

The Franklin Press

and

The Highlands Maconian

Published every Thursday by The Franklin Press
At Franklin, North Carolina
Telephone No. 24

VOL. XLIX

Number 40

BLACKBURN W. JOHNSON.....EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

Entered at the Post Office, Franklin, N. C., as second class matter

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

One Year	\$1.50
Six Months75
Eight Months	\$1.00
Single Copy05

Obituary notices, cards of thanks, tributes of respect, by individuals, lodges, churches, organizations or societies, will be regarded as advertising and inserted at regular classified advertising rates. Such notices will be marked "adv." in compliance with the postal regulations.

The Lindbergh Case

THE general rejoicing that at least a partial solution has been found to the mystery of the kidnapping and murder of the little Lindbergh boy is, we believe, shared by everybody.

No crime that we can remember, short of the assassination of President McKinley, ever aroused such wide-spread horror and indignation as the stealing of the famous aviator's only child from his crib. And the horror was multiplied when, more than two months later, the poor baby's body was found in the woods near the Lindbergh's home, exposed for crows to peck at, reduced to a pitiful little skeleton by the work of insects and the elements.

The elemental sense of justice which dominates every sane human being will be satisfied with nothing less than the swift conviction and equally swift punishment of the kidnapers and murderers, whether one man or a dozen. Yet we do not believe that even such fiends should be convicted on anything but completely conclusive evidence. If there is a single reasonable doubt of their guilt, they should be given the benefit of it.

So far we have nothing but the newspaper reports on which to base a belief as to the guilt or innocence of the man who has been arrested. Undoubtedly accurate as far as they go, these reports probably do not tell the whole story of the evidence which the authorities have up their sleeve. Nor, do we understand that the case against Bruno Hauptmann is yet so complete that there is no question of his guilt.

Nothing is more to be deplored than "mob law." It is a natural human impulse to desire to take a hand in administering summary justice for crimes which revolt every normal human instinct. We hope that there will be no legal technicalities permitted to interfere with bringing out the whole truth in this case; and we hope, even more devoutly, that there will be no attempt at or encouragement of lynch law.—Selected.

New Deal Idea Spreads

CHAMPIONS of the New Deal can no more prove today that it will succeed than its critics can prove at this stage that it will fail; but the Houston Post notes with relish that President Doumergue, of France, is preparing to institute a recovery program in that country modeled in part at least after the Roosevelt plan. The Post reminds us that imitation continues to be the sincerest form of testimonial.

The Houston Post, pointing out that imitation is the highest form of flattery, says that President Doumergue, of France, is preparing to institute a recovery program in his country modeled after the plan of President Roosevelt.

"Home critics of the New Deal," continues the Post, "may assert it is a failure, but, obviously, it is not so regarded abroad. President Doumergue intends to have a brain trust, an NRA and various other recovery agencies similar to those now operating in the United States."

The Winston-Salem Journal comments that Germany has adopted policies of economic control which "look suspiciously like prototypes of American New Deal policies;" Canada has copied certain of the Roosevelt ideas; and Belgium is about to be guided by the New Deal in the adoption of plans to protect bank deposits and widen the use of credit.

If foreign powers show a disposition to copy New Deal ideas they must be viewed as having some merit.—Asheville Citizen.

Envisioned Heights

(Dedicated to Miss Shotts)

BY MEREDITH A. JOHNSTON

The heart may worship still at Beauty's shrine,
And in the litany of lovely things
There is a captivating magic which
About an ancient peak allurements flings.

* * * * *

Against the rugged crests of giant crags
The virgin beauty of Pisgah gleams,
As glows the vine-clad river there,
That from the shoulder of the mountain streams.

* * * * *

In radiant glory of rough forest paths
The laurel's purple banner flies,
And great Pisgah's dark define is seen
Against the shadowy highways of the summer skies.

* * * * *

The heart may worship still at Beauty's shrine,
For love divine, in beauty, a symbol shows
When silver-silent mists on earthen notes
Hide not a twisting flame that glows
Earthward—A world in its predestined flight.

* * * * *

But these are miracles that stand aloof,
In perfect artistry beyond our ken;
An uncompassed joy that holds all proof,
That such necromancy was ne'er wrought by men.

THROUGH CAPITAL KEYHOLES

BY BESS HINTON SILVER

PENNY WISE—

Hearing before the State Advisory Budget Commission in Raleigh revealed that much of the legislative economy effected at the last session is coming home like the proverbial cat. Of course there was a general demand for higher salaries but an impressive item in budgets of most State institutions was the increase for repairs. Behind all of them was a story of leaking roofs, falling plastering and damaged interiors and exteriors of State buildings. The next Legislature is going to have to dig up money to put State buildings in shape or lose all the pieces. Admitting that the last General Assembly had a tough time, the next one has nothing to which to look forward.

PROHIBITION—

A least one prominent member of the State Senate is of the opinion that the Federal Government is trying to make prohibition's obnoxious for North Carolina that the State will be whipped in line with the repeal policy of the Roosevelt administration. This legislative leader believes that this is the idea behind the drive against the stronger beers.

SLIGHT BLESSING—

Raleigh Cafes are taxed \$65 annually for the privilege of selling bottled beer. One proprietor states that he could make about enough profit selling high-test beers to pay for the license and trouble of handling the stuff but adds that since the drive against stuff more potent than 32 he has lost business at a rate than will not earn him taxes. He indicated that he will not renew his beer license next year. What that will do to State revenue depends on how many dealers are of the same mind.

HITTING THE BUMPS—

Governor Ehringhaus long ago expressed the opinion that "even being Governor ain't no bed of roses." He is willing to go stronger than that after his experience with the textile strike, several perplexing capital punishment cases and matters of State finance. A friend promised to drop in and see the Governor "in between times." Mr. Ehringhaus replied, "Come anytime. There aren't any between times. I just go from one agony to another." Persons desiring to occupy the red leather chair in the southwest office of the State Capitol will please note.

MISSED HIS CUE—

More than one North Carolina politician and lawyer is laughing up his sleeve at Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt and his direct-action attack on the proposed revised State constitution. While Mr. Brummitt was making speeches

against the measure the Supreme Court ruled it was unconstitutional to vote on the basic law measure this November because the present constitution provides that all basic law amendments must be voted on at the first "general election" following the session of the Legislature submitting them. What the wise boys want to know is why the Attorney General, counsel for the State, didn't remember that the repeal election last November was a "general election" before the Supreme Court reminded him of that fact. It would have been a master political stroke if he had and would have saved him many speeches.

PRAISE VS. CRITICISM—

While labor leaders were attempting to hold Governor Ehringhaus' feet to the fire for calling out troops in the recent textile strike the Chief Executive was receiving much praise from other quarters. He has been highly commended for the manner in which he handled the situation and what many people consider his apparent determination to remain impartial and use troops solely to maintain law and order.

NOT MUCH HOPE—

If your road is going to the bad you may as well become resigned to mud-holes and bumps, according to some opinion in Raleigh. Everybody and his brother is figuring on getting some of the taxes paid by motorists when the General Assembly meets. The anti-sales taxers want some to pay general expenses. School teachers and other State employes would like to have about \$3,000,000 for salary increases and county commissioners want a million or so to help pay county debts. If they all get what they want the highways will have to go hang as some folk think they have been doing for the past two years.

BAILEY THREAT?—

Political mouse-smellers around Raleigh think they see a potential eastern Senatorial candidate in Representative Bayard Clark, of the Seventh Congressional District, these days. During the recent unsuccessful flurry for abrogation of the Bankhead compulsory cotton control law Senator Josiah W. Bailey held his place at the head of the opposition table while Congressman Clark came out fore-square for retention of the act. Capital City political wise-acres applied their yardsticks to Mr. Clark and measured him as Senatorial timber. They whisper that somebody is grooming Representative Clark for a real race. Your guess is as good as theirs at this stage of the game.

KEYHOLES TAKE A BOW—

"I always read with interest 'Capital Keyholes,' and it is no wonder that the various papers find your articles of engaging public interest. You show a wonderful grasp and intimate knowledge of the affairs of State and of the various personalities of interest to the State." Thus writes Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, much talked of potential candidate for Governor in

1936. Thank you too much, Mr. Hoey; them's luscious words.

TALKING ABOUT HOEY—

Raleigh partisans of both men no longer express any doubt that Clyde Hoey and Congressman R. L. Doughton, chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, both intend to run for Governor next time in spite of heat and high waters. Gone is the talk that these two Democratic stalwarts will not oppose one another for the highest honor that can be paid a citizen by the electorate. Around the Capitol these days the bets are no longer on whether either of the two men will run but on which will win. Use your own judgment.

BOYS GET THE MONEY—

A prominent member of the past two sessions of the State Senate, who took a leading part in taxation measures but who is not returning to the next session, wondered aloud where the next General Assembly will find the money to meet the needs of the State. He foresees need of about \$2,500,000 for increase in public school teachers' salaries in addition to boosts in appropriations for State Institutions. The only solution presenting itself to this veteran legislator was elimination of exemptions from the general sales tax. Having been through the mill, this ex-solon refrained from seeking reelection and expressed satisfaction that he will not be burdened with filling the State's coffers next January—until.

SOME COMPENSATION—

One of the strongest advocates of the selected commodities, or so-called "luxury tax" in the past two sessions of the legislature waxed confidential and expressed the belief that if the bill had become law it would have resulted in the tobacco companies leaving North Carolina in the near future. He even admitted, "I would have felt 'kinder' bad about that." He added that he felt the luxury tax fight made the path of the general sales tax smother and said that since North Carolina has become "socialistic" he thinks every man should be made to pay his share of the freight. Which just goes to prove that you can't always tell what a man is thinking by the words he speaks.

Public Opinion

SENDS GREETINGS

Editor, Franklin Press:
Please find enclosed \$1.50 for renewal of my subscription.
May I have a corner in your paper to send greetings to my home-town friends.
I can't tell you how much I miss you dear people, and am hoping to see you again ere long, for as the little verse reads, "I'm lonesome for you; that's all."
Sincerely,
Mrs. Frank Williams.

West's Mill

Mrs. W. W. Potts spent the past week visiting relatives in Bryson City.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Matlock left Sunday for Winston-Salem where they expect to make their home for some time.

Mrs. Hugh Cathey, of Canton, is visiting her father, Robert Sheffield, this week.

Leroy Morrison, of Winston-Salem, spent the week-end here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Morrison.

Miss Ruth Smith, who is attending school at Cullowhee, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Smith.

Major Holbrooks, of Detroit, Mich., is spending some time here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Holbrooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry West, of Asheville, spent the week-end here visiting relatives.

The Rev. and Mrs. Harley Phillips and two children, Ruth and Gene, of Mars Hill, spent the week-end here visiting Mrs. Phillips' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Matlock.

Best German War Plane

The Halberstadt two-seater fighter was considered the best two-seater German airplane during the World war and its behavior in the air was good, according to modern fighting standards.