As the World Turns

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

MEEKINS NAMED STATE

G. O. P. CHAIRMAN William C. Meekins, of Hender sonville, was elected chairman of the North Carolina Republican executive committee at the state convention of the party in Charlotte of Greensboro, sprung a surprise with the announcement that he would not be a candidate for reelection to the post. Duncan's acof the "old guard" Republicans to the demand of insurgents for new New Constitution Would leadership. Meekins was elected by 630½ votes over A. I. Ferree, of Asheboro, only other announced candidate for the chairmanship, who received 45034 votes. A handful RALEIGH, April 4.—The many of votes were cast for Clifford Fra-advantages which the proposed new

INSULL HELD

officials to be brought to this coun- body. try for trial on charges of fraud and embezzlement. The Turkish For some weeks now there has cabinet Sunday ruled that the of- been an increasing interest in the fenses with which the aged utilities new constitution and the opponents magnate were charged constituted of its adoption, regarded as bea "common crime" and he would longing to the reactionary and ulhave to be extradited, as requested tra-conservative wing of the Demohave to be extradited, as requested by the United States. Insull, how-cratic party, under the leadership ever, employed attorneys with a of Attorney General Dennis G. faint hope that something might be done to prevent his return to this Governor R. T. Fountain, have been country.

DAVIDSONS BEGIN TERMS

E. A. Davidson, former president of the defunct Cherokee Bank of Murphy, and his son, J. W. Davidson, a director of the bank, entered son, a director of the bank, entered state's prison at Raleigh Tuesday to be held in the country of individuals in need of some of the charges that have been made concerning it.

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fix tax rates. This method of tax
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ceive their full salaries for the last the Cherokee county jail awaiting liable and unworkable," Mr. Maxtransfer to Raleigh to serve a sentence of three to five years on the same charges.

HUGE "STEAL" CHARGED

Charges that the Chase National National Bank of New York, va-ment in 1919, and limitation of 15 rious other large financial institutions and the International Paper expenses substituted for it, leaving self. and Power company manipulated a \$70,d00,000 bankers' "steal" through throwing the Minnesota and Ontario Paper company into receivership, with the approval of a federal judge, were laid before the senate's special bankruptcy committee Tuesday by Edward L. Backus, a former president of the bankrupt paper company. Backus alleged the receivership was handled so the bankers could acquire the paper company for \$5,000,000, whereas under normal conditions he said it was worth \$75,000,000.

Edward W. Pou, 70, representafield, N. C., Tuesday.

BYRD ALONE

Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd an open fire, has been left alone far out on absolute isolation in a snow-cover- with the Rev. James Vinson in Francis Amherst Cecil, are seeked hut with books, a gramophone, charge. writing materials and scientific instruments for company.

MRS. LINDY HONORED

The National Geographic Society on Saturday presented to Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh its highest honor, the Hubbard medal, for her share in her husband's aerial surveys. The presentation ceremony took place in Washington. The Abercrombie, three-year-old son of at Daytona Beach. medal previously had been award- Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Abercrombie, "At the age when most children not going to do this until it beed only to Col. Lindbergh and of Daytona Beach, Fla., who have Admiral Richard Byrd.

"KILLER" ESCAPES prints left behind as he fled with a try with this accompanying state- very proud of his ability to memowoman, believed wounded, and a ment: "Billy Abercrombie, of rize verses. The child is shy but crats, representing every section of man, presumably one of the mem- Daytona Beach, Fla., age 3, recited speaks good clean-clipped English. North Carolina, attended the Jack- TAKES OWN LIFE ton, definitely established, authori- hearing it read a few times." ties said, that one of the trio was

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PROGRESSIVE

Wednesday after James S. Duncan, A. J. Maxwell Urges Adoption of Revised N. C. Code by Voters

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tion was interpreted as a surrender OLD ONE IS ARCHAIC

Place Limit on Debt, Not On Taxes

zier, of Greensboro, Republican state constitution as worked out by candidate for governor in the last the 1933 general assembly and the election, although he was not a state constitutional commission, candidate. The convention adopted which will be submitted to a vote a platform attacking "the great of the people for adoption or recost of bureaucratic government" jection in the November election in North Carolina, opposing the this fall, were pointed out by Comsales tax and pledging the party to missioner of Revenue A. J. Max-the support of prohibition. well, in a talk before the University of North Carolina Law School in Chapel Hill Monday night, Mr. Samuel Insull, onetime head of a Maxwell was a member of the conhuge American utilities empire, was stitutional commission which drew under a police guard in an Istanbul up the original draft of the new hospital Wednesday, awaiting exe- constitution which it submitted to cution of a government order that the 1933 general essembly and which he be turned over to United States was not changed materially by that

Interest Increasing

carrying on a more and more intensive campaign against it. While Mr. Maxwell did not refer to any one by name or to the campaign against the new document, his ad-

J. B. Storey, of Jefferson, protection has been found in our own experience to be wholly unrewell said.

Old Plan Unworkable

"First we tried a constitutional limitation of the composite rate of tax for state and counties of 66 2-3 of a story to this effect in last full. He was quoted in a Raleigh expected another grant. Bank of New York and the First that it was thrown out by amendcents for county levies for general no limitation for schools, roads and

"To illustrate the worthless character of this limitation, levies were made for general expenses last year in 93 of the 100 counties that exceeded 15 cents. These levies va-

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Burns Fatal

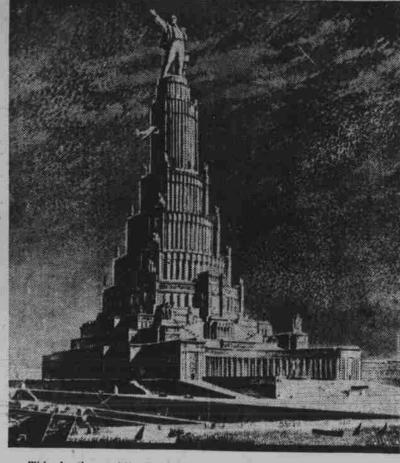
Tragic Accident

zive of the Fourth N. C. District half year old daughter of Mr. and thought more than likely that there to effect by the emergency relief house. for 34 years and dean of the House, Mrs. Garland Shepherd, died at her will be plenty of candidates in the died in Washington early Easter home on Franklin Route 4, Friday field before the deadline for filing morning. 'He was buried at Smith- night about 9 o'clock as the re- arrives. sult of severe burns she received Monday, when her clothing caught fire while she was standing before SEEK DIVORCE

Funeral services were held at Asheville millionairess, only daughthe Ross ice barrier since last the Shepherd cemetery on Cowee ter of the late George Vanderbilt, Wednesday, starting seven months' Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock and her English husband, John

one small sister, Barbara.

Design for New Soviet Capitol



This is the architect's drawing of the proposed capitol building, recently accepted by the central executive committee of the U. S. S. R., construction on which is scheduled to commence soon. The structure when completed will be the highest in the world.

Can't Consider Running For Legislature

county.

most everybody but Mr. Potts him- amount due last month.

feel honored to have been mentionam not in position to run."

Thus far no one has openly declared himself a candidate for representative. Nor has anyone de clared for county commissioner. The slowness of candidates in an nouncing for these offices stirred conversation this week as to the possibility of naming candidates at the Democratic county convention Shepherd Child Dies after instead of in the primary to be held in June. Many Democrats in the county think this would be a Margaret Shepherd, two-and-one- happy development; but it is

ling, by mutual consent, Associated Surviving are her parents and Press reports say, a divorce in the

3-Year-Old Boy's Memory Cited in Ripley Cartoon

ed him on the road to fame. shot his way out of a police trap Not" cartoon. A pen sketch of the x x x Saturday at St. Paul, Minn., and youngster was printed in hundreds "The parents do not build Billy once more foiled the law. Finger of newspapers throughout the count up as a child wonder but they are YOUNG DEMOCRATS

in Macon county, has already start- Billy can recite all the lines in does, the relief administration will Methodist church has been called sons and daughters, together with made by Mrs. R. G. Beshears, of Eugene Field's Book of Child Verse," make up the difference, Martin for 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon of their wives and husbands, and all Franklin, one of Mr. and Mrs. John "The Killer" Dillinger, with On Friday, March 30, little Billy says an account in the Daytona said. For it does not intend to let this week in the Bank of Franklin, except two of Mr. and Mrs. Dow-Dowdle's daughters. a submachine gun in his hands and received nationwide publicity Beach Sun Record. "And he has any of the teachers bo without the Dr. J. L. West, chairman of the dle's eleven grandchildren, a big green sedan awaiting him, through Ripley's "Believe It or been doing it for nearly a year, full amount of pay due them.

explaining that he was too busy day night. The affair was sponsor- Carolina State college history pro- of Cartoogechaye.

Highlands Man Says He No Further Salary Cuts Seen As Likely by School Official

month of the school year, LeRoy A number of Mr. Potts' friends Martin, executive secretary of the had suggested that he was well fit- state school commission, said Tuesevoked favorable comment from al- might be able to pay the full amount due the teachers for the

Secretary Martin agrees, however, "It's out of the question," he told that if the school commission the editor over the telephone. "I should expend the amount of money it should for transportation and ed as a possible candidate, but I for the replacement of school buses, for school supplies and other teachers in full. But it is not go- chaye community, ing to make any of these other exthat if it does not have the re quired amount of money, the Unit d States government will make up

Federal Aid Unlikely Under present regulations put inadministration, it is regarded as vir- Five hundred dollars insurance tually certain that North Carolina was carried on the dwelling. will not be able to get any of the \$50,000,000 that has been set aside by fire about three years ago. by the relief administration to help public schools in the various states. Young Democrats Mrs. Cornelia Vanderbilt Cecil, For under these rules, no federal To Meet In Highlands money can be given to states that have made adequate provision for keeping their schools open—and craft close of Highlands has been keeping their schools open—and close the close of Highlands has been keeping their schools open—and close the close th

ay teachers' salaries. But if it becomes certain that he relief administration will make up the difference, should North Carolina over-spend its appropriation and not have enough to pay the teachers their salaries for the last month, the school commission may decide to spend a million dollars or so that it had been saving The amazing precocity of Billy etates a line of sight-seeing busses back for salaries for new school buses, tires and supplies needed for Stewards of Franklin next year. But the commission is Circuit To Meet Saturday

Instructions Concerning New Relief Program Awaited

TO HELP FARM FOLK

Uncompleted CWA Projects Expected To Be Finished

The last of the CWA workers having been mustered out Friday and Saturday, those in charge of the recovery program in Macon county this week were awaiting instructions from Raleigh and Washington as to the set-up of the proposed new relief program.

Many projects in this county, as well as throughout the state and nation, were left unfinished, including the construction of a swimming pool at the Franklin golf course, a new auditorium for the Highlands school and a gymnasium for the Franklin school.

Likely To Be Finished It is thought likely, however, that provision for the completion of these projects will be made under the new relief program. Materials for all of these projects already have been obtained and all that is needed now, is labor.

Information has not been respecial provisions will be made to dent of the organization. sist needy farm families.

Meetings Called

ed that about \$10,000,000 of this was Sales Tax Cartoons went to purchase materials.

Home Burned

J. C. Robinson Narrowly Escapes from Fire

to safety early last Thursday mornincidentals, that it then would not ing when fire destroyed his home have enough left to pay all the near Louisa church in the Cartooge-

The fire, thought possibly to have penditures until it is sure that started from a back log rolling out either the state has enough money of the fire place, was beyond conon hand to pay the teachers or trol when Mr. Robinson was awakened by smoke. He hastily gathered up a few clothes, knocked out a window and climbed through to safety. Mrs. Robinson was in Asheville visiting at the time and Mr. Robinson was alone in the

Mr. Robinson lost another home

A meeting of the Young Demo even then it can be used only to called for 7:30 o'clock Tuesday wards, county president of the organization, for the purpose of reorganizing the club. The meetin will be held in the Highlands schoo' talks and string music has been arra mong the speakers will be C. Tom youn and James Haus-

Job Open

Applications for Prentiss Postoffice Asked

The United States Civil Service commission has announced that applications for the position of fourth class postmaster at Prentiss, N. C., will be received until April 13. Applicants are to be notified later of the date of examination, which will be held at Franklin.

Compensation of the postmaster at Prentiss for the last fiscal year was \$526, it was stated. The examination is open to applicants between the ages of 21 and 65 residing in the area served by the Prentiss postoffice. Application blanks and full information concerning the requirements of the examination can be secured from the postmaster at Prentiss or from the U. S. Civil Service commission, Washington, D. C.

Miss Beatrice Gribble, a Republican, held this position for six or seven years, but resigned recently. Mrs. Clara Rogers is falling the vacancy under a temperary appointment.

Meeting Called

Library Association To put a strong county ticket in the Elect Officers Friday

The annual meeting of the memceived as to the exact details of bers of the Franklin Library assothe new relief program, which is ciation has been called for 8 o'clock expected to get under way within Friday night of this week by Mrs. things in the courthouse and give about a week, but it is known that Lassie Kelly Cunningham, vice presi-

Mrs. Cunningham urged that al members of the library and all per-Miss Rachel Davis, county wel- sons who wish to join be present county committee, and Don Henry fare officer and director of relief, at this meeting, as an election of sent out notices this week calling officers for the ensuing year will Saturday was presided over by Ed for meetings in various sections of be held. Reports on the library Carpenter and Jess Sanders acted

GREENSBORO, April 4.-For the nine best cartoons illustrating how A total of \$1,100,000 has been the North Carolina sales tax has ted for the post and would be sure day. For expenditures for all oth- alloted to this state for relief work helped to keep open the public to poll a large vote. Publication the teachers may be paid in state director of relief, said she North Carolina Association of Real prizes to public school students. There are three first prizes of \$10; and three third prizes of \$5. A first, second and third prize are

> J. C. Robinson narrowly escaped to contest. Awards will be made rous and impartial enforcement of more for originality and cleverness, than for technical excellence. They chanical aids. The name of the and absentee ballot laws. contestant, his address, his school, and the name of his superintendent should be placed on the bottom of cratic national administration and each drawing.

> > All entries must reach the asso-Piedmont Building, by noon, May 1. The judges, representative citizens selected by the president of winners on May 15.

Mica Code Agent Coming Here Saturday

provisions of hte code. He plans, ertson. it is understood, to assist the miners in stabilizing the prices of un-

G. O. P. ELECTS DEAN CHAIRMAN

with God.

Bits of Wisdom

All service ranks the same

-Browning.

\$1.50 PER YEAR

Cowee Man Named To Succeed West at Convention

MEEKINS SUPPORTED

Resolution Pledges Party To Back only Teetotalers For Office

Holding their pre-primary convention in the courthouse Saturday afternôon, Macon county Republicans elected Walter Dean, of Cowee, chairman of their executive committee, succeeding W. J. West, and made a bid for the dry vote of the county in next fall's election. Dean was elected county chairman after Mr. West, old time G. O. P. war horse, asked the convention not to consider him as a candidate for reelection. Dean received 20 votes, while Don Henry received 10 and Paul Swafford 3. In an address accepting the post Dean urged the party to nominate candidates for office who are known to be total abstainers and expressed the hope the Republicans we

Raps Tax Situation

"You all know the deplorable situation of our tax matters," he said, "and we must nominate a ticket that can be elected and clean up our people an honest, economical government."

Mrs. Theo Kiser, of Franklin, was elected vice chairman of the was elected secretary. The meeting as secretary.

Back Meekins

The convention swung into line with the progressive insurgent faction of North Carolina Republicans seeking to oust the old line of old guards from the party's leadership in a resolution the leadership of the party under James S. Duncan. of Greensboro, it instructed its delegates to the state convention in Charlotte to support W. C. Meek-Estate Boards is offering \$105 in ins, of Hendersonville, for state chairman. The resolution also commended the guidance of the \$20 each; three second prizes of party in this county under the chairmanship of Mr. West.

Other resolutions pledged the par to be awarded in each of the three ty to oppose any candidate for federal court districts in the state, county office who indulges in in-Any public school pupil is eligible toxicating liquors, advocated "vigothe prohibition laws;" condemned "Democratic machine control of may be either in ink or pencil but state and county" governments; and must be by hand and without me- advocated repeal of the primary

The resolutions contained no attack on the policies of the Demofailed to express an attitude on President Roosevelt's recovery profiation at its Greensboro office, 502 gram, but contained a paragraph condemning "the practice of some politicians of manipulating the jobs and funds that have been approthe association, will announce the priated through this great relief program for their personal gain at the expense of suffering humanity."

Delegates Elected The following delegates were elected to attend the state conven-Dr. E. E. Pratt, supervisory agent tion, which was held at Charlotte of the mica code, is expected to Wednesday: R. D. Sisk, Miss Ina come to Franklin Saturday to dis- Henry, George Dean, Walter Dean, cuss the code with mica miners R. F. Henry, John E. Rickman, and arrange for compliance with Rev. A. S. Solesbee, Henry G. Rob-

> The following were elected delegates to the 11th congressional dis-(Continued on Page Four)

will be held in the Highlands school auditorium. A program of short Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dowdle Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Welling- placed a miniature bride and groom wedding antiversary at their home which a tiny golden wedding bell of Daytona Beach, Fla., who have a number of relatives and friends are just beginning to talk clearly, comes absolutely certain that if it ards of the Franklin circuit of the for the occasion were all of their was suspended. The cake was

board of stewards of the circuit. The family partook of a bounsaid very important business was teous dinner spread upon a table ed white gold rings were presented to be discussed, and urged that all beautifully decorated in yellow and to Mr. and Mrs. Dowdle in behalf stewards on the circuit attend the white flowers, the same colors of their children by Mrs. Pearl which were used fifty years before Hunter, of Sylva. to his home. Before her marriage served and enjoyed by old and bers of his old gang, John Hamil- a 53-page book from memory after He refused to recite for a reporter, son Day Dinner in Raleigh Satur- John T. Nelson, 28-year-old North Mrs. Dowdle was Miss Ida Patton young, the party gathered for the

ton Dowdle celebrated their golden under a golden archway, from Just before the dinner was serv-

when Mr. Dowdle brought his bride After the sumptuous dinner was

making of photographs. Billy's mother is a daughter of cating cabbage. He seldom per- ed by the Young Democratic Clubs fessor, was found dead Sunday af-

the widely hunted desperado who W. N. Gray, who lives about five forms in front of strangers, but of North Carolina. Senator Ben- ternoon of asphyxiation from car- a handsome wedding cake, a huge cluding Mrs. Flora VanHook, Mr. broke out of jail at Crown Point, miles south of Franklin near the several friends served as witnesses nett C. Clark, of Missouri, was the bon monoxide gas in his automobile golden pound cake, covered with Dowdle's only living sister, attended Morrison school. His father op- in the statement sent to Ripley." principal speaker.