

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

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All service ranks the same with God.

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MEEKINS NAMED STATE G. O. P. CHAIRMAN

William C. Meekins, of Hendersonville, was elected chairman of the North Carolina Republican executive committee at the state convention of the party in Charlotte Wednesday after James S. Duncan...

INSULL HELD

Samuel Insull, onetime head of a huge American utilities empire, was under a police guard in an Istanbul hospital Wednesday, awaiting execution of a government order that he be turned over to United States officials...

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 state's prison at Raleigh Tuesday to begin serving sentences of from five to eight years each for conspiracy and abstraction of bank funds...

HUGE 'STEAL' CHARGED

Charges that the Chase National Bank of New York and the First National Bank of New York, various other large financial institutions and the International Paper and Power company manipulated a \$70,000,000 bankers' 'steal' through the Minnesota and Ontario Paper company into receivership...

POU DIES

Edward W. Pou, 70, representative of the Fourth N. C. District for 34 years and dean of the House, died in Washington early Easter morning...

BYRD ALONE

Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd has been left alone far out on the Ross ice barrier since last Wednesday, starting seven months' absolute isolation in a snow-covered hut with books, a gramophone, 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...

'KILLER' ESCAPES

John 'The Killer' Dillinger, with a submachine gun in his hands and a big green sedan awaiting him, shot his way out of a police trap Saturday at St. Paul, Minn., and once more foiled the law...

EXPLAINS NEW CONSTITUTION

A. J. Maxwell Urges Adoption of Revised N. C. Code by Voters

OLD ONE IS ARCHAIC

New Constitution Would Place Limit on Debt, Not On Taxes

RALEIGH, April 4.—The many advantages which the proposed new state constitution as worked out by the 1933 general assembly and the state constitutional commission, which will be submitted to a vote of the people for adoption or rejection in the November election...

Interest Increasing For some weeks now there has been an increasing interest in the new constitution and the opponents of its adoption, regarded as belonging to the reactionary and ultra-conservative wing of the Democratic party...

Old Plan Unworkable 'First we tried a constitutional limitation of the composite rate of tax for state and counties of 66 2-3 cents. This became so unworkable that it was thrown out by amendment in 1919...

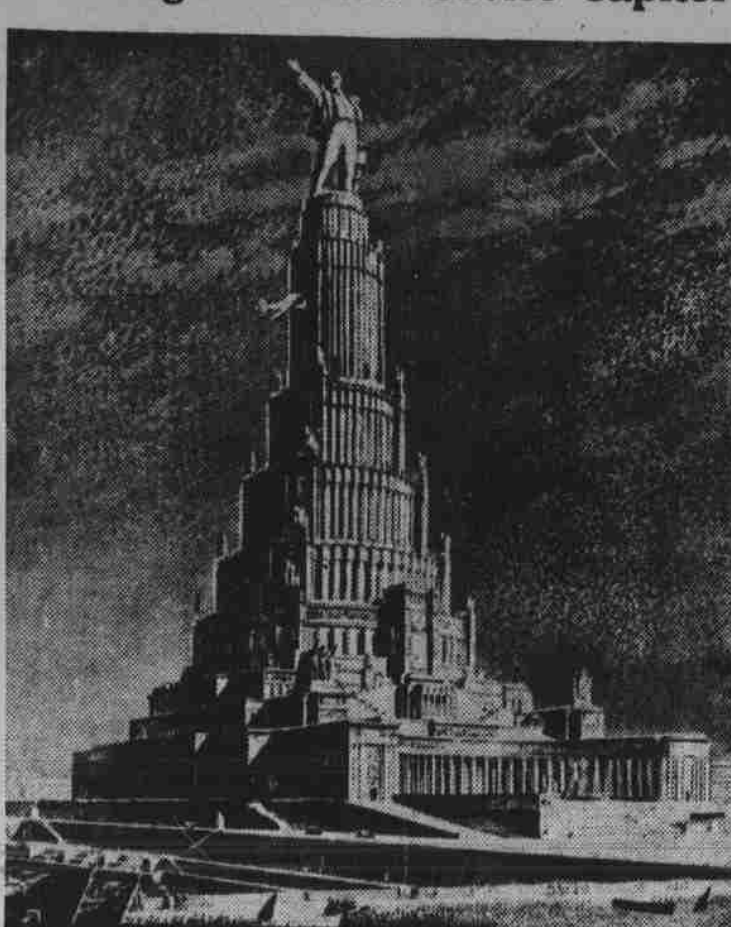
Burns Fatal Shepherd Child Dies after Tragic Accident Margaret Shepherd, two-and-one-half year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Shepherd, died at her home on Franklin Route 4, Friday night about 9 o'clock as the result of severe burns she received Monday, when her clothing caught fire while she was standing before an open fire.

SEEK DIVORCE Mrs. Cornelia Vanderbilt Cecil, Asheville millionaire's only daughter of the late George Vanderbilt, and her English husband, John Francis Amherst Cecil, are seeking by mutual consent, Associated Press reports say, a divorce in the French courts.

3-Year-Old Boy's Memory Cited in Ripley Cartoon The amazing precocity of Billy Abercrombie, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Abercrombie, of Daytona Beach, Fla., who have a number of relatives and friends in Macon county, has already started him on the road to fame.

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.

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POTTS WON'T ENTER PRIMARY

Highlands Man Says He Can't Consider Running For Legislature

J. E. Potts, Highlands town manager, informed The Press-Maconian this week that he could not consider seeking the Democratic nomination for representative from this county.

A number of Mr. Potts' friends had suggested that he was well fitted for the post and would be sure to poll a large vote. Publication of a story to this effect in last week's issue of this newspaper evoked favorable comment from almost everybody but Mr. Potts himself.

Secretary Martin agrees, however, that if the school commission should expend the amount of money it should for transportation and for the replacement of school buses, for school supplies and other incidentals, that it then would not have enough left to pay all the teachers in full. But it is not going to make any of these other expenditures until it is sure that either the state has enough money on hand to pay the teachers or that if it does not have the required amount of money, the United States government will make up the balance.

TEACHERS TO GET FULL PAY

No Further Salary Cuts Seen As Likely by School Official

RALEIGH, April 4.—There is no danger of any further cut in the pay of the school teachers in North Carolina or that they may not receive their full salaries for the last month of the school year, LeRoy Martin, executive secretary of the state school commission, said Tuesday. For expenditures for all other services have been reduced so that the teachers may be paid in full. He was quoted in a Raleigh newspaper as indicating the state might be able to pay the full amount due the teachers for the last month.

Under present regulations put into effect by the emergency relief administration, it is regarded as virtually certain that North Carolina will not be able to get any of the \$50,000,000 that has been set aside by the relief administration to help public schools in the various states. For under these rules, no federal money can be given to states that have made adequate provision for keeping their schools open—and even then it can be used only to pay teachers' salaries.

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Young Democrats To Meet In Highlands

A meeting of the Young Democratic club of Highlands has been called for 7:30 o'clock Tuesday night, April 10, by John W. Edwards, county president of the organization, for the purpose of reorganizing the club. The meeting will be held in the Highlands school auditorium. A program of short talks and string music has been arranged. Among the speakers will be C. Tom Yason and James Hauser.

Stewards of Franklin Circuit To Meet Saturday

A special meeting of the stewards of the Franklin circuit of the Methodist church has been called for 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon of this week in the Bank of Franklin. Dr. J. L. West, chairman of the board of stewards of the circuit, said very important business was to be discussed, and urged that all stewards on the circuit attend the meeting.

Takes Own Life

John T. Nelson, 28-year-old North Carolina State college history professor, was found dead Sunday afternoon of asphyxiation from carbon monoxide gas in his automobile parked in a wood near Raleigh.

CWA PROGRAM IS CONCLUDED

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 received as to the exact details of the new relief program, which is expected to get under way within about a week, but it is known that special provisions will be made to assist needy farm families.

Meetings Called Miss Rachel Davis, county welfare officer and director of relief, sent out notices this week calling for meetings in various sections of the county of individuals in need of assistance.

According to figures released at CWA headquarters in Raleigh, approximately \$12,500,000 was spent on approximately 5,000 CWA projects in this state. It was estimated that about \$10,000,000 of this was paid out in wages, while the rest went to purchase materials. A total of \$1,100,000 has been allotted to this state for relief work in April, but Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, state director of relief, said she expected another grant.

Home Burned

J. C. Robinson Narrowly Escapes from Fire

J. C. Robinson narrowly escaped to safety early last Thursday morning when fire destroyed his home near Louisa church in the Cartoogechaye community. The fire, thought possibly to have started from a back log rolling out of the fire place, was beyond control 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 house.

Five hundred dollars' insurance was carried on the dwelling. Mr. Robinson lost another home by fire about three years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dowdle Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wellington Dowdle celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home at Prentiss Easter Sunday. Present for the occasion were all of their sons and daughters, together with their wives and husbands, and all except two of Mr. and Mrs. Dowdle's eleven grandchildren.

The family partook of a bounteous dinner spread upon a table beautifully decorated in yellow and white flowers, the same colors which were used fifty years before when Mr. Dowdle brought his bride to his home. Before her marriage Mrs. Dowdle was Miss Ida Patton of Cartoogechaye.

The dinner was topped off with a handsome wedding cake, a huge golden pound cake, covered with white frosting, upon which was placed a miniature bride and groom under a golden archway, from which a tiny golden wedding bell was suspended. The cake was made by Mrs. R. G. Beshears, of Franklin, one of Mr. and Mrs. Dowdle's daughters.

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 \$520, 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 filling the vacancy under a temporary appointment.

Meeting Called

Library Association To Elect Officers Friday

The annual meeting of the members of the Franklin Library association has been called for 8 o'clock Friday night of this week by Mrs. Lizzie Kelly Cunningham, vice president of the organization.

Mrs. Cunningham urged that all members of the library and all persons who wish to join be present at this meeting, as an election of officers for the ensuing year will be held. Reports on the library for the past year will be submitted by Mrs. J. A. Ordway, the librarian.

The meeting will be held in the library room in the Masonic hall.

Prizes Offered for Sales Tax Cartoons

GREENSBORO, April 4.—For the nine best cartoons illustrating how the North Carolina sales tax has helped to keep open the public schools and pay the teachers, the North Carolina Association of Real Estate Boards is offering \$105 in prizes to public school students. There are three first prizes of \$20 each; three second prizes of \$10; and three third prizes of \$5. A first, second and third prize are to be awarded in each of the three federal court districts in the state.

Any public school pupil is eligible to contest. Awards will be made more for originality and cleverness, than for technical excellence. They may be either in ink or pencil but must be by hand and without mechanical aids. The name of the contestant, his address, his school, and the name of his superintendent should be placed on the bottom of each drawing.

All entries must reach the association at its Greensboro office, 502 Piedmont Building, by noon, May 1. The judges, representative citizens selected by the president of the association, will announce the winners on May 15.

Mica Code Agent Coming Here Saturday

Dr. E. E. Pratt, supervisory agent of the mica code, is expected to come to Franklin Saturday to discuss the code with mica miners and arrange for compliance with provisions of the code. He plans, it is understood, to assist the miners in stabilizing the prices of unprocessed mica.

Delegates Elected

The following delegates were elected to attend the state convention, which was held at Charlotte Wednesday: R. D. Sisk, Miss Ina Henry, George Dean, Walter Dean, R. F. Henry, John E. Rickman, Rev. A. S. Solesbee, Henry G. Robertson.

The following were elected delegates to the 11th congressional district. (Continued on Page Four)

G. O. P. ELECTS DEAN CHAIRMAN

Cowee Man Named To Succeed West at Convention

MEEKINS SUPPORTED

Resolution Pledges Party To Back Only Totalitarians For Office

Holding their pre-primary convention in the courthouse Saturday afternoon, 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 would put a strong county ticket in the field.

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 things in the courthouse and give our people an honest, economical government."

Mrs. Theo. Kiser, of Franklin, was elected vice chairman of the county committee, and Don Henry was elected secretary. The meeting Saturday was presided over by Ed Carpenter and Jess Sanders acted 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 the state. Although it endorsed 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. Meekins, of Hendersonville, for state chairman. The resolution also commended the guidance of the party in this county under the chairmanship of Mr. West.

Other resolutions pledged the party to oppose any candidate for county office who indulges in intoxicating liquors, advocated "vigorous and impartial enforcement of the prohibition laws"; condemned "Democratic machine control of state and county governments; and advocated repeal of the primary and absentee ballot laws.

The resolutions contained no attack on the policies of the Democratic national administration and failed to express an attitude on President Roosevelt's recovery program, but contained a paragraph condemning "the practice of some politicians of manipulating the jobs and funds that have been appropriated through this great relief program for their personal gain at the expense of suffering humanity."

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