgecrest in order to be at his bedside.

Bite of Wisdom You can't depend on your eyes when your imagination is out of focus. -Mark Twain.