

# MACON VETS TO OBTAIN RELIEF

## OUTLOOK GOOD FOR ACID PLANT

McCoy Makes Public His Survey of Timber Resources

## ANNOUNCES PLANS Seeks To Have Bridge Funds Diverted To Paving No. 28

W. L. McCoy, Franklin attorney, in a statement to The Press, announces the results of his survey of timber resources of Macon county and expresses the opinion that the prospect is bright for bringing an acid wood plant to this section.

Mr. McCoy reveals that he has taken steps looking toward persuading the federal and state authorities to divert funds for building a new bridge over the Little Tennessee river on Route 28 to hard-surfacing of the highway west of Franklin into the Nantahalas. He points out that the present bridge is serviceable and expresses the opinion that improvement of Route 28 west of Asheville would prove of more value to Franklin.

### Reviews Progress

Mr. McCoy's statement follows: "Many have requested a statement as to the progress made toward the sale and manufacture of our acid wood, pulp wood, tan bark, poles and ties.

"Replying briefly we desire to say the progress so far is satisfactory in view of the fact that such an undertaking cannot be accomplished in a day. The owners of the acid wood to about three hundred have responded by reporting the amounts they have and the Forest Service Department, Hans Rees and company, large owners and others, and the listings of all to this date show ready for market now 1,156,245 cords of acid wood, 114,480 cords of pulp wood, 110,000 chestnut poles of all sizes from 20 feet inclusive up, and 896,400 cross ties, all timbers included, and more than 20,000 cords of tan bark, and the value at the present market prices is more than \$10,500,000.

"This material could be easily delivered by truck to Franklin on our hard-surfaced roads, of which four already enter Franklin, and the fifth, Number 28—West of Franklin, has been graded, but needs the better improvement for the heavy hauling necessary to move the large holdings of the government and citizens of Cartoogechaye and Upper Nantahala.

"With this in view, our efforts have been directed toward the improvement of Number 28 West of Franklin and the matter has been taken up with our Representatives in Congress, and Mr. Stikeleather, of the State roads organization, and working with these gentlemen, a movement is under way to induce the government to cooperate in the improvement of Number 28 and to through the U. S. Forest Reserve and to Hayesville, and to divert the moneys planned to be used in the cement bridge at Franklin to the improvement of No. 28 in cooperation with the State Highway Department. To that end, it is felt that this can be done and is necessary to be done to handle the tonnage of the western part of Macon county and eastern part of Clay county. We feel that the old bridge at Franklin, in its present condition, can serve us a while yet and the new improved highway would be very valuable to Franklin and Macon county.

"Further investigation shows large stocks of tannic acid on hand and very little protection from importation and so very little encouragement to manufacture other stocks of tannic acid. Our importation duty on tannic acid is only fifteen per centum ad valorem and is insufficient to protect our market along this line. For the information of those interested, we quote paragraph 38 of the tariff act of 1930, which is in words and figures as follows:

"Extracts, dyeing and tanning: Chestnut, cutch, chlorophyll, divi-divi, fustic, hemlock, logwood, mangrove, myrobalan, oak, Persian berry, quebracho, sumac, saffron, safflower, saffron cake, valonia. (Continued on page six)

## 80 Per Cent of Deposits In Bank Reported 'Frozen,' Reopening Still in Doubt

Persons engaged in efforts to reopen the closed Bank of Franklin reported Wednesday that slightly more than 80 per cent of the institution's deposits had been "frozen" through agreements of the depositors. The Corporation Commission, which has supervision over state banks, has stipulated that 95 per cent of the deposits must be tied up before it will sanction reopening of the bank.

Contracts signed by depositors agreeing not to withdraw their funds from the bank until October, 1933, are now coming in slower than when the campaign to reopen the bank was started three weeks ago. Those who are taking an active part in the project, however, are still pushing for more contracts and are hopeful of fulfilling the Corporation Commission's requirements. But they emphatically pointed out that unless the depositors cooperate with them their efforts will be in vain and the whole proposition will fall through.

This would leave the situation just about what it was shortly after the bank failed and depositors would have to wait for the slow process of liquidation before receiving any of their money. It is also felt, that if the bank is not reopened liquidation not only will be slower but that payment on deposits will not be as large. Reopening, by restoring business confidence, would enhance values of the bank's paper and thereby enable full payment of deposits in due time, possibly before October, 1933. The conditions laid down by the Corporation Commission for reopening are based on the anticipation of full payment to all creditors.

Unless those who have not signed contracts to "freeze" their deposits hasten to do so, it was pointed out by persons intimate with the situation, reopening may be jeopardized. The sooner the full 95 per cent of deposits are tied up, it was emphasized, the sooner the bank will be reopened.

## Lawmakers Quit Loafing And Enact Gardner Plans

## ROAD, SCHOOL BILLS PASSED

## Legislature Must Find Way To Finance New School Program

RALEIGH, March 4. — Final steps in legislation in regard to schools include the passage of the Johnston-Jolly bill to set up machinery for the operation of a State-supported six months school term and consideration of committee reports providing ways and means to provide the \$19,500,000 necessary to carry out the adopted program.

Some differences are to be settled between the houses in regard to amendments to the Conner road bill which provides for the state's taking over of the county roads.

### Constitutional Bill

The administration constitutional convention bill was reported unfavorably, but measures to allow the state to rewrite its constitution by the commission method received favorable Senate committee endorsement.

The administration bill to bring about a consolidation of the University of North Carolina, North Carolina State College and North Carolina College for Women has been given a unanimously favorable report. An amendment by Dr. Frank Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, was adopted making it mandatory that experts be employed to study the matter of consolidation and report to the governor's commission of nine.

### Other Measures Up

A bill to regulate buses and trucks was favorably reported by committee to the House. A bill for the state to handle workmen's compensation insurance and a bill to allow counties to levy a tax to establish a fund to purchase textbooks for rental to public school pupils were among other measures under consideration.

The joint appropriations committee has approved a measure to reallocate \$400,000 for construction of a new state central prison at Cary prison farm, near Raleigh, the money having been appropriated by the 1927 general assembly. Plans for this construction would include the abandonment of the present state's prison at Raleigh.

A number of bank bills have been passed.

### "FURN" HENRY IMPROVING

R. F. Henry, Sr., better known as "Furn" Henry, one of the oldest citizens of Macon county, is reported to be recovering from a serious illness at his home in the Watauga section on Highway No. 285.

## Things Look Brighter With Legislature Nearing End

By Carl Goerch

RALEIGH, March 4.—Virginia sent its former governor, Mr. Byrd, to talk to our legislature, and New York sent its former governor, Mr. Smith to do the same, but things around the capitol don't seem to have improved materially. What most of the legislators probably are hoping for is a visit from the Governor of South Carolina to the Governor of North Carolina.

Some important legislation has been acted on during the past week. The boys are beginning to do themselves proud. The governor's road bill has gone through a-kiting and there is no question or doubt about most of the other legislation he recommended at the beginning of the session. Of course he probably won't get through everything he advocated, but his batting average is going to be mighty good, nevertheless.

And while we're on the subject of the governor, let me tell you a little secret.

### Max Has Sense

The old boy's got sense. Plenty of it. I don't pretend to know all of the inside workings of our state politics, but I'm willing to bet dollars to doughnuts that two weeks before the legislature met Max could have told you the fate of each measure to come up during this session. In other words, it looks to me as though he's got Napoleon, Alexander the Great and George Washington completely outclassed when it comes to skillful maneuvering.

There's another thing to be considered, too. You've heard of the expression that so-and-so knows his onions? Well, Max knows his legislators like nobody's business. He's got 'em card-indexed and cross-indexed. He knows what each one of them likes for breakfast, what kind of cuff-buttons they wear, whether they are addicted to halitosis or the seven- (Continued on page six)

## FOREST ROAD WORK STARTED

75 Men To Be Employed On Nantahala River Project

## EQUIPMENT BOUGHT Horse Cove Road and Others Also Are To Be Improved

There has been a feverish rush of activity for the past several weeks in the Nantahala National forest in preparation for extensive road and trail improvements, a sequence of Congressional appropriation to provide employment relief on account of the drought of the past year and the financial depression.

Perhaps the major project, according to advice of forestry officials, is the Nantahala river project extending from Queen's creek, on the present road, from Nantahala to Aquone along the river to a point south of Kyle, where the proposed lake of the Nantahala Power and Light company will cover the old road.

### Much Equipment Purchased

Several thousand dollars worth of equipment has been purchased direct by the Forest service, which includes a rock crusher with a rated capacity of 20 yards per hour, two air compressors, two jackhammers and various other minor equipment. Seven three and one-half ton trucks have been obtained from the Corn Borer Division of the Department of Agriculture to use on this and on other Nantahala and Pisgah forest improvement projects.

### Surfacing Road

Extensive improvements of the section of the road described are under way. This will consist principally of surfacing with crushed stone. The road camp is established one mile north of Kyle on White Oak creek and across the creek is the rock quarry, the center of activity at this time. Rock is being crushed there and hauled to the various places of distribution on the road. Where the power company's proposed lake will extend the present road will have to be relocated. When this construction project is completed, from a few miles south of Nantahala station on Queen's creek to Aquone, it will open up a means of transportation from Nantahala station to Franklin, via Nantahala Gap, Aquone-Slagle road and Route No. 28. It is expected to condition the Nantahala river road equal to the Wayah creek road. This will give opportunity for timber operations on the Nantahala river side of the Nantahala forest which has heretofore been more or less isolated and it will provide many other opportunities for recreational development, as the route traverses perhaps one of the most scenic sections of Western North Carolina. The construction project is just now getting under way.

### To Employ 75 Men

The plan is, when the project is fully manned, to have a night crew consisting of about 25 men, and a day crew of approximately fifty men. Sufficient electric lights are being furnished by Forest service equipment to enable the work to continue over night.

Supervisor A. A. Wood, of the Franklin headquarters, states that the completion of this project will provide the most adequate means of egress and ingress to this part (Continued on page six)

## COUNTY'S EX-SERVICE MEN ENTITLED TO GET LOANS OVER \$100,000

## School Teachers Receive \$13,000 in Back Salaries

Approximately \$13,000 has been paid to school teachers of Franklin and Macon county since last Friday, according to school and county officials. In addition, \$3,578.83 had been paid out at the close of business yesterday on the county's January and February road and bridge account.

A large part of this money already has been put into circulation and Franklin merchants report a marked improvement in business activity as a result. This, with money World War veterans of the county soon will be obtaining on their bonus certificates, is expected to accomplish much in restoring general financial stability. Hundreds of folks will be able to pay their bills and buy the things they have had to do without for so long.

All of the teachers in the county have received payment of one month's salary. In the case of most of the rural teachers, this represents payment for the full term. In the Franklin school, however, the teachers had not received any pay since November and they still have salary for January and February due them.

Most of the money with which the teachers were paid came from Macon county's allotment from the State school equalization fund. The balance and the money paid for maintenance and repairs to county roads came from the county, which was enabled to pay off some of its obligations through recent tax receipts.

## Officers of Legion Offer To Help in Securing Loans

## BLANKS OBTAINED

## Over 400 Ex-Service Men in County Can Now Get Money

More than \$100,000 in cash will be brought into Macon county in the near future by loans to ex-service men under the veterans' loan bill enacted by Congress over the veto of President Hoover. This is the estimate of officers of the Macon Post of the American Legion.

This money will come as much needed relief to many of the veterans and in some cases where veterans have been without work for months and are penniless it will amount almost to a lifesaver. It will also have the effect of improving general business conditions, whereby the whole county will profit indirectly, by putting more money into circulation.

### Expedite Loan Relief

Already some veterans have filed their applications for loans and machinery has been put into motion to take care of the many veterans who are expected to seek loans in the near future.

Dr. Furman Angel, commander of the Franklin post of the Legion, issued the following statement yesterday offering assistance to veterans in filing loan applications:

### Assistance Offered

"To the Members of the American Legion of Macon County: "I have on hand the proper forms for obtaining a loan on your certificate. I will be glad to furnish any veteran with these forms and will assist in every possible way in obtaining your money on your bonus certificate. (Signed)

### "Dr. Furman Angel,

Commander, Macon Post, American Legion."

Dr. Angel estimated that the veterans of this county would be entitled to borrow approximately \$100,000. Some other estimates placed the figure at about \$150,000. The general opinion is that practically all of the veterans will take advantage of the opportunity and borrow on their certificates.

### Interest Rate Low

Under terms of the loan bill, a veteran may borrow up to 50 per cent of the face value of his certificate, granted by congress seven years ago—then over the veto of President Coolidge. The interest rate on these loans is set at 4-1/2 per cent. It is estimated that there are something over 400 veterans in Macon county and the average face value of their loan certificates ranges about \$100. On this basis they would be entitled to borrow an aggregate sum of \$200,000 or more; but many of the veterans have already obtained loans to the amount of 22 1-2 per cent of their certificates, under previous legislation. Then, too, there will be some who will not file applications for loans at this time.

Several other persons besides Dr. Angel have offered to assist veterans in filling out the necessary forms and sending them to the proper authorities. Postmaster Rickman, Frank I. Murray, clerk of court; Henry W. Cane, acting adjutant of the local legion post; Alfred Higdon, former adjutant, and several others have taken steps to secure the proper blank note forms and have offered their services to veterans without charge. Mr. Murray, with a small number of blanks on hand, stated doing a land-office business Tuesday but by Wednesday noon the forms had given out.

### WALTER ANDERSON INJURED

Walter Anderson, who lives on Cartoogechaye, seriously injured himself Sunday afternoon when his axe slipped while he was chopping wood and cut his foot.

## Harbison Asks Aid in Listing Macon's Plants

## APRIL COURT JURORS DRAWN

## County Commissioners Give out Names; Two Terms Scheduled

The jury list for the April term of Macon County Superior court was drawn by the County Commissioners in session here Tuesday. The list was divided in two parts, one for the criminal term and one for the civil term. The criminal term will be held first.

### For First Week

Following is a list of those drawn to serve the first week:

A. C. Holt, Highlands; J. M. Smith, Flats; O. C. Corbin, Gneiss; George Stepp, Nantahala; S. D. Frizzle, Route 1; Clyde Shepherd, Leatherman; E. O. Rickman, Leatherman; D. J. Moses, Higdonville; H. H. Cole, Stiles; Monroe Strain, Gneiss; Joe Bell, Smith's Bridge township; Sam Cunningham, Route 2; J. E. Lancaster, Franklin; W. D. Welch, West's Mill; E. B. Picklesimer, Route 2; Jonas Talley, Highlands; Gilmer L. Crawford, Franklin; N. H. Thomas, Route 2; Jud Tallent, Burningtown township; Claud Roper, Route 3; J. B. Reeves, Route 3; Jess Ray, Franklin; Don Raby, Etna; Homer Norton, Dillard, Ga. Route 1; W. L. Willis, Route 3; Burney Henderson, Cullasaja; J. E. Wooten, Route 2; J. E. Lakey, Etna; C. M. Moore, Franklin; Greedy Shepherd, Iola; M. D. Edwards, Highlands; W. O. Swanson, Route 1; Z. V. McKinney, Highlands; W. H. Patterson, Route 2; Ralph Parrish, Franklin; J. S. Anderson, Stiles.

### For Second Week

Following is a list of those drawn to serve the second term: Levi (Continued on page six)

## Botanist Seeking Rare Species Believed Growing Here

Professor T. G. Harbison, widely known botanist in charge of the Highlands Museum and Biological Laboratory, in a letter to The Franklin Press, asks the cooperation of the people of Macon County in completing a list of the various species of trees, shrubs and vines in Macon County.

A list of plants found in the vicinity of Highlands has been compiled by Professor Harbison, who for many years a botanical collector for the Baltimore Herbarium and the Arnold Arboretum, and copies of this list have been distributed. As a result, scientists and botanists far and wide are becoming interested in the flora of this region.

### Asks Cooperation

Having published a list of plants in the Highlands area, Professor Harbison now intends to make one for the whole county. He knows most of the species that grow hereabouts, but there are a few he believes should be found in this locality which he has not been able to locate. For this reason he is asking persons interested in such matters to cooperate with him. His letter to The Press follows:

"Highlands, N. C., February 28, 1931.

"Editor of The Franklin Press: "I have just received a letter from the Director of the municipal Arboretum at Alomouc, Czechoslovakia asking me whether I can send him a few seeds of *Pyralaria pendera*, a shrub growing about here and listed in our check list of trees and shrubs. I shall be glad to accommodate him. I suppose some persons will imagine that there is 'good money' in such things. It would not be considered good form to take pay for such kind of work.

### List Nearly Complete

"When I visited you in your office a few days ago you generously offered me the use of your paper to further the work of completing a check list of the trees, shrubs and vines of Macon county, similar to the list recently published of the Highlands region by the Highlands Museum and Biological Laboratory. This Macon county list has been 95 per cent complete for several years but the other 5 per cent remains incomplete for lack of time to do the exploring necessary to finish the task. This is purely a labor of love without any pay except the satisfaction that comes to one who loves such work. I am hoping that there may be a few persons in our county who are interested in such things. Any help to locate any of the few re- (Continued on page six)

## Rotary Governor Visits Franklin Club

## J. Boon Aiken Says Two Carolinas Need Leaders

The biggest need of the two Carolinas today is leaders, men who can rise to the situation and point the way for others, the Franklin Rotary Club was told at its regular weekly luncheon at the Scott Griffin hotel Wednesday noon by J. Boon Aiken, of Florence, S. C., governor of the 58th district of Rotary International.

Mr. Aiken declared, "must have the zeal to serve for the love of service—with sound views, backed by experience and performance; the kind who can arise in an emergency and express their convictions earnestly, frankly and forcibly—men who are willing to be patient and wait for the right to prevail, striving all the while to bring it about as fast as possible.

"How are we to get this kind of leader? Why, train them. And how train them? Through such organizations as Rotary. Rotary has no selfish purpose to advance. If its club leaders do their part

with the programs, week by week, many an individual will be trained for the challenge and the task of tomorrow. The process is so slow that it is sometimes hard to realize that progress is being made, but many of us can look back over the past and see."

Mr. Aiken then reviewed the growth of Rotary and the effect the Rotary spirit has had on its members and their communities. He stressed the importance of each Rotarian attending meetings regularly as one means of extending the good influence of the organization.