

# As the World Turns

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

## RECOGNIZE CUBAN GOVERNMENT

Four days after he assumed the presidency of strife-torn Cuba, Carlos Mendicta was informed of President Roosevelt's intention to formally recognize the new regime. Mendicta says recognition will aid in speedy restoration of peace and normal trade in the island republic.

## HOUSE ADOPTS GOLD LAW

The president's bill to place title of all monetary gold in the treasury was passed by the lower house on Saturday in a 369 to 40 vote and passage this week in the senate is confidently forecast by Democratic leaders.

## LOUISIANA ELECTION ILLEGAL

The house elections committee has declined to seat either of the two candidates for representative chosen in the sixth Louisiana district. It declared illegal both the unopposed election of Huey Long's candidate, Mrs. Bolivar Kemp, and that of J. M. Sanders, Jr., who later was named on a protesting citizen's ticket.

## FARLEY RESIGNS PARTY POST

James A. Farley, campaign manager for President Roosevelt and chairman of the Democratic national committee, has requested that a successor be found for him as leader of the committee. He intends to devote his entire time to his duties as postmaster general.

## CWA HOURS ARE SLASHED

Costs of the national civil works program are running \$10,000,000 per week over the estimated expenditure and dwindling funds have forced Harry Hopkins to order civil works hours in cities be cut to 24 per week and hours in rural regions to 15, in place of the standard 30-hour week which has been in effect.

## 75,420 CWA JOBS IN STATE

Until such time as the federal curtailment in funds is lifted, the civil works weekly payroll in North Carolina will be held under \$700,000 and the number of jobs to 75,420, according to Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, the state administrator. The last weekly payroll before curtailment amounted to \$973,684.

## HIJACKERS SEIZE CIGARETTES

A gang of hijackers, traveling in two cars, used gunfire to force a Burlington truck to halt south of Richmond on Friday morning. The truck was several hours later turned back to its operators, Paul Holt and R. W. Wortham, after \$26,000 worth of cigarettes had been removed. The truck was en route to Baltimore with a shipment from Winston-Salem.

## BANDIT BRADY SLAIN IN KANSAS

Big Boy Brady, notorious desperado of the southwest, was killed Monday in a gun duel near Paola, Kansas, when he and three other escaped convicts resisted arrest by a large posse which surrounded them in a cornfield. They were four of the seven who scaled the walls of Lansing penitentiary on Friday.

## 2 HELD FOR AUTO KILLING

David Hines and Lane Woodfin, each 22, both of Alexander county are held in jail at Statesville on murder charges as result of the hit and run auto killing of Robert Moore, blind man, on January 14 as he was walking on the highway near his home.

## 2 CHILDREN DIE IN FIRE

Tragedy ended a childhood game in the home of Arthur Miller, Lexington, Sunday. Arlene Miller, 10, wearing a costume with long train, walked past the open fire. The train swung into the blazing grate and the child was wrapped in flames. She died four hours later. At Clinton, Saturday, Elsie Butler, seven, playing at a filling station, poured gasoline from a can into a heater. In the explosion she was burned to death.

## WEED REDUCTION DRIVE ENDS

The campaign for contracts to reduce the 1934 tobacco production in North Carolina ended Saturday night with authorities reporting 95 per cent of the growers signing for a reduction of 165,000 acres and 14,000,000 pounds. Growers will receive \$11,000,000 in rental, benefit and equalization payments, in addition to the higher income expected from a shorter crop.

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## NEW MINISTER COMING HERE

### Rev. Frank Bloxham To Be Rector of St. Agnes Church

The Rev. Frank Bloxham, rector of St. Paul's church, Clinton, N. C., has accepted a call to become rector of St. Agnes Episcopal church, Franklin, and the Church of the Incarnation, Highlands, succeeding the Rev. Norvin C. Duncan, who resigned in December on account of ill health.

Rev. Mr. Bloxham visited Franklin and conducted services at St. Agnes church the first Sunday in January. He is a young man, but has had a wide experience in many fields. He is a native of Birmingham, England, and attended an English church school and the high school of Birmingham. Then he was apprenticed to a firm of machine tool makers, where he was employed until he went into active service in the British army in France during the World War. Invalided in 1919 with shrapnel wounds in a hand and a leg, he went to the College of Technology at Birmingham University, being graduated with an associate membership of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers.

Served in Church Army After a time in the commercial world, Mr. Bloxham joined the Church Army, a layman's society of the Episcopal church, and did mission work throughout England for three years. Then he was sent to the United States to do pioneer work for the formation of a sister society in the Episcopal church in this country. In that work he travelled through 31 states.

This work completed, Rev. Mr. Bloxham decided to enter the ministry. He took his theological work at the Virginia Seminary, Alexandria, Va., from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. While at the seminary he had charge of work at Trinity church, Arlington, Va., and under him the church grew to be almost self-supporting.

On graduation, Rev. Mr. Bloxham married Miss Gertrude Porter, of Torrington, Conn., and Springfield, Mass., and was appointed to the work at Clinton. He also served churches in the near-by towns of Faison, Warsaw and Burgaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Bloxham are expected to arrive in Franklin next week, accompanied by Mrs. Bloxham's mother, Mrs. Ina C. Porter. They look forward to a happy and useful ministry in this section.

## S. R. Roper Is Awarded \$1,800 in Damage Suit

BRYSON CITY, Jan. 23.—S. R. Roper, of Macon county, was awarded a verdict for \$1,800 in Swain county superior court Tuesday for injuries he claims to have sustained while working for the Ritter Lumber company of Rainbow Springs. The jury deliberated 25 minutes in reaching its verdict. Roper had asked damages of \$3,000.

Judge Frank Hill, of Murphy, is presiding over the civil term which convened Monday.

## Press-Maconian Going To Press Day Earlier

To insure earlier delivery to its subscribers, The Press-Maconian this week inaugurates a policy of going to press Wednesday afternoon instead of Thursday afternoon.

All copies of this week's issue of the newspaper for delivery in the county were deposited at the Franklin postoffice Wednesday night and should be received by all subscribers in Franklin, on the county routes and in most of the county postoffices on Thursday. Subscribers on the route served from the Dillard, Ga., and those who receive their mail at Stiles, Tellico, Aquone and Nantahala should get their copies of The Press-Maconian not later than Friday.

Should any subscribers fail to receive their papers on time, the publisher requests that they so notify him and he will take steps to find out who is responsible for the delay.

In the future the management plans to post all copies of The

## They're on Their Way to Abyssinia



John Carveth Wells, young son of the famed explorer, and his wife, Jill, as they left London on a tandem bicycle for Abyssinia, where young Wells believes that they have a good chance of recovering the treasure of the queen of Sheba.

## More Lespedeza To Be Ordered Feb. 3

Another cooperative order of Lespedeza seed is to be made Saturday, February 3, it was announced Wednesday by F. S. Sloan, county farm demonstration agent.

Mr. Sloan requested that all farmers interested get in touch with him on or before the date set for sending off the order.

The first order this year, made about 10 days ago, was for 8,350 pounds, a sufficient amount for planting 334 acres. Besides this, it is estimated that approximately 5,000 pounds of seed were saved in this county from last year's crop.

## CWA WORKERS ON HALF TIME

All of the workers on the payroll of the Civil Works Administration in Macon County went on half time work this week as a result of the announcement from Washington that expenditures were running ahead of the appropriations for the emergency recovery.

Meanwhile, no new employed are being placed on jobs and no new projects undertaken, although new quotas of workmen and approval of new projects already had been granted or were expected.

Workers who hitherto have been employed 30 hours a week are now working only 15 hours a week, but no projects already undertaken have been abandoned.

Expectations in Washington are that Congress will make appropriations to continue the C. W. A. activities until May 1, possibly longer.

## DEATH CLAIMS E. A. MASHBURN

### Funeral for Well Known Blacksmith Held at Sugarfork

Funeral services for Elbert A. Mashburn, 61, who died about 2 o'clock Monday morning, were held at the Sugar Fork Baptist church Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, with the Rev. Eugene R. Eller, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church, the Rev. A. A. Angel, a Methodist minister, and the Rev. Mr. Beaty, of Highlands, in charge of the services.

Mr. Mashburn had been ill at his home on Greene street for the past ten days with pneumonia. He was well known in Macon county, having worked as a blacksmith in Franklin the greater part of his life. He was a member of the Sugarfork Baptist church.

He is survived by his widow, his father, Tom Mashburn, of Franklin; three daughters, Mrs. Steve Poole, of Piedmont, S. C., Mrs. Kiby Womack, of Franklin; Mrs. Pearl Bishop, of Piedmont, S. C.; two sons, Norman Mashburn, of Franklin, and Chalmers Mashburn, of Virginia; four brothers, Ed Mashburn, of Sylva; Weaver Mashburn, of Dillsboro; Gurley Mashburn, of Asheville, and Greely Mashburn, of Winston-Salem; and four sisters, Mrs. Hula Ammons, of Winston-Salem; Mrs. Molly Sorrells, of East LaPorte; Mrs. Cora Wooten, of Webster, and Mrs. Ida Bryson, of Piedmont, S. C.

## Mrs. Frank Fleming's Mother Dies

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fleming and son, Frank, Jr., attended the funeral of Mrs. Fleming's mother, Mrs. J. A. Burnett, in Greenville, S. C., Sunday, January 14. Mrs. Burnett was ill only a short time with pneumonia. She had visited her daughter at Prentiss several times and made many friends here, who will deeply regret to learn of her death.

## Den Containing 10 Snakes Uncovered

Snakes are seldom seen in the winter, so it was real news when 10 of them were found last week at a mine at Mica City on the headwaters of Cowee creek.

Charles Bradley, who operates the mine, reported the find. Workers uncovered a den which contained eight copper-heads and two rattlers.

Mr. Bradley said he was convinced that rattlers shed their rattles during the winter, for the two snakes of this species found in his mine had only one or two rattles and a button, although the snakes were of large size, indicating mature age.

It has been generally thought that the number of rattles on a rattler, indicated its age, but in recent years scientists have proved that this is a false theory.

## CWA PLANNING SEWING ROOMS

### New Project To Start as Soon as Authority Is Received

BY MRS. G. A. JONES (Director of Women's Work in Macon County under the C. W. A.)

Plans are progressing for establishing a number of sewing rooms in the county to give employment to women out of work and in need of assistance. Nothing can actually be started until permission is given by the state administrator at Raleigh to put on a given number of women, which number will also be decided by the Raleigh officials. It should be understood that this work is only for women in actual need, except in cases where forewomen cannot be obtained for the particular work to be done, out of the number of workers. Employment is to be given without regard to previous affiliations and only to women in actual need, and the only preference shown is to put on the neediest women first.

### Materials Needed

The garments made by these women will be turned over to the Red Cross and to the welfare officer to be used for the people in the county who are helped by the Red Cross and the welfare department. These women are paid for their work as the men are, with the same number of hours allotted, but nothing is provided for rent, fuel, lights, water, etc., for the places where the work is to be done. This is all done by donations of individuals, and anything donated will be gladly received. Especially appreciated would be scraps for quilts, quilt patterns, raw wool for making wool-filled quilts, materials of any kind which may be used for baby clothes, children's dresses, etc. Another thing which will be most useful is patterns for plain dresses for women and children of all sizes, men's shirts, baby clothes, night wear, bathrobes, etc. Also chairs, quilt frames and sewing machines to be used and returned.

### Many Donations Expected

The room which will be used for the Franklin sewing room will be announced later. A sewing machine has been offered, and it is believed that as soon as the purpose and certainty of the project becomes known that many things will be donated. In the districts out from Franklin where these centers will be established rooms have been secured and much of the equipment promised. Another project for Franklin will be the complete renovation, repairing and reorganizing of the books in the public library.

## ARREST ROBBER SUSPECT

Tom Clevenger, 52, is held at Newport, Tenn., as a suspect in the December 19 robbery of the Citizens bank at Hot Springs, N. C., when four bandits got \$2,400.

## 135 HOME LOANS APPROVED

In the week ending January 13, there were 135 loans approved for North Carolina homes by the Home Owners' Loan corporation, bringing the total of approved applications to 2,743 in this state.

## Work of Reemployment Service Is Explained

The Macon County National Reemployment committee at this time is composed of the following:

Walter Gibson, of Iota, chairman; Oscar Rickman, of Leatherman; William G. Stewart, of Otto; Miss Elizabeth Slagle, of Franklin; C. Tom Bryson, of Cullasaja, and the Rev. William Potts, of Highlands.

The last two men, Mr. Bryson and Mr. Potts, have been appointed recently to fill the vacancies of W. S. Davis, of Highlands, and Prof. M. D. Billings, of Franklin. There is yet one vacancy to fill created by the resignation of J. E. Lancaster. This vacancy is expected to be filled at once.

As many people in Macon county fail to understand the workings of the National Reemployment office, the following information was advanced by John W. Edwards, manager of the local office:

"When an order for men is received by the local manager, he calls in the committee. The files in the office are run according to

## F. D. BIRTHDAY CAKE



Here is probably the biggest birthday cake ever baked. It was made at Coral Gables, Fla., and sent to the patients at Warm Springs, Ga., to be eaten on President Roosevelt's birthday, January 30. Beside it stands Col. Henry L. Dougherty, general chairman of the national committee that arranged for Roosevelt birthday parties in hundreds of cities and towns to raise money for the Warm Springs Foundation.

## BUS FARES CUT; NEW BUS ADDED

### Queen City Coach Line Announces Change in Schedule

A reduction in fares, a new schedule and the addition of a new bus on the Atlanta-Asheville Short route, which passes through Franklin, was announced here Wednesday by K. J. Kindley, a representative of the Queen City Coach company.

The new schedule will enable residents of Franklin and other sections of the county to go to Asheville by bus in the morning and return by bus that night.

A bus is scheduled to leave Franklin each morning at 7:15 o'clock for Sylva, Waynesville, Canton, Asheville and other points west, north and east. Another bus, from Atlanta and bound for Asheville, is scheduled to leave at 6:50 p. m. For some months there has been only one bus a day for Asheville, leaving Franklin at 8:30 p. m.

There will be two busses a day leaving Asheville for Franklin, one leaving at 6:30 p. m. and the other at 11 a. m.

The new schedule calls for departure of a bus from Franklin for Atlanta and points south and west at 1:35 p. m.

Under the new rates the fare to Asheville will be \$1.65 one way, and \$2.50 for a round trip ticket. Corresponding reductions have been made in fares to other points.

The new fares and new schedule are effective Friday, January 26.

## HOSPITAL HERE IS REORGANIZED

### Provision Made by Duke Fund for Charity Patients

### STAFF UNCHANGED

### Institution To Be Managed By Non-Profit Corporation

Angel Brothers hospital has been reorganized on a non-profit basis, enabling it to receive financial assistance from the Duke Endowment, it became known this week.

Hitherto, the hospital, operated by Dr. Furman Angel and his brother, Dr. Edgar Angel, has been unable to obtain provision for charity patients from the Duke Endowment because it was a private institution.

Reports of a reorganization of the hospital have been current here for several weeks. Confirmation of these reports came Tuesday with the announcement in news dispatches from Charlotte that the Duke Endowment had approved the reorganization and granted an allowance to the hospital of one dollar a day for each charity patient.

Corporation Formed A charter has been obtained for a new corporation, known as Angel Hospital, incorporated, which has leased the hospital property from the Angels and will have supervision of the management.

A. B. Slagle, Macon county sheriff, is president of the corporation; Robert A. Patton, state senator for this district, vice president; and R. S. Jones, Franklin attorney, secretary and treasurer. No changes in the hospital staff have been announced.

With assistance from the Duke Foundation assured, the hospital, one of the largest in Western North Carolina outside of Asheville, will be in position to render a broader service to the general public.

### Established in 1923

Dr. Furman Angel organized the hospital in 1923, using an old residence on Palmer street. In 1925 he purchased the Elias property and erected a modern brick hospital building. The hospital's business increased and in 1927 Dr. Angel built an annex, which increased the institution's capacity to 50 beds. For a time a nurse's school was operated, but this was discontinued about two years ago.

Dr. Edgar Angel, who has been connected with the hospital in an active capacity for about two years, is now acting as head surgeon for the institution in the absence of his brother, who is in Florida recuperating from a recent illness. He is assisted by Dr. Charles Solms.

## Explains Placement Of Service Men on Jobs

John W. Edwards, manager of the Franklin office of the National Reemployment Service, explained Wednesday the regulations regarding the placement of ex-service men.

"Many veterans seem to think," he said, "that there are no rulings or regulations concerning their placement in jobs. Some are laboring under the idea that they should be given jobs ahead of all others. This is not necessarily the case. The first thing to decide in the placement of an ex-soldier is whether he is actually unemployed. If a former service man is a farmer and he has had a sufficient crop to carry him through the year, he could hardly be classed as unemployed."

Another thing which must be taken into consideration is that the ex-soldier must have dependents before he is entitled to preference in placements. A dependent is a person who, by law, must be provided for—that is, a wife or child. Otherwise, an ex-soldier is considered in the same order as any other citizen.

"Concerning a war veteran placed on a C. W. A. project—if he draws a pension, it will be reduced to \$6 a month, should his wages on the C. W. A. project exceed \$50 a month."

## FEAR KIDNAPED BANKER SLAIN

Authorities at St. Paul, Minn., fear that kidnapers have slain wealthy Edward Bremer, who was seized on January 17. A note demanding \$200,000 ransom and absolute secrecy.