

As the World Turns

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

KING ALBERT KILLED

King Albert I, the beloved hero-king of the Belgians, is dead—a victim of the sport of mountain climbing, which he loved so well. His tiny nation has been plunged into the deep sorrow it knew when King Albert was leading its soldiers against overwhelming odds in the World War. He died late Saturday, plunging 36 feet to earth when a frostbitten rock crumbled under his weight. Succeeding him on the throne is his son, Prince Leopold, 32, who several years ago married Princess Astrid.

FOR INDEPENDENCE

France, Great Britain and Italy on Saturday night agreed in a declaration issued from the foreign office at Paris, on the necessity of maintaining Austrian independence. It was interpreted as a warning to Germany to play "hands off" in the present Austrian unrest.

MORE FIGHTING

Fighting broke out near the "American quarter" of Vienna Sunday afternoon, throwing sight-seeing crowds into a panic. Five were killed. The government of Chancellor Dollfus quickly suppressed this and other outbreaks of Socialists, wounding many in addition to those who suffered death.

G. O. P. FIGHT

North Carolina's Republicans are going to have a chairmanship fight, according to Greensboro, Hendersonville, Asheville, and Raleigh news, and if there were not some allies of Judge William C. Meekins who seldom have been among the insurgents, the contest could be explained as the old struggle of the Bourbons against the progressives.

BILLIONS FOR HOMES

The Roosevelt administration has begun a long range study of mass housing, designed to direct the expenditure of from 30 to 40 billion dollars of private funds within the next 10 years. These huge costs are beyond government scope, the president says, and he has appointed four members of his cabinet to make the survey with a view to finding out how private capital might be stimulated in this field.

LINDY DENIES GIFT

Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh issued a statement Sunday night saying his total profits from stocks and warrants, exclusive of reinvestments from them, have been \$187,838.55. The Colonel denied that he had ever received a gift of stock, stock options or warrants. He is technical adviser for Pan-American Airways, whose contracts have not been cancelled, and Transcontinental and Western Air, which did lose its contracts.

RECOVERY SPEEDS

Recovery in both industry and trade continued briskly during the past week, according to reports from many parts of the country. Large crowds flocked to stores on Lincoln's birthday sales. Dun and Bradstreet said in industry, an increased number of scattered factories began to work overtime. The largest increases have been reported in areas benefitted by CWA and PWA forces, the statisticians said.

BROWN DENIES CHARGES

Walter Brown, former postmaster general during the Hoover administration, appeared voluntarily before the senate air mail committee Monday and denied charges of collusion and fraud of contract awards during his administration. Brown attacked Farley's recent cancellation of domestic air mail contracts calling it a "colossal injustice," and said that the action would destroy the nation's air lines.

NOT TO WED

From one of the few intimates of enigmatic Greta Garbo, film folk have learned that the Swedish actress will not marry Rouben Mamoulian and that he probably will not direct another picture starring her.

"LAY OFF" MEN

The great army of civil works employees will have been reduced almost one-fourth by the end of this week as Harry L. Hopkins, the administrator, announced that 572,000 will be dismissed next Friday night. It will reduce the total at that time to 3,104,400 on CWA jobs.

ASKS CRITICISM

N. R. Administrator Hugh S. Johnson has invited the nation to a "field day of criticism" of NRA next Tuesday, preparatory to revision hearings on various Blue Eagle codes.

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Bits of Wisdom

Things perfected by nature are better than those finished by art.

—Cicero.

190 DROPPED FROM PAYROLL

Number of CWA Employees in County Reduced To 294

Authorities in charge of the CWA program in Macon county were busy this week paring down the number of employees to 294, in accordance with instructions from Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, of Raleigh, state administrator.

Miss Rachel Davis, county administrator, said today approximately 190 men on CWA payrolls had been dropped.

Orders Received
The following instructions were received by Miss Davis Monday from state CWA headquarters in Raleigh:

"Effective February 23, the number of employees on CWA payrolls in your county must be reduced to 294. Further reductions will be made each week until the program is discontinued. In order to complete CWA projects before May 1 it will be necessary to discontinue projects that can be terminated without loss and concentrate on most necessary projects now in operation. The district supervisor and engineer will confer with you this week to determine the projects to be continued."

Instructions from CWA headquarters in Washington ordered the dismissal of 20,000 workers in North Carolina by Friday of this week.

Federal Jobs Continue
No curtailment of workers will be made at this time on federal projects in this county, Miss Davis said.

All projects undertaken for the Tennessee Valley Authority with CWA funds, including the construction of a road from Broadway to Tesenta and a proposed erosion project, which had been expected to supply employment for a new quota of men, have been ordered abandoned.

DEATH CLAIMS AGED RESIDENT

Mrs. Margaret Bryson, 86, Dies after Short Illness

Funeral services for Mrs. Margaret Bryson, aged 86, widow of J. K. Bryson, were held Sunday afternoon at Sugarfork Baptist church, of which she had been a member since girlhood. Mrs. Bryson died early Saturday morning after a short illness at her home in Franklin with Mrs. J. M. Moore.

Born in Jackson county, a daughter of Major W. H. Higdon and Jane Buchanan Higdon, Mrs. Bryson moved to Macon with her father's family when she was a young girl. Shortly afterward her older brothers were called to the Confederate army and she did a man's work in her father's fields, wearing the homespun clothes of the day and shoes fashioned for the family by Major Higdon.

Mrs. Bryson was married in 1871 and was the mother of nine children, six of whom survive: Mrs. R. A. Henry, Ventura, Cal.; Mrs. J. W. Briggs, Albany, Ga.; Mrs. W. A. Collins, Knoxville, Tenn.; J. W. Bryson, Rome, Ga.; Rev. J. A. Bryson, Columbia, Mo.; Mrs. John M. Moore, Franklin.

One brother, T. B. Higdon, of Higdonville, survives; 26 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. The funeral was conducted by the Rev. E. R. Eller, who was assisted by the Rev. A. S. Solesbee. Pallbearers were Paul Carpenter, Cecil Pendergrass, Robert Blaine, Sam Murray, Henry Cabe, Cicero Grasty.

Among those attending the funeral were: Mrs. J. W. Briggs, Albany, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Collins, Knoxville, Tenn.; J. W. Bryson, Rome, Ga.; Mrs. J. J. Moore, Lawrenceville, Ga.; Mrs. Paul Kelley, Lawrenceville, Ga.

John C. Barrington Dies in Richmond

John C. Barrington died suddenly Saturday, February 10, at his home at Richmond, Va., relatives here have been notified. He had been in ill health for the past four years. The body was taken to Pamlico county, North Carolina, for burial in the Barrington family cemetery.

In 1922 Mr. Barrington married Miss Lola Penland, of this county, who survives him.

CHEROKEE LORE

By Margaret R. Siler

Article II

THE WHITE MAN ENTERS THE RED MAN'S PARADISE

Can you picture the bottom lands of the Little Tennessee River on the edge of Franklin as a swamp of such luxurious growth that the clear, twisting little river is lost entirely from sight?

Let's step into the Cherokee's bark canoe and paddle on up the stream between banks of "laving laurel," pink and white boughs of mountain ivy, dark and mighty hemlocks, the "wigwam" tree for that is the shape it grows in; past the huge bulk of a silver birch, from which the red man made caskets of silver bark in which to lay away his dead. Did they call the birch the *Al-lew-yah* tree? For *al-lew-yah* means "dead."

Let us push on up the river, which was far deeper than it is now, for when the white man came to lessen the forests he thereby lessened the streams. We paddle into what is now Rayburn Valle, Georgia, which then was the red man's happy hunting ground, for it was a marsh from mountain to mountain. There are a few people now living who remember the swamp that was filled with wild duck which nested on the little islands of the marsh, and can recall that every pool was filled with the big fish now known as "Muskie." They swam up the Cullasaja and spawned in the rapid, rocky torrent sweeping down from the falls. They were as common then as minnows are now; but a few years ago the head of a large one, caught at the mouth of Cullasaja, was kept in alcohol and displayed in a bank window.

Mrs. Long, an old lady about 83 years old, of Sylva, N. C., told me a few years ago that when the mush ice ran in the Tuckasee her husband and the Indians would go out and spear these big fish, which they called "salmon," as they "came up for air." They were brought home in an ox wagon and "fish steak" was salted down in big stone jars to be used when wanted as long as the weather was cold.

When the Tallulah Falls railway was built the Little Tennessee was turned from its natural channel in Rayburn Gap into a new bed, dug to prevent building more mileage. "Uncle" Matt Ray, our respected colored citizen, tells me he can remember when a canal was cut by colored men at so much a rod to turn the river when the valley was being settled. Side ditches were cut to this canal and the sportsman's paradise was turned into fields of corn and smaller grain.

Today the plow goes on and on without striking a root of the noble forest that belonged by possession to the Cherokee.

Into this wonderful forest two horsemen wended their way, "Indian File," in 1818. Two young bloods with the pioneer heart and spirit.

My father-in-law, Mr. Albert Siler, told me of the coming of his Uncle Jacob and Jacob's friend, young Mr. Britton, and of their first encounter with the Indians. The information of "The Pow Wow" which previously has been told in the columns of The Franklin Press and been placed on record as Macon County history, was told me by "Father" Siler and was also written by his cousin, Tom Siler, to be read at the fiftieth Siler family meeting in 1901.

Jacob Siler and William Britton, starting from somewhere near the Sandy Mush section of Buncombe County, wanted the adventure of penetrating further West into the unknown part of their county, which then extended to the Georgia line.

They loaded their cowhide saddle pockets with knives, axes, red cloth, beads, red handkerchiefs and whatever could be crammed into their saddle bags to attract the savage red man. We do not know how many days and nights these two brave young men followed the Indian trail, over streams, around mountains, through dense swamps and across the gaps that divided the ridges between the Balsams and the Nantahalas. (If anyone can give us the Cherokee name for the Balsams we will be more than delighted.)

We do know that when these young men made camp for the night one watched while the other slept, to keep the panthers or wildcats from their horses, or a "tomy-hawk"

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W. N. Sloan Reported Improving

W. N. Sloan, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at Biltmore hospital, Asheville, about a month ago, was reported this week to be somewhat improved; but he is not expected to be able to return to Franklin for several weeks.

Co-op Lespedeza Order Saturday

Another cooperative order of Lespedeza seed will be made Saturday, according to an announcement by F. S. Sloan, county farm agent. Mr. Sloan asked all farmers interested in buying Lespedeza seed to get in touch with him immediately.

NEW TAX LAWS HELPING MACON

Property Tax Reductions Exceed Sales Tax Collections

Sales tax collections in Macon county for the first six-months period since the tax became effective amounted to \$7,473, according to an announcement received by this newspaper from A. J. Maxwell, state commissioner of revenue. Accompanying the announcement were tabulations showing the indicated sales tax yield in each county for one year, and also the estimated amount of taxes saved each county through the removal of the 15 cent levy for schools.

"You will observe," said the announcement, "that tax relief afforded by the last legislature in enactment of the sales tax and other measures adopted by them, affords property tax reduction of \$22,884 in your county and that the indicated sales tax return for the year would amount to \$19,946, which leaves a property tax reduction in excess of sales tax collections made and anticipated for the year of \$7,938."

FUNERAL HELD FOR T. P. MOSES

Death Comes to Well Known Ellijay Farmer At Age of 80

Thomas Pierce Moses, aged 80, died at 2 o'clock last Thursday morning at his home on Ellijay, where he was born and had spent his entire life.

The funeral was conducted Friday morning at the Sugar Fork Baptist church by the pastor, the Rev. A. S. Solesbee.

Mr. Moses was a farmer all his life. At the age of 27 he married Miss Charlotte Owen, of Transylvania county, a sister of the Rev. J. R. Owen, pastor of the French Broad Baptist church of Asheville. To this union were born 11 children, nine of whom are still living.

Three sons, P. N. Moses, L. J. Moses and L. T. Moses live at or near the old home. P. L. Moses, after graduating from North Carolina State college, Raleigh, about the close of the world war, went to California, where he has been teaching in the public schools. Ansel Moses, youngest of the children, is in the U. S. navy, aboard the cruiser Detroit stationed on the Pacific coast. Three daughters, Mrs. Julia Osborne, Mrs. Jeanette Daley and Mrs. Hester Bruschi, live in San Diego, Calif. Another daughter, Mrs. Kay Hulme, lives in Atlanta, Ga. Mrs. Hulme, accompanied by her two daughters, attended the funeral; but the other children lived at such a distance that they were unable to be present.

Meeting Called by Democratic Chairman

J. Wallace Winborne, state Democratic chairman, has issued a call for a meeting of the state Democratic committee, to be held March 2 in the capitol at Raleigh.

The purpose of the meeting, said Chairman Winborne, will be the setting of dates for precinct meetings and county conventions, and the naming of a time and place for the state Democratic convention.

Action on the resignation of O. Max Gardner, former governor, as national committeeman, and the naming of his successor, also will be among formal business transactions.

Applications Asked For Stone Mason Job

An open competitive examination for the position of stone mason, for filling vacancies in the Pisgah National Forest, has been announced by the U. S. civil service commission.

Applications for the position must be on file in Washington by March 9, and can be obtained from the post office. The salary for this position will be from 75 cents to \$1.10 per hour.

ARMY CARRIES MAIL

The U. S. army this week took over from private companies the huge project of flying the airmail. Despite the handicap of bad weather, the service functioned on a normal basis.

Legion Planning Early Erection Of Civic Center

Association Ready To Make Crop Loans

The Franklin Production Credit association is now prepared to accept applications for crop loans, it was announced Wednesday by E. W. Long, secretary and treasurer of the organization.

Mr. Long said Mrs. Mary Louise Sherrell will be in the county farm demonstration agent's office in the courthouse on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays to receive applications. Regulations provide for minimum loans of \$50.

The Franklin Production Credit association was organized in December to serve the farmers of Macon, Clay, Cherokee, Graham, Swain and Jackson counties.

CAPTAIN HURT IN AUTO WRECK

McIlwaine Improving after Accident Near Hot Springs

Captain Charles McIlwaine, officer in charge of the Civilian Conservation camp near Franklin, is recovering from injuries received Sunday afternoon in an automobile accident near Hot Springs.

Captain McIlwaine was motoring to Knoxville to visit his mother. He said he did not know how the accident occurred as he was knocked unconscious. A passerby found Captain McIlwaine in a slazed condition on the road near his machine, which had nosed into a bank. The car was badly damaged.

The injured man was taken to an Asheville hospital for treatment. He was stunned, scratched and bruised, but doctors found no broken bones.

Dr. Trehern, camp physician, went to Asheville Monday and brought Captain McIlwaine back to the camp here. Tuesday he was confined to his bed, but was reported improving.

CHURCH Announcements

FIRST METHODIST
Rev. Chesley C. Herbert, Jr.
SUNDAY, FEB. 25
11 a. m.—Morning worship with sermon by the pastor, "The Man Who Never Saw Jesus."
7:30 p. m.—Evening worship with sermon by the pastor, "The Two Powers."

CARSON'S CHAPEL
SUNDAY, FEB. 25
3 p. m.—Preaching by the pastor, the Rev. Chesley C. Herbert, Jr.

ST. AGNES EPISCOPAL
Rev. Frank Bloxham
SUNDAY, FEB. 25
10 a. m.—Sunday school.
11 a. m.—Morning prayer with sermon by the rector.
FRIDAY, FEB. 23
7:30 p. m.—Lenten service.

CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION
HIGHLANDS, N. C.
Rev. Frank Bloxham
SUNDAY, FEB. 25
3 p. m.—Bible study class.
4 p. m.—Evening prayer with sermon by the rector.
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28
7 p. m.—Lenten service.

FIRST BAPTIST
Rev. Eugene R. Eller
SUNDAY, FEB. 25
9:45 a. m.—Sunday school.
11 a. m.—Worship with sermon by the pastor, "The Church Covenant."
6:45 p. m.—B. Y. P. U. meeting.
7:45 p. m.—Worship with sermon by the pastor.
MONDAY, FEB. 26
7:30 p. m.—Meeting of deacons and finance committee in the church.
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28
7:30 p. m.—Prayer meeting and church conference.

Will Seek Approval of Proposed Project By CWA

SITE IS ASSURED

Large Brick Building with Auditorium, Library Is Planned

Early start on the erection of a world war memorial building in Franklin to be used as a community center is contemplated by the Macon County Post of the American Legion, reorganized recently, if it can obtain assistance from the Civil Works Administration.

The Rev. J. A. Flanagan, post commander, and Mrs. Lassic Kelly Cunningham, adjutant, are planning to go to Raleigh this week to submit to state CWA authorities plans for the proposed building together with a request for approval of the project and the allocation of the necessary workmen and materials for carrying it out.

Mrs. Cunningham said the legion hoped to get the work under way by March 1 and to secure the allocation of a sufficient number of CWA employees to complete the building by May 1, when the Civil Works program is scheduled to end.

Site Assured

The legion already has obtained assurance of a building site from the county commissioners, Mrs. Cunningham said. The county owns the lot at the head of Church street on Harrison avenue between the Methodist church and the residence of Steve Porter, and this is the site upon which the legion proposes to build the community center.

Similar projects have been approved by the CWA in a number of communities in this and other states. The community is required to furnish a site and part of the building expenses.

\$1,600 Available

The local legion post has a fund estimated at between \$1,600 and \$1,700. In 1919, when the doughboys were returning home after the close of the war, a campaign was started in Franklin to raise money for the construction of a suitable memorial to those from this county who served under the colors—400 in all, 14 of whom lost their lives in the service. The campaign brought donations of \$1,005; but it was decided to defer construction of the memorial and the fund later was invested in the Macon County Building and Loan association. The legion has been assured that the money is available when needed.

Plans for Building

Plans for the proposed building are being drawn by Zeb Conley, Franklin contractor. They call for a large two-level structure with walls of hollow tile and brick veneer. The main floor, opening on the front level of the lot, will be a commodious auditorium with a stage and two dressing rooms. The lower floor, on a level with the rear of the lot, will provide space for a kitchen, assembly room and quarters for the Franklin public library, and also a heating plant.

Mrs. Cunningham said it had been estimated the building would cost approximately \$10,000, of which the CWA will be asked to supply \$9,000 in labor and materials.

Plans for the building were discussed at a meeting of the legion post in the courthouse Saturday night. The post now has 26 paid-up members and many other ex-service men are expected to join. Meetings, with refreshments, are planned to be held twice a month, on Saturday nights, in the courthouse. The next meeting is set for March 3.

Franklin Circuit Stewards To Meet

Dr. J. L. West has called a special meeting of the stewards of the Methodist churches on the Franklin circuit to be held at 4:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, Feb. 24, in the Bank of Franklin.

"We want every member of the board of stewards on the Franklin circuit to be present," Dr. West said, "as this will be a business meeting of the utmost importance."