

FARM MEETINGS
ARE SCHEDULEDAgricultural Outlook for
Year To Be Discussed
Here Friday

GOODMAN TO SPEAK

Rotarians To Meet With
Group of Farmers
Next Week

The agricultural outlook in Macon county for 1932 will be discussed Friday of this week at a meeting of farmers called by Fred Sloan, county farm demonstrator. The meeting is scheduled to be held in the Odd Fellows hall, beginning at 10 o'clock this morning.

W. Woodman, district farm agent for Western North Carolina, will be the principal speaker. Mr. Sloan announced.

Plans and prospects of the year will be discussed. Meetings such as this are held each year.

On Wednesday of next week the 5-10 Year Organized Farm Program will be outlined and discussed at a meeting of the Franklin Rotary club to which a farmer and a farm woman from each of the 17 communities in the county will be invited.

The 5-10 Year plan, launched in recent months under the auspices of the Asheville Citizen and the Asheville Times, is similar in many respects to the famous "Minnesota Plan," which has been the salvation of farmers in the northwest. It aims to bring about standardization of grades and varieties of farm products, from truck to livestock, to increase production in livestock and dairy products through the use of purebred stock; to improve soil and pastures; and, what is regarded as one of the most important phases of the movement, to develop broader markets for the farm products of this section.

DEATH CLAIMS
REV. MR. JACOBS
AT ELLIJAY HOME

The Rev. Anthony Wayne Jacobs, 70-year-old retired Methodist minister, died at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening at his home on Ellijay. Mr. Jacobs had suffered a stroke of paralysis about two weeks ago. The funeral services were to be held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon at Salem church.

Rev. Mr. Jacobs was one of the best known and beloved ministers in the county. For many years during his younger life he served as a missionary to the Cherokee Indians. Although retired, Rev. Mr. Jacobs had been conducting occasional services in the Ellijay section for the past year. He was a familiar figure in Franklin. Driving about the countryside in his buggy, he was typical of the old circuit riders.

Waldrop Is Bound
Over Without Bond

Bolton Waldrop, 16, charged with the fatal stabbing of his half brother, Burch, 23, two weeks ago, was bound over to the next session of superior court without bond at a hearing Wednesday afternoon before Magistrate George Carpenter.

Mrs. Norman Burch, mother of the slain man and grand mother of young Waldrop, was the only witness to take the stand. Burch, she testified, struck his half nephew across the neck with a razor strap, then the two grappled. She said she did not realize until the fight was over that Burch had been stabbed.

The fight occurred on Friday morning, Jan. 8, and Burch the following Sunday in Angel Brothers' hospital, with two deep knife wounds in his back, one of which penetrated his lung. Young Waldrop said he had seen Burch with a Barlow in self defense.

NEWS SUMMARY

A Survey of State and National Events Concisely
Told in Brief Up-to-Date
News Reports

STATE

HIGH POINT BANK CLOSES

High Point's Commercial National bank was closed on Tuesday morning by the directors. J. Elwood Cox founded the bank and headed it during 40 years. Last report put deposits at \$4,785,040.

DECAPITATED BY TRAIN

Engineer John Baker, of Southern train 46, on Monday afternoon saw a man's body lying across the tracks north of Greensboro. Before he could stop the train the engine passed over the body decapitating it. It was later identified as that of John Cales, 48, Greensboro painter.

MILLION A YEAR FIRE LOSS

Forest fires have cost North Carolina more than \$1,000,000 in losses each year for the last 22 years, says the state conservation head in urging a statewide program of forest protection.

FORMER EVANGELIST SENTENCED

Rev. T. F. "Thunderbolt Tom" Pardue, former evangelist best known for his evidence in the famous Gatling murder trial in Rockingham county, was sentenced to a year on Forsythe roads in Winston-Salem on Monday. His son drew a six-month sentence.

ADMITS POSTMASTER'S MURDER

John Myers, Greenville negro, on Monday admitted sole responsibility for the murder of R. H. Hodges, Postmaster, shooting him down on January 9 and robbing him. He was rushed to state's prison for safe keeping.

FORMER OFFICIAL TO PRISON

Pleading guilty to embezzlement in amount of \$6,000 while serving as deputy clerk in New Hanover county, Marion J. Shuffler was on Monday given two to five years in state's prison by Judge Walter L. Small.

SEARCH FOR HOLDUP MEN

Throughout the southeastern part of the state search is continuing for the three robbers who held up the bank at Magnolia on January 12 and escaped with \$14,300. They are believed responsible for other violent robberies in the Kinston section.

DURHAM BANK CLOSES

Directors of the First National bank, Durham, closed it on Monday due to \$4,000,000 in withdrawals since October 1. Deposits were \$3,500,000.

GUILTY IN SHORT TRIAL

In a one-day trial at Marion, Munyon Williams, 24, was on January 14 found guilty of killing Berlin Smith and was given 10 to 14 years.

SALESMAN CAR VICTIM

Joe Boland, 35, Spartanburg salesman, was killed by the car of Homer Simpson at Glen Alpine on January 14. Simpson was absolved of blame.

NATIONAL

AGRICULTURE BILL SLICED

Democrats of the house appropriations committee on Monday slashed the agriculture department supply bill \$10,799,000 below the budget figures, which were themselves \$60,000,000 below appropriations for the current fiscal year.

EXPERT TRAIN ROBBERY

Two Chicago gunmen staged an expert robbery of a commutation train on Monday, terrorized passengers and took \$6,000 from Marcela Bergman, girl bank messenger.

APPROVE 17 N. C. POSTMASTERS

The senate on Monday approved 17 North Carolina postmasters but withheld approval of eight others on request of Senator J. W. Bailey who has made charges of irregularities in their appointment.

REDS ATTACK CATHOLICS

Thousands of communists in Bilbao, Spain, began a general strike on Monday by attempting to storm a jail and lynch 41 Catholic prisoners in retaliation for the killing of four communists in Sunday rioting between them and Catholic supporters.

SUES FOR TEN MILLION

S. W. Parham, Columbia, S. C., has filed in Charleston a suit for \$10,000,000 damages from the Chemical Bank and Trust company, New York, in behalf of creditors and stockholders of the closed People's State bank. Parham claims the New York bank wrecked the South Carolina bank and its 44 branches.

RUTH JUDD ON TRIAL

Ruth Judd is on trial in Phoenix, Arizona, this week for the murder of two women companions, discovery coming at Los Angeles when trunks containing their bodies were opened. She is depending on insanity pleas.

MANCHURIAN FIGHTS CONTINUE

While Japan sent notes to the nations that the open door policy will be maintained in China, her troops engaged the past week in deadly raids against bands of Chinese. Chinese troops struck back at Tachuan, killing 100 Japanese.

SOVIET-JAPAN PEACE PACT

Soviet Russia is making overtures to Japan for a pact of non-aggression to prevent possible trouble in the Far East.

ROSENWALD FUNDS TO CHARITY

Half the \$20,000,000 estate of Julius Rosenwald, Chicago philanthropist and merchant, is left under his will to carry on the benevolent work of the foundation he created.

\$250,000,000 FOR BRIDGE

It is estimated that \$250,000,000 a year is now being spent in the United States for bridge and its accessories and that 50,000 persons are given employment to provide the game.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Duvall
Pass Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Duvall, well known throughout the county, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday at their home on Jolia with a score of friends and relatives present for a bounteous picnic dinner.

Mrs. Duvall before her marriage 50 years ago was Miss Margaret Bradley, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Will Bradley. She was born in Tennessee but removed to Macon county with her parents when she was a child of four years.

Mr. Duvall was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Duvall and he was born and reared in Macon. Mr. and Mrs. Duvall were married January 13, 1882. They have six children—four sons, Edd, Charles, Wayne and Claude; two daughters, Mrs. Charles S. Shields, and Mrs. Turpin Davenport, of the State of Washington—and 17 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Despite the weight of their years, both Mr. and Mrs. Duvall are very active. Mr. Duvall would challenge any man of 30 or 40 years to equal

FRANKLIN WINS
FROM ANDREWSBoys Score 21-16 Victory;
Girls Team Wins By
45 to 13

The Franklin boys and girls won two basketball games from Andrews high, at the Franklin gymnasium. The games were fair; but on account of Andrews being a little weak the girls won by the long score of 45 to 13. The Franklin boys seemed a little stale and did not play their usual game, barely nosing out Andrews by a 21 to 16 score.

Boys' line-up: Franklin (21) Andrews (16)
Sheffield, L. F. Morrow
Teague, R. F. Battle
Freeman, C. Robinson
Elmore, L. G. Looingood
Dean, R. G. Everette
Substitutions: Matlock for Dean.
Girls' line-up: Franklin (45) Andrews (13)
Ray, S. Crawford
Cunningham, Moore
Franks, Watkins
Mason, Monterey
Ray, Barton
Hodgin, Raxter
Substitutions—Carver, Andrews.

A RANDOM SHOT

Well, folks, we sure do thank those who have been attending the basketball games over at the school house. Some of them have been good and some not so good. However, we are doing the best we can and can assure you if you want to see two real basketball teams in action, come over Friday night and watch Franklin make the Sylva boys and girls put out to stay in front.

Called to Rest

Mrs. Addie Gibson, 45, wife of Mr. Henry Gibson, died at her home at Cullasaja Monday night about 11 o'clock after an illness of several weeks.

Funeral services were held at the Sugarfork Baptist church Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock. Mrs. Gibson was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sorrels of Haywood county. She is survived by her husband and several children.

Exhibits Lemon Weighing
Two Pounds, Five Ounces

G. T. Stiles has returned to his home here after a month's visit with his son, N. H. Stiles, at Haines City, Fla. Mr. Stiles brought back with him a huge lemon, known as the Ponderosa variety. It weighed two pounds and five ounces and was a perfect piece of fruit, without a single blemish. He said this species was grown as a novelty or for one's personal use, but not for commercial purposes.

500 NAMES ON
PEACE PAPERDisarmament Petitions
Sent to President
Hoover

About 500 signatures were placed by Macon county residents to petitions for world peace and disarmament by all nations which were circulated recently by a committee of women under the chairmanship of Mrs. F. L. Siler.

These petitions, Mrs. Siler announced, have been sent to President Hoover and will be carried to Geneva by the United States delegate to the international disarmament conference in February.

"The pastor of all the communities," Mrs. Siler commented, "responded to requests from the committee of church women with splendid sermons."

"The Franklin Press has been most generous in aiding the work. Many out in the county sent in their names to be attached to the petitions. Members of the committee were stopped on the streets and asked by various persons for the privilege of signing their names."

"Busy housewives and mothers put aside other duties to attend to this work. Everyone who assisted in any way is most heartily thanked."

"More names are to be sent from this county as soon as they are turned in by certain rural communities and by the colored folk."

Pure-Bred Cattle Yield
Big Return on Investment,
Haywood Farmer Finds

(From the Waynesville Mountaineer)

"You're a fool to borrow \$700 to buy just two cows," is the reply H. Arthur Osborne, of Haywood county, received from his banker in 1914 when he attempted to borrow money from the banker to buy two pure-bred cows in Wisconsin.

The sharp discouraging reply did not dampen Mr. Osborne's ambition. He in turn proved to the banker where it was a good investment, and got the \$700.

The two cows were purchased, put on the farm, and in a short time the borrowed money was paid back.

Mr. Osborne made the original investment finance him in buying more pure-bred stock and now he has a herd of 100, free from indebtedness and by means of adding \$2,000 worth of cattle to the herd he has been able during the 17 years to sell \$20,000 worth of cattle from his herd.

Not only has the sale of \$20,000 worth of cattle been an achievement within itself, but he has made the profits from this herd pay for all labor on his farm and dairy, which he pointed out was a rather expensive item.

Mr. Osborne told the above incident at the meeting of newspaper men held in Asheville recently in connection with the 5-10 Year Organized Farm Movement.

Mr. Osborne not only proved that



H. ARTHUR OSBORNE

he was far from being a "fool farmer," but more of a successful financier, instead.

Mr. Osborne was recently elected regional committee chairman for the 5-10 Year Program.

Ghost Story Winners
In Contest Announced

EXPLANATION

Of Last Week's Ghost Mystery—
The Accusing Ghost

On his way homeward the doctor had to pass an old country graveyard, the road turning around one corner of it. In this corner a tall monument bore the figure of an angel, standing upright and with one arm uplifted. Just as the doctor reached this point a rift in the shifting clouds of mist revealed the figure and he saw in it the figure of the mother, commanding him to go back.

As everyone knows, in the woods in the fall of the year the traveller frequently sees, and feels on his hands and face, loose floating threads of spider's webs. One or two of these threads, chill and clammy with the drops of vapor collected on them, came in contact with his face at the moment when the figure of the mother revealed itself. The cold, light touch was like the touch of unearthly fingers—and of course in the darkness he could see nothing so insubstantial as the threads of a spider's web.

SINGING MEET
SET FOR JAN. 27

The next quarterly meeting of the Macon County Singing Convention will be held in the Macon county courthouse on the fifth Sunday of the month, January 31, it was announced this week by J. M. Raby, president of the convention.

The music will begin at 9:30 o'clock in the morning, Mr. Raby said, and there will be plenty of (Continued on page four)

Winners Asked To Call
For Prizes Not Later
Than Saturday

The judges in "guess-the-ghost" contest which has been running in The Franklin Press have wound up their arduous task with the announcement of the following winners of prizes for the best solutions to the last three mysteries in the series of 12:

Genett Thomas, "Ghosts' Sense of Decorum."

John W. Edwards, "The Four-Thousand-Year-Old Ghost."

Mrs. H. T. Horsley, "The Accusing Ghost."

The ghost story contest started off with a bang, scores of solutions being submitted for the first few stories. Then some of the contestants began to lose interest. Had a single one of them submitted reasonable answers for all 12 of the stories, he or she would be eligible to a \$10 grand prize; but not one of the contestants sent in solutions for all of the stories. Hence, no grand prize can be awarded.

Prizes of \$250, totalling \$30 in all, have been awarded for the most plausible explanation for each of the mysteries. The winners announced above are requested to call at the Press office before Saturday night to receive their awards.

2 Franklin Students on
Honor Roll at W. C. T. C.

C. Ross Zachary, senior at Western Carolina Teachers College, made the Beta honor roll for the fall quarter. Mr. Zachary is president of the Alpha Phi Sigma, national honorary scholastic fraternity.

Miss Mary Louise Slagle, of Franklin, also made the Beta honor roll for the fall quarter.

Blind Musician Produces
Strange Music from Saw

Ernest Gepernic, blind musician

from Bruton, Ala., and his companion minstrel, Locke Kelly, a young fellow from Marion, N. C., wandered into Franklin Monday night and treated a crowd at the Scott Griffin hotel to such music that would make "Fiddlin' Jim" Corbin stand on his musical ear in envy.

Gepernic could wield his violin bow on the back of an ordinary carpenter's saw as well as on his fiddle, while Kelly was no mean accompanist on the guitar. With the hand of the saw between his knees, the tip of the blade under the control of his left hand, the blind musician drew the bow back and forth across the smooth edge of the blade, producing notes as clear as ever came from a flute. Yet this strange, unorthodox music possessed a melancholy quality dif-

ferent from that produced on any other instrument.

When Gepernic played "Nellie Gray," it almost made the tears come to one's eyes, and he made "My Old Kentucky Home" seem like lost paradise. Yet, with his violin, he could put as much pep as anyone could wish in "The Girl I Left Behind Me," while Locke Kelly strummed out "Turkey in the Straw" as a guitar accompaniment.

The pair knew a good many of the mountain pieces; but, strange to say, they had never heard "Sourwood Mountain."

Gepernic makes his living wandering about the country playing his violin and his saw. He said he had traveled from California to North Carolina in the past year. He picked up young Kelly at Marion about six weeks ago. They stopped here only for a night and then headed South for Bruton.

MURRAY HEADS
VICTORY DRIVEWill Lead Democratic
Fund Campaign
In Macon

NO CANDIDATES OUT

Political Pot Slow in
Coming to Boil
Hereabouts

The first rumblings of the 1932 political campaigns reached Franklin this week with the announcement in the state papers Monday morning of the appointment of county managers in North Carolina for the Democratic Victory Fund Campaign. Frank L. Murray, clerk of court and generally recognized as the Democratic leader of this county, was designated to head the Victory Fund drive in Macon.

Appointment of the county campaign managers was announced at Greensboro by C. L. Shuping, chairman of the North Carolina Victory Fund committee. Mr. Shuping has been a figure in North Carolina Democratic circles ever since he

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Franklin Press has a definite policy of printing NEWS free and charging space rates for advertising or propaganda. This policy will be adhered to strictly in the approaching political campaigns.

Political events, of course, are news and will be reported as such to the best of our ability, in an impartial manner. However, many communications sent to newspapers by candidates for political office, or by their friends or enemies, is not news but propaganda. In such cases, the communications will be regarded as advertising and charged for accordingly, CASH IN ADVANCE. In such instances, the matter will be designated as "Advertising." But, under no circumstances, will this newspaper carry any article or advertisement tending to be libelous or even derogatory in a personal nature, unless such article or advertisement is "privileged," under a strict interpretation of the law.

If The Franklin Press feels called upon to express opinions concerning political matters, it will do so in its editorial columns and not in its news articles.

managed Josiah William Bailey's gubernatorial campaign. Although Bailey was defeated for governor by Angus Wilton McLean, Mr. Shuping gained recognition as one of the best campaign directors the state has produced in recent years. A leader for the Republicans in this county has not yet been announced.

Politics Moves Slowly

The fact is, Macon folks have been so busy trying to scrape up money to pay their taxes that they haven't had time to take stock of the political situation. There have been few signs, besides street corner gossip, to indicate that this is one of those major election years. Candidates for county offices seem to be about as slow as presidential candidates in coming out with definite announcements. But this doesn't mean that the jobs will go begging. Opening of bids on rural mail routes brought out more candidates this year, and at prices far below actual costs, than usually are entered for every job in the courthouse. It seems that there are plenty of prospective candidates, but each is watching the other, like boys going in swimming, before taking the plunge. They want to see the other fellow hit the cold water first. When they get the file notice, they will be enough candidates to print a ballot.

Judge McRae
Over Civil

With Judge Cameron of Asheville, presiding in county superior court Monday morning for a term of three weeks, cases listed, the calendar is the longest that has come before the court for more than a year.

Judge McRae dismissed the jury Wednesday afternoon and the court devoted its attention Thursday to hearing divorce cases, injunctions and other matters in which a jury is not required.