

As the World Turns

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

GOLD BILL IS PASSED

By vote of 66 to 23, the senate on Saturday night approved the Roosevelt gold bill in much the same form as proposed by the president. The bill places the nations gold in the vaults of the treasury, reduces the gold content of the dollar from 40 to 50 per cent, gives the treasury a \$2,000,000,000 fund for stabilizing the dollar in foreign exchange.

FRENCH CABINET FALLS

Harried by rioting thousands in Paris, the Chateaux cabinet resigned from the French government on Saturday and President Lebrun turned his efforts to forming a new cabinet.

OUTLAW GANG IS TAKEN

Wanted for murders and bank robberies in the middle west as well as for prison break in Indiana, and a jail delivery in Ohio, John Dillinger, outlaw chief, and three of his men walked into a trap of officers at Tucson, Ariz., last week, and are held as fugitives, \$100,000 bond required for each.

\$950,000,000 FOR RELIEF

President Roosevelt has asked congress for an additional \$950,000,000 for continued federal relief work, \$350,000,000 to be used to extend civil works activities to May 1 and the remainder to go into regular relief channels.

PUBLIC GRAFTS COMPLAINTS

The civil works administration is sifting out the truth in 150 complaints of petty graft and irregularities in distribution of the civil works millions in 45 states. On Friday a federal grand jury at Des Moines, Iowa, indicted Lieutenant Governor Kraschel and Carlton Beh, a bond broker, for conspiracy to defraud the federal government by forgery of items in applications for public works funds for Iowa cities.

194 STATE BANKS OPEN

On January 2, 1933, there were 213 commercial banks and 39 industrial banks operating in the state. Banks Commissioner Gurney Hood announced that since the banking holiday, 163 commercial banks and 31 industrial banks had been licensed to operate without restrictions. He also announced that attorneys have been paid \$85,737 for services in liquidating defunct banks, in the seven months ending January 1, 1934.

TAR HEELS SIGN CONTRACTS

Around 60,000 North Carolina growers of tobacco have signed reduction contracts, says E. Y. Floyd, director of the campaign. He estimates 98 per cent of the 1934 crop is covered. The cotton campaign is likewise successful in this state, declares Director Charles A. Sheffield. Over 75 per cent of the cotton growers have signed for reductions and consequent benefits.

HOSIERY MAKERS ORGANIZE

Hosiery manufacturers of the southeast met at Asheville Saturday to form a southern association and to elect T. R. Durham, executive secretary with offices at Charlotte. R. O. Huffman, Morganton, was made president.

BOAT LINE FOR CAPE FEAR

W. O. Huske, Fayetteville, announced that the Seaboard-Great Lakes corporation, a very strong waterway transportation company, is financial backer for a Fayetteville concern which will put a regular line of tow boats and barges on the run between Fayetteville and Wilmington as soon as the eight-foot channel, now under construction is completed.

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH HOLOCAUST

The northern end of Wrightsville beach was swept by fire Sunday afternoon, damage running over \$1,000,000. In addition to the Oceanic hotel and a number of other hostilities, the flames, fanned by a southwest wind, roared through over 100 private cottages.

FIRE AT MORRISVILLE

Fanned by high winds, fire almost destroyed the village of Morrisville, between Durham and Raleigh, Sunday. Five homes were burned before the blaze was controlled.

KILLED IN LIQUOR RAID

Patrolman Collins Fitts is held on manslaughter charges at Roanoke Rapids as result of the Friday night killing of Eugene Ellis, 21. Fitts said he fired when Ellis ran to escape arrest for selling whiskey, and refused to halt.

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FUNERAL HELD FOR F. E. CURTIS

Ill for Several Months With Brights Disease

Funeral services for Frank E. Curtis, 54, who died Saturday night about 11 o'clock at his home on White Oak street, were held at the Methodist church at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The Rev. Chester C. Herbert, pastor of the church, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Eugene R. Eller, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church.

Mr. Curtis had been in ill health for several months. His death was attributed to Brights disease. A son of the late W. E. Curtis, founder of The Franklin Press, Mr. Curtis for a number of years was a printer and newspaper man. In more recent years he has been in the plumbing business.

Pall bearers at the funeral were W. W. McConnell, C. T. Blaine, M. C. Grasty, Ralph Welch, J. H. Brookshire and Derald Ashe.

Mr. Curtis is survived by his widow, who before marriage was Miss Aileen Baird; three daughters, Mrs. Fred Parrish and Annie Lee Curtis, of Franklin, and Miss Sue Curtis, of Durham; two sons, Hugh and Frank Smith Curtis; three brothers, Henry Curtis, of Sylva; W. F. Curtis, of Franklin, and Clarence Curtis, of Brooklyn, Wash.; and three sisters, Mrs. Jud Allen, of Cottage Grove, Ore.; Mrs. E. L. Ladd, of Gordonsville, Va., and Mrs. Florence Hampton, of Bryson City.

Death Claims

Waldrop Infant

Harry Waldrop, 14-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Waldrop, died at his home on Franklin Route 1, Friday morning at 10 o'clock after an illness of several days.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, at Louisa Chapel on Cartoogechaye. Surviving are his parents and two brothers.

Extension Classes

Will Start Saturday

The second term of university extension classes conducted by Mrs. Grace P. Woodman is scheduled to begin Saturday, February 3, at 10:15 a. m. in the Franklin graded school building.

The courses offered this term are: (A.) Grammar grade methods. (B.) Music appreciation.

Each course carries two hours credit toward a university degree and applies on both primary and grammar grade teachers' certificates.

Last Call

Co-op Lespedeza Order To Be Made Saturday

A last call for those interested in buying lespedeza seed in the second cooperative order this year was made Wednesday by F. S. Sloan, county farm demonstration agent.

Mr. Sloan requested that all who want to participate in this order get in touch with him immediately. The order will be placed Saturday, February 3.

There are some indications that the price of lespedeza seed is likely to increase as spring approaches, because the large surplus of marginal lands created by the government's crop reduction program is expected to create an unusually large demand for lespedeza.

Franklin Scouts To Take Part in Big Mobilization

Franklin Boy Scouts are planning to participate in the nationwide mobilization of Scouts on Saturday, February 10, when President Roosevelt is scheduled to direct an address to them over the radio.

The president will broadcast his message to Scouts from the White House at noon over a coast-to-coast hook network. This will be the highlight of the 24th Boy Scout Anniversary Week, beginning February 8.

Scouts the country over will mobilize at convenient places to hear the president's address, at the end of which he is expected to give them certain orders. There is considerable mystery attached to the orders which the chief executive

STEEL TRUST HEAD



This is a new picture of William Irvin, president of the United States Steel corporation, made in Washington when he appeared before the national labor board.

LEGION PLANS TO REORGANIZE

Meeting of Ex-Service Men Called for 8 O'clock Saturday Night

Reorganization of a Macon county post of the American Legion is contemplated at a meeting of ex-service men of the county called for 8 p. m. Saturday in the county courthouse.

The meeting was called by H. W. Cabe adjutant of the old post. It is thought possible the legion, when reorganized, may seek assistance from the Civil Works Administration in the construction of a post headquarters. The C. W. A. is reported to have extended aid to legion posts in a number of other communities.

Young Democrats

To Plan 1934 Activities

John W. Edwards, president of the Young People's Democratic club of Macon county, had called a meeting of the club's executive committee to take place at 8 o'clock Thursday night, February 8, at the home of Miss Elizabeth Slagle, of Franklin, a vice president of the county organization.

Plans for the coming year will be discussed at the meeting, and Mr. Edwards urged that officers of all community clubs, as well as officers of the county organization, be present.

Rotary Club Entertains

Former Members

The Franklin Rotary club entertained former members of the club at its meeting at the Scott Griffin hotel Wednesday noon.

Five of the nine ex-members of the club were present.

An address on the spirit of Rotary was made by Dr. T. C. Hunter, president of Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee, and a member of the Sylva Rotary club. He expressed the thought that once a man became imbued with the ideals of Rotary, characterized by the slogan "Service before self," he would always be a Rotarian in spirit, although not in actual membership.

Cold Wave Sends Mercury To Zero or Below; Warmer Weather Expected Thursday

Macon county folks enjoyed a balmy Sunday but awakened Monday morning to the painful realization that the mercury in their thermometers had dropped to zero or below.

It was the first real spell of winter since a cold snap in November.

The thermometer on the editor's back porch read zero at 7:30 o'clock Monday morning. It may have been colder in the earlier hours, but he didn't have the courage to go and see. Tuesday morning it was about the same, but Wednesday morning it had risen to 16 degrees.

At Highlands the mercury was reported to have dropped Tuesday to eight degrees below zero. A number of other points of

higher elevation than Franklin also reported below-zero weather. The lakes at Highlands were frozen over, with the exception of a portion of the big lake near the power dam.

Lake Emory, at Franklin, did not freeze Monday night and was only partly frozen Tuesday. Wednesday some of its branches were sufficiently frozen to permit ice-skating.

The United States weather bureau at Asheville predicted Wednesday:

"For North Carolina: Increasing cloudiness and warmer probably with rain or snow in southwest portion late tonight (Wednesday). Thursday, rain and warmer."

DEATH CLAIMS MR. PHILLIPS

Funeral Services Held Friday Morning at Clark's Chapel

Funeral services for Jonathan Phillips, 77, were held at the Clark's Chapel Methodist church Friday morning at 11 o'clock. The Rev. H. C. Freeman, of Clyde, former pastor of the church, conducted the services, assisted by the Rev. B. W. Lefler, pastor of the Franklin circuit.

Mr. Phillips, a well known farmer of Macon county, died at his home on the Clark's Chapel road Thursday morning after an illness of several months. He was a member of the Clark's Chapel church and served on the board of stewards.

The deceased is survived by his widow, four daughters, Mrs. Odell Snyder and Mrs. Joe Daves, of Franklin Route 2; Mrs. Harry McNab and Mrs. Elmer Baker, of Pompano, Fla.; six sons, Charles R. Phillips, Frank J. Phillips, Louis B. Phillips, Wendell H. Phillips and Clarence E. Phillips, all of Franklin, and Tom W. Phillips, of Brevard; twenty-two grandchildren, one great-grandchild and one sister, Mrs. S. A. Patton, of Franklin.

The six sons were the active pall bearers.

Marine Dies

Funeral Held Tuesday for George R. Culver

The body of George Robert Culver, 22, who died in the Naval Base hospital at Mare Island, Calif., January 23, arrived here Monday.

Funeral services were held at Clark's Chapel Methodist church Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, with the Rev. J. A. Planagan, pastor of the Franklin Presbyterian church, in charge of the services.

Mr. Culver had been ill for the past year. The cause of his death was not announced.

He joined the United States Marines on May 23, 1931. Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Culver; two brothers, John Culver, of Rabun Gap, Ga., and Charlie Culver, of Franklin; four sisters, Mrs. R. F. Edwards, of Highlands; Mrs. A. W. Holt, of Ashland; Mrs. G. L. Loudermilk, of Baldwin, Ga., and Miss Louise Culver, of Franklin.

The pallbearers were John Davis, Mont Sutton, William Cunningham, Harry Cunningham, Carlton Davis and John Guffee.

John B. Angel

Commits Suicide

T. T. Angel received a message Tuesday morning of the death of his brother, John B. Angel, who shot himself through the head at his home in Clarksville, Ga., about 8 o'clock Tuesday morning. He had been in ill health for some time.

Mr. Angel was born and reared in Macon county, and operated a shoe shop here for several years. A number of relatives from here attended the funeral in Clarksville, Ga., Wednesday.

To Conduct Revival



DR. SPENCER B. KING

DR. S. B. KING COMING HERE

To Preach at Baptist Church

The First Baptist church has secured the services of Dr. Spencer B. King for a series of special services here in the spring.

Dr. King, a man of deep consecration and wide experience was, secretary of state missions for the Georgia Baptist convention for about ten years. Before going to this important work he was pastor of the First church, Blakely, First church, Pelham, and other important pulpits in Georgia. So successful was his work as pastor of the First church at Blakely, that as soon as he resigned his work with the convention this church called him back as pastor. On the occasion of this call, the churches of other denominations of Blakely adopted resolutions urging him to accept the call and return. He is at the present time the pastor of that church.

Dr. King's son, Spencer B. King, Jr., is a teacher in the Bible department of Mars Hill College and was for three years the successful superintendent of Fruitland Institute, Hendersonville, N. C.

The services at which Dr. King is to preach are scheduled to start the last Sunday in April.

Recovering

W. N. Sloan Improving after Emergency Operation

W. N. Sloan, of Franklin, employed by the forestry service as supervisor of acquisitions in the Carolinas and Georgia, is in an Asheville hospital recovering from an emergency operation for appendicitis.

Mr. Sloan suffered a sudden attack of appendicitis in Charleston last Friday. Despite the seriousness of his condition, he drove in his automobile to Asheville, accompanied by Mrs. Sloan, who had been with him in Charleston. His appendix were removed Saturday and the operation was reported successful.

Tuesday Mr. Sloan was reported to be on the road to recovery.

2 Missing Rainbow Boys Found by Search Party

Gene Stanley, young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stanley, and his companion, Wade Calhoun, son of Martin Calhoun, left their homes at Rainbow Springs last Saturday afternoon to go coon hunting. When the youngsters failed to return home for supper their parents became worried. There is some rough country in the Nantahalas and a couple of boys might easily get lost.

When darkness settled about 7:30 in the evening and still the boys had not appeared, an alarm was spread. Employees of the W. M. Ritter Lumber company's plant at Rainbow Springs turned out full force and organized a searching party. They were augmented by 50 members of the negro Civilian

Conservation Camp about a mile from the village, and blood hounds were ordered from Clayton, Ga.

About dawn Sunday morning the boys were found near Aquone. They were tired and hungry but had not become frightened and were none the worse for their experience. The youngsters were taken back to Rainbow Springs on a railway motor car.

The big whistle at the band mill was sounded to announce the boys' return unharmed, and happy parents greeted them jubilantly.

IS SENTENCED TO CHAIR

Spit Bittings, Person county negro found guilty of the murder of T. M. Clayton, has been sentenced to die in the electric chair on March 30.

Bits of Wisdom

Think of your own faults the first part of the night when you are awake, and the faults of others when you are asleep.

—Chinese Proverb.

WORK STARTED ON NEW ROAD

7-Mile Link from Broadway To Tesenta Under Construction

IS T. V. A. PROJECT

Expected To Pave Way for Development of Rich Farming Area

Construction was started this week by the Tennessee Valley Authority of a new outlet for Broadway—a seven-mile road through Hickory Gap to Tesenta.

Ten men, recruited through the Macon county office of the National Reemployment service, started work on the project Tuesday under the supervision of J. E. Root, T. V. A. engineer with headquarters in Highlands. Fifteen more workmen have been instructed to report for work next Tuesday.

For the present the work is being carried on with C. W. A. funds, but the Tennessee Valley Authority expects to take it over later and reimburse the C. W. A. Mr. Root was quoted here as saying \$500 a mile had been allotted for labor on the project. This will hardly allow surfacing of the road with stone, but it is thought probable that additional funds will be made available later to provide an all-weather road.

Road Section

The section around Broadway, situated about five miles southwest of Highlands on the Highlands-Dillard road, has a rich soil well suited for growing cabbages and potatoes. Development of the area, however, has been slow on account of poor roads. Truckers seeking cabbages have preferred in many instances to go to the Hamburg section in Jackson county rather than attempt the road to Broadway.

With completion of the new road from Tesenta to Broadway, this area is expected to come into its own.

Other Road Improvements

Construction of an all-weather road between Sealy and Otto already is under way. This work is being done by the Civilian Conservation corps. The road from Highlands to Dillard, Ga., also is being improved. In time, the section within the triangle formed by Highlands, Otto and Dillard, one of the most fertile fields for development in Macon county, will be served by a network of good roads.

Completion of the Broadway road will be of considerable importance to Franklin, for it will enable residents of the Broadway section to come here without going around by Highlands or Dillard and therefore, should have the effect of bringing more business to Franklin.

Story behind Project

Back of this project is an interesting story of a college girl, Miss Frances Morgan, 19-year-old daughter of Dr. Arthur Morgan, chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority. Miss Morgan, a senior at Antioch college, Yellow Springs, Ohio, became interested in the mountain boys and girls of western North Carolina.

Every student at Antioch studies ten weeks and works away from school ten weeks, alternating between study and experience in his or her chosen field. Frances Morgan was studying to become a teacher and community worker. Last fall, when the time came for her to undertake some work away from Antioch college, she decided to come to Broadway and start a school for mountain children. She saw the necessity of a new outlet for the community and this is believed to have had considerable bearing on the decision of the T. V. A. to construct the road to Tesenta.

Zone Meeting of

Mission Groups Called

The zone meeting of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Methodist churches of Macon county is scheduled to be held at the Franklin Methodist church on Tuesday, February 13.

An all-day session is planned and the members attending are requested to bring basket lunches.

Baptists Plan More

Sunday School Work

A large delegation from the Franklin Baptist church went to Bryson City Saturday night to attend a district organization meeting of Baptists for the promotion of more extensive Sunday school work in Western North Carolina.