

As the World Turns

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

PROPOSES NEW AIRMAIL CONTRACTS

President Roosevelt proposed Wednesday that the army be relieved of the job of carrying airmail as soon as possible. He suggested that contracts for carrying the mail be let to commercial aviation companies as soon as possible under legislation providing for "honest payment for honest service."

BANKERS LOSE APPEAL

The supreme court of North Carolina Wednesday refused to grant a writ of certiorari sought by four Transylvania county bankers in their fight to avoid going to jail on charges of violating the banking laws. The defendants, Thomas H. Shipman, Joseph H. Picklesimer, C. R. McNeely and Ralph Fisher, were scheduled to appear before Judge Finley at Hendersonville Thursday for the issuance of commitments.

GETS \$125,000

The jury in the libel suit of Princes Irena Youssouppoff in a London court Monday awarded her \$125,000 against Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Ltd., makers of the film "Rasputin and the Empress."

JUDGE KILLS SELF

U. S. District Judge Ernest Ford Cochran, of Charleston, S. C., was found hanging with a silken scarf tied to a bedpost in his home Sunday. He was 68 years of age. He was appointed in 1923 by President Calvin Coolidge.

SURVEY YEAR

The principals of the Roosevelt administration sat down to an anniversary dinner Sunday night to chat over the tricks taken and the plays lost since the first hand of the new deal was dealt a year ago.

DIE IN PLANE

At Lawrenceville, Ill., three men were killed when an airplane plunged into a lake Sunday afternoon. The bodies were recovered by men in rowboats who broke a path through ice two inches thick.

CONVICTED

Dr. Sarah Ruth Dean, woman physician, on Saturday was convicted at Greenwood, Miss., of the poison whiskey murder of Dr. John Preston Kennedy. A life sentence was fixed.

INSULT TO GO

The foreign minister at Athens on Saturday notified the minister of the interior that Samuel Insull, Sr., former Chicago utilities operator, must leave Greece. The notification said that the final extension of Insull's permit to remain in the country had expired.

ON RAMPAGE

J. L. Rush, 50, of Laurens, S. C., killed his wife and three daughters early yesterday morning and then burned down their home around his own body. Evidence was that Rush slew his wife and daughters with an axe and then shot himself after setting the home afire.

MOTHERS-IN-LAW

Amarillo, Texas, husbands brought flowers Monday for their mothers-in-law as the first event of its kind was celebrated to "show expressions of love, respect and genuine understanding of the place of our mothers-in-law hold in our hearts and affections."

'SHORTAGES' PAID

Approximately \$1,000 has been collected by the state on "shortages" found in the revenue department last summer, it was learned a few days ago. The irregularities, involving five or six former field deputies, approximate \$5,000. The major part of that will be collected without criminal action, it was learned.

HELD IN SHOOTING

Clark Frady, 23, is held without bond in the Haywood county jail, at Waynesville, following his reported confession to the fatal shooting Saturday at midnight of Monroe West, 30, in Cecil township, Haywood county, as a result of an alleged argument over a division of whiskey at the home of Adam West, father of the slain man.

BANK ASSETS CLIMB

National bank assets reached \$21,747,483,000 at the close of 1933—a new high since last March's bank holiday. The figures were made public by J. F. T. O'Connor, comptroller of the currency, in a summary of statistics on the Dec. 30 national bank call.

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Bits of Wisdom

Every book is a quotation; every house is a quotation out of all forests and mines and stone quarries, and every man is a quotation from all of his ancestors.

—EMERSON.

STATE LAGGING IN ROAD WORK

North Carolina Slowest in U. S. To Use Federal Aid Money

FIGURES ARE CITED

Funds Available To Improve Highways and Reduce Unemployment

Progress in highway construction in North Carolina under the \$400,000,000 appropriation by Congress for public works roads is below the average for the whole country according to an announcement received from the Bureau of Public Roads, U. S. Department of Agriculture. On February 24, 74.5 per cent of the total \$400,000,000 federal highway appropriation had been allotted to work in progress. On the same date, 55 per cent of North Carolina's \$9,522,293 apportionment of the total fund had been put to work.

In North Carolina, a total of 184 projects, estimated to cost \$6,197,000, had been advertised for contract, including regular federal-aid and state funds; 147 projects had been awarded to contractors or started by day labor; and 77 projects, employing 3,905 men, were under construction. The public works funds involved in the advertised projects amounted to \$5,236,000, other federal and state funds making up the balance of the total estimated cost of \$6,197,000.

Requirements Modified
The national industrial recovery act, which created the Public Works administration, and carried the \$400,000,000 appropriation for highways to be built by the state highway departments supervised by the Bureau of Public Roads, modified to some extent the older federal-aid procedure. Federal grants under this act do not have to be matched with state funds. Apportionments of the new appropriation are available for building roads on the federal-aid highway system (not more than 50 per cent of the funds), for extensions of federal-aid system roads through municipalities (not less than 25 per cent of the funds), and for the construction of secondary or feeder roads (generally not more than 35 per cent of the funds).

Basis of Apportionments
State apportionments are made seven-eighths in accordance with the federal highway act of 1921 and one-eighth according to population. Apportioned funds may be used to match regular federal-aid appropriations, and are available until expended. Maintenance of public works highways included in the federal-aid system is an obligation of the states; in the case of municipal extensions of the system and secondary or feeder roads, the maintenance responsibility, by agreement may be transferred to appropriate municipal or county authority.

Public works highways authorized under the act must be built in such a way as to relieve unemployment as much as possible. In general.

Funeral Held

J. D. McConnell, Cullasaja, Dies At Age of 81

Funeral services for John D. McConnell, 81, of Cullasaja, were held at 11 o'clock Monday morning at Bethel Methodist church by the Rev. B. W. Lefler, pastor, assisted by the Rev. John Jennings.

Mr. McConnell died at his home about 6 o'clock Saturday evening after an illness of two weeks.

Mr. McConnell was born in Clay county November 26, 1852, but came to this county with his parents when he was a lad of six years. He had lived in this county ever since and at his home on Cullasaja for 47 years. He was married to Miss Rozetta Russell September 9, 1874. She died September 13, 1892. On December 2, 1894, he married Miss Martha Russell.

Surviving Mr. McConnell are his widow and five children: Mrs. Arizona Dowdle, of Franklin Route 2; Arthur McConnell, Harve McConnell, Mrs. C. N. Angel and Miss Juanita McConnell, all of Cullasaja; two brothers, J. M. McConnell, Prentiss, and C. A. McConnell, Toccoa, Ga.; one sister, Mrs. Jane Elliott, Franklin Route 4; fifteen grandsons, six granddaughters and ten great grandchildren.

CHEROKEE LORE

By Margaret R. Siler

Article IV

A-LEE AND YOANA CONNIE-HEET, A NOBLE INDIAN COUPLE—RECOLLECTIONS OF MRS. LAURA SILER SLAGLE

Mrs. Laura Siler Slagle is one of only a few living persons who had an intimate acquaintance with the Sandtown Indians. The daughter of Albert Siler, she was reared in sight of the old Indian village on Cartoogechaye creek, the last home of the Cherokees in Macon County.

Mrs. Slagle, now the wife of T. W. Slagle, still lives in the Sandtown vicinity, her home situated on a hillside near the Twin Churches on N. C. Highway 28. As she looks out over the fields and mountains from her front porch, memories of the Cherokees crowd back into her mind. But not a single Indian now lives in the Cartoogechaye community. They have all died or been transferred to the Cherokee Reservation in Swain County.

Mrs. Slagle knew well Jim and Sallee Peckerwood, as Cha-cha and Cun-stay-gee Chuta-sottee were called by the white people; but she recalls their children more vividly. There were a daughter, A-lee, and two sons, Will Siler and John. Will was named after William Siler, who had deeded much land to the Cherokees who escaped from a band of their tribesmen being herded to Indian reservations west of the Mississippi river and fled back to their old haunts; but he was usually called Will Indian.

Their parents, it was recalled in the last article in this series, were of different social rank, Cha-cha Chuta-sottee being an aristocrat among the Indians, while his wife, Cun-stay-gee, was of the plebeian caste. These differences, according to Mrs. Slagle, were reflected in the children. A-lee, the daughter, had the high bearing of her proud father, while the sons, Will and John, had the more ordinary traits of their mother, who, though of lower social rank than her husband, was a fine woman.

A-lee married the dignified and respected Yoana Connie-heet (Bear Long), who was of her same rank. Yoana was a preacher and a hunter, and he distinguished himself in both capacities.

Mrs. Slagle remembers that he had a Testament and a hymn book printed in Cherokee. She does not know who taught him to read, but thinks it was probably her grandfather or grandmother. A-lee took great pride in her husband's learning and in his standing as a religious leader among his people.

On Sundays A-lee and Yoana were always dressed in neat black and white raiment, whether they were worshipping with their fellow Indians or with their white friends.

When the Cherokees went to the churches of the white people they joined in the services with utmost reverence and when the white people sang hymns they sang also, but in the Cherokee language, instead of English. One of Connie-heet's favorite hymns, Mrs. Slagle recalls, was "I am Bound for the Kingdom." The Cherokee for the chorus, as nearly as we can spell it by sound, was:

"Hi-a-no-waysa-cotsy, Hi-a-no-waysa-cotsy, Hi-a-no-waysa-cotsy, Cal-la-lan-ty-no."

One day A-lee went to Mrs. Slagle's home dressed in her clean black, with a snow white handkerchief folded around her neck. In her arms was her little daughter dressed in pink calico, about her neck also was a white handkerchief, neatly folded.

A-lee had all the dignity of both her father and her husband. She sat straight as a ramrod and would not speak a word of English. She bore herself with regal demeanor and seemed to give an impression of condescension in visiting her white friends. Her personality was so strong that by her manner she conveyed the thought, "I am to you only a poor Indian, but such noble blood runs in my veins, the like of which you know not of."

But whenever A-lee looked at her little girl her icy manner would melt in a look of such deep love that Mrs. Slagle was moved to ask her if she had any more children. Without uttering a word of English, she told Mrs. Slagle in her own language and with expressive gestures that she had had one child, so big, indicating with her hand the height of a child of about 12 years. Then with an eloquent movement of both hands she gently laid the child in the ground, uttering one sad word, "A-lew-yah" (dead). Then she told of another child, not quite as tall as the other, and laid it away, mournfully saying, A-lew-yah. There had been still another child, a baby at the breast. This, too, she laid in the ground with her expressive hands, and what heart-breaking pathos she put into the word a-lew-yah! The tears were streaming down her cheeks and those of her young white friends also before she had finished the sad story of having buried so many of her children. Although she spoke not a word of English, anyone could have understood her pitifully dramatic gestures.

Yoana Connie-heet never used a dog in hunting; he was a "still" hunter. He had great skill both with a gun and Here he hunted for bear, the animal for which he was named. He would go to the Bald and hunt until he had

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TVA LAUNCHES EROSION WORK

Vast Program Planned To Halt Costly Depletion Of Soil

CHECK DAMS BUILT

Sites Secured For Nurseries; Asiatic Chestnuts To Be Tried

The construction of 24,000 soil erosion check dams by CCC boys and preparations for the establishment of a Soil Erosion Experiment Station and two forest nurseries with an ultimate capacity of 60,000,000 forest tree seedlings per year mark the preliminary advances made by the Tennessee Valley Authority in its war against the depletion of soil resources in the Tennessee River watershed.

"An effective beginning at soil erosion and flood control has been made with the aid of 25 CCC camps," Edward C. M. Richards, chief of the Authority's forestry and soil erosion division said today.

Building Many Dams
"The soil erosion prevention work already completed includes 6,000 rock dams, 5,000 log dams, 1,000 brush dams, 12,000 bag dams and 200,000 yards of bank protection and matting. About 30 per cent of the erosion prevention work in the half million acres surrounding the area which will later be submerged by the new Norris Lake has been completed. Preparations for vegetative control for the region are now being completed and this part of the work will get under way as soon as the planting season opens."

The establishment of a Soil Erosion Experiment Station for the Tennessee Valley by the Soil Erosion Service of the United States Department of the Interior has been secured, and the selection of lands for this purpose is now under way.

In its reforestation program, the Authority has field crews investigating areas throughout the Valley which are in need of reforestation. Thus far recommendations have been made for the reforesting of 6,725 acres above the Norris dam.

Plant Nurseries
Sites have been secured for two forest nurseries which ultimately will have a capacity of 60,000,000 forest tree seedlings per year. One of these is located in Eagle Bend on the Clinch River near Clinton, Tenn., and the other is established in the extreme southeast corner of Nitrate Plant No. 2 government reservation at Muscle Shoals, Alabama. The Authority already has available for planting this spring in the areas to be reforested a total of more than 3,000,000 trees. The nursery stock for an experimental planting of eight varieties of blight-resistant Asiatic chestnuts is awaiting the spring planting season at Muscle Shoals and in the Norris Lake region to replace the blight-killed native chestnuts.

The first community town forest in the Tennessee Valley has been established at the town of Norris, Tennessee. This forest includes approximately 2,000 acres, and will be managed on a scientific sustained yield basis for the production of forest products.

The Forestry and Soil Erosion Division of the Tennessee Valley Authority acts also as agent for any group in the Valley requiring its particular type of service. A reconnaissance survey was recently completed for the Cumberland Homesteads, Inc., at Crossville, Tenn., the new agricultural co-

Officers Named

Annual Election Held by Order of Eastern Star

Nequasia Chapter No. 43 of the Order of the Eastern Star met on last Thursday night and elected officers as follows for the ensuing year:

Mrs. George Dean re-elected worthy matron; John E. Rickman, re-elected as worthy patron; Mrs. T. S. Munday associate matron; Gordon Moore, associate patron; Mrs. Gordon Moore, secretary; Mrs. Sallie Penland, treasurer; Miss Elizabeth Slagle, conductress; and Mrs. Frank I. Murray, associate conductress.

On Thursday evening, March 15, at the installation meeting, there will be 10 appointed officers named.

CWA Dying

Most of Workers To Be Dropped By April 1

The Civil Works program in Macon county is fast being brought to a close.

J. E. Lancaster, who returned Wednesday from a conference at state CWA headquarters at Raleigh, said most of the work in the rural districts of the state would be ended by April 1. There is a possibility, however, that a few CWA employees will be retained until May 1, he added.

Forty-odd CWA employees were dropped from the Macon county payroll this week, leaving approximately 218 still at work on local projects. This number does not include those employed at the forest experiment station at Coweta, but it does include those working on stream gauges and feeder roads for the Tennessee Valley Authority.

PLANS FORMED FOR CONVENTION

Young Democrats To Gather At Bryson City On March 17

The Young Democratic clubs of Macon county are planning to send a large delegation to Bryson City on Saturday, March 17, to attend a convention of the Young Democrats of the 11th congressional district, at which a number of prominent figures in North Carolina politics are expected to be present.

Plans for the convention, which will be held at Fryman Inn, were formulated at a meeting in Asheville Tuesday afternoon of the executive committee of the district organization of Young Democrats. John W. Edwards, president of the Young People's Democratic clubs of Macon county, was among those attending this meeting.

Mr. Edwards said reports at the meeting indicated that interest was as great as ever in the Young Democratic movement and that the organization would take a leading part in this year's campaign to elect Democratic candidates to office.

At the meeting in Asheville Mr. Edwards, publicity chairman of the district, was delegated to report to the convention at Bryson City on the feasibility of establishing an official publication for the clubs of this district.

Invitations to speak at the Bryson City convention have been extended to Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, Senator Robert R. Reynolds, Senator Josiah W. Bailey, Congressman Zebulon Weaver; J. Wallace Winborne, of Marion, state Democratic chairman; Mrs. Mary Thompson Evans, state president of the Young Democrats; Ex-Governor O. Max Gardner and a number of other prominent figures.

Chicken Thieves Raid Hen Houses

On Thursday night of last week the chicken thieves raided a number of hen houses on Cartoogechaye and carried off more than 40 fat hens.

Some of the heaviest losers were: George McGee, George Conley, Fred Oliver and Ferd Burrell.

Calf Has Squirrel Eyes And No Tail

D. L. Crawford, who lives near Herman Dean's store on Route 4, has one of the strangest calves ever seen in this county. Scores of people have visited his barn to have a look at the queer critter.

The calf, born last Saturday, has tiny, squirrel-like eyes set deep in its forehead and instead of a tail it has merely a small bunch of hairs. Otherwise the calf is normal, in fact, one of the best Mr. Crawford says he has ever had.

KILLER BREKS JAIL

John Dillinger, notorious killer and bank robber held in the Crown Point, Ind., jail awaiting trial for murder, walked out of the "escape-proof" prison Saturday with a negro prisoner, each armed with a machine gun. Dillinger obtained the machine guns from the jail warden's office after he had bluffed jail attendants with a pistol whittled from a piece of wood. Dillinger Wednesday was reported somewhere in the vicinity of Granite City, Ill.

BOARD NAMES TAX LISTERS

Pay Set at \$1.50 a Day for Listers and \$1.25 for Assistants

APRIL JURORS DRAWN

Superior Court To Convene April 16; McElroy To Preside

Tax listers were appointed and jurors drawn for the April term of Macon county superior court by the county commissioners at their regular monthly meeting Monday.

The list-takers are to start work in April. Their pay was set by the commissioners at \$1.50 a day, and each lister will be allowed one assistant at \$1.25 a day to help in making the farm-crop census required by law.

Tax Listers Named

The following men were appointed to list property in the townships given with their names:

W. G. Mallonee, Franklin; Wayne McCracken, Mill Shoal; Sam Bryson, Ellijay; J. T. McCoy Sugarfork; Frank Potts, Highlands; Raleigh McConnell, Flats; John Norton, Smith's Bridge; Ben Lenoir, Cartoogechaye; Lee Baldwin, Nantahala; Ed Byrd, Burningtown; Fred Bryson, Cowee.

Superior court is scheduled to convene for a two-weeks mixed term on April 16 with Judge P. A. McElroy, of Marshall, presiding. Following is a list of jurors drawn to serve at this term:

Jury List

First week: Roy Cunningham, Franklin; L. M. Curtis, Route 1, Dillard, Ga.; A. C. Ballew, Route 2; Lester Dills, Prentiss; S. E. Fouts, Route 3; Lee Burch, Rainbow Springs; George Wilson, Nantahala; W. A. Shields, Route 3; E. B. Roane, Route 1; C. E. Moore, Ellijay; D. R. Cabe, Route 1, Dillard; C. F. Moody, Route 3; H. L. Huscouson, Route 1; T. L. Holland, Route 4; Chester Wilkes, Route 3; J. H. Dewese, Flats; Ralph Parrish, Route 3; H. R. Penland, Route 2; A. J. Edwards, Route 3; J. H. Tallent, Route 2; R. M. Coffey, Franklin; B. L. Hunter, Route 1, Dillard; S. W. Carter, West's Mill; Mack Moffit, Prentiss; Frank Guffey, Route 2; Ed Shepherd, West's Mill; Fred Arnold, Franklin; Harold Moore, Route 1; A. T. Hurst, Leatherman; Frank Crane, Highlands; Lon Campbell, Franklin; J. D. Keener, Route 2; Richard Norton, Route 1, Rabun Gap; J. C. Tilton, Gaffes; J. B. Shields, Flats; John McIntyre, Route 4.

Second week: J. E. Lakey, Ena, N. C.; G. M. Bulgin, Franklin; J. H. Daves, Route 2; W. A. McConnell, Cullasaja; Sam Stanfield, Franklin; Ray Dryman, Sealy; H. E. Yonce, Kyle; T. J. Carnes, Stiles; Claud Calloway, Franklin; Brown Setser, Route 2; J. W. Baty, Highlands; J. D. Franks, Franklin; J. D. Cabe, Tellico; Wiley Holbrooks, Route 2; G. O. Ledford, Prentiss; J. H. Rickman, West's Mill; T. M. McDowell, Route 1, Dillard; Z. B. Bryson, Sealy.

Celebrates 91st Birthday Anniversary

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Fouts attended the 91st birthday anniversary of Elbert Watson at Glenville, on Friday of the past week. Despite Mr. Watson's age, he is very active in body as well as in mind. Dover Fouts, son of Dr. Fouts, Frank Watson, Mrs. J. A. Watson and two children, Catherine and Charles, were also present.

Rotarians Now Have Home of Their Own

Franklin Rotarians moved into a home of their own Wednesday, holding their weekly luncheon meeting for the first time in their new dining hall in the Cunningham building.

Under the direction of the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, who proved to be as good a carpenter and painter as a preacher, the storeroom next to the Franklin Hardware company's store, had been altered and decorated for the purpose. A partition was erected across the middle of the room, providing a commodious dining hall in the front and a kitchen in the rear.

In the future the Rotarians plan to hold their meetings in this hall and to offer it to other organizations and groups needing similar accommodations.