

As the World Turns

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

POU QUITS ROAD JOB; SUCCESSOR NAMED

Jack Roach, Statesville, was named successor of George Ross Pou as executive director of the State Highway and Public Works commission at a meeting of the commission in Raleigh Wednesday. Pou resigned last Saturday to enter a congressional race to succeed his father, the late Representative E. W. Pou. The commission also let contracts Wednesday for 29 road projects, which if approved by federal highway authorities, will provide for the expenditure of \$868,439. Roach was formerly Pou's assistant.

58 CANDIDATES FILE

Through Saturday 58 candidates had formally entered the state primary to be held June 2. Only two Republicans were included among the list.

AFTER NRA VIOLATORS

NRA Administrator Hugh Johnson Saturday ordered action within 10 days against NRA code violators. Code officials were instructed to refer cases to U. S. attorneys.

CREDIT FOR HOMES

According to a statement made by Frank C. Walker, director of the national emergency council, a nation-wide program will soon be launched to guarantee principal and interest on long term mortgages to finance the building of small homes. Such a guarantee would likely have the effect of encouraging much new construction work.

INSULL COMING BACK

Samuel Insull, erstwhile United States public utilities magnate, will be started back to the United States to face trial on charges of conspiracy and fraud Friday, the thirteenth of April. Turkish government doctors have pronounced Insull physically fit to be deported.

WIRT EVOKES STORMY DEBATE

A charge that Dr. William A. Wirt, who recently attracted national attention by disclosing an alleged communistic plot by "brain trusters," was jailed for pro-German activities during the world war was made on the floor of the house of representatives Wednesday by Congressman Bulwinkle of North Carolina. A few minutes later Representative McGugin of Kansas announced Wirt's attorney had authorized him to deny the charge. A stormy congressional debate followed, in which Republicans were charged with playing partisan politics in supporting Wirt's allegations.

SETS NEW AIR RECORD

Renato Donati, Italian world war ace, set a new altitude record Wednesday when he soared into an overcast sky behind a four-bladed propeller to a height of 14,500 meters, or more than nine miles.

CANNON ON TRIAL

Methodist Bishop James Cannon, Jr., went on trial in the District of Columbia Supreme court Monday on charges that he failed to report in full expenditures made in his anti-Smith campaign in 1928. Edwin C. Jameson, New York insurance executive, told the court Tuesday that he had given Cannon \$58,000 "to support a campaign of anti-Smith Democrats." The prosecution contends that the bishop failed to report expenditures of \$48,000 contributed to him; but the anti-Smith leader's attorneys have announced they will prove Cannon spent all contributions for the purpose directed.

TAX BOOST DEFEATED

The U. S. Senate Tuesday refused by a vote of 46 to 44 to levy an additional one-year emergency tax of ten per cent on all individual income tax returns for 1935. It also rejected a proposal to increase surtaxes beyond the finance committee rates, which already are higher than existing levies.

PARK DEDICATION EXPECTED EARLY IN 1935

Despite legal entanglements which are still impeding completion of plans for opening the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, officials of the park service in Washington said they expected things would be in readiness for dedication of the park early next year.

MINISTER TO IRELAND DIES

William Wallace McDonald, who became American minister to the Irish Free State just two weeks ago, died suddenly of a heart attack Monday night while attending a banquet given in his honor by Irish officials. He was 67 years old and a native of Tennessee, but Montana was his adopted state.

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LIBRARY GROWS IN POPULARITY

Mrs. Ordway Reports 3,000 Books Circulated in Past Year

MEMBERSHIP NOW 185

Mrs. Lassic Kelly Cunningham Elected President

Meeting last Friday night in the reading room in the Masonic hall, members of the Franklin Library association elected Mrs. Lassic Kelly Cunningham president and heard encouraging reports on the activities of the library since it was reorganized and reopened a year ago.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Blackburn W. Johnson, vice president; John W. Edwards, secretary; B. W. Johnson, treasurer; Mrs. J. A. Ordway, librarian. Mrs. Johnson and the Rev. Frank Bloxham were named members of a book selection committee with Mrs. Cunningham as chairman.

185 Members Listed
Mrs. Ordway, who has served as librarian without remuneration during the past year, reported that the membership had grown from a small handful of book lovers who met and reorganized the library a little over a year ago to a total of 185 members, 121 adults and 64 children.

The librarian estimated the year's circulation of books at approximately 3,000. The library has obtained many new books through gifts and purchases and its popularity is steadily increasing. The total of new books received was 379. Of this number, 216 were outright gifts, 101 in lieu of membership fees, three in lieu of fines; 31 purchased with funds presented by the Order of Eastern Star, and 28 purchased with library funds.

Gifts Acknowledged
The following book gifts were acknowledged: Anonymous, 135; the Rev. and Mrs. O. P. Ader, 19; the Rev. and Mrs. Frank Bloxham, 16; Allen Ordway, 11; Mary B. Eaton, 6; Mrs. Mangum, 3; Miss Sophie Albert, 3; Mrs. Frank Curtis, 3; Mrs. Derald Ashe, Mrs. S. H. Lyle, Mrs. W. N. Sloan, Norvin Duncan, Jr., two books each; Norman Angel, Miss Talley, Mrs. Solms, Horace Duncan, Billie Wilkie, Lane Porter, one book each.

Cash receipts for the year totaled \$51.64, divided as follows: Anonymous gift, \$5; receipts from a play sponsored by the Eastern Star, \$18.95; donated by the Boy Scouts, \$3.55; 52 adult membership fees at 25 cents each, \$13; 32 junior membership fees at 10 cents each, \$3.20; fines, \$7.94.

Expenditures totaled \$39.70, leaving a bank balance of \$11.94.

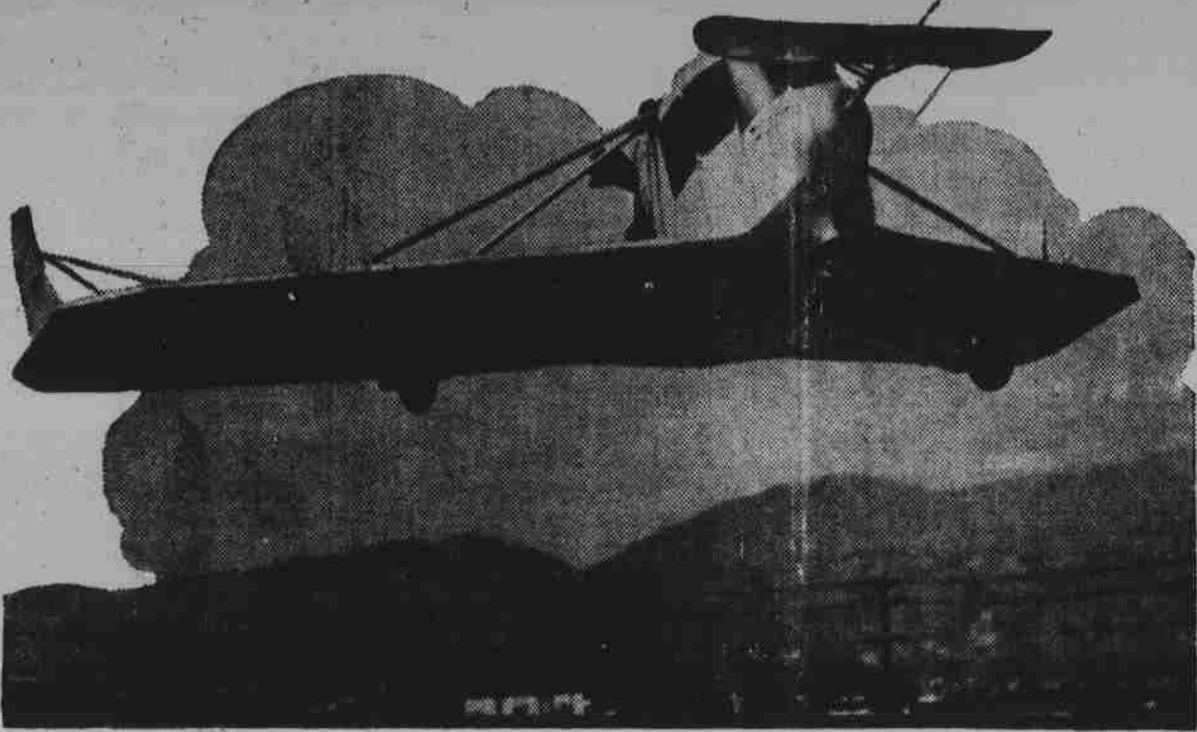
Mrs. Ordway thanked a rising vote of appreciation was given Mrs. Ordway for her tireless efforts in acting as librarian. Individual members expressed gratification over the growing popularity of the library, but it was suggested that efforts should be made to encourage people living in the rural sections of the county to use the library more freely. It was pointed out that the library is intended for the use of anyone living in the county, not merely for residents of Franklin. A nominal membership fee of 25 cents a year is required of adults, and 10 cents a year of children; but a suitable book may be given in lieu of a cash membership. Transients may obtain books by paying a membership fee and making a deposit to insure return of books borrowed.

Plant Established Here For Making Shuttle Blocks

A small shuttle block factory has been established in Franklin by L. O. Cope and C. M. Lowman, formerly of Andrews. In full operation, the plant consumes about a cord of dogwood a day and has an output of approximately 400 shuttle blocks.

The factory is being operated as a branch of O. L. Cope & Sons, manufacturers of shuttle blocks for more than a quarter of a century. Another plant is maintained at Andrews. The Franklin factory is located

Waterman's New Flying Wing Airplane



Because every one who has seen it fly gasps "What is it?", Waldo D. Waterman, former air mail pilot, inventor and aeronautical veteran of Santa Monica, Calif., calls this new flying wing plane just that, "What'sit." The novel two-passenger tailless craft, which travels at better than 100 miles per hour, is powered with a small radial air-cooled engine. The pusher-type monoplane is guided by its forward stabilizer, and is "fool-proof," as it cannot nose dive, spin or otherwise get out of control.

DEATH CLAIMS IOTLA WOMAN

Funeral Held for Mrs. Rebecca Ann Ramsey at Iotla Church

Funeral services for Mrs. Rebecca A. Ramsey, who died at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon at her home in the Iotla section, were held Monday afternoon at the Iotla Methodist church with the Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr., officiating, assisted by the Rev. A. S. Sotesbee, Baptist minister.

Mrs. Ramsey, who was 81 years old, was the widow of W. A. Ramsey. Before her marriage she was Miss Rebecca Ann West. She was born June 29, 1853. In early childhood she became a member of the Snow Hill Methodist church, but later removed her membership to the Iotla Methodist church, of which she remained a constant and devout member. She married Mr. Ramsey December 21, 1882. To this union four children were born, three of whom survive: Mrs. A. L. McLean, W. L. Ramsey and A. L. Ramsey, all of Macon county; also six grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Emma V. McLean, of Whittier; and one brother, William J. West, of this county.

Mrs. Ramsey had been in declining health for some months, but continued to lead a rather active life for her age until a few days before her death. Realizing that the end was approaching, about ten days ago she visited every room in her house to renew for the last time her memory of familiar scenes.

Funeral Held for Mrs. George Seay

Funeral services for Mrs. George Seay, who died suddenly at her home at Clayton, Ga., were held at the Mt. Zion church on Cartoogehayne, on Friday of last week. The Rev. J. W. Farmer, of Clayton, Ga., assisted by the Rev. Eugene R. Eller, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church, were in charge of the services.

Mrs. Seay is survived by one brother, J. C. Dalrymple, and one sister, Mrs. George M. Johnson, both of the Cartoogehayne community; her husband and one daughter, Mrs. Dewitt Marks, at Leland.

Meeting Called Young Democrats Reorganize Saturday Night

A meeting of the Young Democratic club of Franklin has been called for 8 o'clock Tuesday night, April 17, in the courthouse, for the purpose of reorganizing. A program of short talks and string music has been arranged.

A meeting of the Cowee club of Young Democrats has been called at the Cowee school for Friday night, April 20. More than 100 persons attended a meeting of the Highlands Young Democrats last Tuesday night. Henry Cleaveland was elected chairman; Miss Mary Elizabeth Potts and Miss Louise Bell, vice chairmen, and Jack Potts, secretary and treasurer.

Addresses were made by Jimmie Hauser, C. Tom Bryson, Robert A. Patton, John W. Edwards, Grady Owens, E. W. Long and Harley Cabe.

FUNERAL HELD FOR MRS. SISK

Mother of R. D. Sisk Dies Following Stroke of Paralysis

Mrs. Laura L. Sisk, 81, died at the home of her son, R. D. Sisk, on Iotla street at 5:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon after an extended illness. Mrs. Sisk suffered a stroke of paralysis Monday night. The funeral was held at St. Agnes' Episcopal church at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon with the rector, the Rev. Frank Bloxham, officiating, assisted by the Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr., pastor of the Franklin Methodist church. Burial was in the Franklin cemetery.

Mrs. Sisk was a member of St. Agnes' Episcopal church. She is survived by her son, R. D. Sisk, Franklin attorney and member of the town council; one sister, Mrs. R. N. Long, of Baker, Ore.; and three grandchildren, Ross Zachary, of Concord; Mrs. A. E. Gouge, of Bakersville, and R. N. Sisk, of Charlotte.

Sloan Rickman Returns to Franklin

Sloan Rickman has returned to Franklin and again is connected with the Bryant Furniture company. Mr. Rickman went to Sylva several months ago and became associated with the Medford Furniture company. On his return here, he commented: "Franklin is good enough for me and it is the cleanest, best small town to live in that I know of."

Franklin Boys Make University Honor Roll
D. W. Blaine and N. Blaine, of Franklin, made the scholastic roll of honor at the University of North Carolina for the quarter just ended, according to announcement by the registrar's office received by The Press-Maconian.

SPRING COURT OPENS MONDAY

Special Term of Civil Court Ordered To Convene June 4

With 74 cases listed for trial on the civil docket, an unusually busy term of superior court is scheduled to convene here Monday with Judge P. A. McElroy presiding. The first three days have been set aside, as usual for regular court terms, for the trial of criminal cases. Comparatively few new cases, and none of outstanding interest, are listed on the criminal calendar.

The civil calendar, however, is one of the longest in several years. "It would take at least six weeks of court to wind up this calendar," commented Frank I. Murray, clerk of court. In view of this, the local bar has requested a two-weeks special term of civil court, which has been ordered by the governor to begin June 4 with Judge Frank S. Hill, of Murphy, presiding.

Farm Mortgage Bonds Well Received

C. R. Cabe, secretary-treasurer of the Otto national farm loan association of this county, recently received word from the governor of the Farm Credit administration, Win. I. Myers, telling him of the ready reception which farmers and their creditors are giving to the bonds of the Federal Farm Mortgage corporation which are now being tendered by the Federal Land Bank of Columbia in place of cash in settlement of farmers' debts.

"These bonds have been selling in the large markets at a little above par, indicating a ready market for them. Just a week after the banks began using bonds instead of cash, the first bonds to be sold on the New York market were purchased at 100 1/2. We anticipated these bonds which bear 3 1/2 per cent interest per annum would sell at par or above at the time we set the interest rate, for Government bonds maturing in 1941, bearing the same rate were selling above par."

Mr. Myers pointed out that these bonds were not only exempt from local, state and federal taxation with the exception of surtaxes, inheritance and gift taxes, but that they are as readily salable as government securities.

Bedridden Ex-Slave Burned To Death in Cowee Cabin

"Uncle" Marion Moore, one of the oldest negroes in Macon county, was burned to death in his bed when his small cabin in the Cowee section was destroyed by fire Wednesday night.

"Uncle" Marion, an ex-slave, was about 90 years old and had been an invalid for some time, unable even to turn himself over in bed. He lived by himself in a flimsy, one-room shack. Someone visited the old man early in the evening, and kindled a fire for him in the fireplace. A little later most of the negroes living in the small Cowee

Bishop Coming Will Conduct Confirmation Service

The Rt. Rev. Robert E. Gribbin, bishop of the diocese of Western North Carolina, will visit Highlands next Tuesday to address a district meeting there of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Church of the Incarnation (Episcopal) and to conduct a confirmation service. The Woman's Auxiliary meeting will be in session all day. The confirmation service will be held at 7:30 in the evening. A class of four candidates for confirmation will be presented by the rector, the Rev. Frank Bloxham.

2 ENTER RACE FOR JUDGESHIP

Alley and Davis Formally Announce; Mallonee Undecided

Two candidates have formally announced themselves for judge of the twentieth judicial district, subject to the Democratic primary—Judge Felix E. Alley and Grover C. Davis, both of Waynesville—and voters are wondering whether J. D. Mallonee, of Murphy, is going to toss his hat into the ring to make it a three-cornered race. Mr. Mallonee is known to have given serious consideration to entering the contest, but he has made no formal announcement of his intentions.

Davis Campaigning
Mr. Davis declared himself formally a month or more ago and since then has been actively campaigning throughout the district, which he formerly served as solicitor.

Although a familiar figure in political campaigns, Judge Alley will be running for the judgeship for the first time. He was appointed January 26, 1933, to fill out the unexpired term of the late Judge Walter E. Moore, of Sylva, and during his 14 months on the bench has presided six months over courts in the 20th district.

Alley's Record
Friends point to the record on appeals from his decisions to the Supreme court. The higher court has affirmed him in 42 cases and reversed him in one.

Judge Alley was an active lawyer for 30 years and since coming of age has taken an active part in politics, it being said of him that he has made more Democratic speeches than any other man now living in North Carolina.

He was clerk of Superior court of Jackson county from 1898 to 1902 and represented the county in the legislature in 1905. He served as solicitor one term.

Judge Alley was an elector on the Wilson and Cox presidential ticket, was a delegate to the 1932 national convention and conducted a six-weeks speaking tour over the state in behalf of the Democratic ticket. He lost the nomination for congress in 1926 to Zebulon Weaver.

Father-and-Son Banquet Set for Saturday Night

The annual father-and-son banquet of the vocational agriculture class of the Franklin high school will be held at 7:30 o'clock Saturday night in the Rotary hall. The principal address of the evening will be made by E. S. Papp, an executive of the White Provision company of Atlanta, Ga. Food for the dinner will be brought in by members of the agriculture class, taught by E. H. Meacham, and prepared and served by the home economics class under the direction of Miss Rosalie Morrow.

Bits of Wisdom

Every religion is good that teaches man to be good. —Thomas Paine.

5 CANDIDATES ENTER PRIMARY

Slagle, Bryson, Cabe, Ray And Patton Make Announcements

FILING TO END MAY 5

Ray Seeks Assembly Post; Rogers Won't Commit Himself

Although only five candidates have formally declared their intentions of seeking county offices, local interest in politics is growing apace. The timidity of many prospective candidates in tossing their hats into the ring seems to have whetted curiosity and increased speculation.

The five who have openly announced their candidacy are:

C. Tom Bryson, for register of deeds; Harley R. Cabe, for clerk of court; A. B. Slagle, for sheriff; J. Frank Ray, for representative; R. A. Patton, for state senator—all subject to the Democratic primary.

Bryson Unopposed
It is fairly certain that Tom Bryson will be without opposition in the primary, unless some last-minute dark horse comes upon the scene. Thus far, there has been no talk of another candidate for register of deeds.

It is also fairly likely that Bob Patton will have strong opposition from the Republicans, who are to nominate their candidate for state senator at a district convention scheduled to be held in Franklin on Saturday, April 21. Dr. W. A. Rogers has been talked of considerably as a candidate for representative, but the former legislator has steadfastly declined to commit himself.

The Sheriff's Race
There is little doubt that Sheriff Slagle will be opposed in the primary by Alex Moore, a former sheriff, although the latter has not declared himself. It is virtually certain that there will be two candidates for register of deeds and there is a possibility that there may be three or four. Gilmer Crawford is expected to announce for the job almost any day and there also is considerable talk of the probability of Oscar Rickman, Erwin Long, or both of them, coming out for the same job.

Board Jobs Unpopular
No one seems to care much about running for county commissioner. At least no one has come out, although several outstanding men in the county have been encouraged to run. If, by a rare chance, there should be no candidates for commissioner on the Democratic ballot, it will behoove the Democratic county convention to nominate candidates. Some leaders in the party are hopeful that this may occur, for they believe that in a convention they could draft an able commissioner's ticket, inducing men to accept the nomination who would not submit their names in a primary.

The Republicans evidently are planning to draft their entire county ticket, for the county executive committee has called for a convention to be held in Franklin for the purpose of nominating candidates on Saturday, April 28, just a week before the closing date for filing notices of candidacy.

Filing Dates
All candidates for state offices are required to file for the primaries by April 14 and all candidates for county offices, including representative and senator, on or before May 5. The primaries are to be held Saturday, June 2.

The county board of elections, of which J. R. Morrison is chairman, is scheduled to meet at the courthouse Saturday of this week to name registrars and judges of election. Registration books are to be opened May 5 for the registration of new voters, to remain open every Saturday until sunset through May 19. May 26 has been set aside as challenge day.

BUSINESS IMPROVING

The American Federation of Labor said Monday in its monthly survey of business "that advances, which began to appear in February, increased in March."