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ABOUT MACON COUNTY

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NO. 28 MAY BE SURFACED SOON

Willie Passmore Shot by Tom Payne Road Body Plans To Let Contract In Near Future

WOUNDS FATAL; PAYNE ESCAPES

Cause of Shooting not Learned; Mrs. Payne Testifies

AUTOPSY IS HELD

Three Shells Fired from Shotgun at Passmore Through Partition

Willie Passmore is dead and Macon county officers are searching for his brother-in-law, Tom Payne, as the result of a shooting Thursday night at Payne's home, where Passmore also lived, about four miles southeast of Franklin in the lower Cartoogechaye section.

Autopsy Performed

The jury met before noon and after taking evidence and viewing the body, upon which an autopsy was performed at Angel Brothers hospital, adjourned until 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Payne, it was reported, fired a shotgun at Passmore three times through a thin board partition. The shooting occurred about dusk. Mrs. Payne said she had called the two men to supper. Her brother, Passmore, was in the kitchen washing his hands and face.

Abdomen Mutilated

Medical aid was not called for some time later, but Passmore was still living. He was carried to Angel Brothers hospital about 10:30 p. m. and died about 3 o'clock in the morning.

NEW PINE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH NEARLY FINISHED

The new Pine Grove Baptist church, about 8 miles southeast of Franklin on highway No. 28, is about completed.

The new church is a large wooden building, with two large Sunday school rooms built on one side. Plans call for the painting to be done at once, so the building will be in readiness for the annual Macon association, which will begin August 12.

DE DIFFERENCE TWIXT A GOOD MAN AND A GOOD DOG IS DAT DE MAN DON'T NEED NO PEDIGREE. Dimak SAYS

Agreement To Patronize Tallulah Falls Railway Signed by Many Shippers

Practically all of the larger shippers and freight consignees in Franklin and Highlands have signed an agreement to use the Tallulah Falls railway instead of motor bus carriers.

The petition has been circulated by the railroad continuance committee composed of M. D. Billings, chairman, Mark Dowdle and D. D. Rice. No one who has been approached has declined to sign the agreement, it was reported.

NEWS SUMMARY

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

ROOSEVELT PICKS TREASURER

Frank C. Walker, close friend of Franklin D. Roosevelt, was named by the Democratic nominees on Sunday, as treasurer of the national committee charged with securing campaign funds.

Mother of Triplets at 13

Mrs. Dessie Fay Golds Green, of Mount Zion, Wilkes county, was 13 years old last January. On July 25 she became the mother of triplets. One child died but two are healthy and normal.

Five Utilities Absorbed

The state corporation commission last week authorized the Southern Public Utilities company, Duke Power subsidiary, to take over outright five utility distributing companies in which it has had capital control.

643 AUTO DEATHS IN 1931

The federal census reports 643 were killed in automobile accidents in North Carolina in 1931, 20 more than in 1930. It excludes deaths from collision with trains and street cars.

More than 1,000 Attend Quarterly Singing Event

The Macon county quarterly singing convention was held in the courthouse Sunday with more than 1,000 persons present from this and other nearby counties.

Jim M. Raby, of Holly Springs, who is president of the Macon county singers organization, called the convention to order at 10 a. m.

The Rev. M. M. Long, who has been preaching at Demorest, Ga., for the past few years, was the guest of honor. Rev. Mr. Long is given the credit of having organized the Macon county singers over 30 years ago while he was preaching at the Coweta Baptist church.

Rev. Mr. Long led the entire house Sunday with one song and then made a short talk. Some of the classes on the program were: Mount Zion, of Oak Dale; Clark's Chapel; Ridge Crest, Franklin, Route 4; Valley View, Franklin, Route 4; Gold Mine; Welch's quartet, of Burnington; Parker's quartet, of Haywood county, consisting of Ray Parker, L. T. West, Mrs. W. H. West, and W.

Fire-Fighting Funds Withdrawn by Board

The county board of commissioners at its regular monthly meeting Monday morning in the courthouse voted to abolish an appropriation of \$600 for the cooperative county and state forest fire protection service.

The county's budget for the fiscal year which began July 1, has been drawn up and submitted to the local government approved of the budget, the commissioners have deferred setting the new tax rate. It has been learned, however, that the rate probably will be a few cents higher than last year.

M'CLURE HEARD BY ROTARIANS

Deplores Abandonment of Forest Protection Service

Speaking before the Franklin Rotary club Wednesday noon, James G. K. McClure of Asheville, president of the Farmers Federation, deplored the action of the Macon county commissioners last Monday abolishing the cooperative county and state forest protection service.

Meeting Called Friday

A countywide meeting has been called by the club for 3 p. m. Saturday, August 20, in the courthouse. Monday the officers of the young people's club of Macon county met and called a meeting to be held in the courthouse at 8:15 Friday evening August 5.

FARM TOUR SET FOR NEXT WEEK

Farmers and Rotarians To Visit Various Communities In County

The annual Rotary club farm tour and picnic is scheduled to be held Wednesday of next week. Farmers and Rotarians will meet at the courthouse in Franklin at 9 o'clock in the morning and Fred S. Sloan, county farm agent, will arrange transportation for farmers and their wives who are to go on the tour.

Garden Club's 4th Flower Show Pronounced Success

The Franklin Garden club's fourth annual flower show was a success in spite of the long drought which cut the quantity and quality of flowers to a great extent.

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DISPUTE ENDS IN SHOOTING

Ben Buchanan in Hospital; Ed Odell Surrenders To Officers

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Chairman Jeffress Replies To Resolution of Rotary Club WRITES LANCASTER

Federal Relief Funds Made Available for Road Work in State

The State Highway commission is planning to start work soon on improving state highway No. 28 west from Franklin to Wallace Gap, according to a letter received by J. E. Lancaster from E. B. Jeffress, chairman of the commission.

Following the recent allocation of federal relief funds for highway construction work in North Carolina, the Franklin Rotary club adopted a resolution urging the state road body to use some of this money in completing the surfacing of No. 28 west of Franklin. The link from Wallace Gap to Glade Gap, the other side of Rainbow Springs, already has been surfaced.

Big Sum Available

Some months ago state highway officials told local business men that they were planning to surface No. 28 all the way from Franklin to Hayesville, in Clay county, as soon as funds were made available. The employment relief bill enacted by congress, was expected to provide approximately \$2,800,000 for highway work in this state.

Jeffress' Letter

Mr. Lancaster received the following letter Thursday from Mr. Jeffress: "I am in receipt of yours of the 28th enclosing resolution from Rotary club with reference to improving the road from Franklin to Wallace Gap on Route 28.

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