

# As the World Turns

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

### CONTINUE CCC

The War Department announced Saturday that orders providing for the continuance of the CCC at its present strength of approximately 300,000 men have been sent out to maintain the corps at full strength until March 31, 1935, will be accomplished in two enrollment periods of six months each.

### CWA BILL HELD UP

Final action on the administration bill to appropriate \$950,000,000 for civil works and emergency relief projects was delayed in the senate Tuesday. Meanwhile Harry L. Hopkins, civil works administrator, was engaged in an argument with Representative Gifford (Rep.—Mass.) who has insisted that Hopkins give an account of C. W. A. activities. Four million C. W. A. workers are said to be dependent for their pay next Saturday on early passage of the bill now before the senate. The civil works administration now has under consideration a proposal to discharge 200,000 or more men now employed in southern states on projects located on private land.

### FATE IN BALANCE

Four prominent Transylvania county men were faced Wednesday with the likelihood of entering state's prison Thursday morning under terms of two years each for bank law violations, unless Governor Ehringhaus granted clemency at the last minute. Midnight Wednesday was the time set for expiration of their 30-day respites. The four men are Thomas Shipman, C. R. McNeely, Joseph Picklesimer and Ralph Fisher. The four were convicted in August, 1931, of having issued \$100,000 in Transylvania county tax anticipation notes to bolster assets of the failing Brevard Banking company. Governor Ehringhaus recently declined to extend clemency to them after they had promised to make a \$30,000 restitution to the county.

### AUSTRIAN REBELS SHELLED

A death toll estimated at 500 to 2,000 was reported from Vienna Tuesday after two days of civil war during which government forces opened a bombardment of the huge Karl Mar apartment building, Socialist stronghold, and other rebel centers. Socialists were struggling in a dozen other cities against the fascist government of Austria.

### PARK MONEY ALLOTTED

The Public Works administration Tuesday made official the allotment of \$2,235,000 for the purchase of land to complete the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

### FRENCH WORKERS STRIKE

A nation-wide general strike against "fascist reaction" gripped France Monday as approximately one million workers remained idle for 24 hours, stopping virtually all normal activities. The strike was marked by rioting in which at least one person was killed and many wounded. Premier Domergue's "true government" called the violence negligible.

### AIR MAIL BY ARMY

The United States government Friday ordered contracts with 12 aviation concerns for the carrying of air mail to be abrogated February 19, directing that after that date the army should take over flying the mail pending further arrangements. This action followed presentation to President Roosevelt of evidence gathered by a senate committee into alleged graft in the letting of airmail contracts during previous Republican administrations. Col. Charles A. Lindbergh telegraphed the president that the government's action "will unnecessarily and greatly damage all American aviation." He charged that innocent companies would be made to suffer for the faults of others. The government, however, has not altered its plans.

### BUSCH KILLS SELF

August Anheuser Busch, 68, famous brewer, killed himself by shooting a revolver bullet through his abdomen at his palatial St. Louis home Tuesday. He was dependent over ill health.

### 32-HOUR WEEK

Orders lending new invigoration to the drive for increased employment are going forward from two key offices in the government's recovery program. NRA Administrator Hugh S. Johnson has called a meeting of all coed authorities for March 5, with the object of further reduction in present hours of labor to 32. At the same time, Secretary Ickes urged immediate work on projects for funds allotted, expecting 4,000,000 to be on the Civil Works by May 1.

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### Bits of Wisdom

The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn.

—Emerson.

# BANK RESTRICTIONS REMOVED

## Institution Now Ready to Resume Normal Business

**NANTAHALA GAP WIPED OFF THE MAP**  
Nantahala Gap, at least the one known by that name in these parts, has been wiped off the map.

No, the C. C. C., the C. W. A. and the P. W. A. haven't plugged up the hole in the ridge that forms the gap. The gap is still there, just at the point where the government road to Aquone passes over the ridge of the Nantahala range; but the name has been changed to Wayah Gap and so it will appear on the maps of the future.

The decision was made by the United States Geographic Board, official national arbiter since 1890 in the matter of determining geographic names, their spelling and pronunciation. Announcement of this decision, along with hundreds of others, is contained in "Uncle Sam's Handbook on Geographic Names," an 800-page document just published.

Deposits Insured by Federal Corporation To Extend Of \$2,500

### FEW WITHDRAW MONEY

Reconstruction Finance Body Subscribes to \$20,000 Preferred Stock

The Bank of Franklin opened Wednesday morning without restrictions, prepared to meet all withdrawal demands.

Final details paying the way for the resumption of normal business by the bank were completed Saturday and Monday. Tuesday afternoon the bank was notified that all restrictions had been removed.

When the institution opened Wednesday morning, according to H. W. Cabe, the cashier, it had assets in excess of \$130,000. Capitalized at \$25,000, it also had a surplus and undivided profits amounting to \$21,000.

### Few Withdrawals Made

New deposits, hitherto held as trust accounts amounted to approximately \$64,000. Old deposits, frozen since the bank closed during the banking panic of 1930, amounted to \$19,669. Cashier's checks to the old depositors were already drawn when the bank opened and it was prepared to convert them into currency if the depositors desired it, but very few wanted the cash. Eight old depositors received their checks and immediately deposited them to new accounts, while nine took their checks or the currency, the withdrawals amounting to approximately \$1,300.

### Has Deposit Insurance

The bank now is operating under a new charter, granted under the stringent banking regulations enacted by the last legislature, and it is a member of the temporary Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, which is backed by the United States government. This guarantees all deposits to the extent of \$2,500. A permanent deposit insurance corporation is to be organized in June, its provisions to take effect July 1.

### In Strong Condition

The consensus of opinion among business men in Franklin is that the bank is far stronger now than it was before it closed.

Officers of the bank are W. A. Rogers, president; M. D. Billings, vice president; Grover Jamison, chairman of the board, elected to succeed S. H. Lyle, deceased; and H. W. Cabe, cashier. A new board of directors, elected at a stockholders' meeting in January, is composed of W. A. Rogers, M. D.

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### Choir Formed

Young People of Methodist Church Organize

The young people of the Franklin Methodist church met Friday night with Misses Margaret and Mildred Cozad for the purpose of organizing a junior choir.

The Rev. C. C. Herbert acted as chairman of the meeting and the following officers were elected for a period of three months: Miss Virginia Slagle, president; Miss Mildred Cozad, secretary and treasurer; Miss Eloise Sherrill and Winton Perry, personnel directors; James Porter, pianist and director; Mrs. C. C. Herbert, assistant director.

A meeting will be held every Friday evening at 8 o'clock. The next one will be with Miss Grace Conley on February 16.

### CATCHING UP

Industry, led by the automobile makers, began to catch up with the boomlet in retail and wholesale distribution during the past week in business. Retail trade was given a further fillip by the extreme cold weather in many sections of the country.

## JONES LAUDED BY BILLINGS

Credited with Evolving Plan For Reopening Bank Of Franklin

An expression of appreciation to those who assisted in making it possible to remove restrictions from the Bank of Franklin was voiced Wednesday by M. D. Billings, vice president of the institution and liquidating officer for several months after its closing on December 15, 1930.

Mr. Billings pointed out Gilmer A. Jones, attorney for the bank, "as the man, more than any other one, to whom is due much of the credit." He explained that it was Mr. Jones who evolved a plan of liquidation and reorganization which was finally approved by state banking authorities, won the support of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and gained admission for the bank in the temporary Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Many plans were proposed, only to be rejected, before one was finally worked out in such a form as to receive the approval of stockholders and state banking authorities.

### Bank's History

The bank, established in 1903, closed a few weeks after the failure of the Central Bank and Trust company of Asheville during the wave of financial hysteria which swept western North Carolina. It reopened on April 29, 1931, as a trust depository and liquidating agency. It continued to function in this capacity until March 4, 1933, when it was closed again on account of the national bank moratorium invoked by President Roosevelt. It reopened, however, as a trust depository about two months later.

### Billings' Statement

The following statement was made public Wednesday by Mr. Billings: "The Bank of Franklin is again operating as an unrestricted business institution. The fact that it is doing so is because most of the people have cooperated with the persons having the responsibility of opening the bank in a way that has been very gratifying. To the people who were and are materially interested in the outcome—stockholders and depositors, should go the appreciation of those who realize the benefits to the entire community the reopening of the bank will bring.

"I have been rather closely connected with the Bank of Franklin since it closed. I have seen the earnest, faithful work done by all who have assisted in bringing about the conditions of the bank we all wanted that it might be in a position to serve the needs of the people of the town and county. In such cases as this, there is usually some one person who did the right thing at the right time, who brought forward the needed plan to solve the problem, when to most there seemed to be no solution and the case was apparently hopeless.

"In this instance, I, personally, want to name publicly Gilmer A. Jones as the man, more than any other one, to whom is due much of the credit that today Franklin and Macon county have a bank in which the savings of all may be deposited with safety equal to that of the solvency of the national government, and that the business of the county can be transacted here at home. I believe in justice to Mr. Jones and the people of the county I should say this."

### LIEUT. PICKELL RETURNS TO COLUMBIA

Lieutenant Heyward H. M. Pickell, U. S. army reserve corps, has resigned his post as assistant to Captain Charles McIlwaine, commanding officer of the civilian conservation camp located on the outskirts of Franklin, and returned to his home at Columbia, S. C. Lieutenant Pickell, who had been stationed at the camp since last summer, made many friends while here. In returning to Columbia he intends to re-enter the practice of his profession, engineering.

Lieutenant Jasper Parker, of Anderson, S. C., has succeeded Lieutenant Pickell.

## DENTISTS PLAN SCHOOL SURVEY

Will Conduct Study of Mouth Health Conditions of Children

Members of the North Carolina Dental society will conduct a mouth health survey of the public schools of the state on Tuesday, February 20, and Thursday, February 22, according to an announcement by Dr. J. L. West, Franklin dentist, who will supervise the survey in Macon county.

### Get No Pay

The dentists have voluntarily undertaken to carry out this project in cooperation with state and federal public health officials and the American Dental society, and they will receive no remuneration for their work.

The survey will be made in two Macon county schools, the ones at Franklin and Highlands, during the regular school hours on the dates mentioned above.

Similar surveys are to be made in all the states of the union, Dr. West said, but the North Carolina Dental society is the first to undertake this study.

"It is expected," Dr. West said, "that 700 dentists will visit the schools in North Carolina on the dates set for the survey and during this time they will inspect the mouths of at least 200,000 children for dental defects. This is the greatest concerted effort ever to be undertaken in two days' time in the health annals of the state.

### Effect of Undernourishment

"It is reported that undernourishment ranks first in the physical defects of our school children and, inasmuch as undernourishment is reflected in the mouth of the child by improper development of the teeth, the dentist has an unusual opportunity to find if this is true."

If a child is found to have dental defects, the parents will be notified and advised to take the child to their regular dentist and have the defects corrected.

## SCOUTS SEEK TO AID NEEDY

Undertake Relief Project at Request of President Roosevelt

In response to a project assigned to the Scouts of the nation by President Roosevelt in a radio broadcast Saturday noon, Franklin Boy Scouts have launched a campaign to collect unused clothing, bedding and discarded furniture, which will be put into good condition and distributed to needy families through the county relief organization.

The Scouts gathered in the Scout hall to hear the president's message. It was the high point of their celebration of the 24th annual Scout Week.

The chief executive asked "every troop and every Scout to do everything possible in their separate localities to collect such household furnishings, bedding and clothing as people may be able to spare as gifts to those who greatly need them."

"I am confident," he added, "that the American people will generously cooperate and respond."

The Franklin Scouts plan to make a door-to-door canvass to get gifts of clothing and furniture in fulfillment of this project. Miss Rachel Davis, director of the relief organization which will supervise distribution of the articles to the needy, said the following things were most badly needed: Baby clothing, stockings, dresses, overalls, shirts, shoes, sheets, pillow cases, coats and sweaters, trousers. Only clothing that can be repaired so that it may be worn is desired.

### BEATS THE RAP

Verne Sanky has kept his word to "beat the law." With a noose fashioned from two neckties and with a handkerchief in his mouth to prevent any involuntary outcry, he hanged himself in his cell at South Dakota penitentiary, Sioux City, Thursday night. Sanky was held on kidnaping charges.

## CHEROKEE LORE

By Margaret R. Siler

### Introduction

THE REASON—FORMATION OF THE ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF NORTH CAROLINA

A WA-CATOOSE time (long time ago), in my early youth, I read James Fenimore Cooper's "Leather Stocking Tales." From that day to this I have been intensely interested in the American Indian. Reared in middle Georgia, I gained little first hand knowledge of the Red Man. I was quite thrilled, therefore, when I married and came to live in Western North Carolina, the home of the Cherokee, from which he had been ejected not so many years before my arrival.

I was delighted to find that my father-in-law, Albert Siler, Esq., spoke the Cherokees' language almost as well as his own, having learned their tongue as a child playing with Indian children.

I have often thought I would put into print some of the things Mr. Siler told me of the Cherokees, for he was an authority on the subject; but I wondered who would be interested, who would care to know of these things that are fast passing from our knowledge.

In May, 1933, the North Carolina Archeological Society was formed to collect, study and preserve North Carolina history and Indian lore. The first regular meeting was held in October, 1933, at the home of Mr. Burnham S. Colburn in Biltmore Forest, Asheville, N. C. I had the pleasure of attending this meeting and the honor of being placed on the Executive Committee. Learned men were present from all parts of this state and some from outside the state. They were greatly interested in the history of the Cherokees. Dr. Swanton and Dr. Judd had come all the way from Washington, D. C., to take part in the program.

Dr. Swanton gave a lantern slide lecture showing the distribution of the various Indian tribes over the North American continent and depicting the supposed route of the Spanish explorer, Fernando DeSoto, through Western North Carolina.

I was especially interested in Dr. Judd's talk on "Preserving the Heritage of the Past," and it is with view to preserving what I have learned of Cherokee lore that I am writing this series of articles.

At the meeting in Asheville Dr. Douglas L. Wrights, of Winston-Salem, president of the society, made an interesting address on "North Carolina, Nature's Simple Case." He spoke of the Indian tribes which inhabited this state from the coast to the mountains—the Algonquins in small

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## To Reorganize CALLS MEETING ON FOOD CODE

Authority for Local Food Distributors To Be Established

By authority of the National Food and Grocery Distributors Code Authority and pursuant to the Code of Fair Competition for the Food and Grocery Trade, a meeting of representatives of all wholesale and retail food and grocery establishments covered by the code will be held at the Battery Park Hotel, Asheville, N. C., at 8 p. m. Tuesday, February 20, according to an announcement by A. R. Turnbull, chairman of the compliance board for this district.

This meeting is being called for the purpose of electing a Local Food and Grocery Distributors Authority to be charged with the administration of the Code in this area. It is important that every retail and wholesale establishment be represented at this meeting, Mr. Turnbull said.

### GETS LIFE TERM

A life sentence for Gordon Alcorn on Friday, following the suicide of Verne Sanky in his prison cell at Sioux City, wrote an end of the criminal careers of the principals in the \$60,000 ransom kidnaping of Charles Boettcher, 2nd, wealthy Denver broker. Alcorn, who was in an adjoining cell when Sanky suicided, pleaded guilty.

### U. D. C. RENDERS SIDNEY LANIER PROGRAM

The Macon County Chapter of the United Daughters of Confederacy met at the home of Mrs. T. J. Johnston Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Carl Slagle, president, presided over the meeting and a very interesting program was rendered.

Mrs. Esther Freas, of Murphy, who is visiting relatives on Cartoogechaye, gave a very entertaining sketch of the life of Sidney Lanier.

Mrs. C. C. Herbert sang "Into The Woods," written by Lanier. After the meeting the hostess served sandwiches, cakes and cocoa.