

# As the World Turns

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

## ANOTHER CWA CUT

Twelve thousand more employes are to be cut from CWA payrolls in North Carolina this week, according to an announcement Sunday by Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, state civil works director. The eastern counties, she said, would get a larger percentage of the cut this week than they did last week.

## THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION

Industrial unemployment increased again in January, William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, said Monday, but the increase was not quite as much as in other depression years.

## INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT INCREASES

Sharp increases in industrial output and a general rise in wholesale prices were reported this week by the Federal Reserve board for January and the early part of February.

## CCC CONTINUED

Members of the Civilian Conservation Corps throughout western North Carolina are to be issued certificates of selection in anticipation of the forest camps being continued for another six months after July 1, according to information from Washington.

More than a score of persons were reported to have been killed and dozens of others injured in winter tornadoes which swept across Mississippi, Alabama and part of Georgia Sunday night. North Carolina experienced some freakish weather, with lashing rains in most sections but snow in the northeast. There was heavy sleet in the Piedmont, resulting in great property damage. Three were reported dead as a result of the storms in North Carolina.

## WOULD PROTECT HOME MERCHANTS

Since North Carolina's sales tax went into effect last July merchants in this state have complained bitterly that they were losing much business to mail order houses outside the state. Many folks, the merchants say, send off their orders for goods rather than buy them at home and pay the sales tax. Governor Ehringhaus took action Saturday seeking to correct this situation and at the same time to increase the state's revenue. He telegraphed the North Carolina members of congress requesting them to support legislation allowing states to levy sales taxes on interstate shipments. Such legislation was endorsed earlier in the week by tax officials of a number of states who met in Indianapolis.

## BUMGARDNER ACQUITTED

K. E. Bumgarner, of Cashiers, was acquitted Saturday afternoon by a jury in Jackson county superior court at Sylva after trial on a charge of second degree murder in connection with the slaying of Frank Bryson, 45, also of Cashiers, on January 3. The trial lasted three days with large crowds attending. Bumgarner claimed he shot Bryson in self-defense. Both men were well known in Macon county.

## WHAT FARLEY SAID

What Postmaster General Farley said to his Republican predecessor, Walter F. Brown, kept everybody wondering last week, just because Brown held it as a confidential remark and would not reveal it despite the proddings of the senate air mail investigating committee. Then Farley released Brown. A tensely expectant crowd which heard Brown repeat the remark broke into uproarious laughter. Brown said Farley's confidential remark was that Senator Black, chairman of the investigating committee, "was just a publicity hound." Brown, Farley and Black joined in the laughter, but when things had quieted down Farley denied he had made such a statement.

## 9 STUDENTS PERISH

Nine students at Dartmouth college, Hanover, N. H., perished early Sunday morning in the Theta Chi fraternity house, victims of carbon monoxide gas which escaped from a faulty furnace while they were sleeping.

## GREENS CONVICTED

Bascom Green, 47, and his son, Lester, 24, Friday night were convicted of murder in the fatal shooting last July of T. C. Barnes in an attempted holdup of the Farmers and Merchants Bank at Taylorsville. Judge Wilson Warlick sentenced the two men to die in the electric chair on April 27.

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## TVA SEEKS TO STOP EROSION

### Investigator Finds Much Land In Mountain Region Exhausted

### NEW CROPPING PLANNED

### 5 Experiment Stations To Be Established; Will Employ Many Men

Few, if any, projects undertaken by the Soil Erosion Service promise to be of greater importance to as many tillers of the soil in such a large area as the one at present being organized in the great Tennessee Valley. R. H. Bennett, Director of the Soil Erosion Service of the Interior Department, some months ago made a cursory examination of this vast watershed and was impressed with the necessity of undertaking large-scale operations in this region, which takes in a number of adjacent states.

As a general thing, the farmers of this valley have lived for generations on the same family homesteads. Many of them are the direct descendants of early American colonists and are much attached to the land. The continual depletion of their soil by rain washing has made it more and more difficult for them to eke out even a bare existence. It is the desire of the Federal Government to help these worthy citizens make a higher standard of living, with the expenditure of less labor than they are able to do at present.

### Preliminary Surveys Made

Recently C. B. Manifold has been making preliminary surveys and locating the best sites for large erosion demonstrations. Mr. Manifold has been appointed Regional Director of the entire Tennessee Valley work, and has located five demonstration areas in which approved methods of checking erosion will be put into immediate execution. He is still on the ground working out definite plans of work.

It has already been decided that these projects will be established in the following states: One each in western North Carolina, northern Alabama, and one on the line between Kentucky and Tennessee, and two in the Tennessee Valley proper. The work to be undertaken here will be done in cooperation with the Tennessee Valley Authority, and the States directly interested, whose officials are enthusiastically in favor of this great undertaking, and who have assumed responsibility for obtaining permission from the land owners in the different districts for the soil erosion forces to enter upon their property and put in their experimental stations.

The Tennessee Valley is an empire in itself. Much of it was settled in the earliest times. Most of the land is of a sloping description, a large part having a steep incline, which after the cutting of the timber and the plowing of the land, permitted washing of the soil after every considerable rainfall. A great deal of this land never should have been denuded of its trees. The natural result in numerous instances has been that the impoverishment of the land owners has kept pace with the impoverishment of their soil by erosion. In such a large expanse of country, different conditions of wash are encountered in different localities within it.

### Much Land Exhausted

Much of the land on the steep slopes already has been exhausted by erosion and no longer will remunerate its owners for growing crops, yet the tillers of the soil have held on to their holdings and lived upon them in the hope that some unforeseen turn might come to their fortunes.

These five demonstration stations mentioned have been located for the purpose of carrying on experimental work in a big way. Each one of them will average about 1,000 acres and the present purpose is to learn from them by accurate measurement just what the rainfall in each section is and how much of the rainfall runs off and how much soil this water carries with it under various forms of cropping. Then the loss under different types of grazing on the sloping land will be carefully recorded.

The difference between land overgrazed by livestock and that upon which no animals are permitted to feed will be noted. Terracing, contour plowing and strip-cropping on various slopes, and different systems

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## Council Seeks Continuance of CWA Work on Golf Course

Twenty-odd CWA workers were taken off of the project at the Franklin golf course Wednesday on instructions received in a telegram from CWA headquarters in Raleigh, but the town council met in a called session Wednesday night and took action which it hopes will remove all objections to continuance of this project.

In December a group of Franklin business men organized the Franklin Recreational Company, Inc., and took over the golf course, assuming responsibility for all indebtedness against the property. This company then gave the town of Franklin a quit claim deed to the property for 10 years, after the expiration of which the property will revert to the recreational company. The town then obtained approval of a project to employ CWA workers in improving the golf

course and building a swimming pool, and leased the course back to the recreational company to operate on a non-profit basis. State CWA headquarters telegraphed Wednesday that civil works funds could no longer be used on the project unless the town operated the golf course. The council met Wednesday night and abrogated the lease to the recreational company and appointed a committee to supervise operation of the course with the provision that no obligations were to be made against the town. Those named on the committee were R. D. Sisk, G. A. Jones, C. T. Bryson, Steve Porter, J. E. Perry and G. L. Houk.

Efforts are now being made to obtain CWA approval of this arrangement so work on the golf course and swimming pool may continue.

## CHEROKEE LORE

By Margaret R. Siler

### Article III

#### THE INDIAN LOVE CALL

BETWEEN Muskrat Gap and the Winding Stair nestles a small valley, protected on the East, North and West by sheltering mountains, and open only to the warm winds from the South. Rushing down from the mountain to the North, Muskrat brook curves around one side of the valley. On the other side ripple the clear waters of Cartoogechay creek.

Situated in this ideal spot was a Cherokee settlement, the last in Macon county, known to the white people as Sandtown, because, it is thought, the clay soil in that vicinity contained a portion of sand.

This sheltered little valley must have been the home of old Chief Santeetla, whose threats failed to deter those young bloods, Siler and Britton, from settling on the banks of Cartoogechay creek a few miles East.

The brave pioneer, Jacob Siler, remained to make fast friendship with the Cherokee tribes that peopled the region. Returning later to his home near what is now Asheville, he persuaded his brothers, William, Jesse and John, to come over the mountains with him and settle in this virgin country, lavishly endowed by nature with beauty, food and noble trees from which to build homes.

The brothers erected dwellings within a mile or so of each other, William Siler choosing for his site a sheltered nook near the point where Wayah creek joins Cartoogechay creek. For many years he was the closest white neighbor of the Sandtown Indians. It was here that Albert Siler, my father-in-law, grew up.

The first conversation I had with Albert Siler about his old neighbors made me realize how deeply he was attached to them. He said they were like trustful children and were always loyal to their friends.

The Cherokees, "Father" Siler told me, were easily moved, although they did not always show it. He related how as a young man he would visit Sandtown on Sunday afternoons and read the Bible to the Indians. Frequently, he said, when he raised his eyes he saw that the faces of his listeners were streaming with tears, although some of them could not understand a word he was reading to them.

Especially was this true in the cabin of Jim and Sallee Feekewood, as they were known to their white friends. Their Cherokee names were Cha-cha Chuta-sotee and Cun-stay-gee Chuta-sotee.

When the federal government rounded up the Cherokees and was marching them to the far West the Indians were beset with a scourge in Tennessee. One night Cha-cha and Cun-stay-gee and some of the other Sandtown Indians escaped and fled back to their old homes. From time to time they were joined by others of their tribe, ragged, hungry and footsore after their escape from the caravan being prodded Westward across the Mississippi.

William Siler was so moved by the plight of his old neighbors that he deeded back to them some of the land which they had been forced to leave under heart-breaking circumstances, that they might continue to live in the mountains they loved so well.

The Indians were deeply grateful. Chief Chuta-sotee loved William Siler with the devotion of an ardent Indian nature. When the latter died the bereaved Cherokee was his self-appointed chief mourner, following directly behind the hack which carried the body from the home on Cartoogechay to the cemetery in Franklin. This was a journey of eight miles and Chuta-sotee plodded through the mud, step by step, with his head solemnly bowed.

I was surprised when "Father" Siler told me there were class distinctions among the Indians. He said Cha-cha Chuta-sotee was an aristocrat and his wife, Sallee, or Cun-stay-gee, was a plebeian. Despite this difference in

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## SPECULATION IN POLITICS GAINS

### Hard-Fought Race Looms between Slagle and Moore For Sheriff

### MURRAY WON'T RUN

### Harley Cabe, E. W. Long and G. L. Crawford Mentioned for Clerk of Court

Although not a single prospective candidate has formally announced his intention of participating in the forthcoming off-year primaries in this county, political speculation is gaining momentum daily with principal interest at this time centered in the likelihood of a hard-fought contest between A. B. Slagle and Alex Moore for the Democratic nomination for sheriff.

Mr. Slagle, the incumbent, has not said whether he will run for the office again; but there is little or no doubt in the public's mind that he will. It is also generally accepted that Mr. Moore, a former sheriff, will be his opponent, albeit he has not announced his candidacy. Whether there will be any other Democrats to seek this job remains to be seen.

### The Clerkship

Frank L. Murray, who has been clerk of court so long that many folks think the title is part of his name, is not expected to seek reelection. In fact, he has definitely stated he will not make the race. In stepping out of office, he is expected to bow to his assistant, Harley Cabe; but there is every likelihood that Mr. Cabe will have plenty of opposition. Various eyes seem to be cocked at the clerk's job, including street gossip has it, those of Erwin W. Long, a member of the county board of commissioners. Gilmer L. Crawford also has been mentioned as a possible candidate.

### Commissioners Begging

This year the chairman of the county commissioners will be elected by the people, instead of the commissioners themselves; but as yet no one seems to know who will run either for chairman or for the two commissionerships. These jobs are the most important on the county ticket, because the commissioners set the tax rate, manage the county funds and determine most of the county's policies; but the remuneration is small and few individuals seem to care to go to the trouble of making the race. Little wonder, for a commissionership is a thankless job unless someone has an axe to grind or intends to use the position as a stepping stone to something better. This, evidently, has been impressed by experience on the present commissioners, for it is said that none of them will seek reelection.

Every indication is that R. A. Patton will run again for senator from this district and Claude Ramsey said in his political column in the Asheville Citizen-Times several weeks ago that "Bob" did not expect any opposition. That, however, remains to be seen.

### Rogers Non-Committal

Dr. W. A. Rogers, who has served during five sessions of the legislature at various times, is widely mentioned again as a prospective candidate for representative. The veteran physician and legislator, however, is non-committal. It's true he likes the legislative fraternity—for a while, at least; but the last time he was representative, in 1931, he got "a belly full," so to speak, for the legislature remained in session until summertime, although the members received pay for only sixty days. If Dr. Rogers thought the next session would quit on time, he probably would be tickled to death to be elected representative again; but if he thinks the boys will keep him in Raleigh six months, it'll take all the oxen in Macon county to drag him down there.

R. S. Jones, Franklin attorney, is being urged by some of his friends to make the race for representative; but "Dick" is following a policy of modest reticence.

### Jones for Solicitor?

There is also talk of Gilmer A.

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### RUMORS FOUND FALSE

Rumors of heavy fighting along the Austro-German border Monday caused considerable alarm, but when traced down they were found to be false, or at least grossly exaggerated. One Nazi had been wounded and another captured in a skirmish with a border patrol.

## RED CROSS TO ELECT OFFICERS MARCH 9

A meeting of the Macon county chapter of the American Red Cross has been called for 3 o'clock, Friday afternoon, March 9, in the courthouse, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. Call for the meeting was made Wednesday by J. E. Lancaster, county chairman of the Red Cross.

## BRUMMITT SEEN AS CANDIDATE

### Attorney General Expected To Seek Governorship Next Time

RALEIGH — Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt has not announced his candidacy for governor by categorical statement that he means to run, but voters will have no doubt about his purpose and none about his platform after reading the extracts from his address recently at an educational rally in Kinston.

The attorney general gives but brief ear to the recent suggestions of District Attorney James Osborne Carr, who, in a recent newspaper article thought it would be neither "unwise or unjust to the public, if the entire school system were supported as the road system, and that is, to be paid for by those who use them, and in proportion to one's ability to pay. He who spends most pays most sales tax, and at the same time each contributes his mite for the education of his children just as he does for the roads he uses. The attorney general dissents sharply from the Carr doctrine that "ability to pay is measured by purchases and that it would be proper to support the schools wholly by sales tax."

### Would Aid Schools

The speaker contended that the schools which have incurred but 14.2 per cent of the state debt as against the 85.8 per cent for other purposes are being made to bear much more than their share of the cuts. The schools of 1929-1930 cost \$28,500,000 and for 1932-1933 they cost \$34,000,000. The state has put up for this present school year \$16,000,000 to which is added an expectancy of \$1,000,000 from fines and forfeitures in the courts. Mr. Brummitt argues that the schools have taken too much. He reminds the state that it ranks low, around 40, in national position in education.

### Would Tax Wealth

The school people now have a champion, two in fact, for former Lieutenant Governor R. T. Fountain is preaching the same gospel. They do not hop on the sales tax band wagon. They are slow to swing it as it breezes by. Instead of that Mr. Brummitt says: "I propose that we tax wealth." He declares himself in line with Mr. Roosevelt. "By this I mean great wealth—great profits," he continues. The Roosevelt program, Mr. Brummitt tells the Kinstonians, mean "a further distribution of purchasing power."

The gentlemen who are thinking of a race for governor, or for any other office in the state now know here is one candidate who is going to tax wealth and give the teachers a better chance.

## TWO MEETINGS OF YOUNG DEMOCRATS CALLED

Two meetings of community branches of the Young People's Democratic club of Macon county are scheduled to be held this week. Music is to be furnished at each meeting by the Young Democratic string band.

A meeting is scheduled to be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the Cowee schoolhouse. A meeting for reorganization of the Oak Grove club has been called for 7:30 o'clock Saturday night in the Oak Grove schoolhouse.

## 2 BADLY BURNED WHEN FIRE DESTROYS HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keener, of Gneiss, are recovering at the Angel hospital from burns suffered when their home was destroyed by fire Friday night. Two of their three children also received slight burns. The fire is supposed to have been caused by a defective flue about midnight. Two of the children were carried outdoors by Mr. Keener. When he went into the house to bring out the third child he was badly burned.

## Bits of Wisdom

Genius begins great works; labor alone finishes them.

—Joubert.

## HOPE SEEN FOR WAR MEMORIAL

### Legion Delegation Encouraged after Visiting State CWA Director

### PLANS ARE SUBMITTED

### Two-Story Brick Building With Large Auditorium Proposed

Prospects are encouraging for obtaining assistance from the Civil Works Administration for the construction of a community center in Franklin as a memorial to the Macon county men who served under the colors during the World War, according to Mrs. Lassie Kelly Cunningham.

Mrs. Cunningham, adjutant of the recently reorganized Macon county post of the American Legion, was a member of a delegation which went to Raleigh last Thursday to seek the approval of Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, state CWA director, for the memorial project. Other members of the delegation were the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, legion commander, and Mrs. Hattie Slagle, who was a member of the committee which raised a memorial fund of \$1,005 in 1919. This fund, which was invested in Building and Loan, now amounts to more than \$1,600.

### Plans Submitted

While Mrs. O'Berry did not commit herself, Mrs. Cunningham reported, she said she would do all she could to make undertaking of the memorial project possible. At her request, detailed plans and specifications for the community center were forwarded to state CWA headquarters Monday. The plans, calling for a two-story brick structure with an auditorium on the main floor and space for a public library, assembly hall, kitchen and heating plant on the other floor, were drawn by Zeb Conley and J. E. Lancaster.

Mr. Lancaster and Mr. Conley estimated the building would cost approximately \$10,000. The American Legion and the War Memorial committee propose to put up \$1,000 and want the CWA to supply the balance needed in the form of labor and materials.

### Site Assured

The legion has obtained assurances from members of the county board of commissioners that they would supply a site for the memorial on the vacant lot between the home of Steve Porter and the Methodist church on Harrison avenue.

## FUNERAL HELD FOR MISS ARTIE BRADLEY

Miss Artie Bradley, 61, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Carey Hall, on Oak Grove Saturday night at 8 o'clock after an illness of two weeks from pneumonia.

Funeral services were held at the Oak Grove Baptist church Monday morning at 10:30 with the Rev. A. S. Solesbee officiating.

Miss Bradley was formerly a school teacher. She had been a member of the Oak Grove Baptist church since her girlhood.

The deceased is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Carey Hall, of Etna, Mrs. Robert Breedlove and Miss Alvia Bradley, of Needmore; and three brothers, J. P. Bradley, W. W. Bradley and Early Bradley, all of Etna.

## MICA CODE BECOMES EFFECTIVE MONDAY

A code for the mica industry has been signed by President Roosevelt and is to become effective Monday. It will affect upwards of 100 men engaged in various branches of this industry in Macon county.

The mica code calls for a maximum 40-hour week and minimum wages for common labor in mining processes of 25 cents an hour. Minimum wages provided for grinding plants are slightly higher.

## TWO PHYSICIANS GIVEN HEARING IN AFFRAY CASE

Dr. C. Z. Candler and Dr. A. A. Nichols, two of Jackson county's most prominent citizens, who were in an alleged affray April 25, 1933, in which Dr. Nichols was shot, entered a plea of nolo contendere in court at Sylva last Thursday. Prayer for judgment was continued with each of the defendants paying one-half of the costs. They are to appear at the May term of court and abide the further orders and judgment of the court.