

# As the World Turns

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

## SWIFT JUSTICE FOR GETTLE KIDNAPERS

California dealt swift justice to three kidnapers, James F. Kirk, Lattie, wealthy oil man who was freed Monday night after a spectacular police raid on the house where he was held prisoner five days. Within 24 hours after their arrests, the three kidnapers, James F. Kirk, Larry Keigan and Roy Williams, who had demanded \$60,000 ransom for release of their victim, were sentenced to life terms in San Quentin prison. The trio pled guilty to a charge of kidnaping by extortion when they were told that unless they did, they would have to stand trial under the new California law providing the death penalty where a kidnaping victim suffers bodily punishment. Save for bruises suffered when he was seized by his abductors toward the close of an all-day party at his magnificent country estate, Gettle was unharmed.

## ROBLES CHILD FREED WITHOUT RANSOM

Jean Robles, 6-year-old Tucson, Ariz., child kidnaped three weeks ago and held for \$15,000 ransom, was found Monday chained in a grave-like hole dug under a cactus bush in the desert lands near Tucson. The child was so weak she could not walk and she was badly sun-burned. Rough marks about her ankles, where the chains had chafed her, told of the suffering she had undergone. Doctors said, however, they thought she would recover from her grueling experience. The child was believed to have lain in the pit dug for her by the kidnapers for 19 days. A jug of water and some stale food was found by her side. She was miserably dirty and was covered with vermin. Discovery of the little girl was made after the governor of Arizona had received a mysterious unsigned note from Chicago giving directions as to the location of the hiding place. No ransom was paid, members of the Robles family stated. Police believed Wednesday that they had obtained information from little Jean which might lead to the capture of her abductors. She said they were two men who called each other "Will" and "Bill."

## TRANS-ATLANTIC FLIERS LAND IN IRELAND

Captain George Pond and Lieutenant Cesare Sabelli, who took off Monday morning from Floyd Bennett field, New York, on a contemplated non-stop flight of 4,500 miles to Rome, Italy, were forced down near Lachinch, in southern Ireland, Tuesday night, 32 hours and six minutes after their departure. The premature landing was necessitated by a broken gas line. Slight damage was done to the plane in landing, but the fliers were uninjured.

## REED LEADS

Senator David A. Reed of Pennsylvania was leading Tuesday night in his contest with Governor Gifford Pinchot for renomination as senator in the Republican primary. In the Democratic primary, Joseph F. Guffey, known as the "original Roosevelt man" because of his strong support for the president in the Chicago convention, was running far ahead of Roland S. Morris, ambassador to Japan under Woodrow Wilson.

## DECLARED AN OUTLAW

Wes Bryson, alias Dick Bryson, of Cashiers Valley, was declared an outlaw in a proclamation issued by Judge Alley in Waynesville Monday afternoon. Bryson was alleged to have fired on two men from ambush in Cashiers Valley Saturday morning. K. Bumgarner and Thomas A. Dillard, both of Cashiers, were wounded, one in the arm and the other in the leg. Bryson, brother of Frank Bryson, who was killed in January, was alleged to have made threats in recent weeks to kill nine men of the Cashiers Valley section. K. Bumgarner, who was charged with the slaying of Frank Bryson, was tried at the February term of Jackson superior court and acquitted.

## ROOSEVELT PROPOSES HOME-BUILDING PLAN

Creation of a home credit insurance corporation with capital stock of \$200,000,000 to be provided by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, was proposed by President Roosevelt in a special message to congress Monday. The legislation sought by the president is intended to free billions of dollars for new building work, repairs and refinancing of existing debts on homes and construction work.

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## ADVICE GIVEN JOB-SEEKERS

### Tennessee Valley Authority Explains System Of Employment

### MANY APPLICATIONS 38,807 Candidates Listed For Skilled and Unskilled Labor

Persons desirous of obtaining employment with the Tennessee Valley Authority will be interested in a circular letter recently sent to job-seekers by the TVA. The letter gives detailed instructions as to how candidates for jobs should submit their applications and also explains the different classifications of employment, qualifications required etc.

The letter follows in part:

#### General

(a) Applicants are requested not to seek interviews unless expressly invited to do so by a member of the staff. Should personal interviews seem desirable, candidates will be notified to appear at one of the offices or at points convenient to both the Authority and the candidates.

(b) All applicants will receive proper consideration on the basis of merit at the time when the Authority is prepared to consider appointments to fill specific vacancies at the various occupational and professional levels.

(c) Applications already on file with the Authority will receive full consideration for employment with the Electric Home and Farm Authority and the Tennessee Valley Associated Cooperatives, Inc., when vacancies occur in these organizations.

#### Helpers, Skilled and Unskilled Labor

(a) Positions of this nature are being filled almost exclusively by persons who participated in the labor examinations held for the Authority by the United States Civil Service Commission in November and December, 1933, at which time 38,807 applicants were examined. These examinations were open to only those persons who fulfilled certain residential requirements in the Tennessee Valley and certain contiguous areas.

(b) Persons who took the examinations are being notified of the results as rapidly as possible and all candidates will be advised in due time. Scores achieved will be considered along with other qualifications such as character, physical fitness, vocational ability, experience, etc.

(c) Housing limitations at some of the various operations, shortages of competent persons in some of the skilled trades, and other factors may make possible the employment of a limited number of applicants who did not take the examinations. For the most part, appointments of those who did not take the labor examinations are temporary. Generally speaking, however, candidates who did not take the examinations at the proper time must wait until such future time as additional examinations may be given.

(d) If the future personnel needs of the Authority make it necessary to hold additional examinations, full publicity will be given through the press and public notices. However, further examinations are not contemplated at this time in view of the fact that 38,807 participated in the last series—a number far in excess of our present requirements.

#### Clerks, Typists and Stenographers

(a) Vacancies in these positions will be filled from the existing registers of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and in typist-stenographer.

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## Wool Sale

### To Be Held at Franklin Depot May 28

A cooperative wool sale is to be held at the Franklin depot Monday, May 28, according to an announcement by F. S. Sloan, county agent. The sale is scheduled to start at 9 a. m. and continue until 4 p. m. This year's sale will be conducted, as previous sales in this county, in cooperation with the United Wool Growers Association.

A minimum advance price of 20 cents a pound for clear wool has been set. Last year's advance price was 16 cents, but the sale date price was 26 cents. Mr. Sloan said he hoped the market would improve, warranting a higher price by the 28th.

# How They Stand

## In the Race For Representative

(Subject To the Democratic Primary To Be Held June 2)

### PLATFORM of J. Frank Ray

#### SCHOOLS—

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#### TEACHERS' SALARIES—

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#### SALES TAX—

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#### TAX EXEMPTIONS—

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#### AUTO LICENSE TAX—

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#### PROHIBITION—

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#### GENERAL—

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### PLATFORM of B. W. Johnson

#### SCHOOLS—

Free public education, more than anything else, has been responsible for the state's progress in the past. We must not allow development of our public school system to be hampered. The state would be derelict in its duty if it did not extend to every child the opportunity of obtaining an education. This is properly an obligation of the state as a whole, rather than of individual communities. For that reason, I favor continuation of the present policy of state-supported school terms of not less than eight months, the revenue for the support of schools to be derived from some source other than ad valorem taxes.

#### TEACHERS' SALARIES—

Good schools cannot be maintained without good teachers. We cannot expect to retain good teachers unless we pay them salaries commensurate with salaries paid teachers in other states, salaries which will enable them to live on a respectable basis, salaries which will encourage others to enter this great field of public service. Teachers have taken larger cuts in their salaries than other state employes; in fact, many of them are now receiving less than what might be regarded as a fair living wage. They deserve higher pay, even if it means reduction of salaries paid other state employes.

#### SALES TAX—

While odious to some, the sales tax has been the means of maintaining a state-supported eight-month school term. At the same time, it has made possible a reduction on ad valorem, or property, taxes. When the last General Assembly imposed the sales tax, it also repealed the 15-cent state school levy on property. This meant a saving to Macon county taxpayers of \$22,884 in their 1933 tax bills. Repeal of the sales tax inevitably would result in impairment of our public school system, or else would increase taxes on property. Our farms and homes already are bearing more than their just burden. Rather than see this burden made still heavier, I will support the sales tax. However, there is room for improvement in the method of collecting the sales tax. I believe that changes should be made in the present law to reduce the overhead costs of collection and to allow the merchant, if he so desires, to absorb the tax. This would simplify his bookkeeping and overcome petty bickerings over the tax which frequently result in loss of sales.

#### TAX EXEMPTIONS—

The law now allows an exemption of \$300 in the valuation of personal property, such as household goods, tools and farm machinery. This does not apply, however, to livestock and real property. Many individuals do not own \$300 worth of the articles exempted. The present law works an injustice on such people as these and should be changed so as to allow the taxpayer to take his exemption on anything he possesses.

#### AUTO LICENSE TAX—

Auto license taxes should be reduced and I believe that this can be done without decreasing revenues for support of our fine system of highways. Present li-

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#### PLEADS FOR LEAS

Asserting she had mortgaged her home and wedding presents in the long fight to keep her husband and his son from prison, Mrs. Luke Lea made an impassioned plea Saturday to Governor Ehringhaus for clemency for Luke Lea, Jr., her 26-year-old stepson who is said to be suffering from a malignant disease. She said that any application for clemency would be received through the regular channels.

### PLATFORM of Dr. W. A. Rogers

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#### TEACHERS' SALARIES—

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## CAPUS WAYNICK TO SPEAK HERE

### Will Be Heard Friday Night at Young Democrats' Banquet

Preparations for an attendance of more than 100 persons are being made by the Young People's Democratic Clubs of Macon county for the banquet and dance to be held Friday night of this week at Camp Taukeetah in the Patton Valley.

Capus M. Waynick, editor of the High Point Enterprise, state senator in the last General Assembly and now state director of the National Reemployment Service, will be the principal speaker.

#### Convention Saturday

Mrs. May Thompson Evans, of High Point, state president of the Young Democratic organization, and Doyle D. Alley, of Waynesville, vice president of the Young Democrats, are also scheduled to be present and to make short addresses. Mrs. Thompson and Mr. Alley will be heard again at the annual county convention of Young Democrats to be held at 1 p. m. Saturday afternoon in the courthouse. Election of officers for the coming year is to be held at this meeting.

John W. Edwards, present head of the Macon County Young Democrats, will preside as toastmaster at the banquet Friday night. Music will be furnished by a nine-piece orchestra, the members of which are offering their services free of charge.

#### Candidates To Attend

Practically all of the county candidates in the Democratic primary to be held June 2 are expected to attend the banquet and dance, as well as a number of candidates for district offices. Both Grover C. Davis and Judge Felix Alley, of Waynesville, candidates for judge in this district, have signified their intention of being present.

A delegation from Asheville also is planning to come, including William J. Coker, district chairman of the Young Democratic clubs, and Sam Cathey, the blind judge of Asheville's municipal court, who is famed as a caller for square dances.

The dinner will be served by Miss Olivia Patton, owner of Camp Taukeetah. An admission fee of 75 cents will be charged for the banquet and dance, while only 50 cents a couple will be charged those who attend the dance only. The banquet is scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock and the dance at 10 o'clock.

## Free Space

### An Offer to Dr. W. A. Rogers And J. Frank Ray

Last week the editor of the Press-Maconian, who is a candidate for representative subject to the Democratic primary, offered to print the platforms of his two opponents, Dr. W. A. Rogers and J. Frank Ray, free of charge.

When we went to press Wednesday afternoon neither Dr. Rogers nor Mr. Ray had taken advantage of this opportunity to express their views on the issues at hand. Although the voters naturally would like to know the opinions and attitudes of candidates, they have chosen to remain eloquently quiet.

Should they change their minds, however, and decide to express themselves, our offer of free space still stands good. Anytime between now and the primary, The Press-Maconian will be glad to remove the question marks and print their statements of policy.

## 300 MEN LOSE FOREST JOBS

### Projects To Be Continued With Labor from C. C. C. Camps

Approximately 300 men working on road projects in the Nantahala National Forest were dismissed last Friday. Funds for continuation of this work under the national industrial recovery program had been exhausted, it was stated in explanation at headquarters of the forest in Franklin.

Work on these road projects, it was said, would be continued with labor supplied by the Civilian Conservation camps.

Most of the men thrown out of work last Friday are residents of Macon county. One hundred and four of them were civil service employes, while the rest were recruited through the National Reemployment Service.

The projects upon which they were working included: Improvement of the Horse Cove road near Highlands; improvement of the road from Kyser's store to Wayah Gap and relocation of the forest service road in the vicinity of Aquone.

## CANDIDATES TO ADDRESS VOTERS

### Schedule of Joint Speechings To Get Under Way Next Week

The schedule of joint speakings planned by the Young People's Democratic clubs of Macon county will get under way next Monday night at a meeting of the Otto club.

Other meetings to be held next week follow: 8 p. m., Wednesday, May 23, Holly Springs; 8 p. m., Friday, May 25, Cowee; 2 p. m. Saturday, May 26, courthouse, Franklin; 8 p. m., Saturday, May 26, Slagle school.

The Cowee meeting was originally announced for Saturday night, May 26, but on account of a conflicting meeting in the Cowee school, dates for the meetings at Cowee and Slagle were exchanged. A large crowd is expected at the Cowee meeting. A box supper for the benefit of the Cowee baseball team and a free one-act play are also planned.

Hitherto the Young Democratic Clubs have asked candidates attending their meetings to refrain from talking in behalf of their own political aspirations. At the joint speakings starting next week, however, candidates will be given an opportunity "to speak their minds."

## Trimont Inn Opens Under New Management

Trimont Inn on Harrison avenue opened for guests Tuesday, May 15, under the management of Mrs. J. W. Cantey Johnson. The entire property has been renovated by the owner, Mrs. S. H. Lyle. The buildings, which have been freshly painted, now present a most attractive appearance.

## Bits of Wisdom

We ought to be willing both to be ourselves and to let other people be themselves.

—M. E. Robinson.

## GOVERNMENT TO BUY MORE LAND

### Ultimate Purchase of 411,000 Acres in This Area Planned

### MONEY IS AVAILABLE. Program Calls for Buying 3,000,000 Acres in South

Plans made public in Washington Sunday for the expansion of the government's forest holdings contemplate the ultimate purchase of 411,000 acres in North Carolina and Georgia for addition to the Nantahala National Forest, the administrative offices of which are situated in Franklin.

When this additional acreage will be bought by the government, has not been learned. Small acquisitions for the Nantahala forest are being made from time to time; but no concerted movement to increase the forest area is now under way.

#### Vast Program Planned

The forest expansion program was disclosed by Secretary Dern of the department of the interior, who is also president of the national forest reservation commission. He said the program involved the ultimate purchase of 762,186 acres in 45 units scattered throughout the eastern states.

Acquisition of new units, approximating 2,326,000 acres on the headwaters of the Tennessee river, Secretary Dern said, would nearly double the areas of national forests in the southern Appalachians, and would enable the forest service, cooperating with other agencies, to consolidate fire protection and to combat excessive erosion on the Tennessee drainage system.

#### Money Available

The purchases announced by Secretary Dern are to be made with money from the \$20,000,000 fund allotted by President Roosevelt for this purpose as an emergency relief measure.

One new unit approved by the forest reservation commission is the Clinch national forest, to comprise 658,000 acres in southwest Virginia. Contemplated additions to existing units contemplate 411,000 acres for the Nantahala forest and 348,000 acres for the Pisgah forest.

It has not been learned here whether any immediate large scale purchases are planned by the Nantahala forest. The average price for immediate purchases approved by the forest reservation commission is \$245 an acre.

The present net area of the Nantahala forest is slightly more than 333,569 acres, of which 95,794 acres are in Macon county. The gross area of the forest, that is the area within which purchases may be made, is 1,067,600 acres.

## Injured

### John Willis Fox Hurt in Bus Accident

John Willis Fox, sports writer for the Louisville Courier Journal, was reported to have been injured in a bus accident near London, Ky., Tuesday while on his way to Franklin with his wife to spend a vacation with an uncle and aunt, Judge and Mrs. John B. Willis, at The Terrace.

Mr. Fox has visited Franklin a number of times and has many friends here. Details of the accident were not learned, but it was said Mr. Fox suffered a broken collar bone and was in a hospital at London. Friends here hoped he would recover sufficiently in a few days to continue on his way to Franklin.

## Finds Indian Bracelets While Plowing

Five brass bracelets clasped around a fragment of bone were found recently by J. H. McDowell while plowing a field near road tracks about two miles from Otto. The bracelets, Indian origin, were found in a hole in the ground. Most of them were hardly more than brass wire, but one was filed so that it was a brace for the hand.