

# The Franklin Press

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### ABOUT MACON COUNTY

Macon County has a population of 13,400. Its area is 328,320 acres. The forest area is approximately 248,732 acres, comprising 75 per cent of the total land area. The total stand of saw timber is estimated at 485,000,000 board feet.—Facts supplied by N. C. Department Conservation and Industry.

### ABOUT OURSELVES

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## FRANKLIN GETS RADIO PROGRAM

Town and County Featured in Broadcast over Radio Station WWNC

**HOUK, CONLEY SPEAK**  
History of Community Traced Briefly in Talk by F. Roger Miller

(From The Asheville Citizen, Monday, May 9)  
Franklin, county seat of Macon county, and one of the most enterprising towns in Western North Carolina, was featured in the third radio broadcast Sunday from station WWNC.

These weekly broadcasts are sponsored by the Asheville Rotary club and Rotary clubs in various towns of Western North Carolina. The broadcasts are held each Sunday afternoon. Next week Spruce Pine will be featured.

F. Roger Miller, chairman of the inter-city relations committee of the Asheville Rotary club, introduced the speakers and explained the objects of the broadcasts. The series is designed to promote closer cooperation between cities and towns of this section.

J. S. Conley, mayor pro-tem of Franklin; G. L. Houk, president of the Franklin Rotary club; Clarence N. Walker, of Asheville, general chairman of the 58th district Rotary conference to be held here Thursday and Friday; and Mr. Miller were the speakers Sunday.

**Gives History of Town**  
In describing Franklin Mr. Miller traced the early growth and history of the town and mentioned the natural beauties of that section.

"And now, we continue our tour of our town communities in 'The Land of the Sky.' Two weeks ago we visited Tryon, and last Sunday at this hour, the city of Hendersonville. Future programs will include Andrews, Sylva, Waynesville, and Spruce Pine.

"This afternoon we take you across Cowee mountain to the valley of the Little Tennessee, to Franklin, capital of Macon county, headquarters of the Nantahala national forest, site of an ancient capital of the Cherokee Indians.

**Historic Ground**  
"Named for the commissioner who conducted the sale of the Cherokee lands, Franklin stands upon historic ground. Here, in 1763, 1764, and 1765, occurred the bloodiest battles of the Indian wars in North Carolina.

"Countless heroes gave their lives in the struggle for possession of the great empire that is enclosed within the green-clad peaks and ridges of the Nantahalas, the Cowee mountains, and the Blue Ridge.

**Manufacturing Interests**  
"Although primarily a resort and commercial center, Franklin has three plants grinding mica, and large quantities of the Macon county product are used in the manufacture of wall paper, plastic paints, automobile tires, artificial snow, and other commodities.

"Four years in succession, butter produced in the Nantahala creamery at Franklin has been awarded first prize at the North Carolina state fair. The dairy industry flourishes in this section; agriculture is diversified and well-developed.

"Three hundred thousand acres are embraced in the Nantahala national forest.  
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## NEWS SUMMARY

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

**Mrs. Widenhouse Freed**  
A Cabarrus county jury freed Mrs. Mary B. Widenhouse in a verdict of not guilty at Concord, Monday night. She was tried for the slaying of her husband on March 5. She claimed she shot to preserve her own life.

**Honor Confederate Veterans**  
Throughout the state honor was paid on Monday to the few veterans who are left from the armies of the South in the Civil war.

**Leaksville Officer Slain**  
A widespread manhunt is underway for two white men who fired on and killed Patrolman J. A. Robinson, at Leaksville, Sunday night. Two officers were investigating lights in a school when the men emerged shooting. The car of the slayers was found near the school.

**Deny \$50,000 Offer for Boy**  
Victor Camp, Shelby, says a couple offered him \$50,000 for his foster son, Sunday afternoon, due to the boy's close resemblance to the stolen Lindbergh child. Joe Fisher and Miss Fannie Hill, Concord, say they saw the child Sunday but positively made no offer for it. Federal officers are offering a possible connection of the incident with the arrest of Gaston B. Means, Concord native, in Washington last week for securing \$100,000 from Mrs. E. B. McLean after telling her he could secure the return of the Lindbergh boy. Means is in jail while a hunt for the money is being made at Concord, Washington and other places.

**FRANCE MOURNS SLAIN PRESIDENT**  
Today is set as the day for the national funeral of Paul Doumer, French president who died early Saturday from wounds inflicted Friday afternoon by a Russian assassin. Paul Gorgulov, who is suspected to be insane. President Doumer will be buried in the Pantheon beside the nation's great. His attacker was barely

**Bank Robbers Set Free**  
H. H. Miller and Blease Woodward, who won national notice by robbing the closed Monck's Corner bank, South Carolina and taking \$2,000 of their own funds at the point of pistols, are again in the limelight as the Berkeley county grand jury on Monday refused to indict them for the robbery and Solicitor A. R. McGowan said the case is closed.

**WICKERSHAM FOR REFERENDUM**  
George W. Wickersham, head of the federal commission for study of the liquor question, on Sunday renewed his stand for a national referendum on prohibition.

**Landslides Bury 27**  
Heavy rains caused landslides in Lyons, France, Sunday, with two apartment houses engulfed and 27 persons missing. A score were injured.

**Harley Keener Develops Pneumonia After Accident**  
Harley Keener, who was injured the early part of last week in an automobile accident on the Georgia road about 12 miles south of Franklin, was dismissed from Angel Brothers' hospital the latter part of last week and allowed to go to his home at Cullasaja. Mr. Keener developed pneumonia, however, and on Sunday it was found necessary to take him back to the hospital.

Osborne Briggs, Vernon Bailey and Reese Bailey, of Yancey county, were released Tuesday night on charges in connection with the slaying of A. B. Hunt, Greenville, S. C., policeman, when Judge H. Hoyle Sink honored habeas corpus writs filed by counsel for the three. Briggs, a former school teacher, was given his freedom, but Vernon Bailey was ordered remanded to jail, for Governor Gardner was expected to revoke a prison parole granted him several years ago. Bailey was convicted in Buncombe county of slaying two men but was paroled after serving three years of a seven-year sentence. Reese Bailey, who is wanted on two charges of highway robbery in Buncombe county, was ordered held under \$15,000 bond.

**Storm Takes 500 Lives**  
At least 500 were killed and thousands were injured in a hurricane which swept the tip of the state of Onnam, Indo-China, last week.

**Continue \$30,000 Grant**  
The state university has been notified that the Rockefeller foundation will continue for three more years its annual grant of \$30,000 per year for research in social science and public administration.

**Form Institute of Government**  
Judge Junius G. Adams, Asheville, was made chairman of a committee to lead in the organization of an Institute of Government, preliminary plans for which were laid in a Friday and Saturday conference at Chapel Hill. A state-wide school for governmental officers will be held.

**Bridges Heads Prison Board**  
Edwin B. Bridges, pardon commissioner under Governor A. W. McLean, was on Friday named by Governor Max Gardner as chairman of the state prison board to succeed J. W. Bunn, who has resigned to run for the state senate.

**CARTOOGCHAYE IS DEFEATED, 19-10, BY WEST END NINE**

The game between West End and Cartoogchaye, played Saturday afternoon in Crawford's bottom, went in favor of West End, 19 to 10.

The communities now having teams are Cowee, Highlands, Rainbow Springs and West End. Plans are under way to organize a team in Franklin soon.

Claude Dills has been added as pitcher to the West End team.

### Town Council Orders

**Tax Sales After May 21**  
A resolution directing the advertisement and sale of all real estate on which taxes for 1927, 1928 and 1929 have not been paid by May 21, was adopted by the town council Monday night. The resolution also directed the town clerk, George Dean, to levy on personal property on which taxes have not been paid for these years.  
Mr. Dean estimated that out of the delinquent taxes due the town about \$15,000 was collectible.

## WOMEN HOLD ZONE MEETING

Methodist Missionary Societies of County Meet at Union Church

The Woman's Missionary Societies of the Methodist churches met at Union church Tuesday afternoon for their regular quarterly meeting, with Mrs. H. C. Freeman, zone president, presiding.

Representatives from Franklin, Iola, Snow Hill, Bethel, Clark's Chapel and Mt. Zion were present, totaling between 50 and 75 members.

The meeting was opened with the congregation singing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name." Scripture from 2nd John was read by Mrs. Homer Moore Johnson, followed with a reading on "Mothers." How a mother's faith and love would help in all trying situations, and help fight the battles of hardship. It has ever been the sacrifice of faith and duty. Since the pioneer days of this country there have been women who made supreme sacrifices that have helped to save the nation. Such faith as our mothers possess is not easy in life. Be she small and slight of soul, how shall man, the child of woman, be able to grow? It has been wisely said, "when God wanted a great man, he first made a great mother." The faith of motherhood has been summed up by describing it as the heart of religion and the faith of activity.

A short play was presented on "Honoring Motherhood," by Mrs. Ned Teague and several of the young girls and boys. This was followed by a solo, "Home Sweet Home," by Mrs. J. C. Umberger.

Mrs. George Jones, president of the Woman's Missionary society of the Franklin Methodist church, gave a splendid report on the annual conference of the missionary society, which she attended recently in Charlotte.

Mrs. Gordon Moore, also a delegate to Charlotte, representing the children's society, gave a most interesting account of the meeting and the child's duty and worth to the church.

Mrs. F. L. Siler made a short talk on what these zone meetings meant, how the women of the different communities should get together for a social hour and renew old acquaintances, and learn to know each other better.

Reports from the various societies  
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## DADY ELECTED BIBLE TEACHER

On last Friday night the Men's Bible class of the Methodist church met with the Rev. and Mrs. O. P. Ader at the parsonage for the purpose of reorganizing their class. The following officers were elected:

Roy C. Dady, teacher; M. L. Dowdle, president; Dr. W. E. Furr, vice president; H. T. Sloan, secretary and treasurer; J. S. Conley, chairman of the membership committee; Gordon Moore, chairman of social committee; John W. Edwards, publicity; James Porter, chairman of music committee, and J. Homer Bowles, chairman of entertainment committee.

The class voted to change its name from the Men's Bible class to the Brotherhood Bible class. A one-word motto—"Others"—was adopted.

All men not attending Sunday school elsewhere are cordially invited to attend the meeting of this class each Sunday morning at the Methodist church.

## FLOUR SUPPLY IS DWINDLING

Miss Kelly Says Donations Must Be Cut Unless More Is Received

**MANY FAMILIES HELPED**  
Red Cross Headquarters at Masonic Hall Open On Mondays

More flour must be obtained from the American Red Cross for distribution among the needy folk in Macon county or the number of families receiving allotments from the car load recently received will have to be reduced, according to Miss Elizabeth Kelly, chairman of the Macon county Red Cross chapter.

"Calls for flour," Miss Kelly said, "have far exceeded the supply and unless more may be obtained it is now necessary to reserve the supply for those in each community who are in direst need."

Miss Kelly said that about half of the car load already received had been distributed. Approximately 150 families, she added, are receiving flour allotments, but some of these would have to be cut off unless another shipment is received out of the surplus wheat supply bought by the government and being distributed through the Red Cross.

**Explains Situation**  
Miss Kelly explained the situation as follows:

"The Red Cross secured a car load of flour for the purpose of aiding families which otherwise would not be able to have any flour except by this distribution through the Red Cross.

People as a whole receiving this flour have shown a spirit of gratitude and a right attitude in connection with receiving it. Of course there are those who assume it is to be distributed to them as a right because it is for distribution without cost. Too much credit cannot be given to the men and women in each township who give of their time and effort, and all this without pay, in order that the most needy cases may receive flour in each community.

"Calls for flour have far exceeded the supply and unless more may be obtained it is now necessary to conserve the supply for those in each community who are in direst need. For this reason the lists from each community will have to be cut down materially, and at least two-thirds of the ones on the list will have to be placed on a waiting list until we know whether more flour may be obtained.

"This is being published now in order that those other than ones who are unable to work may be trying to secure flour by other means than the Red Cross.

**Monday Is Red Cross Day**  
"Monday is Red Cross Day and at no other time should any Red Cross aid be asked unless there are extreme cases of need that cannot wait. Please remember that every one doing Red Cross work is working for no pay and should not be expected to give more time than is necessary.

"Please know that it is only with whole-hearted and fair-minded  
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## Proposed Route For U. S. 25-W



## ANOTHER ROUTE FOR 25-W SEEN

Opposition of Asheville May Thwart N. C. Extension Of U. S. Highway

**NEW PROPOSAL HINTED**  
Great Smokies Route Seen As Most Beautiful And Shortest

Authoritative information has been received from Tennessee that unless North Carolina opposition to the proposed extension of U. S. Highway 25-W from Knoxville through the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is withdrawn, Tennessee probably will swing its influence to another route which would exclude North Carolina entirely.

It was indicated that Knoxville and a number of other Tennessee towns have become disgusted with the movement, supported by Asheville interests, to thwart the re-routing of U. S. 25-W. Unless Asheville unites with Bryson City, Franklin, Highlands and other communities in this section which heartily favor the Smoky Mountains route, it is understood that Knoxville and the East Tennessee Automobile Club may seek another route for 25-W through Etowah, Tenn., and on into Georgia. This would mean the loss of 25-W to North and South Carolina entirely.

Asheville has tried to spread the impression that those favoring the proposed Smoky Mountains route for 25-W are attempting to deprive her entirely of her position on this federal highway. Those favoring this route, point out, however, that Asheville still would remain on U. S. 25-E.

**Proposed Route**

The map in an adjoining column shows the route for the proposed extension of the western route of U. S. 25. This route would not only give tourists an opportunity to see the new national park but it also would appreciably shorten the distance between Corbin, Ky., and points in South Carolina and Georgia.

If the opposition to the Smoky Mountains route is successful, Tennessee and Georgia are then expected to exert their efforts for an extension from Knoxville, through Etowah, thence through Atlanta to Augusta. Location of federal route largely depends on the decisions of the highway commissions in the states through which they pass. From this, it is readily seen, Georgia and Tennessee would have little difficulty, if they fail in the Smoky Mountains extension, to get the other suggested routing.

Business men of Franklin, Highlands and Bryson City, headed by State Senator Kelly E. Bennett, have joined forces with Knoxville and the East Tennessee Automobile clubs in a determined hope that they can yet bring about the extension of 25-W through the  
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## U. D. C. PLANS TO SET OUT TREES

Local Chapter To Beautify Highways in Vicinity Of Franklin

The May meeting of the Macon county U. D. C. chapter was held on Monday afternoon at the Moody farm with Mrs. C. F. Moody as hostess.

Great interest was manifested in the district U. D. C. meeting to convene in Asheville on Saturday and a representative number of Franklin daughters will attend. It was voted to extend an invitation to hold the 1933 convention in Franklin.

A discussion on tree planting was opened by Mrs. T. J. Johnston, Jr., with an exquisite poem, "My Legacy." The chapter plans before the Washington Bi-Centennial year ends to plant groups of native trees and shrubs at many points on the highways of Macon county.

The marking of graves of Confederate soldiers was brought up. It was decided to investigate the official markers issued by the war department.

Mrs. F. L. Siler read a paper on  
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## Williams Says No More Crop Loans In Prospect

S. S. Williams, field inspector in this territory for the Federal Crop Production Loan office, announced on a visit here Monday that no more applications for 1932 crop loans would be considered from this section, as the time for applying for these loans expired Saturday, April 30. Mr. Williams, with headquarters at Andrews, is inspector for Swain, Graham, Cherokee, Clay and Macon counties.

Mr. Williams said comparatively few loans were placed in this county. Only about 25 loans were received by Macon farmers, he said, adding that he thought that if sufficient applications had been filed in due time probably as many as 100 loans could have been obtained. A number of applications have been made since May 1. Swain county, he said, received about twice as many loans as Macon. The loans averaged less than

\$50.  
"Plenty of time was given the farmers to make applications for crop loans," Mr. Williams said. "In fact, the time limit for filing applications was fixed at a later date this year than heretofore. A corps of field inspectors is employed by the government to make close inspections from time to time of the farms where crop loans have been made, using as a basis for their investigations the information on the report forms which accompanied the checks. The information given by the farmers in the application forms will also serve as a basis for inspection, as each applicant was required to furnish certain information as to his cropping plans for this year and the results of his farming operations in 1931."  
Mr. Williams stated there have  
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## Big Truck Plunges Into River; 2 Slightly Hurt

Tom McCracken, of Asheville, driver, and a negro were slightly injured when one of the large motor transports, operated by the Jack Rabbit Express company between Asheville and Atlanta, went out of control and plunged into the river at Savannah, in Jackson county Tuesday morning. McCracken said the steering wheel locked while the truck was on a curve.

Both were brought here for hospital treatment and were discharged a short time later. The truck was badly damaged.

## Co-op Poultry Sales Set For Tuesday, Wednesday

A cooperative car lot poultry sale will be held at the Franklin depot Tuesday, May 17, and at the Otto depot Wednesday morning, May 18, it was announced yesterday by Fred S. Sloan, county farm demonstration agent. Mr. Sloan said the following prices would be paid:

Colored hens	12c
Leghorn hens	10c
Roosters	5c
Broilers (2 lbs. up, full feathered)	17c
Frys (under 2 lbs.)	14c
Ducks and geese	5c

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**SOME FOLKS IS LIKE HOGS—NO GOOD TO ANYONE 'TIL DEY IS DEAD**

**HERE LIES THE LATE J. USELESS HAY**  
HIP-HIP HOO-RAH  
HIP-HIP HOO-RAH

**Dimak SAYS**

## Macon Mineral Resources Attracting Wide Interest

The mineral resources of Macon county, especially non-metallic minerals such as mica and cyanite, are attracting widespread attention and prospects seem brighter now than in many months for their development.

H. J. Bryson, state geologist, who spent the latter part of last week in Franklin and vicinity, was enthusiastic over the outlook. After inspecting the cyanite projects of the Industrial Minerals Corporation, of which Philip S. Hoyt is president, he expressed much interest in the development of this hitherto unused mineral.

Several carloads of cyanite have been shipped by Mr. Hoyt from Macon Clay and other, Western North Carolina counties. He has made a special study of cyanite deposits in Colorado, New Mexico, and the Appalachian states as far north as Pennsylvania and says

that the deposits in north Georgia and Western North Carolina, though potted, are more practical for development than those he has found anywhere else. Mr. Hoyt has a cyanite mine in New Mexico, but he said the deposits there are so far under ground that the mining of it is too costly.

Cyanite is used in the refractory industry and Mr. Hoyt believes that the demand for it is destined to grow. It is especially suitable for fire brick, spark-plugs, laboratory utensils and anything that must withstand intense heat.

Cyanite also has much red garnet in it which is in demand as an abrasive, especially in polishing glass and steel.  
It has been learned that, besides State Geologist Bryson, Franklin has been visited recently by another prominent mineralogist. Mr.  
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