

# As the World Turns

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

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## Bits of Wisdom

No picture can be good which deceives by its imitation, for the reason that nothing can be beautiful which is not true.—Ruskin.

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### HOUSE COMPROMISES ON VETERANS RELIEF

The house of representatives Wednesday night adopted a compromise proposal on veterans and federal pay legislation which it hopes will not be vetoed by the president. The measure was then sent to conference with the senate. The compromise carries a \$90,000,000 increase in benefits for former soldiers and provides for restoring five per cent of the regular government salary schedule on February 1 and a second five per cent July 1.

### ROOSEVELT STOPS 'HARMFUL THING'

President Roosevelt is "stopping a good many harmful things that otherwise would be put over on the people," according to Henry Ford, who Tuesday announced a minimum daily wage for Ford employees of five dollars a day. He predicted steady improvement of industrial and commercial conditions and said "the American people have learned so much about bankers that they are no longer afraid of them."

### GUNBOAT BURNED

The U. S. gunboat Fulton was burned in Hong Kong harbor Wednesday but the 187 men aboard were landed safely.

### FLYING HALTED

Acting on instructions from President Roosevelt, Major General Benjamin D. Foolsom, chief of air corps, on Sunday temporarily suspended all air mail flights pending the drafting of a new, curtailed schedule to insure the fliers' safety. The suspension was expected to last about three days, growing out of Roosevelt's command that "deaths in the army air corps must stop." To date, 10 fliers have lost their lives in the 20 days since the army took over the work.

### NOW IN PRISON

It took four Brevard men from Friday until Sunday night to get from Transylvania county to the State's Prison at Raleigh, where they are beginning service of sentences inflicted in 1931 as an outgrowth of the banking debacle in Western North Carolina in 1930. They are Thomas H. Shipman, J. H. Picklesimer, C. R. McNeely and Ralph Fisher, who tried every avenue of legal escape before finally going to prison.

### HELD IN HOLD-UP

Hugh White, bank clerk, two detectives and a member of the Greenville county grand jury were arrested Saturday on charges growing out of the \$50,000 bank hold-up at Greenville, S. C., Thursday. White, a bookkeeper at the bank, was one of the two bank employees held up within the shadow of the Greenville county jail when the money was being transported from the postoffice to the bank, less than two blocks away.

### WANTS HIM AGAIN

The skeptic who believes no woman knows her own mind just had not met pretty "lady sheriff of Crown Point, Ind.," Mrs. Lillian M. Holley, from whose "escape proof" jail John Dillinger, Hoosier bad man, went A. W. O. L. with a wooden pistol. She wants another chance if Dillinger is caught. "Perhaps I won't get him back again, but I'm going to ask for him. You bet I am," is the way she puts it.

### ADMITS ROBBER

Isaac Costner, calmly defying his former gangster pals to attempt vengeance, in Chicago Saturday admitted from the witness stand that he took part in a \$110,000 mail robbery at Charlotte and named two Touhy gangsters as his accomplices. He said Basil "The Owl" Banghart was in Charlotte the night of the mail robbery but did not name him as one of the actual robbers. For his part he received \$25,000, he said.

### \$3,000,000 FIRE

Twenty-four firemen were injured and property damage totaling \$3,000,000 was caused at Birmingham on Saturday afternoon by a fire in the heart of the business district. Every available piece of apparatus within the vicinity of Birmingham was put into use.

### 15 FREED

Major William C. Ocker, who was taught to fly by the Wright brothers and is the United States Army's oldest aviator in point of service, was cleared at Fort Sam Houston, Tex., Thursday night of charges of "cussing" a superior officer with mule wagon language.

## N. C. OPERATING COSTS REDUCED

Annual Saving of \$13,900,000 A Year Made under New Budget.

RALEIGH, March 14.—Three things pointed out to members of the State Democratic executive committee by Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus are still sticking in the minds of those who heard his speech before the committee here last Thursday night, according to comment heard on all sides in the capital. These three things are:

1. The fact that the state's total budget for all purposes is now approximately \$48,000,000 a year, including highways and schools, while during the last two years of Governor Gardner's administration and as set up by the 1931 general assembly, the total yearly budget was \$55,000,000, so that the present budget is \$13,000,000 less per year than for the two foregoing years.

2. That North Carolina is continuing to pay federal taxes amounting to between \$175,000,000 to \$200,000,000 a year, or more than five times as much as the people pay in state taxes, with little or no objection, thus ranking next to New York state in the payment of federal taxes.

Expenditures Explained  
3. That every dollar collected by the state of North Carolina is expended approximately as follows:

Forty cents for the support of the state-wide eight-months school system.  
Thirty cents for the payment of interest and principal on all state debts.

Seventeen cents for the maintenance of more than 50,000 miles of highways, all prisons and prison camps and 7,800 prisoners.

Two and one-half cents for the support of the State University and all other state educational institutions.

Two and one-half cents for the support of all charitable and correctional institutions other than prisons.  
Two and one-half cents for all state departments, commissions, offices etc. here in Raleigh except those that are self supporting.

Court Costs  
Two and one-half cents for pensions and salaries of all superior court judges and solicitors and the cost of holding courts in the state.

Two and one-half cents for other miscellaneous purposes not already enumerated.

These figures give a total of 99 cents, but can be figured out in fractional detail to account for the full 100 cents in every tax dollar. From looking at this tabulation the taxpayer can see just how every dollar he pays to the state is spent—and none of this money comes from any state tax on property.

### Frank Warren and Family Move To Franklin

Frank Warren, junior partner of the Zickgraf-Warren Lumber company, has arrived here to assist Mr. Zickgraf in the operation of the band mill recently established by the company.  
Mr. Warren arrived from his former home, Perry, Fla., Sunday. He was accompanied by his wife and two small sons. They were entertained for several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Zickgraf in East Franklin before moving into the Higdon house on Bidwell street where they will make their home.

## Methodists Planning To Hold Pre-Easter Prayer Meetings

A series of prayer meetings will be conducted next week in preparation for the pre-Easter services to be held at the Methodist church in the last week of March. Prayer meetings for women will meet in different homes on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, March 20 and 23, at 3 p. m. Prayer meetings for men will be at the church on the same days at 7:30 p. m. The regular Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 7:30 on March 21 will be for everyone and it will also look toward the services to be held in the following week. All in the community are invited to the prayer meetings and to the pre-Easter services.  
The prayer meetings for women are sponsored by the F. S. Johnston Bible class of the Methodist church. They will meet in four different groups. One group will

## Watch Its Smoke!



Courtesy Nashville Tennessee

## BAPTISTS HOLD STUDY COURSE

Perry Morgan Conducting Classes For Sunday School Workers

A Sunday school training school is in progress in the Baptist church this week with Perry Morgan, state secretary of Sunday school work, in charge.

Mr. Morgan is teaching "Building the Standard Sunday School." Mrs. John B. Lane, who is the approved intermediate and junior leader of North Carolina Baptists, is teaching a course in junior and intermediate work. Mrs. Lane is from Charlotte. Miss Leona Lavander, of Nashville, Tenn., who is secretary of library work for the Southern Baptist convention, is teaching a course in "Cradle Roll, Beginners and Primary Work" and also a course in library work.

The Sunday schools of the county will meet at 2:30 Sunday afternoon to organize a Macon county Baptist Sunday school convention. All Baptist churches of the county are urged to send representatives to this meeting. V. A. Browning, of Bryson City, and Mr. Morgan will speak.

## Promoted

W. N. Sloan Notified of Transfer To Washington

W. N. Sloan, who has been supervisor of acquisition surveys for the federal forestry service in this region, has been notified to report in Washington next week to assume new duties. The transfer is regarded as a promotion.

Mr. Sloan said he did not know whether he would be located in Washington permanently. He plans to leave Franklin next Tuesday. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Sloan.

## CONVENTION OF G. O. P. CALLED

W. J. West, County Chairman, Says He Won't Be Candidate

W. J. West, chairman of the Macon county Republican executive committee, issued a call Monday for a county convention of the party to be held in the courthouse at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon, March 31.

The principal purpose of the convention is to elect delegates to attend the state convention. Mr. West said he hoped the convention would also elect a new county chairman at this meeting, although such action is not scheduled to take place until a later convention.  
"My health has not been good," Mr. West explained, "and I would like to be relieved."

He said he would not seek office again this year. Two years ago he was a candidate for representative.

Precinct conventions to elect delegates to the county Republican convention were called by Mr. West for Saturday, March 24.

Thus far there has been little talk of who will be candidates for the Republican nominations for county offices in the forthcoming primaries; but George Dean is expected to run for clerk of court and it is thought likely that Horner Stockton also will seek nomination to some office. Neither, however, has definitely announced his candidacy.

## American Legion To Meet Saturday Night

The Macon county post of the American Legion is scheduled to hold a semi-monthly meeting at 8 o'clock Saturday night in the county courthouse. All ex-service men, as well as members of the Legion, are invited to attend.

## MELLON CHARGES CRUDE POLITICS

Andrew W. Mellon, former secretary of the treasury, charged in a statement issued Sunday that "politics of the crudest sort" was being exercised by Attorney General Cummings in authorizing a grand jury investigation of the former cabinet member's income tax affairs. He said, however, he was glad to get the matter out of the attorney general's office and into the court.

## SHUPING SUCCEEDS GARDNER

C. L. Shuping, of Greensboro, was unanimously elected national committeeman for North Carolina, succeeding Ex-governor O. Max Gardner, resigned, at a meeting of the state Democratic executive committee in Raleigh last Thursday night.

One hundred and fifty mountain boys and girls have joined the 4-H clubs being organized in Clay county this winter by the farm agent.

## DRYS SEEKING CAMPAIGN FUND

Plan To Take Active Part In Politics To "Conserve Victory"

The Macon County Dry Forces, which were instrumental in piling up a large majority in this county against repeal of the eighteenth amendment in last November's election, are planning to take an active part in this year's political campaigns.

This purpose is revealed in a circular letter sent to many prohibitionists of the county by the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, treasurer of the County Dry Forces, asking for contributions to help defray expenses of the organization.

It was pointed out that funds are needed to finance the attendance of a delegate from this county at statewide prohibition meetings, for stationery, postage and other expenses.

The Rev. Eugene R. Eller, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church, has been elected to represent this county as a member of the state board of trustees of the United Dry Forces and is planning to attend a meeting of the board in Greensboro this month.

"If you would like the privilege of sharing in this work," said the circular letter, "will you send in your contribution to the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, treasurer, or leave it with Mr. Henry Cabe at the Bank of Franklin, at your earliest convenience, so that our plans can be perfected. Every contribution will be appreciated. A dollar from you would help immensely—but 25 cents from you and the same amount from three of your friends will do the same amount of work in helping finance our work."

"The county executive committee would again express to each of you its sincere appreciation for all of the work you did and the service rendered during the recent campaign. It was an overwhelming victory, made possible because the people of Macon county believe in prohibition. Let us conserve this victory for the cause of righteousness and temperance."

## Sponsor Movie

'Cradle Song' To Be Shown Under Junior Class Auspices

"Cradle Song," starring Dorothea Wieck, will be presented at the Macon Theatre Monday and Tuesday, March 19 and 20, under the sponsorship of the junior class of the Franklin high school. It is Miss Wieck's first American picture and has received high praises from the critics.

Part of the proceeds from the sale of tickets will go to the sponsors, who are raising funds to defray expenses of the annual banquet given by the junior class for the senior class.

## Funeral Held for Mrs. Sally Mincey, 71

Mrs. Sally Mincey, 71, died at her home on Watauga Thursday, March 8, after a short illness.

Funeral services were held at the Watauga Baptist church Friday morning at 11 o'clock with the Rev. A. S. Solsbee officiating. Mrs. Mincey is survived by several children and a host of relatives and friends.

## 500 Indians Due Here Sunday On Way to National Capital

A band of 500 Indians, representing practically all of the major tribes in the United States, is expected to arrive here Sunday on its way to Washington, where the Indians have been promised a hearing on various complaints.

Dr. Wolf Paul, a leader of the Hopi Indians from the reservation at Nogales, Arizona, was here today making arrangements for the arrival of the band.  
He said the Indians would probably remain here until Tuesday, camping somewhere in the vicinity of Franklin, and he expected them to be joined by delegations from the Cherokee reservation in Swain county and the Catawba reservation near Rock Hill, S. C.  
"We want our citizenship and the management of our own affairs," Dr. Wolf Paul said. He charged that Indian agents on some

## Made Supervisor

John Herbert Stone Is New Head of Nantahala Forest

John Herbert Stone, acting supervisor of the Nantahala National forest, has been given a permanent appointment to that position. He received formal notification of his promotion from headquarters of the forestry service in Washington the latter part of last week.

Mr. Stone succeeds John B. Byrne, who is on a leave of absence on account of illness. Mr. Byrne is now in the government hospital at Oteen, near Asheville, recovering from a recent breakdown.

Mr. Stone was technical assistant to Mr. Byrne for several years but was transferred to Athens, Tenn., last fall as assistant supervisor of the Cherokee national forest. When Mr. Byrne became ill several months ago he was sent back to Franklin as acting supervisor of the Nantahala forest.

Mr. Stone is a graduate of the forestry school of Yale University.

## DEMOCRATS TO HOLD BANQUET

Many from This County To Attend District Party Rally

Twenty or thirty Young Democrats from this county are planning to go to Bryson City Saturday night for the annual conference and banquet of the Young People's Democratic clubs of the Eleventh congressional district, according to John W. Edwards, president of the Macon county clubs.

Mr. Edwards also announced that a delegation of six from this county will attend the Jackson Day dinner, annual statewide Democratic rally, to be held in Raleigh on the night of Saturday, March 31.

A number of prominent state political leaders are expected to attend the Bryson City meeting. One of the important matters to be considered will be the establishment of a newspaper to represent the Young Democrats of the Eleventh congressional district. Mr. Edwards, who is chairman of the district publicity committee, has been asked to submit a report on the advisability of such action.

The principal speakers at the Jackson Day dinner in Raleigh will be Senator Champ Clark, son of the famous speaker of the house of representatives, and Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus.

## Death Claims Aunt Of Henry G. Robertson

Mrs. Hattie Woodfin Allison, 87, died at her home at Webster Tuesday evening, March 6, at 7 o'clock after a week's illness of pneumonia.

Mrs. Allison, before her marriage, was Miss Hattie Woodfin, a daughter of the late Dr. Henry Woodfin, a prominent Franklin physician, and a sister to the late Mrs. Laura Robertson and Mrs. Lula Terrell, both of Franklin. She was an aunt of Henry G. Robertson, of this place, and the last member of the widely known Woodfin family.

## Election of Red Cross Officers Postponed

Election of officers for the ensuing year by the Macon county chapter of the American Red Cross was postponed at a meeting of the chapter in the courthouse Friday afternoon on account of the lack of a quorum. Another meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of other business will be called at a later date and officers of the chapter have expressed the hope that a full membership will be present.

## State's Deposit Interest Rate Is Lowered

RALEIGH, March 14.—Banks in the state in which state money is deposited will henceforth pay only three-fourths of one per cent instead of the one and one-half per cent which they have been paying, as a result of a resolution adopted by the Council of State reducing the rate of interest. Prior to the 1933 general assembly the banks were required by law to pay the state 3 per cent on all time deposits. But the banks maintained that this rate was too high and unfair and sought to get a bill through the 1933 general assembly abolishing the interest rate entirely. Another bill was introduced to fix it, at one per cent. Legislation was finally enacted empowering the council of state to set the rate.

## Quarterly Conference To Be Held at Iotia Church

A quarterly conference of the Franklin circuit is scheduled to be held at 11 o'clock Sunday morning at the Iotia Methodist church. The Rev. B. W. Leffer, pastor of the circuit, has requested that all stewards of churches on the circuit be present.

## BACK-TO-SOIL PLAN LAUNCHED

State and Federal Governments Seek To Make Unemployed Self-Sustaining

MUCH LAND IS NOW IDLE

Idle Families Desiring Farms Asked To Register at Re-employment Office

With the civil works program drawing to a close, both state and federal governments are making a concerted drive to reduce unemployment by placing as many dependent families as possible on farms where they at least can raise food for themselves.

The first step in this new program to cope with the unemployment situation is being launched through the national reemployment service, which is conducting a survey to determine the number of families desirous of obtaining sustenance farms.

Registration Urged

John W. Edwards, manager of the Macon county office of the re-employment service, urged Wednesday that all persons who want to farm and do not have the necessary land to apply at the re-employment office in the Odd Fellows hall, Franklin, for registration forms.

"There is no promise," he explained, "that a farm will be found within the county for each registrant. In fact, no one is guaranteed a farm; but at this time the federal government is anxious to find out just how many people are desirous of returning to the soil. Of late, the newspapers have been carrying stories of model farms being set up in various sections of the country. Perhaps, the statistics now being gathered as to the number of unemployed in this county desiring to return to farms may influence the government to start such a project in this section."

Much Land Idle

"There are more than one and a half million acres of idle farm lands in North Carolina and there are indications that the state government will endeavor to see that many of these idle acres are put in food crops."

President Roosevelt indicated last week that new methods would be employed in reducing unemployment. This was followed Tuesday by the outline of a back-to-soil movement by Harry Hopkins, national relief administrator. This was interpreted as an indication that the government's relief efforts in the future will be largely directed toward putting unemployed families on a self-sustaining farming basis.

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